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Office Hours
Monday - Friday,
9:30 am to 3:00 pm



Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo
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Music Director

MASSSES:

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sundays: 7:30 am, 10:00 am (*Eng*)
11:30 am (*Pol*)

Holydays: 7:00 am & 6:30 pm,
8:00 pm (*Polish*)

Weekdays (including Sat.): 8:30 am
Rosary Mon.-Sat 8:00 am

CONFESSION: Saturday,
4:00 - 4:50 pm (*before the 5:00 pm
Mass*) and before the 8:30 am Mass
(*by appointment only*).

BAPTISMS: Class and
arrangements must be made by
contacting the Rectory. If you are
a newly registered family you are
required to be attending Mass for
at least three months and using
offering envelopes.

MARRIAGES: Requirements...
Marriage preparation classes and
Confirmation (*if you are Catholic*).
Arrangements are to be made at
least six months in advance. At
least three meetings with the priest
are required.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Classes are held for Parish registered
members only on Sunday mornings
from mid September to May. Children
seeking their Sacraments must attend
all 8 years of a Religious Education
Program. Call 908-637-4269.

R.C.I.A.: Anyone interested in adult
religious education or becoming
Catholic. Call Marilyn Gorski at
908-459-4483.

VISITATION OF THE SICK:

Every first Friday of the month, at
home or in the hospital, please call
the church office, 908-637-4269.

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH NIGHT PRAYER:

In Polish from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

BLUE ARMY PRAYER GROUP:

Every Monday from 5:00 pm in the
Chapel. New members are always
welcome!

OUTREACH PROGRAM: If you are
in need please call the Parish Office at
908-637-4269. All calls kept
confidential.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY: New
members are always welcome! We meet
every third Wednesday of the month at
7:00 pm. Call Walt at 908-459-5861.

POLISH ROSARY SOCIETY:

Meets every first Friday of each month
at 7:00 pm. New members are always
welcome!

YOUTH GROUP:

Calling all 8th through 12th graders.
Join our youth group, bring your
friends. Call Brian at 908-246-2843 for
more information.

E-mail

stpeterandpaul@comcast.net

Religious Education E-mail

peterpaulreled@comcast.net

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www.peterpaulgm.com

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www.walkingpilgrimage.us

PARISH REGISTRATION

Every family should be properly registered. New parishioners should register at the Parish Office. Children 18 and over should be registered as adults. Envelopes are the only means we have to verify parishioners attendance at Mass. Please use your envelope regardless of the amount you are able to include. Without verification of Mass attendance we cannot issue sponsor certification for Baptism, Confirmation, or any character references, etc. Please notify the Parish Office of any address change as soon as possible.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 25/26, 2025

SAT – Jan 25 (Conversion of St. Paul)

5:00p +Luke Stroud req his family

SUN – Jan 26

7:30a +Jan Lubas req his family

10a +Regis Biemer req Armstrong Family

11:30a Pol: +Jan & Stanislaw Kasprzyk od rodziny Hader

MON – Jan 27 (St. Angela Merici)

8:30a +Lidia Ziobro req her family

TUES – Jan 28 (St. Thomas Aquinas)

8:30a +Anna (Tracy) Trzeciakiewicz req Ed Tracy Family

WED – Jan 29

8:30a -Intentions only known to God

THUR – Jan 30

8:30a -God's blessings for John Kaczmarek

FRI – Jan 31 (St. John Bosco)

8:30a +RuthAnn Kurnath req Alberta Piasecki

SAT – Feb 1

8:30a -Birthday blessings for Jonathan req Dait Fam

5:00p -Birthday blessings for Rev. Mariusz Koch req Dait Family

SUN – Feb 2 (Presentation of the Lord)

7:30a -Birthday blessings for Fr. Greg

10a +Alice Francis req son Mark & Diane Francis & family

11:30a Pol: +Z okazji urodzin Jozefa Bakaj od rodziny

Altar Flowers – donated by our parishioners

Bread & Wine – is offered this week for the 40th birthday of Aneta Grab

Sanctuary Lamp - is lit this week for the birthday blessings of Szymon Grab

Divine Mercy Candle - is lit this week for the 18th birthday of Kacper Szymula

Family Christmas Candles sponsored by: Koonz, Swider-Godlewsky, Horzepa, Crawford, Gac, Pilny, Talajczyk-Saulewicz, Borzecki, De la Rama, Gaynor, Kaczynski, Szmigielski, Buga, Lubecki, Gubernat, Schleckmann, Bober, Perez-Muniz, Winkelman, Wyss, Yturbe, Gzella, Turbek-Smith, Murphy, Jacek-Kutacz, Stasi, Bengyak, Reed, Greco-Reed, Wyss-Baldwin, Hurley, Hancock, Mania, Chretien, Szewc, Ruetsch, Szewczyk, Marchioni, Szmigiel, Baran, Spiewak, Orlik, Jaworski, R. Willis, Winter, Penner, Granata, Bielecki, Kaczmarek, G. Hader families

HOUSE BLESSINGS for 2025

If you are interested in having your house blessed for the New Year please find a small form in the back of church. Fill it out and drop it into the collection basket or hand it to Fr. Greg. He will contact you about a day and time.

WANT TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER???

If you already received your First Holy Communion and wish to serve at Mass please contact the church office (Mon-Fri, 9:30am – 3pm). A training session will be set up for anyone interested. Please call, 908-637-4269 or email: stpeterandpaul@comcast.net.



WEEKLY OFFERINGS – January 2025

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.

1st week - \$3363

2nd week - \$3449

3rd week - \$2658

4th week - \$

2025 THE JUBILEE-YEAR

History of the Jubilee Year: The first Jubilee Year was instituted in 1300 by pope Boniface VIII. It was established to help us grow closer to God, to transform our souls. It was to take place every 100 years. In 1343 Pope Clement VI reduced the time between Jubilee Years to 50 and in 1470 Pope Paul II made it every 25 years. This year 2025 Pope Francis has declared this a Jubilee Year or in other words a “Holy Year”. In this Holy Year, one is granted a plenary indulgence or Jubilee Indulgence by participating through pilgrimage and prayer. You can travel to Rome to the Basilica of St. Peter or our Bishop has designated the following places within the Diocese of Metuchen: Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen, Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, Raritan, National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Washington, or the National Shrine of St. Lucy Filippini (inside St. Mary of Mt. Virgin Church), New Brunswick. To obtain the indulgence you must 1) receive Holy Communion, 2) pray for the intention of the Holy Father, 3) sincere intention to detach from all sin and go to confession, 4) participate in liturgical celebrations or other designated religious activities connected to the Jubilee Year. You may find all this information and more on the Diocesan website under the heading “Jubilee 2025, Pilgrims of Hope”.

What else can we do???

Pick up the printout entitled “Confirmed Catholics: hoping for Heaven?” which you will find in the back of our church.

TAX LETTERS

Tax letters are now available. Call the rectory anytime during office hours or email us to request your letter to help fill out your taxes, (908-637-4269).

CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION

This weekend, we are asked to help the Catholic Education Fund which in turn helps families with tuition assistance for Catholic schools in the Diocese of Metuchen. In order to support educate and also keep children learning about the Catholic faith we must help in every way possible. Please be generous in the second collection today.

Blessed Candles

Next weekend is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also the Blessing of Candles. If you have a brand new candle and you would like it blessed, please bring it to Mass next weekend and set it on the altar before Mass starts. Fr. Greg will bless all the candles at the end of Mass.

SHOP RITE GIFT CARDS

Stop after Mass or come to the office during the week to purchase your Shop Rite gift cards. It costs you nothing and the Parish gains 5% on all gift cards sold. Last fiscal year we made \$3,505 from the use of the cards.



Thanks to the volunteers who are willing to stay a few minutes after Mass to sell these cards and to all who use them to shop.

2024 OUTREACH REPORT CARD

This is our annual report covering the period of 1/1/24 to 12/31/24. We help not only our own parishioners but also people and families in our community and families in our local schools. We help with all sorts of bills from food to rent. Here is our 2024 Outreach Report Card: Our bank account started out with \$8835.58. We received a total of \$5,189.90 in donations during 2024. Here is a breakdown of all expenses for 2024: Electric-\$934.99, Car payment-\$276.14, Food cards-\$2425.00, (this includes Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas), credit card payments-\$2509.03, additional Christmas gifts for children in need-\$212.00. Total expenses-\$6,357.16. This leaves us with a balance of \$7,668.32 as of 12/31/2024. Easter, we helped 28 families with 71 Easter Baskets and full meals, Thanksgiving we helped 23 families with full Thanksgiving dinners, and Christmas we helped 25 families with full dinners and Christmas presents enough for 62 children plus simple gifts for the residents of Forest Manor Nursing Home in Hope. We have super generous parishioners who come to the rescue every holiday, may God bless you with abundant graces this New Year!

California Wild Fires

Next weekend we will take up a special second collection for the victims of the California Wild Fires. Please be generous in the second collection next weekend. All donations will be forwarded to Catholic Charities USA.

"The Activated Disciple"

Virtual Women's Group. Are you ready to take your faith to the next level? The Diocesan virtual Women's Group will be beginning Jeff Cavins' book, "The Activated Disciple" on January 26th. The group meets each Sunday at 2:30 PM on Zoom. Participants must purchase the book to participate. For details or to join, please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat

Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat February 21-23, at the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Washington NJ. Rachel's Vineyard is a sanctuary of hope and healing for those carrying the heavy burden of loss, whether through abortion or miscarriage. It is a place where hearts broken by pain can be mended, and where the mercy and love of God can soothe even the deepest wounds. Through our confidential and non-judgmental weekend retreats, you will find a safe space to grieve, to release the weight of guilt, shame, or anger, and to begin the journey toward renewal and peace. These retreats are not just about healing; they are about reclaiming your voice, finding forgiveness, and embracing the profound truth that you are loved beyond measure. No matter how much time has passed, you deserve this healing. Whether you're a mother, father, grandparent, sibling, or someone touched by abortion in any way, Rachel's Vineyard welcomes you with open arms. Let this be the moment you step out of the shadows and into the light of restoration and hope. To register, please contact Leah at leah@soulfilledbygrace.co.site or Ana at ana@soulfilledbygrace.co.site. Visit www.RachelsVineyard.org for more info on retreat dates & locations. Healing is waiting for you and you are not alone.

"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." - Nehemiah 8:10

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

PRAY FOR:

Living: Genevieve Godlewsky, Irena Mika, Brian Gorski, Mickey Tudor, Florence Dzurek

Deceased: Rudy Pasko, James Stryker, Ed Pasko, Jr, Irena Pietras, Ellen Cavaliere

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