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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](mailto:stpeterandpaul@comcast.net)

### Religious Education E-mail

[peterpaulreled@comcast.net](mailto:peterpaulreled@comcast.net)

### Website

[www.peterpaulgm.com](http://www.peterpaulgm.com)

### Walking Pilgrimage

[www.walkingpilgrimage.us](http://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.

# FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 1/2, 2025

## SAT – Feb 1

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

## MON – Feb 3 (Ss. Blaise & Ansgar)

8:30a +Edward Piasecki req his wife Alberta

## TUES – Feb 4

8:30a +-All names on the Christmas Rem Envs

## WED – Feb 5 (St. Agatha)

8:30a +Leon & Jan & Agata Grab req Krystyna  
Talajczyk

## THUR – Feb 6 (St. Paul Miki)

8:30a -Birthday blessings for Dorota Kusiak req  
Dait Family

## FRI – Feb 7

8:30a +Benjamin (Tracy) Trzeciakiewicz req Ed  
Tracy Family  
7:00p Pol: -O Boze Blog. dla rodziny rozancowej

## SAT – Feb 8 (Ss. Emiliani & Bakhita)

8:30a +Edward Leszkowicz req his family  
5:00p +Harold Mezger req brother-in-law Arthur  
Grabowski

## SUN – Feb 9 (World Marriage Day)

7:30a +Rosemarie Olenick req sister Arlene Olenick  
10a +Irene Pospiech req sister Alice Kurnath  
11:30a Pol: +Stanislaw Szmigielski od syna i  
rodziny

**Altar Flowers** – donated by our parishioners  
**Bread & Wine** – is offered this week for the soul of  
Nancy Penner req her family  
**Sanctuary Lamp** - is available  
**Divine Mercy Candle** - is available

### California Wild Fires

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

### BLESSING OF THROATS

This weekend at all Masses, Fr. Greg will bless our  
throats at the end of every Mass. This custom stems  
from the legend of St. Blaise. St. Blaise was a  
Bishop in Sebaste, Armenia in the 300's. He was a  
physician before becoming a bishop. During the  
persecutions of Christians, St. Blaise was being taken  
to prison and along the way he cured a small boy that  
was choking on a fish bone. He was later killed by  
the governor of Cappadoicia because he refused to  
renounce his faith and love of God. May St. Blaise  
protect us from all evil, physical and spiritual, which  
may attack the throat.

### TAX LETTERS

Tax letters are available. Call or email the rectory,  
(908-637-4269).

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS – January 2025

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.

1st week - \$3363                      2nd week - \$3449  
3rd week - \$2658                      4th week - \$5048

### Blessed Candles



THIS 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 and set  
it on the altar before Mass starts. Fr. Greg will bless  
all the candles at the end of Mass.



### 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.

**Pope John Middle School** is opening their doors to  
welcome prospective families for an Open House on  
Wed., Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-10:30 a.m. Families  
interested in Grades 5 to 7 are invited to come and see  
what it means to be a lion. Students and their families  
are invited to meet members of the middle school  
community and learn about our academic, athletics and  
extracurricular programs. Your child's future begins  
now - don't wait to explore your options! Prospective  
families are asked to RSVP at  
[www.popejohnms.org/admissions/visit-us](http://www.popejohnms.org/admissions/visit-us) or email  
[admissions@popejohn.org](mailto:admissions@popejohn.org). We look forward to  
meeting you and sharing our wonderful community  
with your family.

## REVEREND BROWN SCHOOL

Starting Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> Reverend Brown will be hosting private tours to prospective families every Tuesday and Thursday! Families interested in Grades PreK to 4 are invited to come and explore our thriving community. With limited spots for the 2025-2026 school year, come see how RB is challenging the youth of today to be leaders of tomorrow! Please visit [www.revbrownschool.org/admissions/visit-us](http://www.revbrownschool.org/admissions/visit-us) to RSVP or contact admissions at [admissions@popejohn.org](mailto:admissions@popejohn.org).

### New York Encounter for the Communion and Liberation Movement

Will take place the weekend of Feb. 14-16 in Manhattan. The event has three days of presentations, panels, exhibits, and well-known speakers (including Philippe Villeneuve, Chief Architect of the reconstruction of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, Cardinals O'Malley and Dolan, as well as Card. Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States). There is no cost to attend. If interested visit: [www.newyorkencounter.org](http://www.newyorkencounter.org).

### 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 Popel 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.

### Virtual Workshop for Marriage-Minded Catholic Singles – February 11-March 25, 2025

Building Forever – A course for marriage-minded Catholic singles to discover healthy habits, build virtue, avoid common mistakes and so much more! Every Tuesday from February 11 – March 25, 2025 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. To register visit:

<https://www.ihccnj.com/buildingforever> For more information email [cdaverso@diometuchen.org](mailto:cdaverso@diometuchen.org)

### "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](mailto: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](mailto:leah@soulfilledbygrace.co.site) or Ana at [ana@soulfilledbygrace.co.site](mailto:ana@soulfilledbygrace.co.site). Visit [www.RachelsVineyard.org](http://www.RachelsVineyard.org) for more info on retreat dates & locations. Healing is waiting for you and you are not alone.

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*"When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord."*

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### 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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