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



Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo
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Eileen Wyss
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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!

E-mail

stpeterandpaul@comcast.net

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peterpaulreled@comcast.net

Website

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 3/4, 2024

SAT – Feb 3 (Ss. Blaise & Ansgar)

5:00p +Christine Salegna req Jen & Chris Mulhall

SUN – Feb 4

7:30a +Jim Meringer

10a +Christine Russo req Settineri Family

11:30a Pol +Z okazji urodzin Jozefy Bakaj

MON – Feb 5 (St. Agatha)

8:30a +Za dusze w czyscu od rodziny

TUES – Feb 6 (St. Paul Miki)

8:30a +Joseph Godlewsky req Debi Hrebenak

WED – Feb 7

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

THUR – Feb 8 (Ss. Emiliani & Bakhita)

8:30a +Harold Mezgar req brother-in-law Arthur Grabowski

FRI – Feb 9

8:30a +Louise Stefanski req Alberta Piasecki

SAT – Feb 10 (St. Scholastica)

8:30a +Stanley Lubas req his family

5:00p +Marie Bocko req Jeanie & Charles Hoff

SUN – Feb 11

7:30a +Rosemarie Olenick req sister Arlene Olenick

10a +Luke Stroud req his family

11:30a Pol +Jan i Leon Grab od Krystyna Talajczyk

Altar Flowers – are donated by our parishioners

Bread & Wine – is available

Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for birthday blessings for Agata Grab

Divine Mercy Candle is lit this week for the health and blessings of Katarzyna Chmielowiec

TAX LETTERS

Call or email a request for your 2023 donation letter for your tax purposes. (stpeterandpaul@comcast.net or 908-637-4269).

2024 Lenten Obligations

1. The days of both fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (February 14) and Good Friday (March 29).
2. The other Fridays of Lent (Feb. 16 and 23, Mar. 1, 8, 15, and 22) are days of abstinence.
3. Fasting in the Roman Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal with two smaller meals which together do not equal the size of your full meal. The obligation of fasting applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.
4. Abstinence in the Roman Catholic tradition means to abstain from eating meat (beef, chicken, pork, turkey, etc.). The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

Note: This year, be aware that Ash Wednesday falls on February 14 (also Valentine's Day). The obligation to fast does remain in effect, so it is suggested that those who are planning a special dinner make that their one main meal of the day.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – January 2024

1st week - \$1484

2nd week - \$3523

3rd week - \$3132

4th week - \$4156



“You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of

unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion.” – St. John Paul II
Join Christians throughout the globe by praying for an end to abortion February 14 - March 24th during the 40 Days for Life campaign. Offer time to peacefully pray in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 66 East Washington Ave. Washington. Please lift the local 40 Days for Life campaign up in prayer, as well as asking for God's protection on all human life from conception until natural death. For more information contact: Jennifer English, amjadopt@comcast.net 973 525-6692. or visit <https://40daysforlife.com/> Be Strong and Courageous. Do not be Afraid; do not be discouraged, for The Lord Your God Will be with You Wherever You go. Joshua 1:9

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

In this season of thankfulness, why not celebrate your marriage and its many blessings by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 16 - 18. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

FISH DINNER

The weekend Feb. 3/4, the Knights of Columbus Joyce Kilmer Council will be selling tickets before and after all Masses for their annual, take out "Fish Fry Dinner" (or fried chicken cutlet dinner). Cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children. Meals must be paid in advance and will be delivered to the Ss. Peter & Paul Church lobby on Saturday, February 17 at 5:45 pm. For more information or tickets please call Walt (908-763-7403).

HOUSE BLESSINGS

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. Fr. Greg will contact you.

Coming Soon! Family Fun in the Great Hall...

A family day of fun in the Church Hall (date change), Saturday, March 9th, to benefit our teen Youth Group (YG). All families are welcome. 90-minute slots will be available to play games on two floors: with music, beachball volleyball, pickleball, badminton, cornhole, skill games, 6-ft. B'ball shooting, air hockey, foosball, ping pong, and bowling. A giant TV will be playing "Babe" (talking animal) movie for the young at heart. Food & drinks will be available for a small fee. A good-will offering is being asked of all participants to help fund unforgettable Catholic-themed trips for the YG teens. Parents: If you have large games (e.g., arcade basketball or Skee-ball) that you'd be willing to add to the day's fun, please email Brian Young (byoung8sts@gmail.com) with the info.

Look for the event poster, YG group photo, and the event's sign-up sheet in the church lobby. Join us for a warm, social gathering on a cold, winter day.

Questions? Email Mr. Young, or Mrs. Francis (dfrancis280@comcast.net). A donation jar will also be set-up for people who just want to support our youth.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2024**. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

Choices Matter – A Critical Life Issues Conference –

Saturday, March 16, 2024

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity presents "Choices Matter – A Critical Life Issues Conference" which will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Saturday, March 16, 2024. An Opening Mass will be celebrated by Bishop James Checchio at 9:00 AM and the conference will begin at 10:00 AM and end at 3:30 pm. This year's topics/expert speakers are:

*Jim Towey – Author and advisor and personal friend of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

*Kevin Dunn – An award-winning filmmaker and pro-life speaker

*Evie West – Ex-gang member, Teen Mom & Author "Revolving Choices: Playing Roulette with Life"

General registration is \$35 and student registration is \$15. The conference features Eucharistic Adoration, exhibits and more. The fee includes lunch and handouts. To register visit: <https://www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter>. Everyone is welcome! For questions or for more information please email amarshall@diometuchen.org. Seating is limited.

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Our parish can share in a successful Appeal by earning a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over goal.

Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest—the poor, the homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needed pastoral ministries, your gift also supports the formation of seminarians and many other vital services. The many pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen would not be possible without a generous contribution from every household. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Prayer is an important spiritual discipline that God calls us to as missionaries of His Gospel. Through daily prayer, we are able to advocate for those around us, grow in our faith, and please the Lord.

PRAY FOR:

Living: Dorothy Ford, John Lee, Christopher Muller, Doug Romaine, Ellen Cavaliere, Kathy Hurley

Deceased: Michael Steen, Maria Amabile, Regina Lukijaniuk, Zbigniew Grzywna, Rosemary Washuta

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