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9:30 am to 3:00 pm



Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo  
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## 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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 8/9, 2025

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

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

### MON – Feb 10 (St. Scholastica)

8:30a -God's blessings on the wedding anniv. of Ania & Matthew req their mother

### TUES – Feb 11 (Our Lady of Lourdes)

8:30a +Jozefa Kapcia req Iwona & Marek Cichocki

### WED – Feb 12

8:30a +Milan Dait req Dait Family

### THUR – Feb 13

8:30a -Birthday blessings for Milosz Dait req Dait Family

### FRI – Feb 14 (Ss. Cyril & Methodius)

8:30a +Matthew Mullinkin

### SAT – Feb 15

8:30a +Remigiusz req daughter

5:00p +Irene Pospiech req sister Alice Kurnath

### SUN – Feb 16

7:30a +Casey Horzepa req Walt & Trish Horzepa

10a +Joseph & Helen Olenick req daughter Arlene

11:30a Pol: -Błogosławieństwa urodzinowe dla Abby i Agnieszka Smith od rodziny Gzella

**Altar Flowers** – donated by our parishioners

**Bread & Wine** – is offered this week for the soul of Karen Szewczyk req husband Martin

**Sanctuary Lamp** - is lit this week in memory of Shirley Ann Olenick req sister-in-law Arlene

**Divine Mercy Candle** - is lit this week in memory of Karen Szewczyk req husband Martin

### California Wild Fires

Thank you for helping us raise almost \$2,000.00 for the victims of the California Wild Fires. All donations will be forwarded to Catholic Charities USA.

### TAX LETTERS

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

### 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).

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS – February 2025

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.

1st week - \$3022

2nd week - \$

3rd week - \$

4th week - \$

### 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).

### 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](mailto:stpeterandpaul@comcast.net).

### Virtual Workshop for Marriage-Minded Catholics

Virtual Workshop for Marriage-Minded Catholic Singles – February 22, 2025, Building Forever – A course for marriage-minded Catholic singles to discover healthy habits, build virtue, avoid common mistakes and so much more! February 22, 2025 at 10:00 AM on Zoom. To register visit: <https://www.ihccnj.com/buildingforever> For more information email [cdaverso@diometuchen.org](mailto:cdaverso@diometuchen.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.

### 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.

## "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)

### **It’s important to show proper reverence for Mass!**

Besides fasting for 1 hour before Mass starts, how are you preparing to best receive the Eucharist?

Saint John Bosco, the “Father and Teacher of Youth,” suggested six resolutions for Mass-goers:

1. *Try to be early for Mass always. A few minutes spent before Mass starts can open your soul to wonderful Graces.*
2. *When you enter or leave the church take Holy Water and sign yourself with the Sign of the Cross.*
3. *Always genuflect when you enter or leave your seat. This is an Act of Adoration to Almighty God, present in the tabernacle. So, take time to genuflect reverently, facing the altar and saying “My Lord and My God” as your **right knee** touches the floor.*
4. *Don’t talk in church unless absolutely necessary. Talk only to Jesus – it is Him you have come to visit. Don’t talk as you leave either. Some people may still be praying.*
5. *Listen to the sermon. It is a message from God which could bear much fruit for you.*
6. *When Mass ends stay a minute, kneel, thank God for the Graces you received from Him in the Mass. Then proceed to the exit to greet your priest.*

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*“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’” - Isaiah 6:8*

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, “Whom shall I send?” Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, “Here I am, 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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