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Welcome to our Church!

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



Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo Administrator

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MASSES:

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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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 15/16, 2025

SAT – Feb 15

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

 $MON-Feb\ 17\ (Seven\ Holy\ Founders\ of\ Servite\ Order)$

8:30a +Jerzy Janczy

TUES – Feb 18

8:30a -Birthday blessings for Irena Dait req her fam

WED – Feb 19

8:30a +Deceased members of the Zamorski Family

THUR – Feb 20

8:30a +Mildred Lacovara req Walt & Trish Horzepa

FRI – Feb 21 (St. Peter Damian)

8:30a +John Stasi, Jr. req his family

SAT – Feb 22 (Chair of St. Peter)

8:30a +Stanley Lubas req his family

5:00p +Irena & Ksawery Talajczyk req Krystyna Talajczyk

SUN – Feb 23

7:30a +Raymond Hendershot req his sons & fam 10a +Ernest DeMarco req DeMarco & Francis Fam 11:30a Pol: +Marian Gzella od rodziny Szmigielski

Altar Flowers – donated by our parishioners Bread & Wine & Sanctuary Lamp & Divine Mercy Candle – are offered this week for God's graces and blessings for the birthdays of the Dait Family

TAX LETTERS

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

REVEREND BROWN SCHOOL

Starting Tuesday, February 4th 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 to **RSVP** contact admissions or at 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.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – February 2025

Thank you for your continued generosity & support. 1st week - \$3022 2nd week - \$2694 3rd week - \$4th week - \$

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

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".

LENTEN SCHEDULE Ash Wednesday March 5

Ashes will be distributed at all the following Masses

7am, 6:30pm, 8pm (Polish) Ash Service for children – 4:30p

Daily Mass

Monday thru Saturday 8:30am (chapel)

Reconciliation

Every Saturday afternoon 4pm - 4:45pm

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent 7pm (English), 8pm (Polish)

"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

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2025-2026 TUITION ASSISTANCE

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, 2025. A signed Parish Verification Form is also required by the Diocese, and should be signed by your Pastor, and submitted to the school or schools your children attend. Eligibility requirements, instructions and forms can be found at https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance. 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.

Ministry for Seniors Roundtable March 1, 2025

If you are part of or would like to start a Parish Ministry for Senior Citizens you are invited to the Ministry for Seniors Roundtable on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway from 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon. Parish Outreach may include Wellness & Exercise, Prayer Companions, Field Trips, Workshops & Seminars, Home Visits & Meals, and Social Time. This is a free event. To register visit: https://diometuchen.org/events/ministry-forseniors-roundtable. For info: jruggiero@diometuchen.org or call 732-243-4574.

LENTEN MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

Saturday, March 8, 8:45am-1:30pm with Fr. Rick Rusk. Cost: \$25 (lunch included), Anawim Community, 354 Jonestown Rd. Oxford, NJ. For more information or to RSVP oxford@anawim.com or Ph: 908-453-3886.

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 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.

"Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." - LUKE 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

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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