

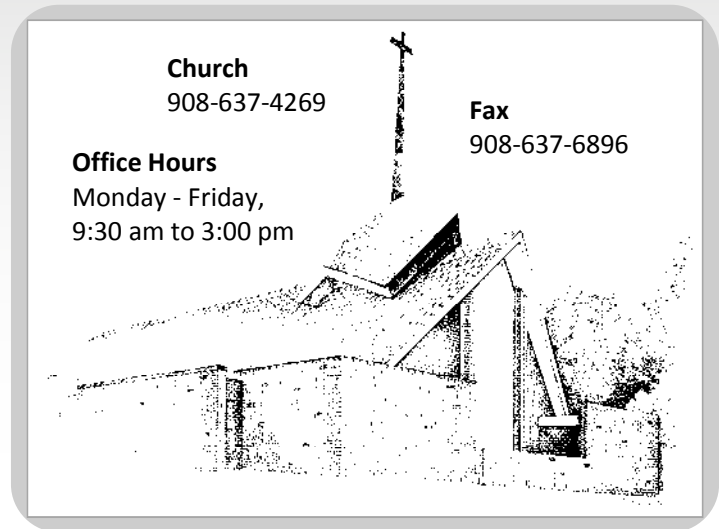
# SAINTS PETER & PAUL CHURCH

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## MASSES †

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 pm  
Sundays..... 7:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:15 am,  
& 12:30 pm (*Polish*)  
Holydays..... 7:00 am & 6:30, 8:00 pm (*Polish*)  
Weekdays (*including Sat.*)..... 8:30 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 3 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 3 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 459-4483.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Every 1st Friday of the month, at home or in the hospital, please call the church office, 908-637-4269.

**SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH NIGHT PRAYER:**  
In Polish from 8:00 pm to 12:00 am.

**BLUE ARMY PRAYER GROUP:** Every Monday from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Chapel. New members are always welcome!

**OUTREACH PROGRAM:** If you are in need please call Lisa French 908-343-7831. All calls kept confidential.

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY:** New members are always welcome! We meet every 3rd 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!

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## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 16/17, 2019

### SAT – Feb 16

5:00p +Stanley Lubas req his family

### SUN – Feb 17

7:30a +Joseph & Helen Olenick req daughter Arlene

10:00a +Genevieve Sobolewski & AnnaMaria

Jaworski req Dorothy & Allan Jaworski

11:15a +John Stasi, Jr. req his mother & family

12:30p Pol: -O dary Duchy Świętego dla córek z rodzinami. od rodziców

### MON – Feb 18

8:30a +Edward "Tracy" Trzeciakiewicz req Shirley Pryslak & Ted Nykun

### TUES – Feb 19

8:30a -Birthday blessing for Tonya Decker req her family

### WED – Feb 20

8:30a +Henry Sosnowski req sister Ida Bolzan

### THUR – Feb 21 (St. Peter Damian)

8:30a +Frances Ricci req Alberta Piasecki

### FRI – Feb 22 (Chair of St. Peter)

8:30a +-Birthday blessings for Gabriel Francis req his family

### SAT – Feb 23 (St. Polycarp)

8:30a +Jeania Zielinska req her family

5:00p +George & Nell Sadlock req daughter Alice Kurnath

### SUN – Feb 24

7:30a +Steve Matuszek req Ann Marie Tracy

10:00a +Raymond Hendershot req sons & family

11:15a +Mike Howard req his children

12:30p Pol: +Wladyslaw Bozecki

**\*\*If you scheduled a Mass and would like to bring up the gifts during that Mass, please see the usher before Mass starts.**

Altar Flowers are donated by our parishioners

Bread & Wine is available

Sanctuary Lamp is available

Divine Mercy Candle is lit this week in memory of Stanley Lubas req his family.

### **IRS TAX LETTERS**

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

### **HERSHEY PARK DISCOUNT TICKETS**

It's winter but this is the best time to plan for your summer get-a-way. If you are interested in discounted Hershey Park tickets please fill out a green order form



and bring in your paid orders by March 17th. Regular priced adult tickets are \$68.95 per person. Our discount tickets cost \$33.50 per person (age 3+). Take advantage of "Preview", the night before (see the green order form for more info). Call the rectory if you have any questions, 908-637-4269.

### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS-February**

1st week - \$3365

2nd week - \$3171

3rd week - \$

4th week - \$

### **Spiritual Adoption Program**

Please remember to pray for your "spiritually" adopted child by wearing your bracelet. Babies are aborted every day. Our Blessed Mother asks us to pray, pray, pray.



### **Catholic Relief Services (Winter Collection)**

Catholic Relief Services was founded in 1943 by the Catholic Bishops of the United States to serve World War II survivors in Europe. Since then, we have expanded in size to reach more than 130 million people in more than 100 countries on five continents. For over 75 years, our mission has been to assist impoverished and disadvantaged people overseas, working in the spirit of Catholic social teaching to promote the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person. Although our mission is rooted in the Catholic faith, our operations serve people based solely on need, regardless of their race, religion or ethnicity. Within the United States, CRS engages Catholics to live their faith in solidarity with the poor and suffering people of the world. This special collection for the Native and Black American and Catholic Relief Services will be taken up next weekend, February 16/17 at all Masses.

## **SPONSORS FOR BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION.**

There seems to be some confusion when Godparents/sponsors are being considered between wanting to have one's best friend or another relative or acquaintance to be the God parent/sponsor.

Catholics must be fully initiated into the Catholic faith to be eligible to be Godparents/sponsors; that is, Godparents/sponsors in a Catholic baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation need to be practicing Catholics and also need to have received the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. A Godparent/sponsor cannot be expected to mentor a Godchild/Confirmed Catholic if the Godparent/sponsor himself/herself hasn't received all of the Sacraments of Initiation.

In the case of a Baptism, a person who is not a Catholic but is a member of a Christian Church with a valid baptism and who has received that valid Baptism in their own church can act as a Christian Witness for a child. In that case, the other sponsor needs to be a fully initiated practicing Catholic.

All Godparents (or the single Christian Witness) also have to have attained the age of 16. When there are two Godparents, one has to be male and the other female.

Also, a Godparent/sponsor is a permanent choice. In other words, if you have a falling out with the person or persons you select to be a Godparent/sponsor, their name cannot be removed from the official record of the child's Baptism/Confirmation; another consideration when making a choice of Godparent/sponsor.

### **Canon Law Citation:**

#### **SPONSORS**

Can. 872: Insofar as possible, a person to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who assists an adult in Christian initiation, or together with the parents, presents an infant for baptism. A sponsor also helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it.

Can. 873: There is to be only one male sponsor or one female sponsor or one of each (for a Baptism).

Can. 874 §1: To be permitted to take on the function of sponsor a person must:

1) be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents, or the person who takes their place, or in their absence by the pastor or minister and have the aptitude and intention of fulfilling this function;

2) have attained the sixteenth year of age, unless the diocesan bishop has established another age, or the pastor or minister has granted an exception for a just cause;

3) be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on.

**The biggest problem arrives with the second half of point # 3. What does this mean? You need to live**

**according to the faith and follow up under responsibilities of the Godparents/Sponsor. At this point you need to realize the level of your faith, meaning, how you obey the commandments, attend Sunday and obligation Masses and live by the law of Christ every day. You need to belong to the Parish (a registered member).**

Excluded from the honor of being a Godparent/sponsor are people that do not live in a Catholic marriage.

Godparents cannot be people who live in situations which are irregular in a religious sense. Apostolic Exhortation Familiaris Consortio in # 79 – 82 gives a list: Trial Marriages, De Facto Free Unions, and Civil marriage.

4) not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;

5) not be the father or mother of the one to be Baptized or Confirmed;

§2. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community is not to participate except together with a Catholic sponsor and then only as a witness of the Baptism

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE**

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so now. The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2018**. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application, or need access to the technology to apply, may attend one of two Application Workshops that are scheduled for January 23 and February 7 at Perth Amboy Catholic School, 500 State Street, Perth Amboy from 2 to 4 pm, and from 6 to 8 pm. A Spanish translator will be available.

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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 say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. The next time 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:** Leon Fortin, Barbara Desantis, Stanislaw Kaczynski, David Sawicki, Veronica Pankowski

**Deceased:** Francis Rybicki, Kazimiera Branka, Frank Fiorentino, Stanley Ziemba, Edward Tracy, Sr.



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