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



Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo
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Eileen Wyss
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Diane Francis
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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

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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 17/18, 2024

SAT – Feb 17 (Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order)

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

SUN – Feb 18

7:30a +Stanley Lubas req his family

10a +Joseph & Helen Olenick req daughter Arlene

11:30a Pol – Błog. urodzinowe dla Michał

Lukijaniuk

MON – Feb 19

8:30a +Lidia Ziobro req Schleckmann Family

TUES – Feb 20

8:30a -For intentions only God knows

WED – Feb 21 (St. Peter Damian)

8:30a +Joseph Godlewsky req Gail & Frank McMahon

THUR – Feb 22 (Chair of St. Peter)

8:30a +Bob Smaracko req Norman & Pat Willis

FRI – Feb 23 (St. Polycarp)

8:30a +Frank Swider req Tom & Patty Swider & Family

SAT – Feb 24

8:30a +Helena Kawecka req Polish Rosary Group

5:00p +Stephen P. Jaworski, Jr. req Jaworski Fam

SUN – Feb 25

7:30a +Raymond Hendershot req sons & family

10a +Isabella Marie Todaro req Granata Family

11:30a Pol: +Elzbieta & Polikarp Grzybczyk od rodziny Gzella

Altar Flowers – no flowers during Lent

Bread & Wine is available

Sanctuary Lamp is available

Divine Mercy Candle is available

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday evening during Lent in our church starting at 7pm. Stations of the Cross in Polish will start at 8pm. A reminder to all 7th and 8th grade students—Stations of the Cross will count towards your “Spiritual Service Projects”.

LENTEN RETREAT

Please join us for a Lenten Retreat, *Presence, the Mystery of the Eucharist*, beginning **February 21st at 7 p.m.** This retreat will be led by our RCIA Director, Marilyn Gorski, and will run for four Wednesdays in a row in our church hall. *Presence* is comprised of four sessions: *God is with Us*, *The Story of the Eucharist*, *Bread for the Journey*, and *Biblical Foundations of the Eucharist*. It is designed to help us discover the powerful way that God is present to us in the Eucharist, inviting us into the intimate union with himself. We will examine the effects of the sacrament and its setting in the Mass, explore the scriptural foundation of the sacrament, and discover the beauty of Holy Communion and the transformative power of the grace God offers us in this sacrament. This workshop is free but please register so we make sure we have enough cake and coffee to serve. Call the Church office at 908/637-4269 or email Diane at dfrancis280@comcast.net. **Come join us!**

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – February 2024

1st week - \$3187

2nd week - \$3250

3rd week - \$

4th week - -\$

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.

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.

EASTER REMEMBRANCE MASSES



During the Easter Season, from Easter to Pentecost Sunday, we offer various Masses for people, living and deceased, that are listed

on our Easter Mass Remembrance Envelopes. These envelopes can be found on the brown table in the back of our church. All names printed on the envelopes will be printed in our bulletin and prayed for during these Masses.

TAX LETTERS

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

Discerning Your Purpose Six Week Discernment Group

Where: The Catholic Center at Rutgers University, 84 Somerset Street, New Brunswick, NJ

Who: Young Men 18-35

When: Begins Sunday, February 18th (ends with Palm Sunday Weekend retreat)

Participants are required to register to receive detailed information. For more information, contact Rev. Thomas Lanza in the Office of Vocations at tlanza@diometuchen.org.



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

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

St. Theodore Church is hosting a trip to the Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal on Monday, March 11th. This bus trip will cost \$65 per person. For more details see our bulletin board or contact Cecilia at devenezia6@gmail.com or call 973-519-5446. RSVP by February 25th.

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.

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

"Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32) Just as the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus "set out at once" to share their experience of the Risen Lord with others, we too are inspired to go out into the world and tell everyone we meet of His love and grace. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the work of the ***Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication***. Responsible for our website, social media platforms, videos, podcasts and written content about our Catholic faith, the Evangelization & Communication ministry is essential to how we expand our effort to share the Gospel message and make His love known to all. More and more, we have come to understand that these tools are necessary for reaching people where they live and work. A gift of any amount is important and greatly appreciated. Our Parish goal is \$15,000.

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..." - Mark 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

PRAY FOR:

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

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