

SAINTS PETER & PAUL CHURCH

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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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Religious Ed. Director

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

Walking Pilgrimage

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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 18/19 2023

SAT – Feb 18

5:00p +MaryAnn Boatman req cousin Adella Kowalski

SUN – Feb 19

7:30a +Stanley Lubas req his family

10a +Joseph & Helen Olenick req daughter Arlene

11:30a Pol: -Birthday blessings for 2-year-old Janek Knysak req Grandma & Grandpa Szmigielski

MON – Feb 20 (President's Day)

8:30a +MaryAnn Boatman req Tony & Dawn Russack

TUES – Feb 21 (St. Peter Damian)

8:30a -For all intentions only known to God

WED – Feb 22 (Ash Wednesday)(Fast & Abstinence)

7:00a -God's blessings for the engagement of Steven Paterson & Christina Zecena-Hernandez req Young Family

6:30p +Nancy Penner req her family

8:00p Pol: -Za rocznice slubu Ewa i Lukasz Gromnicki od rodziny

THUR – Feb 23 (St. Polycarp)

8:30a +Bertha Staowicz req niece & family

FRI – Feb 24 (Abstinence)

8:30a +Genevieve Sobolewski & Anna Maria Jaworski req Jaworski Family

7:00p Stations of the Cross (English)

8:00p Stations of the Cross (Polish)

SAT – Feb 25

8:30a +Danuta Pawlikowska req Gzella Family

5:00p +Maria Varga req her family

SUN – Feb 26

7:30a +Raymond Hendershot req sons & family

10a +MaryAnn Boatman req Beth Wingle

11:30a Pol: +Irena Jarski od rodziny

Altar Flowers – NOT available

Bread & Wine – is offered this week for Giuseppe Granata req his family

Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Leon Grab req his family

Divine Mercy Candle is lit this week for the health of Jozef Grab req his family

HERSHEY PARK TICKETS

Once again, this year we are offering Hershey Park tickets at a discount. The normal price for an adult admission is \$85.80. Our discount price is: \$42.00(same as last year) for ages 3+. Children 2 and under are free. This price includes the admission to the park, water park, Zoo America, & Chocolate World. Parking is additional \$20(if purchased on-line) or \$25 in person. The tickets can be used anytime between April 1st - Sept. 10th, 2023. Please find the sign-up slips in the back of the church and online at peterpaulgm.com. All pre-paid ticket must be purchased by March 19th in order to get the discount. Any questions please call Eileen in the church office, 908-637-4269.

EARTHQUAKE COLLECTION

Our Pope has asked the entire Catholic community to come together to pray and send financial help to the countries of Turkey and Syria due to the devastating earthquakes. We are asking all our parishioners to be generous in the second collection today. More than 30,000 people have lost their lives and so many, many people are without homes and are in need.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – February 2023

1st week - \$2967

2nd week - \$2698

3rd week - \$

4th week - \$

CHURCH BELLS



After researching and a demonstration Fr. Greg has decided the best replacement of our broken bell system would be the Chime Master Millennium AX Carillon System. The system includes the control box, amplifier, 4 new outside speakers, and a 5-year warranty. The system will cost \$14,000.00. We already have close to \$7,150 for this project. If anyone would like to donate towards the final cost, please see Fr. Greg or contact the church office. All donations are tax deductible.

DIAPER DRIVE

Marlena Jonkoski, one of our Confirmation students, is holding a diaper drive to benefit Birth Haven in Newton. Birth Haven provides shelter, support, and education to homeless pregnant women. The facility is looking for diapers size Newborn and 1. Marlena will collect diapers through March 26th. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY

March 12, 2023 St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Edison 11:30am - 5:00pm. Cost: \$20. Throughout the course of this day, teens will come together to enter into the sacrament of the Mass celebrated by Bishop Checchio, have fun with one another, hear a keynote from CFR, Fr. Malachy, have the opportunity for Adoration and Confession, and enjoy some live music, good food, and more! Visit www.diometuchen/yyam to register your teen(s).

TAX LETTERS

Your tax letter is available, call (908-637-4269) or email the church office (stpeterandpaul@comcast.net).

2023 LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
 2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (see note below with regards to March 17).
 3. The obligation of fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not equal to a full meal, so as to experience hunger.
 4. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.
- Note:** This year, the Memorial of St. Patrick falls on a Friday. For members of the faithful celebrating this Memorial and who desire it, Bp. Checchio has commuted the penitential obligation on March 17 to the obligation to abstain from meat on another day that same week.



"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 22nd - April 2 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. More info 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

CATHOLIC SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID 2023-2024

Financial aid will be available through the Diocese of Metuchen School Financial Aid program for families seeking tuition assistance for the 2023-2024 school year in any Catholic Diocese school. The application process will open on January 1, 2023, applicants can apply online by going to <https://online.factsmtg.com/aid>. Applications are available in Spanish and English. Applications and all required supporting documentation **must be submitted to FACTS Grant & Aid by March 31, 2023.** The application fee is \$40 and must be paid online at the time the family submits their application. Forms of payment include debit cards, most major credit cards, or an electronic check.

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".

2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio announcing the 2023 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 the ministry of our hospital and prison chaplains. 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. Our parish goal is \$15,000.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

St. Patrick Church in Belvidere is starting a new session for anyone who may be interested or needs support. The sessions will meet on Sundays at 12:15pm starting this weekend, Feb. 12th – Mar. 19th. Contact the trained couple of Peter & MaryAnn Lombardi at 973-722-2611 if you are interested. Everyone is welcome to attend.

"Building a Culture of Life Post Roe"

A Critical Life Issues Conference

Saturday, March 25, 2023

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center

Opening Mass at 9 am - Bishop Checchio

Conference from 10 am to 3:30 pm

Cost \$35. (includes lunch and handouts)

Visit <https://www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter>.

Does the Bible Mention Ash Wednesday?

While the Bible does not mention the celebration of Ash Wednesday or command its practice, the Bible does mention ashes and dust in several places. The use of ashes in the Old Testament onward symbolized mourning, repentance, and the frailty of humanity. (Genesis 3:19)

PRAY FOR:

Living: Katelin Silva, Maryann Ramsden, Edward Sosnovik, Mike Decker, Alan Jaworski, Jim Meringer, Covid-19 patients

Deceased: Jennie Dragowski, Clara Turner, Luke Stroud, Pope Benedict XVI, Jeanne Murphy, Cynthia Hendershot, Margaret Wingle, Sharon Stryker

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