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



Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo
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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!

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

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 22/23, 2025

SAT – Feb 22 (Chair of St. Peter)

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

MON – Feb 24

8:30a +Bertha Stachowicz req niece & family

TUES – Feb 25

8:30a -Birthday blessings for Michal Lukijaniuk req his family

WED – Feb 26

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

THUR – Feb 27 (St. Gregory of Narek)

8:30a -Birthday blessings for Linda Marciano req son Matthew

FRI – Feb 28

8:30a +Daniel Salinaro req Donna Hrebin

SAT – Mar 1

8:30a +Helena Kawecki req Polish Rosary Group
5:00p +Sharon Stryker req daughter Susan & Fam

SUN – Mar 2

7:30a -Birthday blessings for Renata Makarska req Dait Family

10a +Ellen Cavaliere req Youth Group

11:30a Pol: +Maria Janczy

Altar Flowers – are available

Bread & Wine & Sanctuary Lamp – are donated this week for God's blessings and the birthday of Bill Hancock req his family

Divine Mercy Candle – is lit this week in memory of Jan Grab

REVEREND BROWN SCHOOL

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 or contact admissions at admissions@popejohn.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 Pope 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".

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 - \$2313

4th week - \$

"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". 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

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)

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

One of the key ministries supported by the Annual Appeal is *Seminarian Formation*. We are blessed to have 19 men currently studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of Metuchen. It is a blessing that brings with it the responsibility of providing for their education. Quality formation is essential for our future priests who will be the sacramental presence of the Lord in the midst of our parishes, nourishing and healing with Word and sacraments the people they are called to serve. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to defray the costs of forming the future shepherds of our Church. Our parish goal this year is \$15,000. We have raised \$50 so far.

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.

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-for-seniors-roundtable>. For info: jruggiero@diometuchen.org or call 732-243-4574.

TAX LETTERS

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



"Human life must always be defended from its beginning in the womb and must be recognized as a gift of God that guarantees the future of humanity." Pope Francis

Please join Christians throughout the globe to pray and fast for an end to abortion from March 5th to April 13th during the 40 Days for Life campaign, in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 66 East Washington Ave, Washington. For more information contact: Jennifer English, amjadopt@comcast.net 973 525-6692. or visit [https:// 40daysforlife.com/](https://40daysforlife.com/)

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you"

Isaiah 41:10

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..."

- LUKE 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

PRAY FOR:

Living: Paul Farruggia, 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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