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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!

E-mail stpeterandpaul@comcast.net

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 24/25, 2024

SAT – Feb 24

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

MON – Feb 26

8:30a +Geoffrey Stamm req Joanne DeNicola

TUES – Feb 27 (St. Gregory of Narek)

8:30a +Theodore Martka req Walt & Trish Horzepa

WED - Feb 28

8:30a +Bertha Stachowicz req niece & family

THUR – Feb 29

8:30a +Nancy Penner reg her family

FRI – Mar 1 (abstinence)

8:30a -God's blessings for the Morning Prayer Group

7:00p English Stations of the Cross

8:00p Polish Stations of the Cross

SAT – Mar 2

8:30a +Joseph Godlewsky req Jack & Barbara Reed

5:00p +Luke Stroud req McKenna Family

SUN - Mar 3

7:30a +Jim Meringer req Tom & Lin Gabel 10a +Michael Russo req Vince Settineri & Beth Wingle

11:30a Pol: +Emila Lubecka od rodziny

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".

FIRST FRIDAY



This Friday (3/1) is the first Friday of the month. Please join us anytime between the hours of 9am and 12 noon to visit with the Blessed Sacrament in our chapel. More participation is needed to continue this blessed event.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – February 2024

1st week - \$3187

2nd week - \$3250

3rd week - \$3163

4th week - -\$

LENTEN RETREAT

The Story of the Eucharist, our second topic in our Lenten Retreat series begins on February 28th at 7 p.m. in our Parish Hall. This retreat will be led by our RCIA Director, Marilyn Gorski, and runs for the next three Wednesdays. This retreat 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 retreat is free and open to all. Come and broaden your Catholic knowledge. Make the sacrifice and come out on Wednesday to join us. Cake and coffee will be served.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025 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**, **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.

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.

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 (<u>dfrancis280@comcast.net</u>). A donation jar will also be set-up for people who just want to support our youth.

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.

SEEKING DONORS

We are looking for several donors to sponsor some liturgical items needed in our church. Pictures of the items are posted on our bulletin board. If interested please talk to Fr. Greg after Mass.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join Christians throughout the globe by praying for an end to abortion February 14 - March 24th during the 40 Days for Life campaign. 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



2024 Lenten Obligations

- 1. The days of both fast <u>and</u> 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.

TAX LETTERS

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

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports a number of diocesan ministries dedicated to faith formation. Through *Discipleship Formation for Children* and our *Catholic schools, Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Campus Ministry at Rutgers* and the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults,* we are reaching out to children, teens, young adults and older adults new to our Catholic Church. These ministries help people of all ages grow in their knowledge and practice of the faith, experience a meaningful sense of service to the community, and come to a deeper understanding of their call to discipleship. Please prayerfully consider a gift today. Our Parish goal is \$15,000. To date we donated \$4309. What a great

"Here I am!' he answered." - Genesis 22:11

PRAY FOR:

Living: Dorothy Ford, John Lee, Christopher Muller, Doug Romaine

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