

# SAINTS PETER & PAUL CHURCH

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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!

### 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.



## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25/26 2023

### **SAT – Feb 25**

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

### **MON – Feb 27 (St. Gregory of Narek)**

8:30a +Mary F. Nebelung req cousin Bernice

### **TUES – Feb 28**

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

### **WED – Mar 1**

8:30a +MaryAnn Boatman req Kate Bartku

### **THUR – Mar 2**

8:30a -Birthday blessings for Joe Decker req his fam

### **FRI – Mar 3 (St. Katharine Drexel)(Abstinence)**

8:30a +Joseph Farley Moran req Joseph Valentino

7:00p Stations of the Cross (English)

8:00p Stations of the Cross (Polish)

### **SAT – Mar 4 (St. Casimir)**

8:30a +MaryAnn Boatman req Gzella Family

5:00p +MaryAnn Boatman req cousin Bobby Kowalski

### **SUN – Mar 5**

7:30a +Benjamin (Tracy)Trzeciakiewicz req Ed Tracy Family

10a +Karyn Sofia req aunt MaryLou Fortin

11:30a Pol: -Birthday blessings for Leszek Szmigielski od rodziny

**Altar Flowers** – NOT available

**Bread & Wine** – is offered this week for the health of Natali Dudala

**Sanctuary Lamp** is lit this week in memory of Leon Fortin req his wife & family

**Divine Mercy Candle** is lit this week in memory of Emilia Lubecka

### **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 \$8,164 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.

### **EARTHQUAKE COLLECTION**

We took up a special collection last weekend for the people of Turkey and Syria. Thanks to our generous parishioners we collected \$1810.

### **TAX LETTERS**

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

### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS – February 2023**

1<sup>st</sup> week - \$2967

2<sup>nd</sup> week - \$2698

3<sup>rd</sup> week - \$2717

4<sup>th</sup> week - \$

### **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. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Please find the sign-up slips in the back of the church and online at [peterpaulgm.com](http://peterpaulgm.com). All pre-paid ticket must be purchased by March 19<sup>th</sup> in order to get the discount. Any questions please call Eileen in the church office, 908-637-4269.

### **EMAIL**

It has come to our attention that some people missed our latest church dinner due to lack of communication. We apologize for the last-minute notice. Most of the communication was sent out via EMAIL. If you have email and would like to be notified of upcoming events, please email us at [stpeterandpaul@comcast.net](mailto:stpeterandpaul@comcast.net) to request to be put onto our email list.



## Is Jesus *truly* present in the Eucharist?



How can the God of the universe be contained in a tiny white host? Come and *see* the overwhelming evidence for Jesus' true

presence in the miracle moments of the Mass and in Holy Communion. Join us on March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 8:55 AM, in the church hall. Note: this talk is for mature audiences only. In it, you'll see something you've never seen before – something that will be life-changing. "The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host." — Venerable Fulton Sheen

## Did you hear about the 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.

## 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.

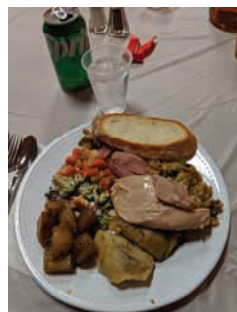
Checchio has commuted the penitential obligation on March 17 to the obligation to abstain from meat on another day that same week.



## 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](http://www.diometuchen/yyam) to register your teen(s).

## LAST SATURDAY'S DINNER



Was a total success! Thanks to our cooking team (who want to remain anonymous—don't know why, the food was fantastic) we raised a little over \$900.00 for our new bell system. We had so many, many delicious desserts and everyone had a great time.

The games and prizes were fun. Don't miss our next dinner, (Italian, coming after Easter). If you would like to be on our email list for a reminder of events like this, just send an email request to [stpeterandpaul@comcast.net](mailto:stpeterandpaul@comcast.net). We will be happy to add you to our list.



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*"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" Matthew 4:10*

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

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## PRAY FOR:

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

**Deceased:** Maryann Ramsden, Jennie Dragowski, Clara Turner, Luke Stroud, Pope Benedict XVI, Jeanne Murphy, Margaret Wingle, Sharon Stryker



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