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## 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](mailto:stpeterandpaul@comcast.net)

## Religious Education E-mail

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## Website

[www.peterpaulgm.com](http://www.peterpaulgm.com)

## Walking Pilgrimage

[www.walkingpilgrimage.us](http://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.

## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

March 1/2, 2025

### SAT – Mar 1

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

### MON – Mar3 (St. Katharine Drexel)

8:30a +Alexander Bocko req Joe & Florence Dzurek

### TUES – Mar 4 (St. Casimir)

8:30a +Bertha & Stanley & Stanley F. Stachowicz  
req Schleckmann Family

### WED – Mar 5 (Ash Wednesday)(Fast & Abstinence)

7:00a +Benjamin (Tracy) Trzeciakiewicz req Ed &  
Ann Marie Tracy

6:30p +Inge Darroch req Maureen Glennon

8:00p Pol: +Emilia Lubecka od rodziny

### THUR – Mar 6

8:30a +Irma Leone req Letizia Stasi

### FRI – Mar 7 (Ss. Perpetua & Felicity)(Abstinence)

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

7:00p Stations of the Cross-English

8:00p Stations of the Cross-Polish

### SAT – Mar 8 (St. John of God)

8:30a -Intentions only known to God

5:00p +Edward Pasko, Jr. req Kathy Mundt

### SUN – Mar 9

7:30a +Regis Biemer req Walt & Trish Horzepa

10a +Peter Joseph Gianattasio req Beth Wingle

11:30a Pol: +Jan & Stanislaw Zych od rodziny  
Szmigielski

**Altar Flowers** – are available  
**Bread & Wine** – are available  
**Sanctuary Lamp** – is available  
**Divine Mercy Candle** – is available

### 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)

### TAX LETTERS

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

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS – February 2025

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.

1st week - \$3022                      2nd week - \$2694

3rd week - \$2313                      4th week - \$3895

### LENTEN RULES 2025

**Ash Wednesday & Good Friday** are days of **Fast and Abstinence** from meat. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal per day. Meaning the other 2 meals put together should not equal the full meal. This applies to all between the ages of 18 - 59. All Fridays during Lent are Days of Abstinence-no meat or meat by-products. This applies to everyone age 14 and up.

#### Easter Duty Obligation:

After you have received your First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

### 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](http://www.revbrownschool.org/admissions/visit-us) to RSVP or contact admissions at [admissions@popejohn.org](mailto:admissions@popejohn.org).

### LENTEN MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

Sat., **April 12 (date change)**, 8:45am-1:30pm with Fr. Rick Rusk. Cost: \$25 (lunch included), Anawim Community, 354 Jonestown Rd. Oxford, NJ. Info or to RSVP [oxford@anawim.com](http://oxford@anawim.com) or Ph: 908-453-3886.

## 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many parishioners. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from Fr. Greg, encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website: <https://diometuchen.org>. Our parish goal this year is \$15,000. We have raised \$381.25 so far.

### 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](mailto:stpeterandpaul@comcast.net).

### HERSHEY PARK TICKETS!!!

It's that time again--plan for your summer get-a-way. If you are interested in discounted Hershey Park tickets, please fill out an order form, (found on the large brown table in church or on our website [peterpaulgm.com](http://peterpaulgm.com)), and bring your paid orders in by April 20th. Regular priced tickets are \$89.95 per person. Our discount tickets cost \$46.00 per person (ages 3+) and are good for 1 day in the park until January 4, 2026. Parking is an additional \$26 (if ordered on-line) or \$35 in-person. Take advantage of "Preview", the night before. Call the rectory if you have any questions, 908-637-4269.



### Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience Save the date, Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.



Join us for an experience of a lifetime, right here at Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Great Meadows, NJ. If you cannot journey to Lourdes, France to visit the site where our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette and receive a Plenary Indulgence, then join us for a Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes and receive the same Plenary Indulgence granted by Pope Frances. Look for more information in next week's bulletin, but SAVE THE DATE, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>!

## 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 Popel 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".

### "The Activated Disciple"

Virtual Women's Group. The Diocesan virtual Women's Group will be meeting 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](mailto:cdaverso@diometuchen.org).

### 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.

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

*“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

## **K of C St. Pat’s Dinner & Fish Fry Dinner**

The Knights of Columbus of Hackettstown are selling tickets for a St. Patrick’s Day dinner and also for their annual Fish Fry Dinner. Both cost \$20.00 each. Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend and next.

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*“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.” - LUKE 6:43*

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don’t have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

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### **PRAY FOR:**

**Living:** Pope Francis, Carol Falivene, Paul Farruggia, Genevieve Godlewsky, Irena Mika, Brian Gorski, Mickey Tudor, Florence Dzurek  
**Deceased:** Rudy Pasko, James Stryker, Ed Pasko, Jr, Irena Pietras, Ellen Cavaliere

## **EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**“No disciple is superior to his teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove the splinter in your eye’, when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam in your own eye first; then you will see clearly.”**

Education is constantly changing, new methods, new examples, new techniques. The new age of AI is that. We need good, trained teachers. When I think about Jesus, I claim Him as my Savior, acknowledge Him as a miracle worker, and most especially He is the Son of God. But today, may we focus on Jesus, the teacher.

He knows we need further training to live our Christian lives. When we are ready to criticize others, or dwell on their shortcomings and defects, it would be wise to remember the comparison of the speck in someone else’s eye, but the huge beam in mine. As we approach Lent this week, let’s plan to remove that plank in our lives. Jesus is our teacher. Then we will see clearly.



### **HIS WORD TODAY**

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON  
THE SUNDAY READINGS

# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 6:39-45

A good tree produces good fruit, just as a good person, whose heart is full of love, is good and kind to others.

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“Each tree is recognized  
by its own fruit.”

Luke 6:44



### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left,  
right, up, down or diagonally.

- Jesus
- Told
- Parable
- Blind
- Student
- Teacher
- Fully
- Trained
- Speck
- Sawdust
- Attention
- Brother
- Eye
- Yourself
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- Tree
- Fruit
- Recognized
- People
- Stored
- Heart
- Mouth
- Speaks
- Luke

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