SAINTS PETER & PAUL CHURCH

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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
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Religious Ed. Director

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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 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 8:00 pm to 12:00 am.

BLUE ARMY PRAYER GROUP: Every Monday from 4:00 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!

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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
March 5/6, 2022

SAT – Mar 5
5:00p +Stella Wojcik req Adella Kowalski
SUN – Mar 6
7:30a +Vincent Errante req Joseph Valentino
10a +Taryn Smith req Scott Anderson Family
11:30a (Pol) +z rodziny Kulacz i Jacek
MON – Mar 7 (Ss. Perpetua & Felicity)
8:30a +Helen & Walter Sidor req Alberta Piasecki
TUES – Mar 8 (St. John of God)
8:30a +Deceased members of the Zebro Family
WED – Mar 9 (St. Frances of Rome)
8:30a +Elsi Errante req Joseph Valentino
THUR – Mar 10
8:30a +Edward B. Trzeciakiewicz req his family
FRI – Mar 11 (Abstinence)
8:30a +Grzegorz Gubernat req his family
7:00p Stations of the Cross (English)
8:00p Stations of the Cross (Polish)
SAT – Mar 12
8:30a +Irena & Jerzy Ramotowski req their family
5:00p +Ted & Sarah Kita req sister-in-law Annette Munley
SUN – Mar 13 (Daylight savings begins)
7:30a +John Paris req Joseph Valentino
10a +Nancy Penner req her family
11:30a (Pol) +Zbigniew Gromnicki od rodziny

Altar Flowers – Not available during Lent
Bread & Wine – is offered this week in memory of Florence & Frank Greco req their family
Sanctuary Lamp – is lit this week for the soul of Anna Trzeciakiewicz req Arlene Olenick
Divine Mercy Candle is lit this week for God's blessings and good health of Leszek Szmigielski on the occasion of his birthday.

HERSHEY PARK DISCOUNT TICKETS

If anyone is interested in Hershey Park Discount Tickets please email or call the church office. If we get enough participation (+20) then the tickets can be ordered. The regular ticket price is $77.80, the discount price is $42 per person ages 3 and up. Tickets are valid April 2nd through December 31st. RSVP by April 1st, call 908-637-4269 or email: stpeterandpaul@comcast.net.

HOME-HEALTH-AIDS NEEDED

Lately our church has been contacted by a few people asking for help with their elderly parents. If you are interested in helping with the elderly at their home, please contact the church office at 908-637-4269.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – February 2022

1st week - $3534
2nd week - $2157
3rd week - $2811
4th week - $3163

LENTEN RULES 2022

So that the Church of Metuchen may be spiritually one in a common observance of Lent, the following days of fast and abstinence are to be observed by all Catholics of the Diocese who enjoy the blessings of good health:

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday & Good Friday
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. From the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until the celebration of the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, the Easter Fast should be observed so that, with uplifted and welcoming hearts, we may be ready to celebrate the joys of the Resurrection.

The obligation to fast applies to Catholics between the ages of 18 & 59. To fast in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger.

The obligation of abstinence affects **all** Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to not eat meat and all meat products.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday evening during Lent in our church starting at 7pm in English, 8pm in Polish. A reminder to all 7th and 8th grade students—Stations of the Cross will count towards your "Spiritual Service Projects".

EASTER FLOWERS

Please help us decorate our church with Easter Flowers. Flower envelopes can be found on our brown table in the back of our church and all names will be printed in our bulletin. If you have a long list of names, please email them to the church office. If the list is short, please list the names on a separate piece of paper and place it in the envelope.

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 will be printed in the bulletin. If you have a long list of names, please email them to the church office. If the list is short, please list the names on a separate piece of paper and place it in the envelope.

TAX LETTERS are now available. Please contact the parish office if you want a letter, 908-637-4269 or email: stpeterandpaul@comcast.net

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

We are going to have an online Bible Study Group during the coming Lenten season. We will be discussing some of the 100 Prophecies of the Old Testament fulfilled by Jesus. It will start on Thursday March 3rd and will continue for 6 weeks in total and will be done in a Zoom meeting room. You will need a computer, tablet or smartphone to participate and you do not need to attend all the sessions. Also, you do not need to purchase any materials for the study group. Everything will be provided to you. For more information or to enroll in the group please contact Mary Ann Boatman at 908-246-5900 or Pat Willis at 201-874-8140.

(Divine Mercy) VERY SPECIAL GRACES

Once a year our Lord blesses us with graces beyond our dreams. This feast of His mercy is called Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus came and spoke to a Polish nun, Sr. Faustina Kowalska, and showed her visions of Heaven, Purgatory, and Hell and how our sins affect others. Jesus wants all sinners to come to him on Divine Mercy Sunday and ask for His mercy. On Good Friday we should start a novena and chaplet to be prayed every day until Divine Mercy Sunday, also we need to venerate the Divine Mercy picture, make a good confession, and receive communion on Divine Mercy Sunday. In return Jesus will pour out His mercy upon us cleansing our souls and freeing them from all sin <u>and</u> the punishment due to those sins. Every time you sin there is also a punishment due to the sin. Going to confession takes away the sin NOT the punishment from the sin. Praying the novena and completing the steps mentioned above will take away all punishments. This only happens once a year so please take advantage. Please find more information on the table in the back of church.

SPONSOR FORMS

Before you are asked to be a sponsor for a Baptism or for the Sacrament of Confirmation please be sure you are indeed a registered member, in good standing, of your church. This happens a lot around this time of year where people have been coming to church on a regular basis, not using offering envelops, and think they are members. It makes it very difficult for us to issue a sponsor certificate when you are not registered and the priest does not recognize your face. This also applies to Confirmation students wanting their older siblings to be their sponsors--make sure they are attending and greeting the priest after Mass. Please contact the church office if you have questions, 908-637-4269.

RECEIVING COMMUNION AT MASS

We want to remind everyone that during this pandemic it is preferably to receive the host in the hands. If you feel the need to receive on the tongue you must only go to Fr. Greg. All assisting Eucharistic Ministers and the Deacon will only distribute communion in the hand.

NOVENAS

New novenas for the month of March are located in our Novena Corner in the back of our church. Please help yourselves. This month's featured novena is to St. Patrick.

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Prayer for Peace

(adapted from: Pope JPII's Prayer for Peace, 2001)

God of infinite mercy and goodness, with grateful hearts we pray to you today for Peace. You offer us your peace continually (Jn.14:27) and constantly remind us that peacemakers are blessed, "for they shall be called children of God" (Mt.5:9). May your voice resound in the hearts of all, as you call us to follow the path of reconciliation and peace, and to be merciful as you are merciful.

We pray to you for the people of Ukraine who are experiencing conflicts and deaths. Bless the leaders with wisdom, vision and perseverance needed to build together a world of justice and solidarity, and to break down walls of hostility and division. AMEN

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PRAY FOR:

Living: Eleanor Kurtz, Eleanor Hendershot, Dianne Donohue, Clara Turner, Covid-19 patients

Deceased: Ida Bolzan, Malgorzata Stepien, Stella Wojcik, Anna Trzeciakiewicz, Paul Iuvone

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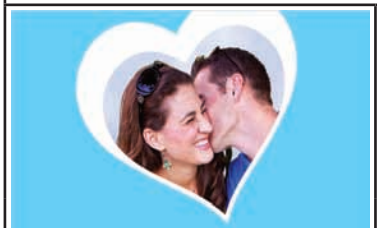
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