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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.

O.C.I.A. (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS):

Interested in becoming Catholic?
Interest in making the Sacraments of
Confirmation? Eucharist? 908-637-
4269.

VISITATION OF THE SICK:

Every first Friday of the month, at
home or in the hospital, please call
the church office, 908-637-4269.

OUTREACH PROGRAM: If you
are in need please call the Parish
Office at 908-637-4269. All calls kept
confidential.

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.

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Welcome to Ss. Peter & Paul Church:

Our warmest welcome to all who
celebrate the Holy Mass with us. We
thank God you are here.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

New Parishioner/Family

Change of Address or Phone

Moving, please remove

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 7/8, 2026

SAT – Mar 7 (Ss. Perpetua & Felicity)

5:00p +Genevieve Godlewsky req Barbara & Jack Reed

SUN – Mar 8

7:30a +Deceased members of the Sobolewski & Jaworski Families req Dorothy & Allan Jaworski

10a +Nancy & Thomas Penner req their family

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

MON – Mar 9 (St. Frances of Rome)

8:30a +Barbara Bolzan req Marilyn Gorski

6:30p Lenten Retreat

TUES – Mar 10

8:30a +Edward B. Trzeciakiewicz (Tracy) req Ed & AnneMarie Tracy

6:30p Lenten Retreat

WED – Mar 11

8:30a -For the intentions only known to God

THUR – Mar 12

8:30a +Genevieve & Joseph Godlewsky, Jr. req Kathy Gromlowicz

FRI – Mar 13 (Abstinence)

8:30a +Mary & John Zebro req niece & family

7:00p English Stations of the Cross

8:00p Polish Stations of the Cross

SAT – Mar 14

8:30a -God's blessings, graces & faith for Aiden

5:00p +Luke Stroud req his family

SUN – Mar 15

7:30a +Rev. Ignatius Kuziemski

10a +Leon Fortin req MaryLou Fortin & Family

11:30a Pol: +Marian Gzella od rodziny

Altar Flowers – no flowers during Lent

Bread & Wine – is donated this week for the return to good health of John Wyss req Gail & Frank McMahon

Sanctuary Lamp – is lit this week for the health of John Wyss req Schleckmann Family

Divine Mercy Candle – is lit this week for the return to good health of John Wyss req his family.

SALVATORIAN MISSIONS

The **Salvatorian Fathers** whose mission compels them to share their call to be apostles with people from all walks of life, are engaged in apostolic activities in 33 countries - in all the continents of the world. They serve in many of the Diocese of Metuchen churches including, as you know, ours. If you appreciate all the work the fathers do in our churches, you can show it by making a donation to the Salvatorian Fathers Mission to keep their work unending. Please be as generous as possible and help the Salvatorians Fathers, who are so willing to help us to keep our churches from closing. This collection will be taken up **next** weekend at all Masses.

TAX LETTERS AVAILABLE

Please call or email the church office if you need a tax letter, stpeterandpaul@comcast.net or 908-637-4269.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – MAR 2026

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.

1st week - \$3664 2nd week - \$

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

NO GREATER LOVE

Our Lenten Retreat will conclude this Sunday, Monday & Tuesday, March 8th - 10th. It's not too late to join us. Come to the Parish Hall at 6:30pm. Cake, coffee, and tea will be provided. There is no cost for this retreat. Everyone is welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

PARKING

If you need to park in our parking lot for an extended period of time please call and leave a message alerting us of your vehicle. Also, during snowstorms please park your vehicles in the upper parking lot so Fr. Greg can clear the lower parking lot for Mass.

2026 LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

The days of BOTH fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (February 18) and Good Friday (April 3). All other Fridays of Lent (Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27) are days of abstinence. 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. 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 (beef, chicken, pork, turkey, etc.).

PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

Almighty and ever-living God, in your faithfulness, grant to the Diocese of Metuchen a shepherd whose watchful care and kindly zeal will continue the good work of his predecessors. In your love for us, give us a shepherd who will lead us in being Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Amen

POLISH RETREAT

A Lenten Retreat in Polish will take place Monday - Wednesday, March 16th & 17th & 18th starting at 7pm in the church.

PALM SUNDAY / EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 29th

Vigil Mass - 5:00pm - (Sat.)

Masses - 7:30am, 10am, (English), 11:30am (Polish)

Confession - Monday of Holy Week, March 30th, 7pm - 8pm

Holy Thursday, April 2nd

(NO MORNING MASS)

7:00pm Mass,

After Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00pm.

Good Friday, April 3rd

(NO MORNING MASS)**

3:00pm Liturgy of the Passion and Death of our Lord-(English)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

8:00pm Liturgy of the Passion and Death of our Lord-(Polish)

Start of Divine Mercy Novena

Holy Saturday, April 4th

(NO MORNING MASS)

9:30am - 12:30pm Traditional Blessing of Food (Święconka)

every 30 minutes

8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 5th

7:30am (English/Polish), 10am (English), 11:30am (Polish)

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th-devotion at 3pm (English / Polish)

NEW PAMPHLETS

Please see our new pamphlets located on the wall near our double glass doors entitled, "Healing after Abortion", How to Talk to a Friend", Project Rachel", and "Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End".

2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are keeping Christ's presence alive in the world today. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support.

This year our parish goal is \$16,000.00. We have raised so far \$4,875.

HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO BE A SPONSOR?

It is a tremendous honor to get asked to be a Sponsor or Godparent. In order to be a sponsor, by CANON LAW, you must be fully initiated as a Roman Catholic by being Baptized, and received both Communion and Confirmation **and** be an active, practicing Catholic. Here at Ss. Peter & Paul's, we are responsible in verifying that an individual is qualified to be a sponsor. This can be done by certifying their Sacrament of Confirmation in our archives, for those that received their sacrament here, or by attesting that they are registered and active parishioners. We can attest that an individual is registered by finding them in our data base. You might be saying to yourself, "I have been coming here for years, I am a member." OK, but are you registered? When adult children move out of their parent's homes, their registration become invalid. They need to register at their local church. If they live locally and continue to attend here at Ss. Peter & Paul, they would need to fill out a registration form and establish their own identification. If you have adult children still living at home with you, then encourage them to establish their own registration. What makes you "active"? This means you attend Mass regularly and use weekly envelopes. This is NOT about the money in the envelope, it is about THE envelope, showing that you are here, attending Mass and fulfilling your obligation as an active, practicing Catholic. Every week, the collections are posted to those corresponding registered families in our database? This is how you are able to receive your End of Year Tax Statements. Again, it's not what is IN the envelope, it is the envelope itself. Making a donation to the church is a very personal decision and we respect the privacy of those individuals that prefer to give anonymously. Think of your envelope, whether an official church envelope or any one you choose to use, as a means of "attendance". This way, when you ask for a sponsor form and your registration is verified, a priest can look and see if you attend church. This system in place is not perfect and it is not meant to stand in your way of getting a sponsor form. It should be a tool for you to help evaluate your qualifications to be a sponsor. You are about to make a vow in front of God and a parish community, that you do fulfil your obligation as a practicing Catholic. Life keeps us busy and sometimes attending Mass may not always be a weekly priority, but if you completely dismiss this obligation, how can your church attest to your commitment to be a sponsor?

St. Paul encouraged Catholics to "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

PRAY FOR:

Living: Pawel Pochron, Letiza Stasi, Brian Young, Terry Medino, Irena Mika

Deceased: Dominick Picardo, William Hmirak, Annette Munley, Joan Critchley, Tom Ward

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