

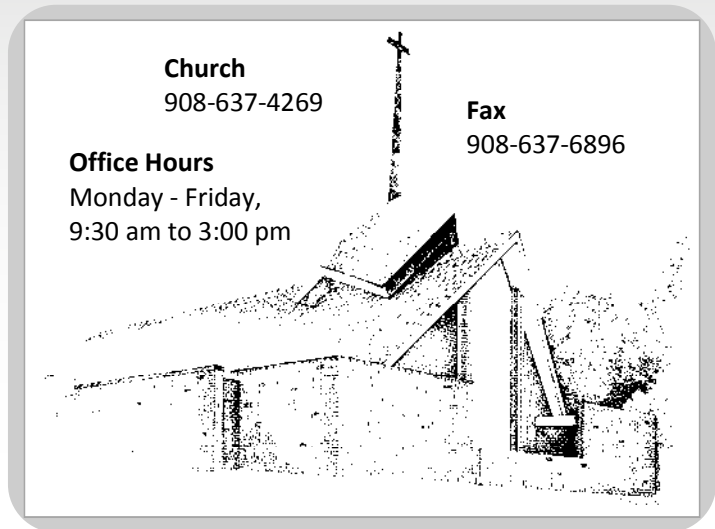
SAINTS PETER & PAUL CHURCH

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MASSES †

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 pm
Sundays..... 7:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:15 am,
& 12:30 pm (*Polish*)
Holydays..... 7:00 am & 6:30, 8:00 pm (*Polish*)
Weekdays (*including Sat.*)..... 8:30 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 3 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 3 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 1st Friday of the month, at home or in the hospital, please call the church office, 908-637-4269.

SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH NIGHT PRAYER:
In Polish from 8:00 pm to 12:00 am.

BLUE ARMY PRAYER GROUP: Every Monday from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Chapel. New members are always welcome!

OUTREACH PROGRAM: If you are in need please call Lisa French 908-343-7831. All calls kept confidential.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY: New members are always welcome! We meet every 3rd 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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 9/10, 2019

SAT – Mar 9(St. Frances of Rome)

5:00p +Edward (Tracy) Trzeciakiewicz req Stella & LuAnn Wojcik

SUN – Mar 10

7:30a +Steve Matuszek req Gzella Family
10:00a +Jeanne Elizabeth Foster req Mark & Diane Francis
11:15a +Sally Carroll req Steve & Teal Gunther
12:30p Pol: -Birthday blessings for Leszek Smigielski req wife & children

MON – Mar 11

8:30a +Michael & Mae Piasecki req Alberta Piasecki

TUES – Mar 12

8:30a +Stanley & Anna Mae Piasecki req Alberta Piasecki

WED – Mar 13

8:30a +Walter & Helen Sidor req Alberta Piasecki

THUR – Mar 14

8:30a +Ksawery Talajczyk req Krystyna Talajczyk

FRI – Mar 15

8:30a +Rev. Ignatius Kuziemski
7:00p Stations of the Cross-English
8:00p Stations of the Cross-Polish

SAT – Mar 16

8:30a +Joseph & Bertha Kurnath req Alberta Piasecki
5:00p +Sarah Kita req sister-in-law Annette Munley

SUN – Mar 17

7:30a +Helen "Honey" Hendershot req sister Arlene Olenick
10:00a +Charles Higgins req Lyle & Emily Smith
11:15a +Steve Matuszek req Mark Machacek
12:30p Pol: +Jon Balog req his family

****If you scheduled a Mass and would like to bring up the gifts during that Mass, please see the usher before Mass starts.**

Altar Flowers are not available during Lent

Bread & Wine is available

Sanctuary Lamp is available

Divine Mercy Candle is available

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 13, Wed - Bible Study, Rel Ed Bldg, 7pm

Mar 15, Fri - Stations of the Cross, 7p-Eng & 8p-Pol

Mar 15, Fri - String Art, Parish Hall, 7:30p-10p

Mar 17, Sun - Hershey Park Tic orders due in

STRING ART



Need a girl's night out? We're here to accommodate! We will be dabbling in String Art for a church fundraiser! This Friday, March 15th from 7:30pm to 10pm. \$35 per person with a choice of one of five different projects. Come and bring a friend, BYOB

and a snack if you wish. Hurry, time is running out to RSVP. Please call Susan Sterphone at 908-507-6399 by Sunday, March 10th.

HERSHEY PARK DISCOUNT TICKETS

All forms with payment are due back NEXT Sunday, March 17th. Call the rectory if you have any questions, 908-637-4269 or visit our website to download an order form (peterpaulgm.com).



WEEKLY OFFERINGS-March

1st week - \$ 2nd week - \$
3rd week - \$ 4th week - \$

LENTEN RULES 2019

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 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".

R.C.I.A.

RITE OF SENDING

This Sunday the Rite of Sending for our RCIA Candidate John Klimas will be celebrated at the 10:00 Mass. John has been in the Catechumenate phase of the initiation process for the past year. During this ritual, testimony will be heard regarding his readiness. As part of the Rite, this parish community, in light of the testimony by his catechists and sponsor will recommend that John be sent, along with candidates from other parishes in the Diocese, to celebrate the Rite of Calling Candidates to Continuing Conversion this Sunday afternoon at the Cathedral where he will be officially received by the Bishop into the final period of preparation for full initiation into the Church. We invite you to become a Spiritual Sponsor as John will need our prayers, encouragement and support on his journey to receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. A nice way to show your support is to write a note telling that you will be praying for him. Please put his name on the envelope, c/o RCIA, and drop it in the collection basket at any of the Masses during Lent. Prayer cards for John can be found in a basket on the back table.

Salvatorian Missions Collection

Will be taken up next weekend at all Masses. Please help support Fr. Greg's community of priests in the second collection next weekend.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so now. The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2018**. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application, or need access to the technology to apply, may attend one of two Application Workshops that are scheduled for January 23 and February 7 at Perth Amboy Catholic School, 500 State Street, Perth Amboy from 2 to 4 pm, and from 6 to 8 pm. A Spanish translator will be available.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO

Join Bp. Checchio on a Pilgrimage to Mexico to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe October 20th - 24th, 2019. The price of \$1879 per person (by March 15th) will include: airfare, 4 nights hotel, breakfast & dinner daily, sightseeing, English speaking tour guide, entrance fees. Questions please call the diocese or email: bishop.pilgrimage@diometuchen.org.

☞--SAVE THE DATE--☞

Ss. Peter & Paul Church
Annual Tricky Tray
Saturday, May 18th

Easter Giving Tree will be displayed next weekend.

Please watch for it and take a tag or two from the tree. Watch the bulletin for more information.

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. Among other important ministries, your sacrificial gift supports our renewed efforts in Evangelization & Communication. If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 16/17, which has been designated as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching **100% participation**. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Our goal remains the same as last year, \$15,000. So far our parish has donated \$2,642.50.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

"Calling all Christians" Join the upcoming global effort from March 6th through April 14th for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Make a stand for God and country proclaiming the value of life at this critical time in our nation. Offer time to peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 66 East Main St. Washington. There will be an opening rally on March 3rd between 2-4 outside the Planned Parenthood. Please pledge to lift the local 40 Days for Life campaign up in prayer, as well as asking for God's protection on all human life from conception until natural death. For more information contact: Jennifer English, amjadopt@comcast.net 973 525-6692 or visit <https://40daysforlife.com/>.

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."

(Deuteronomy 26:10)

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

PRAY FOR:

Living: Lyle Smith, Stella Lencewicz, Barbara Desantis, Stanislaw Kaczynski

Deceased: Leon Fortin, Francis Rybicki, Kazimiera Branka, Frank Fiorentino, Stanley Ziemba

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Start Time: 8:00 am
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Location: Lincoln Park, NJ -
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