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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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 18/19 2023

### **SAT – Mar 18 (St. Cyril of Jerusalem)**

5:00p +MaryAnn Boatman req cousin Adella Kowalski

### **SUN – Mar 19**

7:30a -God's blessings for Lauren & Matthew on their wedding day req cousin Adella Kowalski

10a +Helen Hendershot req sister Arlene Olencik

11:30a Pol: +Zbigniew Gromnicki od rodziny

### **MON – Mar 20 (St. Joseph, spouse of BVM)**

8:30a -Birthday blessings for Michal Lukijaniuk req his family

### **TUES – Mar 21**

8:30a +MaryAnn Boatman req Maureen & Robert Topoleski

### **WED – Mar 22**

8:30a +Edward Piasecki req his wife Alberta

### **THUR – Mar 23 (St. Turibius of Mogrovejo)**

8:30a +Concettina Nicolosi req Cataliotti Family

### **FRI – Mar 24 (Abstinence)**

8:30a -God's blessings for Joseph Decker, Jr. req Matthew Decker

7:00p Stations of the Cross (English)

8:00p Stations of the Cross (Polish)

### **SAT – Mar 25 (Annunciation of the Lord)**

8:30a -Birthday blessings for Maria Kuczek req her children & grandchildren

5:00p -God's blessings for 100 year old Alberta Piasecki req Peggy Willis

### **SUN – Mar 26**

7:30a +ShirleyAnn Olenick req sister-in-law Arlene

10a +Thom Torode req Anderson Family

11:30a Pol: -Birthday blessings for Agnieszka & Abby Smith req the Gzella Family

**Altar Flowers** – NOT available

**Bread & Wine** – is offered this week in memory of Helen Hendershot req her sons & family

**Sanctuary Lamp** is lit this week in thanksgiving for a healthy birth of Jonthan

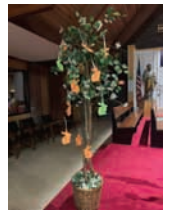
**Divine Mercy Candle** is lit this week in memory of Irene Wyss req her family

### **MINI-LENTEN RETREAT**

A mini-Lenten retreat will take place this Wed, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. See the article entitled, "*Is Jesus truly present in the Eucharist?*" Cake & coffee will be served.

### **Easter Giving Tree**

Our Easter Giving Tree is up and filled with many, many bunny tags. All Baskets are due back on Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please remember to sign out each tag so we may keep track. On each tag there are suggestions of the kind of basket the child might want—these are only suggestions.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be prayed every Friday during Lent starting at 7pm in English and 8pm in Polish. Besides or instead of giving up something for Lent why not add the Stations of the Cross!

### **HERSHEY PARK TICKETS**



All pre-paid orders are due back today, Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Each ticket is only \$42 per person ages 3+. 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. Any questions please call Eileen in the church office, 908-637-4269.

Did you hear about the Diaper Drive?



Diaper Drive until March 26<sup>th</sup>. Sizes newborn and 1 needed. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### **2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal**



By now you have received a letter from Bp. Checchio inviting your participation in the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. 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/BAA>. Our parish goal is \$15,000. To date we contributed \$4,697 towards our goal.

### **CHURCH BELLS**



The new system will cost \$14,000.00. We already have \$11,524 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.

### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS – March 2023**

1<sup>st</sup> week - \$2979

2<sup>nd</sup> week - \$3083

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

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

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID 2023-2024

Financial aid is available for students attending any Catholic school in the Diocese of Metuchen. Check out their website: [diometuchen.org](http://diometuchen.org). Applications and all required supporting documentation **must be submitted to FACTS Grant & Aid by March 31, 2023.**

### 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 for a mini-Lenten retreat on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Hall. If you can't make Wednesday another presentation will take place on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 8:55 AM, in the Parish Hall. Cake & coffee will be served. 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

### BIRTHDAY DINNER

You are invited to join us on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to dine with our parishioner, Alberta Piasecki, who is turning 100. RSVP with the number of people in your family and whatever side dish or dessert or beverage you will bring by **Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**. BYOB and call 908-637-4269 or email: [stpeterandpaul@comcast.net](mailto:stpeterandpaul@comcast.net). We are working on a fantastic menu with your help (side-dishes)!



### 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 many continents of the world. They serve in many of the Diocese of Metuchen churches including ours. Please be as generous as possible in the second collection today.

### EASTER FOOD DONATIONS

As of this printing we are asked to help 40 families for Easter. Along with Easter Baskets we like to send a bag of groceries & a ham home with each family in need for a nice Easter meal. If you can, please donate any of the following items for an Easter dinner:

- Instant potatoes (boxed or bagged), Stuffing, Gravy, Canned veggies, Applesauce, Cereal, Pasta & sauce, Cake & icing, Puddings/Jellos, Canned fruit, Mac & Cheese, Crackers/cookies. Also, **HAMS** (please call the office before dropping off). Please have all items in by Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### EASTER REMEMBRANCE MASSES



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 our bulletin and prayed for during these Masses.

### 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.

### Divine Mercy

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, St. 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. See how to pray the Divine Mercy novena and chaplet, how to pray before the Divine Mercy picture, how to make a good confession, and receive communion on Divine Mercy Sunday. All this information can be found in the back of our church. Clean your soul this Divine Mercy Sunday, (April 16<sup>th</sup> with special closing prayers at 3pm).

### 100 cards for 100 years

Join us in gathering 100 birthday cards for our parishioner, Alberta Piasecki, who will be turning 100 on April 26<sup>th</sup> of this year. Even if you don't know Alberta personally—this is a great idea. Look for a specially marked box in the back of our church where we will be collecting all the cards.



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*Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1Samuel 16:7*

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

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### PRAY FOR:

**Living:** Dorothy Ford, Anthony Granata, Edward Sosnovik, Mike Decker, Alan Jaworski, Jim Meringer, Covid-19 patients  
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