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Office Hours Monday - Friday, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm



Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo Administrator

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#### MASSES:

Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm Sundays: 7:30 am, 10:00 am (Eng)

11.20 am (Pol)

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

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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.

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 25/26 2023

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

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 reg Anderson Family

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

### MON – Mar 27

8:30a -God's blessings for Emma Mae Decker req Matthew Decker

### TUES – Mar 28

8:30a +Sophie Kurnath req Alice Kurnath

### **WED – Mar 29**

8:30a +Arthur Grabowski reg son Art

### THUR – Mar 30

8:30a +Tadeusz Ziobro reg daughter & family

### FRI – Mar 31 (Abstinence)

8:30a -God's blessings for Lukas Decker req Matthew Decker

7:00p LIVE Stations of the Cross (English)

8:00p Stations of the Cross (Polish)

### SAT – Apr 1

8:30a +Agnieszka Grzybczyk req Gzella Family

5:00p +Maria Sisto reg children & family

### SUN – Apr 2 (Palm Sunday)

7:30a +Joseph Farley Moran req Joseph Valentino 10a +Pamela George Barnes req Wingle Family

11:30a Pol: +Wladyslaw Borzecki od rodziny

### Altar Flowers – NOT available

**Bread & Wine** – is offered this week in memory of Hans & Marie Wyss req their family

Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week on the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Alberta Piasecki

Divine Mercy Candle is lit this week on the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Alberta Piasecki

### LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Come join us this Friday, March 31st, at 7pm in our Parish Hall for the Religious Education Program's LIVE presentation of the Stations of the Cross. This is a very unique experience. You don't want to miss this!

### **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 (17) (please call the office before dropping off). Please have all items in by Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **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.

### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS – March 2023**

1st week - \$2979

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

3<sup>rd</sup> week - \$2717

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

#### CHURCH BELLS



The new system will cost \$14,000.00. We already have \$12,574 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.

### **HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE**

Palm Sunday, April 2

**Vigil Mass** – 5:00pm **-** (Sat.)

Masses - 7:30am(Eng), 10am, (Eng), 11:30am(Pol)

**Confession** - Monday of Holy Week, April 3rd,

7pm - 8pm

### Holy Thursday, April 6th (NO MORNING MASS)

7:00pm Mass,

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

### Good Friday, April 7th (NO MORNING MASS)\*\*

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

**7:00pm** Stations of the Cross (English)

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

\*\*Start of Divine Mercy Novena\*\*

### Holy Saturday, April 8th (NO MORNING MASS)

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

8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass (English)

Easter Sunday, April 9th

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

**11:30am**(Polish)

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>-devotion at 3pm

### **Easter Giving Tree**

Only 6 bunny tags left on our tree as of the printing of this bulletin. 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!



Diaper Drive ends today. Please bring in your diaper donations in sizes newborn and 1 and place them in the colorful box. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### 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. 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 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

### 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal



This weekend, we are celebrating Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew **Weekend**. Our goal is for **ANNUAL APPEAL** every family to participate.

Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly Together, we are keeping Christ's appreciated. presence alive in the world today. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial Our parish goal is \$15,000. To date we support. contributed \$5,012 towards our goal.

### 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.

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

We received, from anonymous donors, a new Marian vestment, new red vestment, and a new funeral vestment. We would like to thank the children and families of the Polish First Holy Communion class for the new white vestment. Also, thank you to our Polish Rosary Group for the new Liturgical Cope and veil and thank you to the (Tracy) Trzeciakiewicz family for the new pall (coffin covering). May God bless your generosity.

### **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).

#### ANNUAL DIOCESE RETIRED PRIEST COLLECTION

This special collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, April 1 & 2. Please be as generous as your means will allow. See the insert from our Bishop in this week's bulletin.

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"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature." \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

### **PRAY FOR:**

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

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