

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH

By participating in this Feast our souls have the opportunity for all our temporal punishments from our sins to be wiped clean. In other words, when we sin we go to confession to have the priest forgive our sins. Each sin has a punishment attached to it called

a temporal punishment that the priest **cannot remove**. In order to remove the temporal punishments of our sins we could spend extra time in purgatory or we can participate in spiritual activities which can grant us plenary indulgences.

Some examples would be: •going to confession 20 days before or after obtaining the indulgence; •receiving Eucharistic communion; •praying for the intentions of our Pope; •praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament at least ½ hour; •participation in the Adoration of the Cross on Good Friday; •praying at least 5 decades of the rosary in church/chapel/in a family/religious community/pious association; •celebrating at a priest's first solemn Mass or his 25th, 50th, or 60th anniversary Mass; •visiting a church on the day of its dedication and praying 1 Our Father and the Creed; •renewing one's Baptismal promises during the Easter Vigil or on the anniversary of one's Baptism; •reading sacred Scripture with devotion to God's Word for at least 30 minutes; •piously praying the Stations of the Cross; each Friday during Lent recite the prayer "Look down Upon Me, Good and Gentle Jesus" after communion before an image of Christ crucified; •local Bishops may also impart Apostolic blessing three times a year on dates of their choosing at the end of a special solemn Mass. •BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT IS PARTICIPATING IN THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY. Find more information on this great feast on the brown table in the back of church. Join us on Sunday, April 27th at 3pm for the concluding prayers for the Divine Mercy Feast.

### LIFE CHOICES DIAPER DRIVE

This Diaper Drive will continue until, Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Items needed are: **diapers (size 4-7), pull-ups, wipes, diaper cream, baby shampoo & lotion, sunscreen, formula, bottles, gently used or new clothing**. All donations will benefit Life Choices in Phillipsburg. If you are able to help, please drop them off in the box marked Life Choices by Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

## HERSHEY PARK TICKETS!!!

It's that time again--plan for your summer get-a-way. If you are interested in discounted Hershey Park tickets, please fill out an order form, (found on the large brown table in church or on our website [peterpaulgm.com](http://peterpaulgm.com)), and bring your paid orders in by April 20th. Regular priced tickets are \$89.95 per person. Our discount tickets cost \$46.00 per person (ages 3+) and are good for 1 day in the park until January 4, 2026. Parking is an additional \$26 (if ordered on-line) or \$35 in-person. Take advantage of "Preview", the night before. Call the rectory if you have any questions, 908-637-4269.



### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

#### **Palm Sunday, April 13th**

**Vigil Mass – 5:00pm - (Sat.)**

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

**Confession - Monday of Holy Week, April 14th, 7pm - 8pm**

**Holy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> (NO MORNING MASS)**

**7:00pm Mass,**

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

**Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> (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 19<sup>th</sup> (NO MORNING MASS)**

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

**8:00pm** Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday, April 20th**

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

**11:30am(Polish)**

**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>-devotion at 3pm (English / Polish)**

### 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

*PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Journeying Together in Faith, Hope and Charity*

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

Our parish goal this year is \$15,000. We have raised \$5957.50 so far.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2025-2026 TUITION ASSISTANCE

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2025. A signed Parish Verification Form is also required by the Diocese, and should be signed by your Pastor, and submitted to the school or schools your children attend. Eligibility requirements, instructions and forms can be found at <https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance>. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

## 2025 THE JUBILEE-YEAR

History of the Jubilee Year: The first Jubilee Year was instituted in 1300 by pope Boniface VIII. It was established to help us grow closer to God, to transform our souls. It was to take place every 100 years. In 1343 Popel Clement VI reduced the time between Jubilee Years to 50 and in 1470 Pope Paul II made it every 25 years. This year 2025 Pope Francis has declared this a Jubilee Year or in other words a "Holy Year". In this Holy Year, one is granted a plenary indulgence or Jubilee Indulgence by participating through pilgrimage and prayer. You can travel to Rome to the Basilica of St. Peter or our Bishop has designated the following places within the Diocese of Metuchen: Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen, Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, Raritan, National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Washington, or the National Shrine of St. Lucy Filippini (inside St. Mary of Mt. Virgin Church), New Brunswick. To obtain the indulgence you must 1) receive Holy Communion, 2) pray for the intention of the Holy Father, 3) sincere intention to detach from all sin and go to confession, 4) participate in liturgical celebrations or other designated religious activities connected to the Jubilee Year. You may find all this information and more on the Diocesan website under the heading "Jubilee 2025, Pilgrims of Hope".

### **JOB OPPORTUNITY – PARISH SECRETARY**

Applicants are asked to have computer skills, basic accounting, ability to multi-task, maintain parish sacramental records, filing, and good communication and organization skills.

CALL: 732-634-4355 OR SEND RESUME TO [our.church@standrewparish.com](mailto:our.church@standrewparish.com).


### **40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Join Life Choices of Metuchen on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 5pm for a Mass in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen followed by a reception. Free will donations accepted. RSVP to attend at 732-516-

0911.

### **CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**

After Mass this weekend, look for one of our Confirmation students who will be handing out a prayer card. Please accept the card and pray for this student as he/she journeys closer to making their Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

*"Human life must always be*  
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** *defined from its beginning in the womb and must be recognized as a gift of God that guarantees the future of humanity."*

Pope Francis

Please join Christians throughout the globe to pray and fast for an end to abortion from March 5th to April 13th during the 40 Days for Life campaign, in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 66 East Washington Ave, Washington. For more information contact: Jennifer English, [amjadopt@comcast.net](mailto:amjadopt@comcast.net) 973 525-6692. or visit <https://40daysforlife.com/>

*"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you"*  
Isaiah 41:10

### **STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?**



RETROUVAILLE  
*a lifeline for your marriage*

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?

- Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with four follow-up sessions. Find out when the next session starts, contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email [3024@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:3024@helpourmarriage.org).

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### **Short Lenten Prayer:**

*"Oh Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything. Amen."*

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### **PRAY FOR:**

**Living:** Josef Sempruch, Elizabeth Klima, Letisia Stasi, Pope Francis, Carol Falivene, Florence Dzurek

**Deceased:** Rudy Pasko, James Stryker, Ed Pasko, Jr,  
Irena Pietras, Ellen Cavaliere