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9:30 am to 3:00 pm



Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo  
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## 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!

## YOUTH GROUP:

Calling all 8th through 12th graders.  
Join our youth group, bring your  
friends. Call Brian at 908-246-2843 for  
more information.

## E-mail

[stpeterandpaul@comcast.net](mailto:stpeterandpaul@comcast.net)

## Religious Education E-mail

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## Website

[www.peterpaulgm.com](http://www.peterpaulgm.com)

## Walking Pilgrimage

[www.walkingpilgrimage.us](http://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.

## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 17/18, 2025**

### **SAT – May 17**

5:00p +Bernard Zwolinski req daughter Florence & Joe Dzurek

### **SUN – May 18**

7:30a +-All names listed on the Easter Rem Envs

10a +Louis Francis req son Mark & Diane Francis & family

11:30a Pol: -God's blessings for the Polish First Holy Communion class and their families

### **MON – May 19**

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

### **TUES – May 20 (St. Bernardine of Siena)**

8:30a +-All names listed on Mother's Day rem envs

### **WED – May 21 (St. Christopher Magallanes)**

8:30a +Members of the Psczek Family

### **THUR – May 22 (St. Rita of Cascia)**

8:30a -Health & God's blessings for Marilyn Gorski req Morning Prayer Group

### **FRI – May 23**

8:30a +-All names listed on Mother's Day rem envs

### **SAT – May 24**

8:30a +Theresa Malaska req sister Catherine Dowhanik

5:00p +Margit Schleckmann req son & family

### **SUN – May 25**

7:30a +Maria Dait req Dait Family

10a +-All names listed on Mother's Day rem envs

11:30a Pol: -God's blessings for Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo on the occasion of his 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary into the priesthood

**Altar Flowers** – are donated by the Polish First Holy Communion Class

**Bread & Wine** – is offered this week for the soul of Nancy Penner req her family

**Sanctuary Lamp** – is available

**Divine Mercy Candle** – is lit this week for the return to good health of Marilyn Gorski req Morning Prayer Group

## **THANK YOU**

As a parent, our children are a very precious part of our daily existence. As a parish, the children renew our faith and add exuberance to our efforts in the community. But the one thing we all agree on is the importance of a relationship with Christ. That central goal drives us to share Christ with our children and help them develop their own relationship with Him. So, THANK YOU, catechists for your dedication to your ministry and your service to our youth. Your love of Christ is shown in the time you spend in study, prayer and preparation of your curriculum for your students. It goes far beyond the hour and a half of class time. And THANK YOU, parents and students for your support and willingness to learn. Please continue to pray for our catechists, our Religious Education Program, and our parish. When you get a chance, please offer your catechist a gesture of gratitude (an email, card, offer a Mass or a candle), because we can be the *Light of Christ* to each other.

### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS – May 2025**

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.

1st week - \$4613

2<sup>nd</sup> week - \$2882

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

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

## **DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE**

THIS weekend we are asked to take up the Development of Peoples collection. This collection benefits the Church in Latin America, the Church in Europe, and the Catholic Home Missions. Please be generous in the second collection THIS weekend.

## **2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

Thank you to everyone who could afford to donate to our Bishop's Annual Appeal. We surpassed our goal of \$15,000. To date we raised \$17,250.10 of which we will receive back 50% over our goal of \$15,000. Thank you and God Bless.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

September 20, 2025 diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, DC. Watch the bulletin for more details and bus opportunities.



## **WATER ANGELS NEEDED**

We are looking for people, families, children needing project hours or honor society hours, to help water the church flower gardens this summer. Please contact Gail to get on the schedule, 908-763-6162.

## **LOURDES VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE**

The directors of the Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage, Barry Vaughn and Bill Watkins, wish to thank our parish for hosting the pilgrimage last Friday evening, May 9<sup>th</sup>, and for the generous donations. May thanks to everyone who helped organize this special event and many thanks to Barbara Reed and Adella Kowalski for bringing this event to our church. May God and Mary bless us all.

### *Anchored in Hope*

The Brotherhood of Hope, in partnership with the Diocese of Metuchen and the St James men's ministry, will lead this area-wide men's night that includes good prayer, food, teaching, music, and faith-sharing. It's on Thursday May 22 at the *Stone House at Stirling Ridge* (the Lodge) in Warren, with Evening Prayer starting at 5:45 pm, then wine, dinner and the 6:30 program. Free will offering at the event. RSVP [terryconley@me.com](mailto:terryconley@me.com) if you plan to attend.



**The following names were taken from the Mother's Day Remembrance envelopes and will be remembered in Masses**

**throughout the month of May:**

**LIVING:** Iwona Mania, Maria Dela Rama, Alina Chretien, Marjorie Hancock, Jozefa Bakaj, Anna Fiore, Katarzyna Kowal, Jill & Czeslawa Hader, Alexis Ko, Danuta Gzella, Kasia Turbek, Agnieszka Smith, Elzbieta Zawisza, Lucyna Badowski, Karen Leone, Kim Greco, Adella Kowalski, Arlene Pidgeon, mothers of the Leta & Greco & Reed families, Wanda & Nicole & Brittney Buga, Wanda Krukowska, Alina Banasiak, Barbara & Teresa & Irena, Jolanta Szmigielski, Paulina Knysak, Evelina Szmigielska, Eileen Fratangelo, Lisa Leiva, Diana Pinto, Victoria Rebar, Betty Drake, Barbara Reed, Doris Oberc, Stella Smaracko

**DECEASED:** Maria Mania, Margaret Szewczyk, Lucy A Young, Emilia Lubecka, Wiktoria Hader, Stanislaw Kasprzyk, Anna Lubas, Irene & Marie Wyss, Helen & Ann Yturbe, Stella Wojcik, Katherine & Agnes & Ann Marie & Elizabeth Wojcicki, Anne Misich, Viola Wujcik, Cecelia Treller, Margaret Strunk, Kitty Sturm, Elzbieta Grzybczyk, Janina Gzella, Anna Smith, Stanislaw Wieciech, Janina Losos, Dorothy Sosnovik, Connie Romano, Eleanor Willis, MaryAnn Boatman, Antonina & Lidia Ziobro, Bertha Stachowicz, Margit Schleckmann, mothers of the Leta & Greco & Reed families, Genowefa Kazmierczak, Michalina Tomczuk, Geslawa Gawel, Agata Grab, Irena Talajczyk, Stefania Stelmaszczyk, Marianna Zych, Helen Olenick, Santina Fratangelo, Shirley Ann Olenick, Agnes & Anna Kowalski, May Rinko, Marianna Wysowaty

### *Spirit-Strengthened Hope*

Join our Pentecost evening on Saturday, June 7th at 7:00 pm at St Peter Church in New Brunswick. Many diocesan men and women will come together with the parish, the Brotherhood of Hope, and Petros young adults for songs and prayers invoking the Holy Spirit's release, healing, and power.

### **REMINDER...**

Bp. Checchio has designated the following sacred places within our diocese as places where the faithful may obtain the Jubilee Indulgence:

- Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen
- Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, Raritan
- National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Washington, NJ

-National Shrine of St. Lucy Filippini (inside St. Mary of Mt. Virgin Church), New Brunswick

These sacred spaces have been carefully chosen to reflect the spiritual significance of pilgrimage and to foster deeper conversion and reconciliation among the people of God. The visit is not merely and outward action but a reflection of the soul's pilgrimage toward God, with conversion, reconciliation, and renewal at its heart. Thus, the faithful obtain the Jubilee indulgence by fulfilling the following conditions:

- Reception of Holy Communion
- Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father
- A sincere intention to detach from all sin, even venial sins, and, if necessary, going to confession
- Participate in liturgical celebrations or other designated religious activities connected to the Jubilee Year.

Please do this before December 8, 2025.

### **You are Invited to the Ordinations to the Diaconate**

Bp Checchio is inviting all the people of the diocese to the following ordinations: Sat., May 24, 10:30a, Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi, Metuchen, Messrs. Thomas Pluhar and James Prumos will be ordained as deacons.

Ordination to the Priesthood, Sat., May 31, 10:30a, Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi, Metuchen, Deacons Jan Magcawas and Jerome Ocampo will be ordained as priests. Please pray for those to be ordained as well as for all our priests and seminarians.

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*"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."* (John 13:34)

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus' love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know, or someone that doesn't look like you.

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### **PRAY FOR:**

**Living:** Frank Choppy, Marilyn Gorski, Annette Munley, Leslie Washuta, Joan Critchley

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



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