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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

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**CONFESSION:** Saturday,  
4:00 - 4:50 pm (*before the 5:00 pm  
Mass*) and before the 8:30 am Mass  
(*by appointment only*).

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**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.

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**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.

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## 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.

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## O.C.I.A. (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS):

Interested in becoming Catholic?  
Interest in making the Sacraments of  
Confirmation? Eucharist? 908-637-  
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## VISITATION OF THE SICK:

Every first Friday of the month, at  
home or in the hospital, please call  
the church office, 908-637-4269.

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## FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH NIGHT PRAYER:

In Polish from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

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## BLUE ARMY PRAYER GROUP:

Every Monday from 5:00 pm in the  
Chapel. New members are always  
welcome!

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**OUTREACH PROGRAM:** If you are  
in need please call the Parish Office at  
908-637-4269. All calls kept  
confidential.

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**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.

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## POLISH ROSARY SOCIETY:

Meets every first Friday of each month  
at 7:00 pm. New members are always  
welcome!

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## YOUTH GROUP:

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

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## E-mail

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## Website

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

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## Walking Pilgrimage

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

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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.

## **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**August 23/24, 2025**

### **SAT – Aug 23 (St. Rose of Lima)**

5:00p +Sadie Moroz req granddaughter Gail  
McMahon

### **SUN – Aug 24**

7:30a +Marjorie Chamberlain req Pasko Family

10a +Raymond Hendershot req sons & family

11:30a Pol: +Ewa & Franciszek Rusol od corka

### **MON – Aug 25 (St. Louis & St. Joseph Calasanz)**

8:30a +Marie McSorley req Walt & Trish Horzepa

### **TUES – Aug 26**

8:30a +Robert Topoleski, Jr. req Patty Barley

### **WED – Aug 27 (St. Monica)**

8:30a +Agnes Kolendowicz req Cheryl Barton

### **THUR – Aug 28 (St. Augustine)**

8:30a +Florence Greco req Barbara & Jack Reed

### **FRI – Aug 29 (Passion of St. John the Baptist)**

8:30a -Birthday blessings for Lisa Santiago req  
Dait Family

### **SAT – Aug 30**

8:30a -Birthday blessings for Viki req Dait Family

5:00p -God's blessings for the wedding anniv. of  
Agnieszka & Zbigniew req their family

### **SUN – Aug 31**

7:30a +Helen Hendershot req her sons & family

10a -God's blessings and in honor of Maria Woje  
& Frank Tammera req McGlynn Family

11:30a Pol: +Stanislaw Kasprzyk of rodziny Hader

**Altar Flowers** – are donated this week in memory of  
MaryAnn Boatman req Mulhall & Willis families

**Bread & Wine** – is offered this week in memory of  
Margaret Szewczyk req her family

**Sanctuary Lamp** – is lit this week in memory of  
Raymond Hendershot req sister-in-law Arlene  
Olenick

**Divine Mercy Candle** – is lit this week for the return  
to good health of Iszbel Pereiras req her family

### **OCIA**

OCIA classes are starting in the Fall. If you are  
interested in becoming Catholic or know of someone  
interested or if you missed a sacrament and wish to  
make it up, please call the parish office at 908-637-  
4269.

### **BLUE ARMY SHRINE, ASBURY, NJ**

Kevin Matthews will be speaking at the National Blue  
Army Shrine in Asbury, NJ on Saturday, September 13,  
in honor of the 108th Anniversary of the Fourth  
Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. Kevin's talk will begin  
at 12:30 p.m., followed by Holy Mass with Bishop  
Checchio at 1:15 p.m. All are invited.

### **FRIENDLY'S FUNDRAISER**

Support the Mt Lake Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary on  
Wednesday, August 27 from 4 - 8 pm. The Hackettstown  
Friendly's will donate 20% of your purchase when you  
dine in or take out. Just present the flyer found in the back  
of the church or mention the fundraiser when placing your  
order. Thank you!

### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS – August 2025**

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.

1st week - \$2849                      2<sup>nd</sup> week - \$2720

3<sup>rd</sup> week - \$2712                      4<sup>th</sup> week - \$

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of innocent  
victims of violence in the Middle East who are  
struggling to survive, protect their children, and live  
with dignity in dire conditions. The Holy Father  
continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the  
territory, noting with great sorrow that "Gaza is  
starving." The Catholic Near East Welfare Association  
(CNEWA) is there providing vital emergency  
humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care  
for the sick, malnourished and wounded. Catholic  
Relief Services (CRS) is working through local Church  
partners to provide food, shelter, cash assistance,  
hygiene supplies, and care for people's emotional well-  
being. Bishop Checchio is asking the parishes of the  
Metuchen Diocese to take a special collection to  
provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our  
affected brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding  
areas in the Middle East. **This crucial collection will be  
taken up next weekend at all Masses.**

### **Youth Group (YG) Open House**

**Wed., Aug. 27th**

Calling all teenagers (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)! Our YG is  
having an ice cream & games meet-and-greet this  
Wednesday, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6:15-7:30 PM, in the  
Parish Hall. What's there? Food, music, tug-of-war,  
Spike ball, beachball volleyball, badminton, ping pong,  
basketball shooting arcade, cornhole, gym scooters,  
pickleball, putting green, air hockey, foosball and more.  
It's two floors of ice cream, fun, music, and fellowship!  
Interested? Stop by and bring a friend, too! The staff  
leaders can't wait to meet you. Note: The YG's 3rd  
season starts on Wednesday, September 17th from 6:  
15-8PM.

**Deacon Steve Presents: “When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God”**  
 You know that prayer is important but still find it challenging. Perhaps it’s hard to find time, or you’re unsure what to do when you pray. Or maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them. If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer. They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God’s grace. What God did in the lives of countless saints, he wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. And that’s what this study is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on.

Join Deacon Steve in the parish hall for “*When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God*”, beginning **Monday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:00pm** and continuing on **Monday’s Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>**. A limited number of zoom spots will be available for someone who is physically unable to attend. Registration required. Please register by emailing Deacon Steve at [Deaconstevegunther@gmail.com](mailto:Deaconstevegunther@gmail.com). There is no cost to this program. Open to all.

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Washington, DC

The Diocese of Metuchen will be hosting a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on September 20 in celebration of Jubilee 2025. Please join Bishop Checchio and hundreds of other parishioners this fall as we travel to Washington, DC, to celebrate the 2,025<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Incarnation of Our Lord. Buses are available. Check the Diocese website and on the main screen click the “Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope” box, then scroll towards the bottom of that page and you will find the buses available.

### CATHEDRAL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The Bishop has decreed that during the Jubilee year he has designated the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi a sacred place for the Jubilee Indulgence. On Friday, September 12, radio icon Kevin Matthews will be sharing the inspiring story behind his new book, “Mary’s Roadie” and how a broken statue of Mary changed his life. The event will begin at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen, NJ, with Praise and Worship at 7:00 p.m., followed by Eucharistic Adoration. There will be a book signing, with light refreshments, following Kevin’s talk.

### • 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.

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**“Lord, help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that you and I together can’t handle.” Amen**

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### PRAY FOR:

**Living:** Magaret Sypniewski, Beth Courter, Ewa Gorna, Barbara Reed, John Schleckmann, Isabel Pereiras, Josef Sempruch, Letizia Stasi

**Deceased:** Thomas Penner, Juan Colinas, Sandra Garriques, Pope Francis, Rudy Pasko, James Stryker

### Welcome to Ss. Peter & Paul Church

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate the Holy Mass with us. We thank God you are here.

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