SAINTS PETER & PAUL CHURCH

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Welcome to our Church!

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



Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo Administrator

Eileen Wyss Parish Secretary

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MASSES:

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.

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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

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.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 24/25, 2024

<u>SAT</u> – Aug 24 (St. Bartholomew)

5:00p +Peg O'Neil req Jenn & Chris Mulhall <u>SUN</u> – Aug 25

7:30a +Raymond Hendershot req his sons & family 10a +IMO Nancy Penner req her family

11:30a Pol: +Stefan & Stefania Kulecza od rodziny Kaczynski

<u>MON</u> – Aug 26

8:30a + Marian Gzella req Mark Machacek

<u>TUES</u> – Aug 27 (St. Monica)

8:30a +Emilia & Piotr Ziobro req niece & family

<u>WED</u> – Aug 28 (St. Augustine)

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

<u>Altar Flowers</u> – are available <u>Bread & Wine</u> is offered this week in memory of Ann & Phil Yturbe req Wyss family <u>Sanctuary Lamp</u> is available <u>Divine Mercy Candle</u> is lit this week in memory of Marian Gzella req his family

AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM



Great News!!! Our airconditioning system is FIXED! Upon further research TGM Services of Hackettstown found several other problems

with our system. But now all is fixed. Thank you to everyone who were able to donate a little towards the repair bill.

Parish Hall Game Rooms Open House

Calling all soon-to-be 8th-12th graders! Our Youth Group is having a game hour on Wednesday, August 28th, from 4:30-5:30 PM, in the Parish Hall. What's there? Music, and 11 game areas of: beachball volleyball, badminton, Spike ball, 2-person basketball shooting arcade, cornhole, pickleball, gym scooters, putting green, air hockey, foosball, and ping pong. It's 2 floors of fun. Interested? RSVP Mrs. Francis (<u>dfrancis280@comcast.net</u>) or Mr. Young (<u>byoung8sts@gmail.com</u>) by Tuesday, August 27th. Come and see what's there for you!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – August 2024

Thank you for your continued generosity & support. 1^{st} week - \$2870 2^{nd} week - \$3042 3^{rd} week - \$2476 4^{th} week - \$

THUR – Aug 29 (Passion of St. John the Baptist)

8:30a +All souls in purgatory

<u>FRI</u> – Aug 30

8:30a -Birthday blessings for Viki Dait req her family

<u>SAT</u> – Aug 31

8:30a +Monika Koprowska req Cichocki family

5:00p -Birthday blessings for Irena Jedrke req Dait Family

<u>SUN</u> – Sept 1

7:30a +Edward & Dorothy Sosnovik req son Russ 10a +Helen Hendershot req her sons & family

11:30a Pol: -O Boze blog. z okazji slubu Agnieszki i Zbigniewa od rodziny

YOUTH GROUP



Calling all 8th through 12th graders. Join our youth group, bring your friends. Games, pizza, ice cream, fun, and helping your church and community. Call Brian

at 908-246-2843 for more info.

Silver & Gold & 5 Year Wedding Anniversary

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th or 5th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 3:00 PM. This year the Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service will include couples celebrating 5 years of marriage. Registration is required. Please register online at: https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-

anniversary-celebration. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 11, 2024. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-

anniversary-celebration or calling 732-562-1543.

MASS

Going on vacation? Don't forget to check out **catholicmasstime.org** to find a Catholic church in the area you will be staying. You never know what great choir or homily you will hear in a different church. Stop and thank the Lord for a great vacation.

4-DAY WALKING PILGRIMAGE

Our 37th 4-day Walking Pilgrimage, dedicated to our Holy Mother, is a spiritual walk through the country side with a destination of Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine located in Doylestown, PA. This year approximately 1,200 people participated with 43 religious (priests, nuns, Brothers), and 163 service volunteers. This was a very large event for our church to run and it was also very successful. Many thanks goes out to all the different teams that work during this pilgrimage, for example, the registration team who usually arrive very early to register people and also the small team on the pilgrimage who are always registering walkers. The traffic team marches with the walkers ensuring their safety on the roads while they direct traffic, usually single lane, around the walkers. Our cold drink team consists of men in pick-up trucks bringing cold water, iced tea and lemonade to the walkers at every rest stop every day. We also provide portable toilets at every rest stop. Our luggage team transports all the luggage and personal tents to the overnight stops, unloads all the luggage and tents and sets up a large tent for Mass and a shower tent for walkers every day of the pilgrimage. We have a small group who oversees our park stays to make sure all our pilgrims are safe and everything is set up correctly. Our clean-up crew follows the walkers and makes sure all papers and garbage are picked-up after the walkers leave a rest area. Our medical team consists of nuns. nurses, doctors, and volunteers who administer to people needing medical assistance. Our kitchen crew cooks and prepares meals for the walkers 3 times a day every day during the pilgrimage. We also have a crew of volunteers that prepare bagels, sandwiches, and salad for the walkers. Our coffee/tea team makes sure the walkers have hot coffee and tea with each meal and also some type of desserts and treats. We would like to thank our parishioners who helped on these teams and also say thank you to our parishioners who helped to keep the church and parking lot clean this year. Many thanks to Fr. Greg for coordinating all the priests and getting all the items ready for Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. And our transport team consisting of 3 passenger vans that transport people to and from the pilgrimage and transports priests back and forth throughout the pilgrimage. Thank you to Fr. Greg for all his hard work in setting up pre-registration sites, and gathering a lot of food donations from different businesses in NJ & NY. Thanks to all who helped and prayed for a successful event.

Mark your calendars—next year's pilgrimage will be August $7^{th} - 10^{th}$, 2025.

WITH SINCERE THANKS

We would like to thank our parishioners who mail or deliver their weekly envelopes to the parish office while they are out-of-town or on vacation. Many understand,

parish expenses and obligations do not take vacations. It is very helpful to rely on your continued support.

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Mass & New Jersey March For Life

Thursday, September 26, 2024, 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Location: Trenton, NJ

- 9:30 AM Mass for Life at St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral, 151 Warren St. in Trenton
- Mass will end in time to walk the short distance to the NJ March for Life Event Site
- Seating at the Cathedral is first come, first served (No RSVP is necessary)
- Overflow seating will be available in the lower level with livestreamed viewing on large screens.
- Spanish translation devices will be available on site.
- 11:00 AM March for Life Rally & Speakers at the Statehouse Annex, 131 W. State Street in Trenton
- 12:00 Noon The March steps off! (one mile loop through Trenton and back to the Statehouse Annex)
- \$20.00 to reserve a seat on the bus that departs the Diocesan Center in Piscataway 8:00 AM.

Please visit the diocese website: https://www.diometuchen.org/events/mass-newjersey-march-for-life for more information and to reserve your seat on the bus.

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, our words and actions should reflect the Gospel message to others.

PRAY FOR:

Living: Toni, Letizia Stasi, Christopher Muller, Leslie Washuta, John Lee, Audrey Matlock, Brian Gorski

Deceased: Ellen Cavaliere, Carmela Polimeni, Salvatore LoIacono, Marcia Cussen, Bryan Krakauer



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