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



Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo
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Eileen Wyss
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Diane Francis
Religious Ed. Director

Music Director

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!

E-mail

stpeterandpaul@comcast.net

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peterpaulreled@comcast.net

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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 26/27, 2023

SAT – Aug 26

5:00p +Luke Stroud & the comfort of the Stroud Family req Mark & Diane Francis

SUN – Aug 27

7:30a +Raymond Hendershot req his sons & family
10a +Ernest DeMarco req his family
11:30a Pol:-O Boze Blog. z okazji rocznicy slubu od rodziny

MON – Aug 28 (St. Augustine)

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

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

8:30a +Zofia Ringwelska req Polish Rosary Group

WED – Aug 30

8:30a -God's graces for Natalia

THUR – Aug 31

8:30a +MaryAnn Boatman req Natalie White & Joyce Hing

FRI – Sept 1 (1st Friday)

8:30a +Victoria Ekesson req her family
7:00p Pol: -O Boze Blog. dla rodziny rozancowej

SAT – Sept 2

8:30a -Birthday blessings for 83 year old Janet Decker req her family

5:00p +Irene Wyss req her family

SUN – Sept 3

7:30a +Helen Hendershot req her sons & family
10a +Frankie Tamera req his dad
11:30a Pol:+Grzegorz Gubernat od rodziny

Altar Flowers – are donated this week in memory of Luke Stroud req his family

Bread & Wine – is offered this week in memory of Emilia Teixeira Alves req Teixeira 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 in memory of Nancy Wilk req Teixeira Family

WHAT IS R.C.I.A?

Are you a confirmed Catholic who would like to know more about your faith?

Are you a baptized Catholic, but you have never completed your initiation into the church with First Communion and/or Confirmation?

Or perhaps you were baptized into another Christian denomination and you are interested in the Catholic faith or maybe you have never been baptized.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a warm inviting experience for adults which can lead up to the sacrament of initiation at the Easter Vigil. Sessions will begin in the Fall. Contact Marilyn at 908-459-4483.



FIRST FRIDAY

This Friday (9/1) is the first Friday of the month. Please join us anytime between the hours of 9am and 12 noon to visit with the Blessed Sacrament in our chapel. More participation is needed to continue this event.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – August 2023

1st week - \$3179

2nd week - \$2137

3rd week - \$2832

4th week - \$

Ss. Philip & James Eucharistic Revival

430 South Main St, Phillipsburg, Year of Parish Revival (2023-2024). This Eucharistic Revival is organized "to form, heal, convert, unite and send out the People of God through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist" (National Eucharistic Renewal), 5th Talk; How does a Christian attend Mass? (Mr. Dan Amable) Wed., Sept. 13th at 6:30pm, 6th Talk; Eucharist and Parish Life (Fr. Brian Nolan) Tues., Oct. 3rd at 6:30pm.



JOB OPENING

Catholic Charities Child Care is looking for staff for a new after school program beginning at Great Meadows School District this coming school year. Experience working with children required. Teachers or district staff encouraged to apply! Please contact Sandy Oswald at 908-329-2027 or soswald@ccdom.org. Please include resume.

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION FOR HAWAII

As of Monday, August 21, at least 114 people have died and more than 800 people remain missing from fires that ravaged the Hawaiian island of Maui. Catholic Charities USA is actively providing lifesaving resources and relief on the ground. Please give generously in the second collection today to help in the efforts of Catholic Charities.

BLUE ARMY PRAYER GROUP

Meets every Monday in our chapel at 5pm for prayers. All are welcome.



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WALKING PILGRIMAGE, THANK YOUs

Thank you to the following people and families for letting us borrow their propane tanks from their grills: Kuduk, Lubecki, Buga, Pazdzierski, and Mysona families. Thank you to our church cleaners: Stroud, Runyon, McKenna, Gorski, and Hurley families. Thank you to our bagel, sandwich, and salad team for coming in early and preparing the food: Hader, Szmigielski, Szczeblewski, Woje, Tammera, Bielecki, Szewc, Szmigiel, Buga, Kowalski, Schleckmann, Zukowska, Stroz, Forte, Hancock, and Kaczmarek Families. Thank you to all our parishioners who donated items for our 4-day Walking Pilgrimage: Stroud, Runyon, Hurley, Decker, Barley, Swider, Wyss, Wojcik, Pilny, Szewc, Dait, Hancock, Bielecki, Reed, Fortin, Kowalski, Crawford, Gac, Machacek, Willis, Teixeira, Schleckmann, Medore, Stroz, Krzyzanowski, Caleca, Kaczynski, Lubecki, Bonecki, Winter, Szmigielski, Fischer, McKenna and anyone who donated but did not sign the Wish List sheet. Thanks so much for all your support. May God bless you all and may God continue to bless our church and church families.

Courses from Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology. Interested in learning more about your faith? Learn more about graduate theological courses offered this Fall in Biblical Studies, Church History, Christian Ethics, Systematic Theology, Pastoral Theology, Spirituality, Evangelization, and Multicultural Catechesis. For details, please e-mail theology@shu.edu or call Elizabeth Vacchiano at (973) 761-9633.

BE NOT AFRAID

Perhaps priesthood has crossed your mind, but fear pushes the idea away:

- My friends would laugh if they heard I was thinking about the priesthood!
- My parents would be shocked.
- My mom wants grandkids.
- I'm scared to death of speaking in public.
- I'm nowhere near holy enough.
- I don't want to give up sex.
- I'll be lonely.
- Seminary may be too hard for me.
- Being a priest seems lame.

These fears are very common, even for men who are already in seminary. But literally thousands of men have had the same concerns and then went on to become holy and effective priests. Contact Fr. Mauricio Tabera-Vasquez, Vocation Recruiter, (732) 562-2457, vocations@diometuchen.org

Sanctuary Lamp / Bread & Wine / Divine Mercy Candle

Please contact the church office, 908-637-4269, if you would like to book the Sanctuary Lamp, Bread & Wine, or Divine Mercy Candle for the week in memory of or in honor of a loved one. The cost is only \$10 for the week. The name(s) will be placed in the bulletin and announced at all Masses for the week it is booked.



RELIGIOUS ED NEWS...

Applications for September's classes are now being accepted. Classes will start the third Sunday in September. If you have school aged students, please sign up soon. Please spread the word to your neighbors and friends. Call 908-637-4269 for more information.



PROPANE TANKS

Thank you to everyone who let us borrow their propane tanks. Please contact the church rectory to make arrangements for your pick-up.



Feminine Genius Brunch – Saturday, October 14, 2023

Come join us for a beautiful morning set aside to marvel at the mystery of God and His plan for each of us! This event includes a presentation and book signing by Shannon Whitmore, author of the new book, *"See Yourself as God Does: Understanding Holy Body Image through Catholic Scripture" (Ascension)*. The morning will include prayer and reflection, brunch and a review of some service ideas for women to get more involved in ministry. This event is for women of all ages and will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway from 9:30AM-12:30PM. For more information and/or to register please visit www.diometuchen.org/familylife or call 732-562-1543.

Silver & Gold Anniversary Celebration

The diocesan church cordially invites couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries in 2023 to attend the Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service with Bishop Checchio on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 548 Main St., Metuchen, NJ. Registration is required to attend the Prayer Service.

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?"-Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

PRAY FOR:

Living: Pat Kowalski, Frank Fortino, Irena Pietras, Zbigniew Grzywna, Julia Gromnicki, Marian Gzella
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