

SAINTS PETER & PAUL CHURCH

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



Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo
Administrator

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!

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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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 23/24, 2023

SAT – Sept 23 (St. Pius of Pietrelcina)

5:00p +Luke Stroud req Alan & Karen Stroud

SUN – Sept 24

7:30a -Birthday blessings for Michael Decker, Jr.
req his family

10a -God's blessings, guidance, and graces for the
Bielecki Family

11:30a Pol:+Jana i Stanislaw Kasprzyk od rodziny
Hader

MON – Sept 25

8:30a +Frances Ricci req Alberta Piasecki

TUES – Sept 26 (Ss. Cosmas & Damiana)

8:30a +Edward Chalupa req Polish Rosary Group

WED – Sept 27 (St. Vincent de Paul)

8:30a +Robert Crawford req Walt & Trish Horzepa

THUR – Sept 28 (Ss. Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz)

8:30a +Kazimierz Ziobro req his sister & family

FRI – Sept 29 (Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael)

8:30a +Bernard Dean req Alberta Piasecki

SAT – Sept 30 (St. Jerome)

8:30a -Birthday blessings for Helena Podsiadlo req
Gzella Family

5:00p -For the protection of all the unborn

SUN – Oct 1

7:30a -For the protection of all the unborn

10a -For the protection of all the unborn

11:30a Pol-For the protection of all the unborn

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

Bread & Wine – is offered this week in memory of Wladyslaw Kuczek req children & grandchildren

Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for God's blessings for Krystyna Maczuga

Divine Mercy Candle is lit this week for God's blessings for Maria Saulewicz

R.C.I.A.

Catechumens-Unbaptized adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time will receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist) fruit fully.

Candidates-Baptized Christians desiring to join the Catholic Church may also participate in components of RCIA that are appropriate to their needs in preparation for the Rite of Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.

Candidates-Catholics who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation may also participate in components of RCIA that are appropriate to their needs in preparation for the completion of the Sacrament of Initiation.

If you fall into one of these categories and wish to become Catholic, please contact Marilyn at 908-459-4483.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – September 2023

1st week - \$2735

2nd week - \$2682

3rd week - \$2917

4th week - \$

ANIMAL BLESSINGS



On Wednesday, October 4th (Feast of St. Francis) Fr. Greg will bless all animals in our parking lot. Please bring your pets to the church parking lot by 7pm. For the safety of all people and pets; all pets must be in cages or on leashes.

ROSARY MAKING

Come join us and our Religious Ed classes on Sunday, October 1st and/or Sunday, October 15th, in the Parish Hall, to make rosaries. Join us anytime from 8:30am to 10am. It's easy and fun. Please remember that rosaries are always available in the back of the church by our Blessed Mother and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

They are made by our Rosary Making Group. We ask that only adults take the rosaries and treat them with respect. Please do not let your children play with them like toys or wear them like jewelry.

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



Cecchio 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.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today will take up the annual Peter's Pence collection for our Pope. He uses this money to help the very poor, nations ravaged by war, and natural disasters. Please be generous in the second collection today.

LIFE CHAIN

The **Life Chain** is an anti-abortion social movement organization. It was started in 1987 in Yuba City and Marysville by a small California-based anti-abortion rights ministry called "Please Let Me Live". Every first Sunday of October, Life Chain invites various churches and congregations across the United States and Canada to stand on designated sidewalks and outside churches to pray peacefully and silently for the protection of all the unborn around the world. In September 1991, Life Chain activists formed a demonstration in Manhattan, New York City during which 1,200 abortion rights opponents formed a "vast, sparse human cross." This relatively small number of Pro-Lifers was met with an opposing Pro-Choice demonstration, consisting of 4,000 pro-abortion marchers who rallied down the streets and "engulfed them in a roar of chants, shouts, and anger. No injuries were reported and only three people were taken into custody for disorderly conduct. After the streets settled down, both sides were quick to claim victory; the pro-choice group, led by Rayna Baum, saw success in its superior numbers, while the anti-abortion group saw success in their being faithful in their service to God in the face of overwhelming opposition. Our annual Life Chain will take place on Sunday, October 1st starting a 2pm. Please join us in prayer for the unborn.

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

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), 6th Talk; Eucharist and Parish Life (Fr.

Brian Nolan) Tues., Oct. 3rd at 6:30pm.

Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing

Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/end-of-life-considerations.

We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God. Our journey with Christ includes equipping our consciences to make morally good judgments at the end of life. While no summary can substitute for thorough catechesis, one thing is clear: we are entrusted by God with the gift of life. This obliges us to make use of appropriate, effective medical care. The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity. Nothing diminishes the sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it. Those who are sick should not be alone, and, even after death, accompaniment continues by praying for those who have passed.

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"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last". - Matthew 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

PRAY FOR:

Living: Buga Family, Irena Pietras, Zbigniew Grzywna, Julia Gromnicki, Marian Gzella

Deceased: Rosemary Washuta, Zofia Koc, Louise Stefanski, Patricia Steiner, Kazimierz Cwalinski, Joseph Godlewsky

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