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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

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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.

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

Interested in becoming Catholic? Interest in making the Sacraments of Confirmation? Eucharist? 908-637-4269.

#### VISITATION OF THE SICK:

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

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

#### POLISH ROSARY SOCIETY:

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

#### 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.

#### 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

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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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Address:
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<ul><li>New Parishioner/Family</li></ul>
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#### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 4/5, 2025

SAT – Oct 4 (St. Francis of Assisi)

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

SUN - Oct 5 (Respect Life Sunday)

7:30a +Maria F. Bocko req Florence & Joe Dzurek

10a -For the protection of all the unborn

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

MON – Oct 6 (Ss. Bruno & Marie Rose Durocher)

8:30a +Ruth Kurnath req husband & family

**TUES – Oct 7 (Our Lady of the Rosary)** 

8:30a -Birthday blessings for Olivia Milner req Dait Family

WED – Oct 8

8:30a +Reid Bechtle req Sobon Family

**Altar Flowers** – are available

**Bread & Wine** – is offered this week in memory of Nancy & Thomas Penner reg family

**Sanctuary Lamp** – is lit this week for the soul of Frances Granata req Granata Family

**Divine Mercy Candle** – is lit this week in loving memory of Agnes Martinez req Janet & Cristy



This year represents the 16th year we will hold our Life Chain. This life chain is not a protest but a witness to all that life is to be respected from time of inception to natural death. We stand for 30 minutes quietly in prayer. Our presence may just be the reason a person may change their mind and a life can be saved. Join us **THIS** Sunday, October 5th at 2pm.

#### **World Mission Sunday**

You are invited to celebrate World Mission Sunday on October 19, 2025 in the St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen starting at 11am. There will be a short talk from a missionary followed by a recitation of the rosary. The Holy Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon with Bp. Checchio.

#### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS – September 2025**

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.

1st week - \$2446

2<sup>nd</sup> week - \$3103

3<sup>rd</sup> week - \$2747

4th week - \$2673

#### THUR – Oct 9 (Ss. Denis & John Leonardi)

8:30a +Robert Kosc req his family

FRI - Oct 10

8:30a +Edward B. (Tracy) Trzeciakiewicz req Ed & Anne Marie Tracy

#### SAT – Oct 11 (St. John XXIII)

8:30a +Joseph Cangelosi req his family

5:00p +Tadeusz Ziobro req his daughter & family

**SUN – Oct 12** 

7:30a +Edward & Anna (Tracy) Trzeciakiewicz req Ed & Anne Marie Tracy

10a +Patricia & John Foley req Patty Barley 11:30a Pol: +Jozefa Hader, Jr. od rodziny Hader

#### **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". The gatherings run from 6:30pm – 8:00pm in our Parish Hall. The next gathering will be Monday, Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, Oct 13th, Nov 3rd, Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, and the final gathering Nov 17th. Registration required. Please register by emailing Deacon Steve at Deaconstevegunther@gmail.com. There is no cost to this program. Open to all.

#### BAGS OF JOY



Our parishioner, Trish Horzepa, is spreading happiness and joy one bag at a time to patients going through chemo. Can you Help??? Please donate any of the following items: hand lotion, lip balm, hand

sanitizer, small pack of tissues, stress balls, fun toys, puzzles, word search, sudoku, crossword puzzles, individually wrapped cookies, crackers, chocolates, hard candies, life savers, lollipops. Anything that can fit into a small paper bag. All donations will be accepted until October 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **BP MOVING TO NEW ORLEANS**

On September 23, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop James F. Checchio as the Coadjutor Archbishop of New Orleans. A "coadjutor" bishop is appointed to assist the diocesan bishop until his retirement. This means that New Orleans Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond will continue to lead the Archdiocese of New Orleans, until such time that the Holy Father accepts his resignation. When that happens, he will then be automatically succeeded by Archbishop-designate In the meantime, Bishop Checchio now becomes the Administrator of the Diocese of Metuchen with our diocesan offices functioning as normal. A date for his departure to the Archdiocese of New Orleans is still being decided. Obviously, when that date becomes known, an announcement will be made for a Mass of farewell. Bishop Checchio said of the appointment, in part, "These past nine years as Bishop of Metuchen have been a grace-filled and privileged time in my life and priestly ministry. As I now prepare to leave Metuchen and the priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful whom I have grown more deeply in love each year, I promise them my ongoing daily prayers". More information can be found on our diocesan website and the website of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Please pray for Bp. Checchio as he enters his new position in New Orleans, Louisianan.

#### • 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.

#### **ALL SOULS DAY**

November is the month to be thankful, to be grateful, to be giving. It is also the month we remember our deceased loved ones. On November 2nd, All Souls Day, we honor and remember all our dearly beloved dead. All Souls envelopes can be found on the brown table. All names from the envelopes will be printed in the bulletin and remembered at all Masses on All Souls Day, Sunday, November 2nd, and at various Masses throughout the month of November.

#### CRY ROOM



If you feel the need to remove your child from the main body of the church but still wish to hear and see the Mass, our chapel, located up near the main altar on the left side of the church, doubles as our Cry Room. There is a black speaker located

on the wall that can be turned on and the lights are located on the outside wall near the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of doors. <u>Please note:</u> children are not allowed to be unattended or just run wild in the chapel. This is a setting to teach your child how to behave in church without disturbing the atmosphere of the Mass. Also, you can bring your child to the back of the church—just make sure all the glass doors are closed.

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

Next weekend, October 11 & 12 we will be asking for donations for our Altar Flowers. Our Altar Flower Group has run out of money for Altar Flowers. The last time they asked for help was 2 years ago. Please stop by



#### WHY DO WE DO THAT?



Why do we pray the Rosary? As Catholics we pray the Rosary as a form of devotion to the Virgin Mary and to reflect on key events in the life of Jesus Christ. The Rosary helps deepen faith, strengthens the spiritual life, and encourage meditation on the life of

Christ through a repetitive, structured prayer. It is considered a way to grow closer to God through Mary's intercession, and it's often prayed for peace, personal petitions, and guidance.

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#### PRAY FOR:

**Living:** Marilyn Gorski, Magaret Sypniewski, Beth Courter, Ewa Gorna, John Schleckmann, Isabel Pereiras

**Deceased:** Joan Critchley, Tom Ward, Agnes Martinez, Genevieve Godlewsky, Thomas Penner



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