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Office Hours
Monday - Friday,
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

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!

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

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www.peterpaulgm.com

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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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 5/6, 2024

SAT – Oct 5 (Ss. Faustina & Francis Xavier Seelos)

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

SUN – Oct 6 (Respect Life Sunday)

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

2:00pm PRAY FOR THE UNBORN

MON – Oct 7 (Our Lady of the Rosary)

8:30a +Marie F. Bocko req Florence & Joe Dzurek

TUES – Oct 8

8:30a -Intentions only God knows

WED – Oct 9 (Ss. Denis & John Leonardi)

8:30a +Nancy Wilk req godmother

THUR – Oct 10

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

Tracy Family

FRI – Oct 11 (St. John XXIII)

8:30a -Birthday blessings for Beata & Frank req their family

SAT – Oct 12

8:30a +Edward & Anna (Tracy) Trzeciakiewicz req Ed Tracy Family

5:00p +Anothy R. Sobolewski req Jaworski Family

SUN – Oct 13

7:30a +Stella M. Wojcik req daughter LuAnn

10a +Stefan Wnek req his family

11:30a Pol: -O Boze blog. i dary ducha sw. dla Kingi i Dawida od rodziny

Altar Flowers – are available

Bread & Wine is donated this week in memory of Nancy Penner req her family

Sanctuary Lamp is available

Divine Mercy Candle is lit this week in memory of Geraldine Galletto req Granata Family

ROSES FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus will once again conduct the “Roses for Life” campaign at all Masses this weekend to raise awareness of, and prayers for, protecting life. The Knights will be giving out the small embroidered red roses which can adhere to clothing such as sport jackets or even notebooks or auto dashboards to remind us to pray for and protect life. The roses are free to everyone but donations are appreciated but not necessary.

LIFE CHAIN

This year represents the 15th 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 6th at 2pm.*



WEEKLY OFFERINGS – September 2024

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.

1st week - \$2771

2nd week - \$2757

3rd week - \$2863

4th week - \$3044

BLESSING OF PETS

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, our annual pet blessing will take place on Monday, October 7th, in the parking lot in front of our church at 7pm. St. Francis preached a message of peace among all peoples and love for all of God’s creations. Although we love our pets and as a result tend to think the best of them, please remember that we will be bringing together natural predators and animals with strong territorial instincts. So, we ask that pets are appropriately secured, controlled and supervised by their owners’ meaning dogs on leashes, birds in cages, cats and other pets in pet carriers for the protection of your pet as well as the protection of your neighbors’ pets.

YOUTH GROUP



Our Youth Group is back again! Young adults grades 8-12 are welcome. Come for the music, games, prayers, pizza, films, teen breakouts, and Catholic fellowship. Teenagers: consider joining us for a year of unique activities *that matter* and that provide you with joy and peace. Our Youth Group is a great place to gather, to belong, to commiserate with peers, and to be heard. We’re a place where teens discover who they are and “Whose” they are. Come and see. Contact Mrs. Francis or Mr. Young to register 908-637-4269.

GIRL SCOUTING GATHERING DAY

This year’s Girl Scout GATHERING Day will be held on Saturday October 12, 2024 from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM at St. Bernard of Clairvaux, 500 Route 22 East, Bridgewater. Please find more information on our bulletin board.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP WEBINAR

You are invited to join the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Catholic Conferences on Wednesday October 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. for a webinar on the upcoming election. The webinar will focus on how Catholics play a vital role in restoring civility in public discourse. The panel includes representatives from the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Catholic Conferences and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. To learn more about this event and to register, please visit bit.ly/46ZEW3F

40 Days for Life

“You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion.” – St. John Paul II

Please join Christians throughout the globe to pray and fast for an end to abortion from Sept.25th-Nov.3rd during the 40 Days for Life campaign, in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood,66 East Washington Ave, Washington. For more information contact: Jennifer English, amjadopt@comcast.net 973 525-6692. or visit <https://40daysforlife.com/>

Be Strong and Courageous. Do not be Afraid; do not be discouraged, for The Lord Your God Will be with you Wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Pope John XXIII High School

Will be hosting our Fall Open Houses on Thursday, October 3rd and Wednesday, October 30, 2024 and Wednesday November 20th, from 9:00-10:30am. Students and their families are invited to meet members of our high school community and learn about our academic, athletics and extracurricular programs. Grounded in Catholic tradition and through our campus ministry program, Pope John prepares its students to be well-rounded, confident citizens who can meet the demands of higher education and the challenges of the world beyond. Come see what it means to be a Lion! Prospective families are asked to RSVP at www.popejohn.org/admissions/open-house or email admissions@popejohn.org. We look forward to meeting you and sharing our wonderful community with your family.

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. Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. Registration will close on October 11, 2024.

50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING ~ NOVEMBER 1, 2024

We might never know the recipients of our Works of Mercy or the impact our financial gift had on their lives. Consider the family that was helped by Catholic Charities during a period of unemployment and is now on the path to self-sufficiency or, the person whose struggle with addictions is being alleviated through our Catholic Charities' counseling services. Who would guess that becoming a Champion for Catholic Charities by purchasing a raffle ticket could have such far-reaching results. When a community responds in generosity, that is exactly what happens. By entering our Champions 50/50 Raffle, you are helping our neighbors in need and you just may win one of the two grand prizes. **Over the years, the prize for this raffle has reached as high as \$40,000 each for two lucky winners!** With your participation, we are hoping for even greater success this year. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased by downloading a raffle form at www.diometuchen.org/champions and mailing it in with your payment or by calling 732-562-2432. Thank you and good luck!



PLEASE PRAY NOW UNTIL ELECTION DAY

The Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament
Jesus, you came that we might have life—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

PRAY FOR:

Living: Ed Pasko, Jr, Bishop Bootkoski, Mickey Tudor, Steve Baldwin, Paul Farruggia, Alice Kurnath, Florence Dzurek, Sean McGlynn, Letizia Stasi, Brian Gorski

Deceased: Irena Pietras, Ellen Cavaliere, William Deinzer, Raymond Buck, Marcia Cussen

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