# 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

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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.

### **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.

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### 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.

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7/8, 2024

SAT – Dec 7 (St. Ambrose)

5:00p +John Jaworski reg Jaworski Family

**SUN – Dec 8 (Second Sunday of Advent)** 

7:30a +Antonina Ziobro req her daughter & fam

10a +Stella M. Wojcik req her daughter LuAnn

11:30a Pol: +Roman Gac od rodziny

MON – Dec 9 (Imm Conception-transferred)

7:00a +Anthony & Loretta Meringer req daughter Marilyn & Steve Gorski

6:30p -For all our living parishioners of Ss. Peter & Paul Church

8:00p Pol +Agata i Jan Grab od Krystyna Talajczyk

TUES – Dec 10 (Our Lady of Loreto)

8:30a +Darlene Reed reg sister Marilyn Gorski

WED – Dec 11 (St. Damasus I)

8:30a -God's abundant graces & blessings for Natalia Chmielewksa

THUR – Dec 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

8:30a +Louis Bongiovanni req Arthur Grabowski

FRI – Dec 13 (St. Lucy)

8:30a +Frances Rogers req friend Marilyn Gorski

SAT – Dec 14 (St. John of the Cross)

8:30a -Birthday blessings for Zbigniew req Dait Family

5:00p +Joyce Szilagyi req Jaworski Family

SUN – Dec 15 (Third Sunday of Advent)

7:30a +Eleanor Vasko req Florence & Joe Dzurek 10a +Helen & Raymond Hendershot req her Arlenen Olenick

11:30a Pol: -O Boze blog. i opieke M. Bozej dla Jana i Czeslawy Hader

Altar Flowers – are not available

**Bread & Wine** - is offered this week in memory of Stella Wojcik req daughter LuAnn

**Sanctuary Lamp** - is lit this week in memory of Harry & Connie Owen

**Divine Mercy Candle** - is lit this week in memory of Antonina Ziobro req daughter & family

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is December 8<sup>th</sup>. However, since December 8<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday this year the USCCB(United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) declared that the feast shall be transferred to Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and it will be a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> will be celebrated at 7am, 6:30pm in English and at 8pm in Polish.

### **CONFIRMATION COAT PROJECT**



Hi! My name is Gianna. For a Confirmation service project, I am looking to donate coats to the homeless and low-income families in

our community. Please bring in new and gently used coats to the box in the back or the church by Sunday, December 8th.

### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS – December 2024**

Thank you for your continued generosity & support. 1st week - \$3047 2nd week - \$

3rd week - \$

4th week - \$

Christmas - \$

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES



Please help us keep our traditions and donate towards our Christmas Flowers. This will also help area flower grows that supply us with our flowers. Offering envelopes can be found on our large brown table in

the back of our church. You may donate "in memory of" or "in honor of" loved ones. If you have more than two names, please write all the names on a separate piece of paper and slip it into the flower offering envelope. All names will be printed in the bulletin after Christmas.

### **FAMILY PORTRAITS**

To coincide with the Family Christmas Candle we have an idea to honor and celebrate the family unit this Christmas season. Can we borrow your family portraits? Please drop



them off by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to put your name on the back of your family portrait. We will decorate the Baptismal area with all the pictures.

### YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Catholic Charities Thrift Store and Food Pantry at 387 South Main St. in Phillipsburg are in need of volunteers. If you or someone you know may be interested in volunteering, contact Maria Hunter at 732-387-1315 for more details. Please consider this opportunity to practice the Works of Mercy and bring hope to someone in need.

### CHRISTMAS MASS REMEMBRANCES

If you would like your loved ones, living or deceased, remembered in Christmas Remembrance Masses during Christmas and throughout the month of January, please pick up a Christmas Mass Remembrance envelope found on the large brown table in the back of our



church. If you have more than two names, please write all the names on a separate piece of paper and slip it into the remembrance

offering envelope. All names will be printed in the bulletin after Christmas.

### **BAMBINELLI SUNDAY**

It seems like Christmas is synonymous with big trees, ornaments, gifts and everything in between. Sometimes it is easy to forget what Christmas is all about. Each year during the third Sunday of Advent, children gather with their families in St. Peter's Square for "Bambinelli Sunday." The children bring with them figures of the Christ Child, the Bambinelli, from their family's nativity scene. The Pope blesses the children, their families, and the figurines. Please bring in your "Bambinelli" (Baby Jesus statue) next Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> and Fr. Greg will bless it at the end of the Mass.

### SPONSOR A FAMILY CHRISTMAS CANDLE

We would like to honor our living families at



Christmas time by lighting a candle that we use in our Christmas decorations. Our goal is to have all 50 candles sponsored. We will collect family names after all Masses. Candles are only \$10 each. All family names will appear in the bulletin

throughout the Christmas season. What a nice way to receive a Christmas Family Blessing.

### **CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS**

Our Holy Thursday choir has just become our



Christmas Midnight
Mass choir and we
would love your help.
Anyone planning to
attend the Midnight

Mass and would like to sing with us is invited to do so. Call our Parish Office to find out when we hold our practices, 908-637-4269; come join us.

#### **GIVING TREE**

There are a few tags left on the Giving Tree! If you can, please take a tag and shop for the child you selected. Some tags will have suggestions to help you out. All UNwrapped presents, with tags



**attached**, are due back under the Giving Tree on Sunday, December 15th. Any questions please call 908-637-4269. If you know of a **parish** family in need, please let us know, all calls are kept confidential.

ALSO, we have a call for some gifts for the residence of Forest Manor Nursing Home in Hope. Some residents have no one to remember them at Christmas. The staff would like to give a gift to every resident. Please select a tag for a resident and bring it back, unwrapped, by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to attach the tag to the unwrapped gift.

# CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE RECONCILIATION

Saturday, <u>December 14th</u> 4pm - 4:45pm

## FRIDAY, <u>December 20th</u> 7pm – 8pm

Saturday, <u>December 21st</u> 4pm - 4:45pm

### **CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**

Tuesday, December 24th 5:00 PM Mass 10:00 PM (Polish) 12:00 Midnight Mass

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Wednesday, December 25th 7:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am (Polish)

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS**

Tuesday, December 31st 5:00 PM, Vigil Mass

### **NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES**

Wednesday, January 1st, 2025 10:00am (English) 11:30am (Polish)

#### PRAY FOR:

**Living:** Rudy Pasko, Robert Steeples, Genevieve Godlewsky, Irena Mika, Brian Gorski, Mickey Tudor, Florence Dzurek

**Deceased:** James Stryker, Msg. Edward Puleo, Ed Pasko, Jr. Irena Pietras, Ellen Cavaliere



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