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



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Diane Francis  
Religious Ed. Director

Kevin McCann  
Music Director

## MASSSES:

**Saturday Evening:** 5:00 pm

**Sundays:** 7:30, 10:00 am,  
11:15 am and 12:30 pm (*Polish*)

**Holydays:** 7:00 am & 6:30 pm,  
8:00 pm (*Polish*)

**Weekdays (including Sat.):** 8:30 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  
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.

## SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH NIGHT PRAYER:

In Polish from 8:00 pm to 12:00 am.

## BLUE ARMY PRAYER GROUP:

Every Monday from 7:00 to 8:00 pm  
in the Chapel. New members are

**OUTREACH PROGRAM:** If you are  
in need please call Lisa French at 908-  
343-7831. 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

### 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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 12/13, 2020

### SAT – Dec 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

5p +Joyce Szilagyi req Dorothy & Allan Jaworski

### SUN – Dec 13 (3rd Sunday of Advent)

7:30a +Karen Kolln req Matuszek Family

10a +Helen "Honey" & Raymond Hendershot req  
sister Arlene Olenick

11:15a +John Barton

12:30p (Pol) -Dziękczynna i O dalsze Boze blog. dla  
Czesi Hader i rodziny od Alicja

### MON – Dec 14 (St. John of the Cross)

8:30a +John Barton req Pam & Family

### TUES – Dec 15

8:30a -Return to good health of James Vernacchia  
req Vernacchia Family

### WED – Dec 16

8:30a -God's blessings for Wladyslaw Sikora

### THUR – Dec 17

8:30a -For the grace of wisdom, sainthood, and the  
courage of all priests

### FRI – Dec 18

8:30a -O Boze blog. i potrzebne laski dla Karoliny  
z okazji urodzin od jej rodzice

### SAT – Dec 19

8:30a +Michal Cieras req Polish Rosary Group  
5p +Irene Wyss req her family

### SUN – Dec 20 (4th Sunday of Advent)

7:30a +Joseph & Helen Olenick req daughter  
Arlene

10a +Len A. Garriques req Ann Rhinesmith

11:15a +Francis Munley req his wife Annette

12:30p (Pol) +Jan i Stanislaw Kasprzyk od rodziny  
Hader

Altar Flowers are available

Bread & Wine is available

Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Helen  
& Raymond Hendershot req sister Arlene Olenick

Divine Mercy Candle is available

### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Wow, wow, wow all 86 tags from our Christmas Giving Tree have disappeared!!!! THANK YOU. All unwrapped presents with the tags attached are due in TODAY, December 12/13. If you did not get an opportunity to take a tag, but wish to help, please bring in rolls of wrapping paper, tape, and/or bows. Any questions please contact the church office at 908-637-4269. If you know of a parish family in need please contact the church office (908-637-4269), all calls are kept confidential. We are in need of approximately 15 hams. If you can donate a ham for a Christmas dinner please call the church office before dropping them off.



### ALL MASSES FOR 2021

Starting in January, 2021:

Saturday, 5pm-English

Sunday, English-7:30a & 10a; Polish-11:30AM.

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS-December

1<sup>st</sup> week - \$2218

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

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

4<sup>th</sup> week - \$

### YEAR-END CHARITABLE GIFT GIVING



As you consider your year-end tax planning, we hope that you will consider making good use of the income tax charitable deduction and remember our church. All monies are greatly appreciated and will be well spent with the good of the entire parish in mind.

### CHATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

This special second collection was scheduled to be taken up in our church on the weekend of November 21/22. But due to the fact that the Mission Co-Op Appeal had to be reschedule the same weekend we moved this collection (Human Development) to this weekend, December 12/13. Please be generous in the second collection today.

### FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please remember to wear your masks properly when entering our church (over the nose and mouth) and please wipe down your area where you were sitting after the Mass. Extra masks are available as well as alcohol wipes in the back of our church.



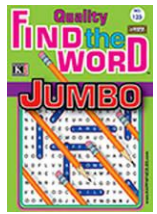
## FOREST MANOR REQUEST



Forest Manor in Hope has asked for our help. Since the pandemic started their 78 residents have not been able to receive family or guests. They are asking if we can donate any of the following items to brighten their Christmas. The items needed are: unisex blankets, tins of cookies, boxed chocolates, body creams/lotions, Dove liquid soap, new



magazines, large print puzzle books. They will hand them out on Christmas Day.



We will put a box out for all donations.



Please have the donations back by Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Any questions please call the parish office at 908-637-4269.

## ***OUTREACH DIRECTOR(s) NEEDED***

We are still looking for someone to take over the Outreach Program. If you can help please call Eileen in the Church Office as soon as possible, 908-637-4269.

## ***CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES***

Please help us keep our traditions and donate towards our Christmas Flowers. This will also help area flower growers 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 you would like to remember 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.



## **CHRISTMAS 2020**



## **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday, December 12th  
4pm - 4:45pm (in the chapel)

Saturday, December 19th  
4pm - 4:45pm (in the chapel)

Tuesday, December 22nd  
7pm – 8pm (in the chapel & CCD classroom)

## **CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES\***

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

## **CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES\***

Friday, December 25th  
7:30am, 10:00am, 11:15am  
12:30pm (Polish)

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

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

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

Friday, January 1st, 2021  
10:00am (English)  
11:30pm (Polish)

**\* (Christmas & New Years are Holy days of Obligation)**

## **Christmas Gift**

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your spouse? Why not give yourselves a Marriage Encounter Experience. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. Join us from the comfort of your home via Zoom for eight evening sessions presented on Sunday & Wednesday evenings from January 20 to February 14. Phone Tony & Linda Massimo 1-302-220-9833 for application and information. Visit us at: [www.wvme-delmar.org](http://www.wvme-delmar.org) for more information.



### Average Person Offerings in November

The following chart shows the average person offerings in the month of November 2020 per Mass:

Nov 7/8	# people	Total Collection	Average/ Person
5 P	27	\$631.00	\$23.37
7:30 A	50	\$742.00	\$14.84
10 A	63	\$370.00	\$5.87
11:15 A	37	\$385.00	\$10.41
12:30 P	103	\$578.00	\$5.61
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>\$2,706.00</b>	<b>\$9.66</b>
<b>Nov 14/15</b>			
5 P	56	\$566.00	\$10.11
7:30 A	41	\$556.00	\$13.56
10 A	51	\$574.00	\$11.25
11:15 A	15	\$178.00	\$11.87
12:30 P	65	\$547.00	\$8.42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>\$2,421.00</b>	<b>\$10.62</b>
<b>Nov 21/22</b>			
5 P	46	\$339.00	\$7.37
7:30 A	41	\$643.00	\$15.68
10 A	67	\$461.00	\$6.88
11:15 A	18	\$238.00	\$13.22
12:30 P	92	\$527.00	\$5.73
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>\$2,208.00</b>	<b>\$8.36</b>
<b>Nov 28/29</b>			
5 P	40	\$394.00	\$9.85
7:30 A	41	\$636.00	\$15.51
10 A	51	\$825.00	\$16.18
11:15 A	21	\$270.00	\$12.86
12:30 P	84	\$434.00	\$5.17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>\$2,559.00</b>	<b>\$10.80</b>

### 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 you would like to remember 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.

**LIVE BROADCAST OF SUNDAY MASS -**  
facebook.com/PeterPaulGM/ this Sunday at **10am.**

### Thank You, Parishioners

Thank you to all our parishioners that are mailing, or dropping off your weekly offerings. What a blessing! We do rely on them. May God bless you.



### CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Are available in the back of the church. Each envelope contains 3 wafers. The asking donation is \$5 per package. Family members and friends break off a small piece of the *oplatek* wafer and give it to one another along with a blessing. Breaking off and exchanging part of the *oplatek* with someone is a symbol of forgiveness and is meant to remind participants of the importance of Christmas, God, and family.



A sample blessing can take the form of "I wish you much health, happiness and the Lord's bountiful blessings as well as the fulfillment of all your plans and everything you wish for yourself" or just wishing good grades to a child and good health to your parents. It is also common to put a "shared piece" into the Christmas card you are sending. The tradition of sharing the wafer is one of the rich variety of traditions that Poles still celebrate during Christmas Eve Supper which is the most elegant and pompous evening in the whole year. Among others there are:

- lent - as for the quality (not eating meat) and quantity (eating only three times a day, the fullest of which is obviously the Supper)
- eating dishes; there should be 12 of them (for the memory of 12 Apostles), no meat but carp in various forms and other fish
- putting the hay under the white table cloth (for the memory of Jesus lying on the hay)
- strictly close family circle meal
- one place at the table left for "the unexpected guest"
- carols singing in the waiting for the Mass in churches at midnight

## KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS



Some tips on keeping Christ in Christmas:

- Use postage stamps that feature a religious theme
- Hang an Advent Calendar at your work and in your home
- Display your nativity set where others can see
- Place an electric candle in a window symbolizing the light of Christ
- Listen to traditional Christmas carols that honor Christ's birth
- Find religious Christmas wrapping paper and decorations
- Read Christmas scripture and stories to children
- Purchase a gift and give it to the poor, encourage your children to do the same.
- Explain the original Christmas tree tradition to your children
- Use decorations, cards, etc., with Merry Christmas instead of "Happy Holidays"
- Have your children place a piece of straw in the creche each day that they do a good deed during Advent
- Pray for the young, so that when they become adults, they will not regard Christmas as just another holiday free from work

### COVID TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Governor Murphy recently announced that families with incomes up to \$150,000 (previously up to \$75,000) are now eligible for the **COVID-19 school-age tuition assistance program**.

This means that families with children in remote schooling can be eligible for up to \$1,900 in full-time child care assistance. Assistance is also available for students attending school part-time.

The tuition assistance will be available through December 30 for eligible New Jersey residents with school-age children, 5 to 13 years old, according to the Department of Human Services.

The tuition assistance will continue to be paid directly to the family's selected licensed child care center or registered family child care provider.

To access the application, log on to the Department of Human Services website (<https://www.childcarenj.gov/getattachment/Parents/How-To-Apply/Subsidy-Application-English-pdf.pdf.aspx?lang=en-US>). For more information, contact your county-based Child Care Resource and Referral agency, (<https://www.childcarenj.gov/Parents/CCRR>) or call the Child Care Helpline at 1.800.332.9227.

Please direct all questions to your county-based Child Care Resource and Referral agency or call 1.800.332.9227.

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### HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay 'them'
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever... Never let the brain idle. 'An idle mind is the devil's workshop.' And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.
10. Tell the people that you love them, at every opportunity.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

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### PRAY FOR:

**Living:** Joseph Godlewsky, Marian Gzella, James Vernacchia, Diana Vernacchia, Ken Pandorf, Eleanor McCann, Robert Willis, Susan Karner, Lyle Smith, Covid-19 patients

**Deceased:** John Barton, Karen Kolln, Joan Tibak, Caroline Carbone, Len A Garriques, Aurora Neabore, Edward Czajkowski, Covid-19 deceased

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