

# SAINTS PETER & PAUL CHURCH

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



Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo  
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Music Director

## 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. (ORDER 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!

## YOUTH GROUP:

Calling all 8th through 12th graders.  
Join our youth group, bring your  
friends. Call Brian at 908-246-2843 for  
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### Religious Education E-mail

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### 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.

### Welcome to Ss. Peter & Paul Church:

Our warmest welcome to all who  
celebrate the Holy Mass with us. We  
thank God you are here.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ New Parishioner/Family

☐ Change of Address or Phone

☐ Moving, please remove

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13/14, 2025

### SAT – Dec 13 (St. Lucy)

5:00p -Protection of the unborn and their families

### SUN – Dec 14

7:30a +Eleanor Vasko req Florence & Joe Dzurek

10a +Helen & Raymond Hendershot req sister Arlene

11:30a Pol: -Birthday blessings for Zbigniew Kusiak  
od rodziny Dait

### MON – Dec 15

8:30a +Joseph Valentino req Joanne & Frank  
Palmer & family

### TUES – Dec 16

8:30a +Joseph Valentino req Joanne & Frank  
Palmer & Family

### WED – Dec 17

8:30a +Jim Meringer req sister Marilyn Gorski

### THUR – Dec 18

8:30a +Joseph Valentino req Joanne & Frank  
Palmer & Family

### FRI – Dec 19

8:30a +Joseph Valentino req Joanne & Frank  
Palmer & Family

### SAT – Dec 20

8:30a +Thomas Penner req Louise Frueholz

5:00p +Halina & Roman Gac req their family

### SUN – Dec 21

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

10a +Margaret Wingle req her family

11:30a Pol: +Stefania & Stefan Kulesza od rodziny  
Maria Kaczynska

**Altar Flowers** – No flowers during Advent

**Bread & Wine** – is offered this week for the souls of  
Helen & Raymond Hendershot req their sons &  
family

**Sanctuary Lamp** – is available

**Divine Mercy Candle** – is lit this week for the return  
to good health of Gerardo Patane req Arthur  
Grabowski

### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

All **Unwrapped** presents with the  
tags attached are due in today. All  
items for Forest Manor Nursing  
Home are also due back today. Any  
questions please call 908-637-4269.  
If you know of a **parish** family in  
need, please call the church office (908-637-4269),  
all calls are kept confidential.



### CHRISTMAS FLOWER/TREES OFFERING ENVELOPES

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

table in the back of our church.



### WEEKLY OFFERINGS – December 2025

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.

1st week - \$3481

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

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

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

### 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.

### FAMILY CHRISTMAS CANDLE

Thank you to all families for  
sponsoring all 50 Christmas Family  
candles that will decorate our church  
for Christmas. May God bless your  
families.



### CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 13th

4pm - 4:45pm

**MONDAY, December 22nd**

**7pm – 8pm**

#### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Wednesday, December 24th

5:00 PM Mass, 10:00 PM (Polish)

12:00 Midnight Mass

#### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Thursday, December 25th

7:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am (Polish)

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

Wednesday, December 31st

5:00 PM, Vigil Mass

#### NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

Thursday, January 1st, 2026

10:00am (English), 11:30am (Polish)

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please help yourselves to one box of offering envelopes per family for next year, 2026. Remember, if you wish us to keep track of your donations for tax purposes, please put your name and amount on each envelope. The free address labels are an easy and fast way to address your envelope. This also helps in receiving sponsor certificates.



## CHRISTMAS WAFERS / OPLATEK

Just before the Christmas Eve meal (in Polish - Wigilia) the entire family will gather around the table with the Christmas Wafer or Oplatki. Generally, the eldest member of the family will begin the ritual by breaking off a piece of the wafer and passing it to another family member with a blessing. This blessing can simply consist of what you desire for your loved one in the upcoming year - whether it be good health, success, or happiness. The wafer passes from person to person until all have had a piece and all have been given a blessing. The purpose of this act is primarily to express one's unconditional love and forgiveness for each member of his or her family. This symbolism is deepened by the fact that the name of the town where Jesus Christ was born, Bethlehem, means "House of Bread," which makes the Oplatki tradition an especially beautiful way to celebrate the charity and unity so characteristic of the Christmas season. Many families include the wafers in Christmas cards to family members in distant locations. The tradition can easily be shared in this way with anyone around the world! Christmas wafers are available here in our church. The asking donation for a packet of wafers is only \$5.00.

## NEW PARISHIONERS



Welcome to Ss. Peter & Paul Church. We invite you to join our parish and consider sharing your time, talent, and treasures with us. Please pick up a Family Registration Form found in the

basket near our bulletins. Fill it out and drop it into the collection basket, or put it into the secretary mailbox found near the large bulletin board or hand it to our priest. Need anything, contact 908-637-4269.

## 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.

## 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

## GENTLE REMINDER...

Think of our beautiful church building as your home. Just as you always want your home to be ready to welcome guests and visitors, please be conscious of picking up after you and your family at the end of Mass; readying the church for others. Please replace all misselettes and song books and take the bulletin with you so we all make the church ready to welcome others for worship.

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*You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8*

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

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## PRAY FOR:

**Living:** Gerardo Patane, John Schleckmann, Isabel Pereiras, Magaret Sypniewski, Beth Courter

**Deceased:** Annette Munley, Joan Critchley, Tom Ward, Agnes Martinez, Genevieve Godlewsky

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