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



Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo
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Music Director

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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peterpaulreled@comcast.net

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www.peterpaulgm.com

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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14/15, 2024

SAT – Dec 14 (St. John of the Cross)

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

MON – Dec 16

8:30a +Darlene Reed req Walt & Trish Horzepa

TUES – Dec 17

8:30a +James Meringer req sister Marilyn Gorski

WED – Dec 18

8:30a +Lucy Horzepa req Walt & Trish Horzepa

THUR – Dec 19

8:30a -Intentions only God knows

FRI – Dec 20

8:30a +Darlene Reed req Mark & Diane Francis

SAT – Dec 21 (St. Peter Canisius)

8:30a +Marian Gzella req Patty Fotopoulous

5:00p +Peter Matsko req Florence & Joe Dzurek

SUN – Dec 22 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

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

10a +Louis & Alice Francis req Mark & Diane

Francis & grandchildren

11:30a Pol: +Zbigniew Gromnicki w 3 rocz smerci od rodziny

Altar Flowers – are not available

Bread & Wine - is available

Sanctuary Lamp - is lit this week in memory of Helen & Raymond Hendershot req their sons & fam

Divine Mercy Candle - is available

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. Fr. Greg will bless your baby Jesus figure at Mass this weekend.

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, 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.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – December 2024

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.

1st week - \$3047

2nd week - \$4227

3rd week - \$

4th week - \$

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 15th. Please remember to put your name on the back of your family portrait. We will decorate the Baptismal area with all the pictures.



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.

SPONSOR A FAMILY CHRISTMAS CANDLE

For only \$10 you can help light up the church for Christmas and honor your family. Contact the church office if interested. All family names will appear in the bulletin the entire Christmas season.



GIVING TREE

All UN-wrapped presents, **with tags attached**, are due back under the Giving Tree TODAY. 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.



CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 14th
4pm - 4:45pm

FRIDAY, December 20th 7pm – 8pm

Saturday, December 21st
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)

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please help yourselves to one box of offering envelopes per family for next year, 2025. 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 helps in receiving



sponsor certificates.

I AM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Marianists have collaborated with a film production company on “I Am The Immaculate Conception”, a documentary film that presents the Lourdes apparition as well as other Scriptural references to Our Lady. It will appear in selected theaters through Fathom Events on December 12, 14, and 17. For a Trailer and more information, click on <https://www.fathomevents.com/events/immaculate-conception/>

Opening Mass for the Holy Year 2025

Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Holy Year of Jubilee for the Catholic Church, an event that takes place once every 25 years. Bishop James Checchio, in union with his brother Bishops around the world, will celebrate the diocesan Opening Mass for the Holy Year 2025 on Saturday, December 28 at 5 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi in Metuchen, NJ. All are welcome; no ticket required.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Experience the Christmas Festival of Lights at the Blue Army Shrine from dusk until 9pm everyday between Dec 13th -Jan 5th. Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Rd. E., Asbury, NJ.

What: Visit to St. Andrew's College Seminary for Evening Prayer, Dinner, and a tour with their seminarians.

When: Friday, January 17th (5-8pm), everyone is instructed to meet directly at the seminary at 5pm

Where: St. Andrew's Hall- 571 Centre St, South Orange, NJ 07079

Who: Young men 14-18 yrs old

RSVP by January 5th: Email Fr. Tom Lanza the names of attendee's, parents, priests, or youth ministers...TLanza@diometuchen.org

Since all of the men invited are High School age; parents, priests, or youth ministers are invited to drive/car pool to help those interested attend.

Don't stop celebrating: After Christmas Day

The secular world “prepares” for Christmas with months of garish decoration, holiday treats, and spending sprees, but when December 26 rolls around, the world already feels that Christmas is “over.” At most it will allow itself a day or two of recuperation from excess jollity and then get back to work. In a best-case scenario, decorations might stay up till January 1st or a bit later, for “ringing in the new year.” After that, the season of celebration is over. Catholics ought to have a totally different conception of Christmas. Before Christmas, we observe the penitential season of Advent, preparing for the great feast without too much overt joy. Traditionally, families would decorate the Christmas tree together before the great day of Christmas. Families would attend Christmas Mass together. It is very important for us not to surrender to the secular approach that, in a way, celebrates Christmas before Christmas and not afterward. We should really make an effort — in the way our homes are decorated, the way we observe Sundays and holy days, the stories we read and the other activities we do in the house — to keep the spirit of Christmas alive, even if at a “low burn,” especially throughout the period from December 26th to February 2nd. *Yes, this great feast is that big of a deal!* Such observance also becomes a countercultural catechesis in one of the central mysteries of the Christian faith: the Incarnation of the Son of God. This is the pivot point of all human history and of the story of each man, woman, and child.

PRAY FOR:

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

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