

GIVING TREE

All unwrapped presents are due back today with tags attached. Any problems please call the church office, 908-637-4269. All presents and food bags will be given out tomorrow, Monday, December 19th.



If you know of a **parish** family in need please call the church office, all calls are kept confidential.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFING 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. Flower 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 to list, 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.

Average Person Offerings in November

The following chart shows the average person offerings in the month of November 2022 per Mass:

Nov 5/6	# people	Total Collection	Average/ Person
5 P	76	\$1096.00	\$14.42
7:30 A	67	\$874.00	\$13.04
10 A	109	\$689.00	\$6.32
11:30 A	64	\$247.00	\$3.86
TOTAL	316	\$2,906.00	\$9.20
Nov 12/13			
5 P	51	\$499.00	\$9.78
7:30 A	49	\$632.00	\$12.90
10 A	125	\$995.00	\$7.96
11:30 A	86	\$576.00	\$6.70
TOTAL	311	\$2,702.00	\$8.69
Nov 19/20			
5 P	60	\$467.00	\$7.78
7:30 A	56	\$1037.00	\$18.52
10 A	131	\$885.00	\$6.76
11:30 A	79	\$630.00	\$7.97
TOTAL	326	\$3,019.00	\$9.26
Nov 26/27			
5 P	60	\$573.00	\$9.55
7:30 A	51	\$557.00	\$10.92
10 A	79	\$459.00	\$5.81
11:30 A	106	\$1004.00	\$9.47
TOTAL	296	\$2,593.00	\$8.76

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR

RECONCILIATION

Monday, December 19th, 7pm – 8pm
(in the confessionals)

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Saturday, December 24th

5:00 PM Mass

10:00 PM (Polish)

12:00 Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Sunday, December 25th

7:30am,

10:00am,

11:30am (Polish)

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

Saturday, December 31st

5:00 PM, Vigil Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

Sunday, January 1st, 2023

7:30am (English)

10:00am (English)

11:30am (Polish)

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 to list, 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.



END-OF-THE-YEAR CHARITABLE GIFT GIVING

Please take advantage of your end of the year charitable gift giving tax deduction and please remember your parish. This deduction can significantly reduce your income taxes while providing meaningful support to numerous financial areas here in our parish.

CHRISTMAS PLEDGE

“On my honor, I will do my best to promote the CHRISTmas traditions. I will incorporate, use the word “CHRISTmas”: in my CHRISTmas greetings and conversation, in my CHRISTmas cards, CHRISTmas stamps, and every appropriate CHRISTmas way. This I pledge to CHRIST, my Lord.”

CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Are going fast! 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.



WITH SINCERE THANKS

We appreciate all of our parishioners who use offering envelopes and wanted to pass on a message from our supply company. Production is running behind and the offering envelopes may not be delivered until after the New Year. If this happens, please use any envelope you have at home and put your name and amount on the envelope until we receive our order. Thanks for understanding.



ITEMS LEFT IN CHURCH

Before leaving any items in church (books, plates, canned goods, clothing, religious “nick-knacks”) please contact the church office first, 908-637-4269. If we do not have a need at the time you leave the items they will be discarded.

CHURCH WEBSITE

Remember to check out our church website for current information, holy & feast day schedules, upcoming events, and to see the bulletin on-line before the weekend. The website is peterpaulgm.com.

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.

CRY ROOM



If you feel the need to remove your child from the main body of the church but still wish to hear and see the Mass, our chapel, located up near the main altar on the left side of the church, doubles as our Cry Room. There is a black speaker located on the wall that can be turned on and the lights are located on the outside wall near the 2nd set of doors. Please note: children are not allowed to be unattended or just run wild in the chapel. This is a setting to teach your child how to behave in church without disturbing the atmosphere of the Mass. Also, you can bring your child to the back of the church— just make sure all the glass doors are closed.