

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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Eileen Wyss
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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.

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 21/22, 2024

SAT – Dec 21 (St. Peter Canisius)

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

MON – Dec 23 (St. John of Kanty)

8:30a +MaryAnn Boatman req Gail & Frank McMahon

TUES – Dec 24 (Christmas Eve)

8:30a +For all souls in purgatory req Dait Family

5:00p +Rev. Arthur Anderson

10p (Pol): +Adam Talajczyk req Krystyna Talajczyk

12a +Josephine & Henry Topoleski

WED – Dec 25 (Christmas Day)

7:30a +Benjamin & Julia & Edward & Anna Tracy req Ed Tracy Family

10a +Ruth Kurnath req Dean & Greg & Kim Kurnath

11:30a Pol: Agnes Kowalski req daughter Adella

THUR – Dec 26 (St. Stephen)

8:30a +Walter F. Horzepa req son Walt & Trish Horzepa

7:00p Pol: -Birthday blessings for Beata Lukjaniuk od rodziny

FRI – Dec 27 (St. John)

8:30a +Darlene Reed req Jenn & Chris Mulhall

SAT – Dec 28 (Holy Innocents)

8:30a +Rev. Arthur Anderson

5:00p +Albert Pass, Jr. req Pat Kowalski

SUN – Dec 29 (Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)

7:30a +Jan Lubas req his family

10a +Margaret Wingle req her family

11:30a Pol: +Marian Gzella od Marilyn Gorski

Altar Flowers – will be donated by our parishioners
Bread & Wine - is offered this week in memory of Rosemarie Olenick req sister Arlene Olenick
Sanctuary Lamp - is lit this week in memory of Jozef & Maria Mania
Divine Mercy Candle - is lit this week in memory of Irene Wyss req her family

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.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

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

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – December 2024

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.

1st week - \$3047

2nd week - \$4227

3rd week - \$3536

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 and remember to put your name on the back of your family portrait. We will decorate the Baptismal area with all the pictures for Christmas.



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.



GIVING TREE

What a great array of presents for all of our Giving Tree Families. WOW!! Thank you very much. We helped 25 families this year with presents, a bag of food, and a turkey or ham. May God bless all our parishioners. Oh yeah, we got a ton of gifts for Forest Manor. Again, thanks so much.



CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

RECONCILIATION

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 for 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.



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.

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.

SHOP RITE GIFT CARDS

Stop after Mass or come to the office during the week to purchase your Shop Rite gift cards. It costs you nothing and the Parish gains 5% on all gift cards sold. Last fiscal year we made \$3,505 from the use of the cards. Thanks to the volunteers who are willing to stay a few minutes after Mass to sell these cards and to all who use them to shop.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

This Sunday at the 7:30am Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens for Karl Schaub. A Catechumen is someone who is being instructed in the faith and seeking Baptism and full reception into the Catholic Church. Please keep Karl in your prayers as he journeys towards the Easter Vigil where he will be baptized and received into our Catholic faith.

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.

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.

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.

“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.” (LUKE 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

PRAY FOR:

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

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

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