

# SAINTS PETER & PAUL CHURCH

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### MASSES †

Saturday Evening..... 5:00 pm  
Sundays..... 7:30 am, 10:00 am, 11:15 am  
& 12:30 pm *(Polish)*  
Holydays..... 7:00 am & 6:30, 8:00 pm *(Polish)*  
Weekdays *(including Sat.)*..... 8:30 am

**Church**  
908-637-4269

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908-637-6896

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

**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 3 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 3 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 1st 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 4:00 to 5:00 pm in the Chapel. New members are always welcome!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** 2nd Thursday of each month for men 18 years and up. For information call 201-317-6243.

**OUTREACH PROGRAM:** If you are in need please call Lisa French 908-343-7831. All calls kept confidential.

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY:** New members are always welcome! We meet every 3rd 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!

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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 23/24, 2017

## SAT – Dec 23 (St. John of Kanty)

5:00p +Francis Munley req his wife Annette

## SUN – Dec 24 (Sunday & Christmas Eve)

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

10:00a -Holy Spirit wisdom for Ann Chester

11:15a +Marian & Maria Chinalski req daughter  
Diana Vernacchia

12:30p Pol: +Stanislaw, Anatalia, & Adam  
Rogulski req Donna & Kyle

5:00p +Rev. Arthur Anderson

10:00p Pol: +Adam Talajczyk

12:00a +Josephine & Henry Topeleski

## MON – Dec 25 (Christmas Day)

7:30a +Benjamin & Julia "Tracy" Trzeciakiewicz  
req Ed Tracy Family

10:00a +Agnes Kowalski req daughter Adella

11:15a +Louis Iorio req Joan Iorio

12:30p Pol -Birthday blessings for Steve Turbek od  
rodziny Gzella

## TUES – Dec 26 (St. Stephen)

8:30a +Jan Lubas req his sons

7:00p Pol: -Z okazji urodzin o Boze błog i potrzebne  
łaski dla Beaty Lukijaniuk od rodziny

## WED – Dec 27 (St. John)

8:30a +Zygmunt Baszczak req his friend

## THUR – Dec 28 (Holy Innocents)

8:30a +Rev. Arthur Anderson

## FRI – Dec 29 (St. Thomas Becket)

8:30a +Gene Roszkowski & wife req sister Jennie

## SAT – Dec 30

8:30a +-All names listed on Christmas Rem Envs

5:00p +George Overath req his siblings

## SUN – Dec 31 (Sunday & New Year's Eve)

7:30a +Joseph Wojcicki req his loving children

10:00a +Stephen P. Jaworski req Dorother & Allan  
Jaworski

11:15a +Zofia Kokoszewska req sister & husband

12:30p Pol -Thanksgiving for health & blessings of the  
Gzella Family

5:00p +Raymond Ascolese req his family

## MON – JAN 1, 2018 (New Year's Day)

11:15a +William J. Vosper req Noreen & Len

12:30p Pol -O Boze błog. i potrzebne łaski dla Jana  
i Czesławy Hader

**\*\*If you scheduled a Mass and would like to bring up  
the gifts during that Mass, please see the usher before  
Mass starts.**

Altar Flowers are donated by our parishioners.

Bread & Wine is offered this week in memory of  
Nancy Penner req her family.

Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Al &  
Grace Spotter req the Spotter Family.

Divine Mercy Candle is offered for God's blessings  
for Levi Baldwin for his baptism and first Christmas.

### **ORGANIST NEEDED**



We are looking for someone who plays the  
piano or organ for the 5pm Mass. We are  
looking to pay that person to play at this  
Mass. Call Eileen at the church office if  
you are interested or know of someone we  
can approach, 908-637-4269.

### **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.

### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS-December**

1st week - \$3161                      2nd week - \$2389  
3rd week - \$3797                      4th week - \$

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Dec 31, Sun**-Vigil Mass for New Years Day, 5pm

**Jan 1, Mon**-New Years Day Masses, 11:15a & 12:30p

**Jan 6, Sat**-Parish Family Christmas Dinner, 6pm

**Jan 8, Mon**-New Ministry Meeting, 7pm, Rel Ed Bldg

### **INSPIRATIONAL VIDEOS**

Dynamic Catholic is offering  
inspirational videos by email to enjoy  
during Advent, which begins this  
Sunday, December 3rd. By signing  
up, you'll receive free Short  
Inspirational Videos, Practical Tips,  
and Real-Life Stories of Hope. Some parishioners signed  
up for this last year and said it helped to bring them into a  
deeper experience of Christmas, preparing for the coming  
of Jesus. If interested, sign up for free at  
[BestAdventEver.com/YoureInvited](http://BestAdventEver.com/YoureInvited).



"The results from the annual K of C 50/50 Christmas Raffle  
held December 18, at the Joyce Kilmer Columbus Club in  
Hackettstown are; Total sales \$4,510. The person holding  
the winning ticket, #1137 resides in North Haledon, N.J. and  
received \$2,255. The K of C Augustus J. Rampone  
Assembly humbly appreciates the support of Sts. Peter and  
Paul and thanks everyone who purchased tickets. The  
money raised by this event will go toward supporting local  
and National Veteran Organizations. The K of C wishes  
everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and  
Prosperous New Year!"

**CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**  
**RECONCILIATION**  
 Sat, Dec 23rd--4pm - 4:45pm & 6pm - 7pm  
**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES** (Sunday, December 24th)  
 5:00 PM Mass & Pageant, 10:00 PM (Polish),  
 12:00 Midnight Mass  
**CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES** (Monday, December 25th)  
 7:30am, 10:00am, 11:15am, 12:30pm (Polish)  
**NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS** (Sunday, December 31st)  
 5:00 PM, Vigil Mass  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES** (Mon, January 1st, 2018)  
 11:15am (English) & 12:30pm (Polish)

**OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Please help yourselves to one box of offering envelopes per family for next year, 2018. 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. Also, Religious Ed families are asked to put your name on each offering envelope. This helps determine your involvement in our parish.



**2018 Respect Life Grade School Poster Contest**  
 Calling all students in grades 1-8 to participate in the Diocese of Metuchen Respect Life Poster Contest! Theme: How can you share your life with another person who is different from yourself and is facing challenges or problems in life? This contest is open to all Religious Education students. First place winners receive \$50 cash prize! Entry forms were given out in class but if you didn't receive one, please contact Diane Francis at [dfrancis280@comcast.net](mailto:dfrancis280@comcast.net). For contest details visit: <http://diometuchen.org> or call 732-562-1990 exts. 1543 and 1629.

**Christmas Gift**

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your spouse? Why not give yourselves a Marriage Encounter Weekend. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next weekend will be held January 28-29. Early registration is advisable as space is limited, 732-904-9636 or [aweekendforyourmarriage.org](http://aweekendforyourmarriage.org).

**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](http://peterpaulgm.com).

**2018 CALENDARS**



Free 2018 Catholic calendars are available in the back of our church compliments of Scala Funeral Home of Hackettstown. Help yourselves to one.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**-Help us decorate! Flower envelopes can be found in the back of the church.

**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 *oplatek* with someone is symbol of forgiveness between two people and is meant to remind participants of the importance of Christmas, God, and family.

**A New Ministry**

This ministry's purpose is to spread comfort to our ill parishioners and to people who are in local nursing homes by crafting homemade cards. This concept can also be applied to those who have had a loss of some kind in their family. This will be an opportunity as a group to use our creative talents and share our gifts with others while bringing comfort and joy to many. Everyone is welcomed to join the ministry whether or not you have ever made cards before. We will help you learn how to create the cards. Sponsors and members are needed to help to spread comfort. Mark your calendar for a short meeting to be held on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm in the Religious Ed Building. All those interested, from crafters to sponsors, are encouraged to attend the first meeting to learn all about our goals and plans. Once we are established, we are planning on meeting on a monthly basis. The meetings will be in the evening for those who work and during the day for those who don't like going out in the evening. Questions/comments/suggestions, please contact Teal @ 201-400-7401 or MaryAnn @ 908-246-5900. Looking forward to seeing you.

**PARISH FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Father Greg and Deacon Steve would like to invite your family to join them for our **Parish Family Christmas Dinner** on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. It will be a covered-dish/potluck event (a free-will offering will be accepted). Each family should bring a side dish, salad, casserole, dessert or beverages to share. Ham and turkey, pierogi, and some drinks will be provided. All who are planning to attend are asked to please sign up by Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the bulletin board in the church foyer for your convenience. If you have questions, you may contact MaryAnn at 908-246-5900, Maria at 908-798-9204 or Krystyna at 973-770-4945. After dinner all will join Father Greg and special guests "The Mark Howell Singers" in singing Christmas Carols in English and Polish.

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**CHRISTMAS**

We wish you laughter, joy, and a happy heart,  
 Warmth of love, good friends today and always.  
 We wish you His peace in your life;  
 We wish you His blessings.  
 Merry Christmas and have a blessed New Year.

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**PRAY FOR:**

**Living:** Joe Mihalik, Hedda Sivertsoon, Ruthann Kurnath, Paul Marrow, Robert Willis, Mary Rupell  
**Deceased:** Paul Milkowski, Gene Wright, Rosalie Hollenfer, Irene Mazanek, Raymond Ascolese

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