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



Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo
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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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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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 28/29, 2024

SAT – Dec 28 (Holy Innocents)

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

MON – Dec 30

8:30a +-Names from the Christmas Rem Envs

TUES – Dec 31 (New Year's Eve)

8:30a +Doris Crawford req Walt & Trish Horzepa

5:00p +Stephen P.Jaworski, Sr. req Jaworski Fam

WED – Jan 1, 2025 (New Year's Day)

10a -For God's blessings and in thanksgiving for our family req Dait Family

11:30a Pol: +Tadeusz Kaczynski od syna i rodziny

THUR – Jan 2 (Ss. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen)

8:30a +Audrey Horzepa req son Walt & Trish Horzepa

FRI – Jan 3 (Holy Name of Jesus)

8:30a +Carter Birth req Maria Kaczmarek

7:00p Pol: -O Boze Blog. dla rodziny rozancowej

SAT – Jan 4 (St. Eliabeth Ann Seton)

8:30a +Agata Grab req Maria Kaczmarek

5:00p +JP McChesney req McKenna Family

SUN – Jan 5 (Epiphany of the Lord)

7:30a +Bob Crawford req Walt & Trish Horzepa

10a +Juan Pablo Febres req Cheryl Barton

11:30a Pol: +Zofia & Peter Koc od rodziny Szmigielski

Altar Flowers – donated by our parishioners

Bread & Wine - is available

Sanctuary Lamp - is available

Divine Mercy Candle - is lit this week in memory of Aniela Gorlicka

Family Christmas Candles sponsored by: Koonz, Swider-Godlewsky, Horzepa, Crawford, Gac, Pilny, Talajczyk-Saulewicz, Borzecki, De la Rama, Gaynor, Kaczynski, Szmigielski, Buga, Lubecki, Gubernat, Schleckmann, Bober, Perez-Muniz, Winkelman, Wyss, Yturbe, Gzella, Turbek-Smith, Murphy, Jacek-Kutacz, Stasi, Bengyak, Reed, Greco-Reed, Wyss-Baldwin, Hurley, Hancock, Mania, Chretien, Szewc, Ruetsch, Szewczyk, Marchioni, Szmigiel, Baran, Spiewak, Orlik, Jaworski, R. Willis, Winter, Penner, Granata, Bielecki, Kaczmarek, G. Hader families

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.

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

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)

Note: This is a Holy Day of Obligation

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.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – December 2024

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.

1st week - \$3047 2nd week - \$4227

3rd week - \$3536 4th week - \$

Christmas - \$

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.



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.

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 and God bless.



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.

Bereavement Facilitator Training Course **February – March 2025**

Registration for the Bereavement Facilitator Training Course is now open. This six-session course will be held Wednesday evenings from 7 pm-9 pm on Zoom/Teams starting February 12- March 26, 2025 (No class on March 5, Ash Wednesday). This program is designed for individuals who want to become facilitators for existing parish bereavement support groups or who wish to start a bereavement support ministry at their parish or online. It can also benefit anyone who ministers to the bereaved in parishes in different capacities. For more information or to register visit: <https://archdioceseofnewark.regfox.com/loss-transition>

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.



2025 Marriage Preparation

Dates and the Couples Guide are now on the diocesan website. All information may be found on the Office of Family Life's webpages:

The 2025 Couples Guide for Marriage Preparation may be found at:

www.diometuchen.org/marriage-preparation

The 2025 Pre-Cana Session may be found at:

www.diometuchen.org/pre-cana-sessions

The 2025 Virtual God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage may be found at:

www.diometuchen.org/gods-plan-for-marriage-session

The 2025 Engaged Encounter Weekend may be found at:

www.diometuchen.org/engaged-encounter-weekend

The 2025 Natural Family Planning Courses may be found at:

www.diometuchen.org/natural-family-planning

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are."

(1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

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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