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



Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo
Administrator

Eileen Wyss
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Diane Francis
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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!

E-mail

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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 10/11, 2024

SAT – Feb 10 (St. Scholastica)

5:00p +Marie Bocko req Jeanie & Charles Hoff

SUN – Feb 11

7:30a +Rosemarie Olenick req sister Arlene Olenick

10a +Luke Stroud req his family

11:30a Pol +Jan i Leon Grab od Krystyna Talajczyk

MON – Feb 12

8:30a -O swiatlo Duchy Sw. dla rodziny Baranowski

TUES – Feb 13

8:30a +Marie Bocko req Mike & Marie Toto

WED – Feb 14 (Ash Wednesday)

7:00a +Matthew Mullikin

6:30p +Anna Maria Jaworski & Genevieve

Sobolewski req Jaworski Family

8:00p +Wladyslawa Pochron od Pawel & Beata

THUR – Feb 15

8:30a +John Stasi, Jr. req Stasi Family

FRI – Feb 16

8:30a +Joseph Godlewsky req Gail & Frank
McMahon

SAT – Feb 17 (Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order)

8:30a +Lourdes Reyes Alcala req Adrienne &
Harvey Crowder

5:00p +Christine Salegna req Jen & Chris Mulhall

SUN – Feb 18

7:30a +Stanley Lubas req his family

10a +Joseph & Helen Olenick req daughter Arlene

11:30a Pol – Błog. urodzinowe dla Michała
Łukijaniuk

Altar Flowers – are donated by the Stroud family in
memory of their son Luke

Bread & Wine – is available

Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of
Shirly Ann Olenick req sister-in-law Arlene Olenick

Divine Mercy Candle is lit this week for birthday
blessings for Marek Szczeblewski req his family

ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, February 14th,
marks the start of Lent. Masses will be celebrated at
7am, 6:30pm, and in Polish at 8pm. There will also
be an Ash Service for children in our Religious Ed
Program at 4:30pm. Ash Wednesday is also a day of
fasting and abstinence. Please remember to follow
the rules of fasting and abstinence during Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday
evening during Lent in our church starting at 7pm.
Stations of the Cross in Polish will start at 8pm. A
reminder to all 7th and 8th grade students—Stations of
the Cross will count towards your “Spiritual Service
Projects”.

FISH DINNER

Call Walt (908-763-7403) if you wish to purchase a fish
or chicken dinner through the Knights of Columbus.
Cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children. Meals must
be paid in advance and pick up is here at our church on
Saturday, February 17th at 5:45 pm.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – February 2024

1st week - \$3187

2nd week - \$

3rd week - \$

4th week - -\$

TAX LETTERS

Call or email a request for your 2023 donation letter
for your tax purposes. (stpeterandpaul@comcast.net
or 908-637-4269).

LENTEN RETREAT

Please join us for a Lenten Retreat, *Presence, the
Mystery of the Eucharist*, beginning **February 21st at 7
p.m.** This retreat will be led by our RCIA Director, Marilyn
Gorski, and will run for four Wednesdays in a row in our
church hall. *Presence* is comprised of four sessions:
*God is with Us, The Story of the Eucharist, Bread for the
Journey, and Biblical Foundations of the Eucharist.* It is
designed to help us discover the powerful way that God is
present to us in the Eucharist, inviting us into the intimate
union with himself. We will examine the effects of the
sacrament and its setting in the Mass, explore the
scriptural foundation of the sacrament, and discover the
beauty of Holy Communion and the transformative power
of the grace God offers us in this sacrament. This
workshop is free but please register so we make sure we
have enough cake and coffee to serve. Call the Church
office at 908/637-4269 or email Diane at
dfrancis280@comcast.net. **Come join us!**

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to
attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or
high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant &
Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>.
Online applications must be completed (including all
required documentation) by no later than **March 31,
2024**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.
Families that need assistance completing the online
application or need access to a computer to apply should
contact their school.

Coming Soon! Family Fun in the Great Hall...

A family day of fun in the Church Hall (date change), Saturday, March 9th, to benefit our teen Youth Group (YG). All families are welcome. 90-minute slots will be available to play games on two floors: with music, beachball volleyball, pickleball, badminton, cornhole, skill games, 6-ft. B'ball shooting, air hockey, foosball, ping pong, and bowling. A giant TV will be playing "Babe" (talking animal) movie for the young at heart. Food & drinks will be available for a small fee. A good-will offering is being asked of all participants to help fund unforgettable Catholic-themed trips for the YG teens.

Parents: If you have large games (e.g., arcade basketball or Skee-ball) that you'd be willing to add to the day's fun, please email Brian Young (byoung8sts@gmail.com) with the info.

Look for the event poster, YG group photo, and the event's sign-up sheet in the church lobby. Join us for a warm, social gathering on a cold, winter day.

Questions? Email Mr. Young, or Mrs. Francis (dfrancis280@comcast.net). A donation jar will also be set-up for people who just want to support our youth.

Discerning Your Purpose Six Week Discernment Group

Where: The Catholic Center at Rutgers University, 84 Somerset Street, New Brunswick, NJ

Who: Young Men 18-35

When: Begins Sunday, February 18th (ends with Palm Sunday Weekend retreat)

Participants are required to register to receive detailed information. For more information, contact Rev. Thomas Lanza in the Office of Vocations at tlanza@diometuchen.org.

2024 Lenten Obligations

1. The days of both fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (February 14) and Good Friday (March 29).
2. The other Fridays of Lent (Feb. 16 and 23, Mar. 1, 8, 15, and 22) are days of abstinence.
3. Fasting in the Roman Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal with two smaller meals which together do not equal the size of your full meal. The obligation of fasting applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.
4. Abstinence in the Roman Catholic tradition means to abstain from eating meat (beef, chicken, pork, turkey, etc.). The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

Note: This year, be aware that Ash Wednesday falls on February 14 (also Valentine's Day). The obligation to fast does remain in effect, so it is suggested that those who are planning a special dinner make that their one main meal of the day.



"You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn

babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion." – St. John Paul II

Join Christians throughout the globe by praying for an end to abortion February 14 - March 24th during the 40 Days for Life campaign. Offer time to peacefully pray in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 66 East Washington Ave. Washington. Please lift the local 40 Days for Life campaign up in prayer, as well as asking for God's protection on all human life from conception until natural death. For more information contact: Jennifer English, amjadopt@comcast.net 973 525-6692. or visit <https://40daysforlife.com/> Be Strong and Courageous. Do not be Afraid; do not be discouraged, for The Lord Your God Will be with You Wherever You go. Joshua 1:9

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

One of the key ministries supported by the Annual Appeal is **Seminarian Formation**. We are blessed to have 21 men currently studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of Metuchen. It is a blessing that brings with it the responsibility of providing for their education. Quality formation is essential for our future priests who will be the sacramental presence of the Lord in the midst of our parishes, nourishing and healing with Word and sacraments the people they are called to serve. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to defray the costs of forming the future shepherds of our Church.

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "I'm I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

PRAY FOR:

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Deceased: Michael Steen, Maria Amabile, Regina Lukijaniuk, Zbigniew Grzywna, Rosemary Washuta

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