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MASSES:

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.

O.C.I.A. (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS):

Interested in becoming Catholic?
Interest in making the Sacraments of
Confirmation? Eucharist? 908-637-
4269.

VISITATION OF THE SICK:

Every first Friday of the month, at
home or in the hospital, please call
the church office, 908-637-4269.

OUTREACH PROGRAM: If you
are in need please call the Parish
Office at 908-637-4269. All calls kept
confidential.

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

Religious Education E-mail

peterpaulreled@comcast.net

Website

www.peterpaulgm.com

Walking Pilgrimage

www.walkingpilgrimage.us

Welcome to Ss. Peter & Paul Church:

Our warmest welcome to all who
celebrate the Holy Mass with us. We
thank God you are here.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

New Parishioner/Family

Change of Address or Phone

Moving, please remove

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 21/22, 2026

SAT – Feb 21 (St. Peter Damian)

5:00p +Genevieve Sobolewski & Anna Maria
Jaworski req Dorothy & Allan Jaworski

SUN – Feb 22

7:30a +Genevieve Godlewsky req Kathy
Gromlowicz
10a -Birthday blessings for Gabriel Francis req his
family
11:30a Pol: -God's blessings for Agnieszka &
children req mom Danuta Gzella

MON – Feb 23 (St. Polycarp)

8:30a +Ernest DeMarco req his family

TUES – Feb 24

8:30a +Frank Kowalski req Jenn & Chris Mulhall

WED – Feb 25

8:30a +Raymond Hendershot req sons & family

THUR – Feb 26

8:30a +Joe Godlewsky req Mark Machacek

FRI – Feb 27 (St. Gregory of Narek)(Abstinence)

8:30a +Bertha Stachowicz req her family

7:00p English Stations of the Cross

8:00p Polish Stations of the Cross

SAT – Feb 28

8:30a -Intentions only known to God

5:00p +Genevieve Godlewsky req LuAnn Wojcik

SUN – Mar 1

7:30a +Alexander Bocko req Joe & Florence
Dzurek

10a +Frances Granata req Granata Family

11:30a Pol: +Janina & Jan Gzella od rodziny Gzella

Altar Flowers – no flowers during Lent
Bread & Wine – is donated this week for the soul of
Albert J. Pass req his wife Nomsa
Sanctuary Lamp – is lit this week in memory of
Albert J. Pass req his wife Nomsa
Divine Mercy Candle – is lit this week for the soul
of Albert J. Pass req his wife Nomsa

NO GREATER LOVE

Please join Deacon Steve for a Lenten program titled
“No Greater Love, A Biblical Walk through Christ’s
Passion” so we can prepare to more deeply
experience Christ’s passion like never before.
Sessions will be held from 6:30pm to 8:00pm on
Sunday, Monday and Tuesday March 1st, 2nd and
3rd and we will complete the program on Monday
and Tuesday March 9th and 10th. Please email the
deacon if you wish to attend:
deaconstevegunther@gmail.com. There is no cost
for this program. Everyone is welcome.

TAX LETTERS AVAILABLE

Please call or email the church office if you need a
tax letter, stpeterandpaul@comcast.net or 908-637-
4269.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – Feb 2026

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.

1st week - \$4659 2nd week - \$2652

3rd week - \$2914 4th week - \$

PARKING

If you need to park in our parking lot for an extended period
of time please call and leave a message alerting us of your
vehicle. Also, during snowstorms please park your vehicles
in the upper parking lot so Fr. Greg can clear the lower
parking lot for Mass.

2026 LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

The days of BOTH fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday
(February 18) and Good Friday (April 3). All other Fridays
of Lent (Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27) are days of
abstinence. The obligation of fast applies only to Catholics
between the ages of 18 and 59. Fasting in the Catholic
tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal and two
smaller meals which together are not equal to a full meal, so
as to experience hunger. The obligation of abstinence
applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.
Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from
meat (beef, chicken, pork, turkey, etc.).

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Please join Christians throughout the globe to pray and fast
for an end to abortion from February 18 -March 29 during
the 40 Days for Life campaign, in the public right-of-way
outside Planned Parenthood, 66 East Washington Ave,
Washington, NJ. Contact: Jennifer English,
amjadopt@comcast.net (973 525-6692) or visit
<https://40daysforlife.com/>. *Be strong and courageous. Do not
be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your
God is with you wherever you go.* ~ Joshua 1:9

PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

O Almighty God, pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy
Father and those who assist him in the discernment of our
new bishop. May the one chosen have the strength to be a
compassionate leader, who models humility and joy. Grant
him the wisdom of Solomon, the courage of the apostles, and
the tenderness of your Son, the Good Shepherd.

HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO BE A SPONSOR?

It is a tremendous honor to get asked to be a Sponsor or Godparent. A family feels that you are a good Catholic role model and wants you to take on a vital role in the spiritual development of their child. In order to be a sponsor, by CANON LAW, you must be fully initiated as a Roman Catholic by being Baptized, and received both Communion and Confirmation and be an active, practicing Catholic. Here at Ss. Peter & Paul's, we are responsible in verifying that an individual is qualified to be a sponsor. This can be done by certifying their Sacrament of Confirmation in our archives, for those that received their sacrament here at our parish, or by attesting that they are registered and active parishioners. We can attest that an individual is registered by finding them in our data base. You might be saying to yourself, "I have been coming here for years, I am a member." OK, but are you registered? When adult children move out of their parent's homes, their registration become invalid. They need to register at their local church. If they live locally and continue to attend here at Ss. Peter & Paul, they would need to fill out a registration form and establish their own identification. If you have adult children still living at home with you, then encourage them to establish their own registration. What makes you "active"? This means you attend Mass regularly and use weekly envelopes. This is NOT about the money in the envelope, it is about THE envelope, showing that you are here, attending Mass and fulfilling your obligation as an active, practicing Catholic. Did you know that every week, the collections are posted to those corresponding registered families in our database? The is how you are able to receive your End of Year Tax Statements. Again, it's not what is IN the envelope, it is the envelope itself. Making a donation to the church is a very personal decision and we respect the privacy of those individuals that prefer to give anonymously. Think of your envelope, whether an official church envelope or any one you choose to use, as a means of "attendance". This way, when you ask for a sponsor form and your registration is verified, a priest can look and see if you attend church. This system in place is not perfect and it is not meant to stand in your way of getting a sponsor form. It should be a tool for you to help evaluate your qualifications to be a sponsor. You are about to make a vow in front of God and a parish community, that you do fulfill your obligation as a practicing Catholic. Life keeps us busy and sometimes attending Mass may not always be a weekly priority, but if you completely dismiss this obligation, how can your church attest to your commitment to be a sponsor?

SPIRITUAL UNBORN BABY

On the large brown table in the back of our church, you will find a basket filled with little bracelets with baby names on them. Please select a bracelet and pray for the protection of this spiritual unborn baby. Here is the prayer: "*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion*" Amen.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Financial Aid Management at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) no later than **March 31**. **A signed Parish Verification Form is also required by the Diocese, and should be signed by your Pastor, and submitted to the school or schools your children attend. Eligibility requirements, instructions and forms can be found at <https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance>.**

2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Shaping the hearts and minds of our youth is a priority in the Diocese of Metuchen. The young need our attention and care. Every day they are confronted with a secular culture that constantly pulls at them and threatens their faith and morals at this vulnerable period in their spiritual formation. Through the work of the Offices of Schools, Catechesis, Youth & Young Adult ministry and Campus Ministry at Rutgers University, our children, teens and young adults grow to understand the roots of their faith and their responsibilities as Christians. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal will help to preserve our faith for future generations.

This year our parish goal is \$16,000.00. This is an increase of \$1,000.00 since last year's appeal.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There is a need for more volunteers, especially on Fridays, at the Thrift Store and Food Pantry at 387 South Main St., Phillipsburg, NJ. This Catholic Charities run program is asking for your help. If you or you and a friend or you and a family member can give a few hours a week or even a month to this very important ministry, please call Maria at 732-387-1315 or contact her at mhunter@ccdom.org.

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

PRAY FOR:

Living: Pawel Pochron, Letiza Stasi, Brian Young, Terry Medino, Irena Mika

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