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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.

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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.

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
February 28/March 1, 2026

SAT – Feb 28

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

6:30p Lenten Retreat

MON – Mar 2

8:30a +Barbara Pawlicki req Patty & Tom Swider

6:30p Lenten Retreat

TUES – Mar 3 (St. Katharine Drexel)

8:30a +Jerzy Janczy

6:30p Lenten Retreat

WED – Mar 4 (St. Casimir)

8:30a -Birthday blessings for Elsie req her grandma

THUR – Mar 5

8:30a +Benjamin (Tracy) Trzeciakiewicz req Ed &
AnneMarie Tracy

FRI – Mar 6 (Abstinence)

8:30a +Genevieve Godlewsky req Jenn & Chris
Mulhall

7:00p English Stations of the Cross

8:00p Polish Stations of the Cross

SAT – Mar 7 (Ss. Perpetua & Felicity)

8:30a +John F. Kurpicki, Jr. req Elaine & Amine

5:00p +Genevieve Godlewsky req Barbara & Jack
Reed

SUN – Mar 8

7:30a +Deceased members of the Sobolewski &
Jaworski Families req Dorothy & Allan
Jaworski

10a +Nancy & Thomas Penner req their family

11:30a Pol: +Jan & Apolonia Zych od rodziny
Szmigielski

Altar Flowers – no flowers during Lent

Bread & Wine – is donated this week for the soul of
Emila Lubecka

Sanctuary Lamp – is lit this week in memory of
Emila Lubecka

Divine Mercy Candle – is lit this week for the soul
of Emila Lubecka

NO GREATER LOVE

Our Lenten Retreat starts this Sunday, March 1st &
2nd & 3rd. All are welcome. Please join us in the
Parish Hall from 6:30pm – 8pm. Cake, coffee, and
tea will be provided. The last two sessions will take
place on Monday, March 9th & 10th. There is no
cost for this presentation. 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 - \$2483

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.).

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.

POLISH RETREAT

A Lenten Retreat in Polish will take place Monday -
Wednesday, March 16th & 17th & 18th starting at 7pm
in the church.

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 fulfil 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

Please apply for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school by March 31. Apply online now through FACTS Financial Aid Management at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. Eligibility requirements, instructions and forms can be found at <https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance>.

2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 7/8, which has been designated as *Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend*. Please prayerfully consider a gift to help our parish reach its goal. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

This year our parish goal is \$16,000.00. We have raised so far \$4,875.

Mass for Family Healing – March 14, 2026

For all feeling alone or grieving due to divorce, severe marital difficulties, as well as for children of any age who are affected by these facets of Family Brokenness, please join us for a special Mass and Resource Fair on Saturday, March 14th, at 10am at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center. Representatives from the "Surviving Divorce," "Retrouvaille" and "Life-Giving Wounds" ministries will be present. There will also be activities for younger children while adults are looking into the resources. To register, please visit: diometuchen.org/events/family-brokenness-mass. Contact Rachelle Hanna for details at rachelle.hanna@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At the Thrift Store and Food Pantry at 387 South Main St., Phillipsburg, NJ. If you, a friend or 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.

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you."
Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

PRAY FOR:

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