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



Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo
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Eileen Wyss
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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 2/3, 2024

SAT – Mar 2

5:00p +Luke Stroud req McKenna Family

SUN – Mar 3

7:30a +Jim Meringer req Tom & Lin Gabel

10a +Michael Russo req Vince Settineri & Beth Wingle

11:30a Pol: +Emila Lubecka od rodziny

MON – Mar 4 (St. Casimir)

8:30a +Emilia & Piotr Ziobro req niece & family

TUES – Mar 5

8:30a +Benjamin Tracy Trzeciakiewicz req Ed Tracy Family

WED – Mar 6

8:30a +Nancy Penner req her family

THUR – Mar 7 (Ss. Perpetua & Felicity)

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

FRI – Mar 8 (St. John of God) (abstinence)

8:30a +Theodore Martka req Walt & Trish Horzepa

7:00p English Stations of the Cross

8:00p Polish Stations of the Cross

SAT – Mar 9 (St. Frances of Rome)

8:30a +In memory of George Sadlock req daughter Alice Kurnath

5:00p +Louise Stefanski req LuAnn Wojcik

SUN – Mar 10

7:30a +Edward B. Tracy Trzeciakiewicz req Ed Tracy Family

10a +Mary Barr Luteran req Mannhaupt Family

11:30a Pol: -O szczeniwe rozwiazanie dla Ewy od rodziny

Altar Flowers – no flowers during Lent

Bread & Wine is available

Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Irena Talajczyk

Divine Mercy Candle is lit this week in memory of Jan Gorlicki

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”.

EASTER REMEMBRANCE MASSES



During the Easter Season, from Easter to Pentecost Sunday, we offer various Masses for people, living and deceased, that are listed

on our Easter Mass Remembrance Envelopes. These envelopes can be found on the brown table in the back of our church. All names printed on the envelopes will be printed in our bulletin and prayed for during these Masses.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – February 2024

1st week - \$3187

2nd week - \$3250

3rd week - \$3163

4th week - \$3077

LENTEN RETREAT

Bread for the Journey, our third topic in our Lenten Retreat series begins on **Wednesday, March 6th at 7 p.m. in our Parish Hall**. This retreat will be led by our RCIA Director, Marilyn Gorski, and runs for the next two Wednesdays. This retreat 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 retreat is free and open to all. Come and broaden your Catholic knowledge. Make the sacrifice and come out on Wednesday to join us. Cake and coffee will be served.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025 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 Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2024**.

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

St. Theodore Church is hosting a trip to the Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal on Monday, March 11th. This bus trip will cost \$65 per person. For more details see our bulletin board or contact Cecilia at devenzia6@gmail.com or call 973-519-5446. RSVP ASAP.

Family Fun Day

Will take place this 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.

St. Patrick's Church Youth Group is hosting a spaghetti dinner on Friday, March 15th. Doors open at 5:30p. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Proceeds benefit the St. Patrick's Youth Group. Contact Virginia Walton-st.patrickrose.youthgroup@gmail.com for tickets. Stations of the Cross will be available at 7:00 pm in the Church.

BISHOP VISIT

Our bishop will be joining us on Palm Sunday to celebrate the 11:30am Mass with us. We invite everyone to come to the 11:30am Mass. This Mass will be celebrated in English and Polish.

All MEN are invited!



We invite and welcome all men, regardless of parish affiliation or where they might find themselves on their spiritual journey to join us here at our monthly *Church of the Assumption Men's Group* gatherings, held on the 2nd Saturday of each month, 9 am - 11 am, at the Assumption Parish Center Lower Level. Through this group, we seek to provide all men an opportunity to *get together in faith and friendship* and *examine* what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus. We explore a different topic at each meeting and offer the *opportunity for sharing and discussion*. *Sharing is optional*. Plus, we serve Coffee and! For more information, please contact Deacon Walter at walter.p257@comcast.net / 908-310-8095.

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.

TAX LETTERS

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

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

"But they urged Him, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.' So He went in to stay with them." (Luke 24:24) Jesus "stays with us" in an intimate way in the Eucharist. We want to share His love with those we meet along the way, accompanying them on the path of life, as Jesus did on the Road to Emmaus. One important way we can share our faith, encourage and assist our fellow travelers is by participating in the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Through our shared support, we touch the lives of thousands of people each year through the tangible services and programs we offer. Together we walk side by side with those who are suffering today, those who are ill or fearful, and those who are poor and vulnerable. Through our ministries, we bring them the reassuring presence of the Lord. Our Parish goal is \$15,000. To date we donated \$4,714. What a great start.

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." -Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

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