SAINTS PETER & PAUL CHURCH

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Welcome to our Church!

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



Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo Administrator

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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.

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 stpeterandpaul@comcast.net

Religious Education E-mail peterpaulreled@comcast.net

Website www.peterpaulgm.com

Walking Pilgrimage 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 16/17, 2024

SAT – Mar 16

5:00p +In memory of Irene Pospiech req her sister Alice Kurnath

SUN – Mar 17 (St. Patrick's Day)

7:30a +Helen Hendershot req sister Arlene Olenick 10a +Leon Fortin req wife MaryLou & Family

11:30a Pol: +Z rodziny Talajczyk od Krystyna Talajczyk

MON – Mar 18 (St. Cyril of Jerusalem)

8:30a -God's blessings for the Schleckmann, Bober, Perez Families

TUES - Mar 19 (St. Joseph)

8:30a +Joseph Godlewsky req Adella Kowalski

WED - Mar 20

8:30a +Susan Seger req Scott Anderson & Family

THUR – Mar 21

8:30a +John "Butch" Kozimor req Irene Skow

FRI – Mar 22

8:30a +Jozefa & Michal & Apolonia & Michael req family

7:00p English Stations of the Cross

8:00p Polish Stations of the Cross

SAT – Mar 23 (St. Turibius of Mogrovejo)

8:30a +Kazimiera Branka req Gzella Family

5:00p +Joseph Godlewsky req Irene Johnson

SUN – Mar 24

7:30a +Helen Hendershot req sister Arlene Olenick 10a +Leon Fortin req wife MaryLou & Family 11:30a Pol: +Z rodziny Talajczyk od Krystyna Talajczyk

<u>Altar Flowers</u> – no flowers during Lent

<u>Bread & Wine</u> is offered this week in memory of Helen Hendershot req sons & family

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<u>Sanctuary Lamp</u> is lit this week in memory of Jozefa & Michal & Apolonia & Michal

Divine Mercy Candle is available

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS, Friday, March 22nd at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

SALVATORIAN MISSIONS

Today we are asked to take up a collection to help fund the Salvatorian Missions. Fr. Greg is part of the Salvatorian Fathers community. Monies collected help this community spread the Word of God. Please be generous in the 2nd collection next weekend.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7pm in English and 8pm in Polish. 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.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – March 2024

1st week - \$3336

2nd week - \$3072

3rd week - \$

4th week - -\$

2024 Lenten Obligations

- 1. The days of both fast <u>and</u> 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).

PRO-LIFE BRACELETS

Thank you to the confirmation students for making pro-life bracelets. Please take one and pray during this Lenten season for God to save a baby from abortion. The bracelets can be worn to remind you to pray every day the pray inserted in the package. They can be found on the back table.

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many parishioners. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from our pastor, Fr. Greg, encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website: https://diometuchen.org.

Our Parish goal is \$15,000. To date we donated \$6,944. We are almost half way there.

Hershey Park Discount Tickets

Discount tickets for Hershey Park are now available for purchase through Ss. Peter & Paul Church. The price for a regular ticket is \$86.95 per person. Our discounted price is \$45.00 per person (all ages 3+). The tickets are good for 1 day in the park and can be used any time the park is open from March 29, 2024 - January 1, 2025. You can also use the tickets for "Hershey Park Preview". Hershey Park Preview is using your tickets the night before, 2 1/2 hours before the park closes. Then you use the tickets the next day of your visit. Parking is a separate cost of \$20.00(if you order on-line) or \$25 in person. (If you are using the "Preview" option, the night before, be sure to mention that as you are parking or ordering your parking pass on-line.) ALLPRE-PAID TICKET ORDERS ARE DUE IN BY APRIL 14TH. Please make checks payable to Ss. Peter & Paul Church. Please make sure you can pick up your tickets in person at our church. You can find the order forms in the back of our church or on our website, peterpaulgm.com, under the tab "Upcoming Events". Any questions please contact the church office at 908-637-4269.

Fountain Flowing from the Cross Meditation
March 26 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm, join us at the
National Blue Army Shrine in Asbury, NJ for
our meditation, Fountain Flowing from the
Cross.

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 please contact Deacon Walter at information, walter.p257@comcast.net / 908-310-8095.

CHRISM MASS--Tuesday, March 26, 2024

On Tuesday, March 26, 2024, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, all priests will make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service to the Bishop and the people of God. The Bishop will also bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches. All are strongly encouraged to join in-person or via Livestream in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 PM.

Prayer *is* important during Lent. Very important. But fasting and almsgiving matter too. So do all the other actions we might take to help us let go of our own desires and align with God's call for us.

PRAY FOR:

Living: Frank Lantermen, Marian Gzella, Irena Pietras, Robert Kristoff, Dorothy Ford, John Lee, **Deceased:** Laura McGee, Sue Driscoll, Michael Steen, Maria Amabile, Regina Lukijaniuk



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