

SAINTS PETER & PAUL CHURCH

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



Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo
Administrator

Eileen Wyss
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Diane Francis
Religious Ed. Director

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

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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 16/17, 2023

SAT – Sept 16 (St. Cornelius)

5:00p +MaryAnn Boatman req cousin Adella

SUN – Sept 17

7:30a -God's blessings & graces for Fr. Paul Dolinski

10a -God's blessings for all CCD teachers, subs, and helpers

11:30a Pol:+Teresa i Czeslaw Zurawski od rodziny

MON – Sept 18

8:30a +Katherine Piasecki req Alberta Piasecki

TUES – Sept 19 (St. Januarius)

8:30a +Michal Cieras req Polish Rosary Group

WED – Sept 20 (Ss. Tae-gon & Ha-sang)

8:30a +Deceased members of the Piasecki Family req Alberta Piasecki

THUR – Sept 21 (St. Matthew)

8:30a +Edward Sosnovik req Mark Machacek

FRI – Sept 22

8:30a +Jan Ziobro req his sister & family

SAT – Sept 23 (St. Pius of Pietrelcina)

8:30a +Jozef Hader req Hader Family

5:00p +Luke Stroud req Alan & Karen Stroud

SUN – Sept 24

7:30a -Birthday blessings for Michael Decker, Jr. req his family

10a -God's blessings, guidance, and graces for the Bielecki Family

11:30a Pol:+Jana i Stanislaw Kasprzyk od rodziny Hader

Altar Flowers – are available

Bread & Wine – is offered this week in memory of Sherri Wilk req Teixeira Family

Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week for God's blessings and the intentions for the family req Arthur

Divine Mercy Candle is lit this week for God's blessings and the intentions for the family req Arthur

R.C.I.A.

Catechumens-Unbaptized adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. By God's help they will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time will receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist) fruit fully.

Candidates-Baptized Christians desiring to join the Catholic Church may also participate in components of RCIA that are appropriate to their needs in preparation for the Rite of Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.

Candidates-Catholics who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation may also participate in components of RCIA that are appropriate to their needs in preparation for the completion of the Sacrament of Initiation.

If you fall into one of these categories and wish to become Catholic, please contact Marilyn at 908-459-4483.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – September 2023

1st week - \$2735

2nd week - \$2682

3rd week - \$

4th week - \$

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS...

Don't be late! Apply now for Religious Ed classes. See Diane Francis after the 10am Mass or Call 908-637-4269 for more information.



JOB OPENING

Catholic Charities Child Care is looking for staff for a new after school program beginning at Great Meadows School District this coming school year. Experience working with children required. Teachers or district staff encouraged to apply! Please contact Sandy Oswald at 908-329-2027 or soswald@ccdom.org. Please include resume.

BE NOT AFRAID

Perhaps priesthood has crossed your mind, but fear pushes the idea away:

- My friends would laugh if they heard I was thinking about the priesthood!
- My parents would be shocked.
- My mom wants grandkids.
- I'm scared to death of speaking in public.
- I'm nowhere near holy enough.
- I don't want to give up sex.
- I'll be lonely.
- Seminary may be too hard for me.
- Being a priest seems lame.

These fears are very common, even for men who are already in seminary. But literally thousands of men have had the same concerns and then went on to become holy and effective priests. Contact Fr. Mauricio Tabera-Vasquez, Vocation Recruiter, (732) 562-2457, vocations@diometuchen.org



LIFE CHAIN

The **Life Chain** is an anti-abortion social movement organization. It was started in 1987 in Yuba City and Marysville by a small California-based anti-abortion rights ministry called "Please Let Me Live". Every first Sunday of October, Life Chain invites various churches and congregations across the United States and Canada to stand on designated sidewalks and outside churches to pray peacefully and silently for the protection of all the unborn around the world. In September 1991, Life Chain activists formed a demonstration in Manhattan, New York City during which 1,200 abortion rights opponents formed a "vast, sparse human cross." This relatively small number of Pro-Lifers was met with an opposing Pro-Choice demonstration, consisting of 4,000 pro-abortion marchers who rallied down the streets and "engulfed them in a roar of chants, shouts, and anger. No injuries were reported and only three people were taken into custody for disorderly conduct. After the streets settled down, both sides were quick to claim victory; the pro-choice group, led by Rayna Baum, saw success in its superior numbers, while the anti-abortion group saw success in their being faithful in their service to God in the face of overwhelming opposition.

Our annual Life Chain will take place on Sunday, October 1st starting a 2pm. Please join us in prayer for the unborn.

Ss. Philip & James Eucharistic Revival

430 South Main St, Phillipsburg, Year of Parish Revival (2023-2024). This Eucharistic Revival is organized "to form, heal, convert, unite and send out the People of God through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist" (National Eucharistic Renewal), 6th Talk; Eucharist and Parish Life (Fr. Brian Nolan) Tues., Oct. 3rd at 6:30pm.



Courses from Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology.



Interested in learning more about your faith? Learn more about graduate theological courses offered this Fall in Biblical Studies, Church History,

Christian Ethics, Systematic Theology, Pastoral Theology, Spirituality, Evangelization, and Multicultural Catechesis. For details, please e-mail theology@shu.edu or call Elizabeth Vacchiano at (973) 761-9633.

An Adoption Love Story

Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/adoption-love-story.

Having children and raising a family had always been our expectation. We soon learned, however, that our chances of becoming pregnant were small. It wasn't long before we started talking about the possibility of adoption. I wondered if my heart was big enough to love an adopted child as I would have loved a biological child. But with prayerful discernment, we decided to start the process. On Christmas Eve, Bill* and I left the hospital with Andrew. It didn't take long before there was no doubt in our minds that he was our son, the greatest gift from God! We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew.

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*Names changed for privacy. This is a summary of a USCCB Respect Life Program article by the same name and is reprinted with permission. © 2019, USCCB, Washington, D.C. All rights reserved.

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Silver & Gold Anniversary Celebration



The diocesan church cordially invites couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries in 2023 to attend the Silver and Gold

Anniversary Prayer Service with Bishop Checchio on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, 548 Main St., Metuchen, NJ. Registration is required to attend the Prayer Service.

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." – Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to the live the life that He intended for you.

PRAY FOR:

Living: Frank Fortino, Irena Pietras, Zbigniew Grzywina, Julia Gromnicki, Marian Gzella

Deceased: Carol Kemp, Victor Vilela, Kazimierz Cwalinski, Elizabeth Barton, Joseph Godlewsky

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