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



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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 Parish Office, 908-637-4269. 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. 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 Katelin at 908-892-2237 or Brian Young at byoung8sts@gmail.com for more information.

E-mail
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www.peterpaulgm.com

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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 ADVENT
November 28/29, 2026

SAT – Nov 28
5:00p +Margit Schleckmann req her son & family
SUN – Nov 29 (First Sunday in Advent)
7:30a +All names on the All Souls Envs
10a +Nicholas LiMuli req Jeffrey Anderson
11:30a Pol: +Genevieve Godlewsky req Jacque & Adam & Melinda Kurnath
MON – Nov 30 (St. Andrew)
8:30a +All names on the All Souls Envs
TUES – Dec 1
8:30a +Deceased members of the Ziobro Family req Schleckmann Family
WED – Dec 2
8:30a +Carmela Pelaia req Beth Wingle & Vince Settineri
THUR – Dec 3 (St. Francis Xavier)
8:30a Frank DiPrimo req Joan Lewczuk
FRI – Dec 4 (St. John Damascene)
8:30a +Antonio Fratangelo req Ed Tracy
7:00p Pol: -O Boze Blog. dla rodziny rozancowej
SAT – Dec 5
8:30a +Patsy Ruth Barrett req Beth Wingle & Vince Settineri
5:00p +Florence Zwolinski req Florence & Joe Dzurek
SUN – Dec 6 (Second Sunday in Advent)
7:30a +Stella M. Wojcik req daughter LuAnn
10a +Carmen Pelaia req Beth Wingle & Vince Settineri
11:30a Pol: +All the souls in purgatory od rodziny Bielecki

Altar Flowers – are available
Bread & Wine – is available
Sanctuary Lamp – is available
Divine Mercy Candle – is available

COAT DRIVE

My name is Jocelyn and I am a 7th grader working on my service project for Confirmation. I am working with the organization *Jersey Cares Coat Drive*, which collects gently used or new coats to be donated to those in need. There is a bin in the back of the church with a label "Coat Drive". All donations are due in by 12/6. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all the very generous families of Ss. Peter & Paul. We helped 21 families in our community have a wonderful and plentiful Thanksgiving feast. We also made-up small Thanksgiving bags for 23 residents at the old Hulse Home.

NEXT YEAR'S OFFERING ENVS

Each family is asked to pick up one box of offering envelopes for next year, 2027. The boxes can be found near the large brown table. Please write your last name and the amount within the envelop if you wish us to keep track of your donations for tax purposes. It also helps to use envelops if you are intending to be a godparent or sponsor. The amount does not matter but the envelop proves you are practicing your faith.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – NOVEMBER 2026

Thank you for your continued generosity & support.
1st week - $3043 2nd week - $2787
3rd week - $3231 4th week - $

CHRISTMAS WAFERS / *OPŁATEK*

Just before the Christmas Eve meal (in Polish - Wigilia) the entire family will gather around the table with the Christmas Wafer or Oplatki. Generally, the eldest member of the family will begin the ritual by breaking off a piece of the wafer and passing it to another family member with a blessing. This blessing can simply consist of what you desire for your loved one in the upcoming year - whether it be good health, success, or happiness. The wafer passes from person to person until all have had a piece and all have been given a blessing. The purpose of this act is primarily to express one's unconditional love and forgiveness for each member of his or her family. This symbolism is deepened by the fact that the name of the town where Jesus Christ was born, Bethlehem, means "House of Bread," which makes the Oplatki tradition an especially beautiful way to celebrate the charity and unity so characteristic of the Christmas season. Many families include the wafers in Christmas cards to family members in distant locations. The tradition can easily be shared in this way with anyone around the world! Christmas wafers are available here in our church. The asking donation for a packet of wafers is only $5.00.

GENTLE REMINDER...

Think of our beautiful church building as your home. Just as you always want your home to be ready to welcome guests and visitors, please be conscious of picking up after you and your family at the end of Mass; readying the church for others. Please replace all misselettes and song books and take the bulletin with you so we all make the church ready to welcome others for worship.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED???



If you already received your First Holy Communion, **WE COULD USE YOUR HELP AT MASS**. Please contact the church office (Mon-Fri, 9:30am – 3pm). A training session will be set up for anyone interested. Please call, 908-637-4269 or email: stpeterandpaul@comcast.net.

HAVE YOU BEEN ASKED TO BE A SPONSOR?

It is a tremendous honor to get asked to be a Sponsor or Godparent. 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, 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. Every week, the collections are posted to those corresponding registered families in our database. This 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?

Jesus, The Way, The Truth, The Life.



The last session for this year (2026) will be held on **Monday, Dec. 7th** starting at 6:30pm in our Parish Hall. This Ascension Press program is a new and fresh look at Jesus—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation. This encounter with Christ will inspire you to live more like him as you come to know and love him in a more intimate way.

This series is free. To register email Deacon Steve at DeaconSteveGunther@gmail.com or leave a message with the parish office or just show up and sign in. For those unable to attend in person, video conferencing will be made available.

2027 CALENDARS

Catholic 2027 calendars, donated by Cochran Funeral Home of Hackettstown, can be found on the large brown table. Help yourselves to one.

The Word Among Us Booklets - Are now out on the brown table. Please help yourself to a copy.

Sanctuary Lamp / Bread & Wine / Divine Mercy Candle

Please contact the church office, 908-637-4269, if you would like to book the Sanctuary Lamp, Bread & Wine, or Divine Mercy Candle for the week in memory of or in honor of a loved one. The cost is only $10 for the week. The name(s) will be placed in the bulletin and announced at all Masses for the week it is booked.

ANGUN SEAMLESS GUTTERS

Thank you to David of Angun Seamless Gutters for replacing and fixing our gutters at the Hall and fixing the gutters at the Religious Ed Building. His company did a great job and fast. If you are looking to replace your old gutters, please contact David at Angun Seamless Gutters, 11 Ruth Ct., Succasunna, NJ, 973-584-2822.

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"…whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." – MATTHEW 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

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PRAY FOR:

Living: Terry Medino, Donna Yohn, Greg Giannini, Letizia Stasi, Richie Pilny, Mary Noll, Nikki & Jose Acuna, Richard Godlewsky, Ann Rhinesmith

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