

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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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

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9/10, 2023

SAT – Dec 9 (St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin)

5:00p +Anthony Kowalski & son req Stephen & Sharon Meglic

SUN – Dec 10 (Second Sunday of Advent)

7:30a -God's graces and birthday blessings for Natalia

10a +Edward Sosnovik req MaryLou Fortin

11:30a Pol +Zbigniew Gromnicki z rocz sm od rodziny

MON – Dec 11 (St. Damasus I)

8:30a +Christopher Shellman req Walt & Trish Horzepa

TUES – Dec 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

8:30a +Louis Bongiovanni req Arthur Grabowski

WED – Dec 13 (St. Lucy)

8:30a +Jean Kasharian req Walt & Trish Horzepa

THUR – Dec 14 (St. John of the Cross)

8:30a +Jim Meringer req Tom Gabel

FRI – Dec 15

8:30a +Jim Meringer req sister Marilyn Gorski

SAT – Dec 16

8:30a +Maria Sisto req her children & family

5:00p +MaryAnn Boatman req cousin Adella

SUN – Dec 17 (Third Sunday of Advent)

7:30a +Helen & Raymond Hendershot req sister Arlene Olenick

10a +Sharon Stryker req Susan Sterphone & Family

11:30a Pol +Roman & Halina Gac od rodziny

Altar Flowers – are NOT available during Advent

Bread & Wine – is offered this week in memory of Nancy Penner req her family

Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Maria & Jozef Mania

Divine Mercy Candle is lit this week in memory of Maria & Jozef Mania

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Boxed 2024 Offering Envelopes are now available in the back of our church. We ask that you take 1 box per family. Please write your last name and an amount on the envelopes if you wish us to keep track of your donations for tax purposes. Using offering envelopes also helps us when it comes time to issue sponsor certificates for a Baptism or for Confirmation.



FAMILY CHRISTMAS CANDLE



We started this tradition last year and it went so well that we didn't have enough candles for all the demand. So, we purchased more candles this year. Please consider sponsoring a Family Christmas Candle in honor of your family. The donation for a candle is only \$10 and it will be used to decorate our entire church and stay lit through the entire Christmas season. Our goal is to have all 50 candles sponsored. All family names will appear in the bulletin throughout the Christmas season. What a nice way to receive a Family Christmas Blessing this year.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – December 2023

1st week - \$2822

2nd week - \$

3rd week - \$

4th week - \$

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY



It seems like Christmas is synonymous with big trees, ornaments, gifts and everything in between. Sometimes it is easy to forget what Christmas is all about. Each year during the third Sunday of Advent, children gather with their families in St. Peter's Square for "Bambinelli Sunday." The children bring with them figures of the Christ Child, the Bambinelli, from their family's nativity scene. The Pope blesses the children, their families, and the figurines. To help us remember the true meaning of Christmas, we will once again celebrate Bambinelli Sunday here in our church. **Next weekend**, the 3rd Sunday of Advent, December 16/17, we invite everyone to bring their family's Baby Jesus from their nativity scene to Mass and Fr. Gregory will bless us and our Christ Child figurines. This is a wonderful tradition.

2024 CALENDARS

Free 2024 calendars are available in the back of our church compliments of Maguire Funeral Home & Cochran Funeral Home of Hackettstown and Newbaker Funeral Home of Blairstown. Please help yourselves to one.

YEAR-END CHARITABLE GIFT GIVING

As you consider your year-end tax planning, we hope that you will consider making good use of the income tax charitable deduction and remember our church. All monies are greatly appreciated and will be well spent with the good of the entire parish in mind.

"Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets will be available for a five dollar donation to the Knights of Columbus before and after Masses December 9 and December 10. These colorful, oval magnets are 7 inches long, portraying the Holy Family.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES



Please help us keep our traditions and donate towards our Christmas Flowers. This will also help area flower growers that supply us with our flowers. Offering envelopes can be found on our large brown table in the back of our church. You may donate in memory of or in honor of loved ones. If you have more than

two names, please write all the names on a separate piece of paper and slip it into the flower offering envelope. All names will be printed in the bulletin after Christmas.

CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 9th
4pm - 4:45pm

Saturday, December 16th
4pm - 4:45pm

Wednesday, December 20th
7pm – 8pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Sunday, December 24th
5:00 PM Mass
10:00 PM (Polish)
12:00 Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Monday, December 25th
7:30am,
10:00am,
11:30am (Polish)

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

Sunday, December 31st
5:00 PM, Vigil Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

Monday, January 1st, 2024
10:00am (English)
11:30am (Polish)

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

Our Christmas Midnight Mass choir would love your help.



Anyone planning to attend the Midnight Mass and would like to sing with us is invited to do so. Contact Kevin McCann or call the church office

for our practice times.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Are available in the back of the church. Each envelope contains 3 wafers. The asking donation is \$5 per package. Family members and friends break off a small piece of the *oplatek* wafer and give it to one another along with a blessing

CHRISTMAS PLEDGE

“On my honor, I will do my best to promote the CHRISTmas traditions. I will incorporate, use the word “CHRISTmas”: in my CHRISTmas greetings and conversation, in my CHRISTmas cards, CHRISTmas stamps, and every appropriate CHRISTmas way. This I pledge to CHRIST, my Lord.”

CHRISTMAS MASS REMEMBRANCES

If you would like your loved ones, living or deceased, remembered in Christmas Remembrance Masses during Christmas and throughout the month of January, please pick up a Christmas Mass Remembrance envelope found on the large brown table in the back of our church. If you have more than two names, please write all the names on a separate piece of paper and slip it into the remembrance offering envelope. All names will be printed in the bulletin after Christmas.

HELP NEEDED

As you may know, our Catholic Charities Thrift Store and Food Pantry in Phillipsburg provides much-needed assistance to many families and individual when in need of food, clothing, and other small items. Our staff of employees and volunteers provide for these needs with kindness and compassion. Many find this to be a very heartwarming experience. There is much work to do so we need more volunteers. Anyone interested in more information, call Sister Michaelita at 908-859-5447 for details about volunteer opportunities.

THEOLOGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Office of Ongoing Faith Formation will be offering a 12-week Adult Enrichment Course entitled "Theology of the Eucharist" on twelve consecutive Thursdays starting January 4 through March 21, 2024 from 10:00AM – 11:30 AM. The course will be offered at the St. John Neuman Pastoral Center located at 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ. Admission is \$15 for all twelve classes. Please register at www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation. For more info, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

As the Advent season unfolds prayers serve as guiding beacons to prepare your heart and home for the arrival of Jesus. With each prayer, you can cultivate a sense of sacred anticipation and draw closer to the true meaning of Christmas. Invite the presence of God into your life this season!

PRAY FOR:

Living: Kathy Hurley, Lottie Grochowicz, Buga Family, Irena Pietras, Julia Gromnicki, Marian Gzella
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