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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!

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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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

December 30/31, 2023

SAT – Dec 30

5:00p +Irene Wyss req Pat & Norman Willis

SUN – Dec 31 (Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)

7:30a +Jean Kasharian req Michael Huffert & Margaret Seme

10a +Leon Fortin req his wife MaryLou & family

11:30a Pol +Marie & Jana Juskiewicz od rodziny Hader

5:00p -God's blessings on the occasion of the 60th anniv. in the priesthood of Rev. John Gorski, MM req Steve & Marilyn Gorski

MON – Jan 1, 2024 (Mary, Holy Mother of God)

10:00a +Ruth Kurnath req Dean Kurnath, Greg & Kim

11:30a Pol: +Tadeusz Kaczynski od syna i rodziny

TUES – Jan 2 (Ss. Basil the Great & Nazianzen)

8:30a -For the health of Marian Gzella req Polish 1st Holy Communion class

WED – Jan 3 (Holy Name of Jesus)

8:30a -For the health of Catherine Wimberly req Diane & Brianna Francis

THUR – Jan 4 (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

8:30a +-All names from the Christmas Rem Envs

FRI – Jan 5 (St. John Neumann)

8:30a +Joseph Godlewsky req Chuck & Patty Zukoski

7:00p Pol: -O Boze Blog. dla rodziny rozancowej

SAT – Jan 6 (St. Andre Bessette)

8:30a +Joseph Godlewsky

5:00p +John A. Balazinski, Jr. req Jaworski Family

SUN – Jan 7 (Epiphany of the Lord)

7:30a +Jim Meringer and the comfort of the Gorski Family req Mark & Diane Francis

10a +Lucy Young and the comfort of the Young Family req Mark & Diane Francis

11:30a Pol -O laskę zdrowia dla Mariana Gzelli od dzieci pierwszokwomunijnych z polskiej szkoły

Altar Flowers – are donated by our parishioners

Bread & Wine – is available

Sanctuary Lamp is available

Divine Mercy Candle is lit this week in memory of Mary Lynch req Teixeira Family

Family Christmas Candles sponsored by:McKenna, McArdle, Medore, Hourihan, Gaynor, Koonz, Maza, Thurgood, Swider, Horzepa, Crawford, Granata, Gac, Pilny, Bielecki, Grudzinski, Gunther, O'Neill, Zubel, Szurnicki, Talajczyk, Borzecki, Mysona, Dziewierz, Kaczmarzski, Szmigielski, Buga, Lubecki, Grzybczyk, Szczeblewski, Lukijaniuk, Gzella, Pawlikowska, Grzybczyk, Turbek, Jacek, Wheeler, anonymous, Reed, Greco, Leta, Saulewicz, Hancock, V. Dait, O. Dait, Smith, Wyss, Yturbe, Ronoski, Crawford, Baldwin, R. Willis families

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.

Christmas Festival of Lights

Will be held at the Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Rd. East, Asbury, NJ from Dec 17th through Jan 7th from dusk until 9pm everyday.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS – December 2023

1st week - \$2822 2nd week - \$3193

3rd week - \$3261 4th week - \$

Christmas - \$10,325

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.



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.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

If you are interested in having your house blessed for the New Year, please find a small form in the back of our church. Fill it out and drop it into the collection basket. The rectory office will then contact you.

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 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 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.

Don't stop celebrating: After Christmas Day

The secular world “prepares” for Christmas with months of garish decoration, holiday treats, and spending sprees, but when December 26 rolls around, the world already feels that Christmas is “over.” At most it will allow itself a day or two of recuperation from excess jollity and then get back to work. In a best-case scenario, decorations might stay up till January 1st or a bit later, for “ringing in the new year.” After that, the season of celebration is over. Catholics ought to have a totally different conception of Christmas. Before Christmas, we observe the penitential season of Advent, preparing for the great feast without too much overt joy. Traditionally, families would decorate the Christmas tree together before the great day of Christmas. Families would attend Christmas Mass together. It is very important for us not to surrender to the secular approach that, in a way, celebrates Christmas before Christmas and not afterward. We should really make an effort — in the way our homes are decorated, the way we observe Sundays and holy days, the stories we read and the other activities we do in the house — to keep the spirit of Christmas alive, even if at a “low burn,” especially throughout the period from December 26th to February 2nd. *Yes, this great feast is that big of a deal!* Such observance also becomes a countercultural catechesis in one of the central mysteries of the Christian faith: the Incarnation of the Son of God. This is the pivot point of all human history and of the story of each man, woman, and child.

GIVING TREE

Our Outreach Program, with the help of all of our parishioners, assisted 32 families and a little over 90 children with food and beautiful Christmas presents this year. May God bless your unselfish generosity.



WHAT A BLESSING!

Thank you to all who made Advent and Christmas so special this year. I would like to thank all our parishioners who give so generously all year long to maintain our parish. I would like to thank the special work of the following groups: Altar Servers, Eucharist Ministers, lectors, ushers/greeters, Music Ministry, money counters, church & rectory cleaners, decorating teams, altar cloth team, altar flower ministry, landscaping team, Baptism class instructor, Bible Study team, RCIA team, Rel Ed Program, Christmas Pageant team, Pro-Life Group, Altar Rosary Societies, Outreach Program, Food Card sellers, Rosary Making Group, Youth Group, and the many Walking Pilgrimage volunteers. Once again our decorating teams did a splendid job decorating our church for Christmas. Our parish is truly blessed. Thank you for all your hard work. May God bless you all. With God's blessings and a wish for a healthy and Happy New Year -- Fr. Greg.

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 Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.” - Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone — a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

PRAY FOR:

Living: John Lee, Christopher Muller, Ellen Cavaliere, Kathy Hurley, Lottie Grochowicz, Irena Pietras

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