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2025

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THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WELCOME!

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat | 5pm
Sun | 9am, 11:30am, 6pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Fri | 7:30am (in the Church)
12:15pm (in the Catholic
Center Chapel, next
door)
Sat | 9am (in the Church)

CONFESSION

Sat | 11am-12pm (in the Church)
Mon-Fri | 11:30-12pm (in the
Catholic Center
Chapel Office)
& by appointment

ADORATION

Thurs | 12:45pm-7pm (in the
Catholic Center Chapel)

OTHER CONTACTS

The Catholic Center at
Rutgers
732-545-6663
<https://rutgerscatholic.org/>

Petros Young Adults
👍📱 @PetrosNJ
<https://stpeternewbrunswick.org/young-adults>

📍 94 Somerset St.
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

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🕒 Parish Office Hours:
Mon & Wed | 9am-12pm
Tues & Thur | 2pm-4pm

🌐 www.stpeternewbrunswick.org

📞 732-545-6820

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Life Choices Resource Center

Baby Bottle Blessings

September 20th/21st until October 4th/5th

For over 40 years, Life Choices has been offering free services and support for women and families in our local community. We offer hope and friendship for those facing crisis pregnancies and post-abortion healing. St. Peter the Apostle Church will be hosting a "Baby Bottle Blessings" campaign for LCRC in late September. Take a bottle or envelope home and return with your donation (cash, check or credit card information). Donations can be mailed directly to Life Choices Resource Center, 503 Main St., Metuchen, NJ 08840 or online at LifeChoicesRC.com.

Dresser Donation Needed

The Art & Environment Committee is in need of a used dresser for the storage of Altar Linens. The dresser should be in good condition, no longer than 6 feet, and have deep drawers. If you have a dresser, please send a text to JoAnn at 732-221-7311, with a picture of the dresser and the dimensions. Thank you!

Parish Welcome Back Kickoff Party

September 28th | 10am | St. Peter's Parish Hall

Join the Parish Community for a welcome back party between our Sunday masses! All are welcome!

Do you enjoy crocheting, knitting, or quilting?

Use your talent to create comforting blankets and shawls for individuals who are coping with a life-limiting condition. Blankets will be collected first week of December. For more information, to ask questions, or for pick-up arrangements, contact Eliana at egabriel0706@gmail.com. Donations will be given to hospices.

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"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." - Luke 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little, or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Sept 29, St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

7:30am | Jack Songco

12:15pm |

Tuesday, Sept 30, St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church

7:30am |

12:15pm | Barbara Gibbons

Wednesday, Oct 1, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

7:30am | Christine Giangreco

12:15pm | Elsie Deri James

Thursday, Oct 2, The Holy Guardian Angels

7:30am | Justo de Dios

12:15pm |

Friday, Oct 3, Weekday

7:30am |

12:15pm | Fred "Rab" Donelon

Saturday, Oct 4, St. Francis of Assisi

9am |

5pm | Jaime Restrepo

Sunday, Oct 5, THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9am | Maureen Carollo

11:30am | Deceased Members of the St. Peter's High School Class of 1975

6pm | For the Clergy, Religious, Staff and Parishioners of St. Peter's

"**Pray** for one another, that you may be healed. The **prayer** of a righteous man has great power." - **James 5:16**

In your charity, please pray for...

the sick, the homebound, the hospitalized, & all those in the military.

If you would like to add a name to the updated prayer list, please contact Colleen at the parish office.

To reserve a mass, light a tabernacle sanctuary lamp, or provide altar flowers for an intention...

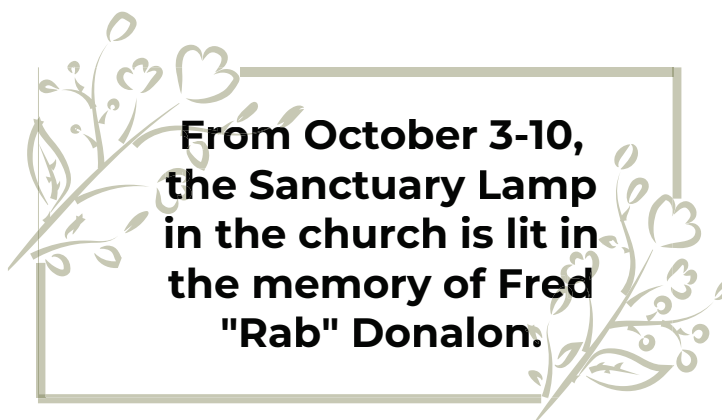
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FEES

\$10 | to reserve a mass

\$15 | to light a sanctuary lamp

\$1 | postage for mass cards



Upcoming Second Collections

October 18 & 19 | World Mission Sunday

The proceeds benefits the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the American Board for Catholic Mission and The Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Holiness and Flourishing

I Came that they might have life, and have it abundantly - Jn 10:10

Jesus says these words, yet so often it feels like our faith limits us rather than gives us life. Billy Joel would rather “Laugh with the sinners, than cry with the saints”, after all the “sinners are much more fun.” As we continue to explore the topic of holiness this fall it is important to shed light on the Church’s understanding of holiness. It is something far more robust than the dour faced piety the piano man was scoffing at.

The Church teaches us that to be holy is to be truly human, while sin is unhuman. The saint is one that is fully alive, radiant and free, while the sinner is in chains of his own making. Recalling the Garden of Eden, we recall the dignity of our origin, mankind was made in the image and likeness of God, the crown of creation. Men are made of the dust of the earth yet given a soul that surpasses the material world and calls up to the divine. In this upward movement, all the things of the earth are lifted up with us to eternity. Yet, because of the temptation of the devil, our first parents stopped looking upward to God and turned downward to lesser things. Although we were made holy and with a beautiful purpose, with God given gifts, and an eternal destiny; now blinded by sin, we look to lesser things to fulfil desires only God can fulfill.

The Church proclaims that sin has diminished man, and blocked his path to fulfilment (Gaudium et Spes, 13). In the struggle for good and evil, light and darkness, the battle rages on in every level of human life, from the global stage to within our own souls. We have all seen and experienced the dehumanizing effects of sin. Like cataracts on our eyes, sin darkens our mind preventing us from seeing God at work in our life, in our brothers and sisters, or in all his creation. In our pride we can mistake ourselves for God, in our despair we stop looking for Him, either way we find ourselves hopelessly off course. Likewise, sin weakens our will. We lose the strength to choose what is good and noble, and settle for what is easy and convenient. And of course our hearts, made to love others, when decayed and deadened by sin, grow cold and selfish.

Our dignity as human beings is to overcome these struggles and temptations, to order our desires and faculties so we can find true fulfillment and purpose. With God’s help, our minds become clearer, our wills stronger, and our hearts expand. Under God’s care we “flourish like the palm tree, and grow like the cedars of Lebanon” (Ps 92). True holiness looks like authentic human flourishing. The words of St. Irenaeus ring true, “The glory of God is man fully alive.”

If you are looking for ways to grow and flourish, we have some exciting opportunities in our parish! Be sure to come to the Fall Kick Off Party at 10am this weekend in the parish hall, we will highlight our different ministries and parish groups. It is a great way to find ways to connect with your fellow parishioners. We are so blessed to have such a vibrant parish! Thank you to all those who contribute their time, talent, and treasure to make this parish what it is, and a special thank you to the hospitality committee for their hard work on this event!

-Fr. Mike Taberno

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The Catholic Parent

2 Fridays per Month, Starting September 26th, 2025 | 6:30pm | Zoom

Parents with children at home, including new parents, are invited to a new group. Meetings will include watching a brief video on a topic particular to Catholic parenting and discussing as a group. Topics will include desiring holiness for your child, child temperaments, family culture, strong marriage, developmental stages, and being an effective witness. If interested, please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org

Surviving Divorce

Wednesdays, October 1st - November 19th, 2025 | 6:30pm-8pm | St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway

For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This 8-week program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. For more information or to register contact Rachele Hanna at rachele.hanna@gmail.com.

38th Annual Aquinas Star Spaghetti Dinner

Thursday, October 2nd, 2025 | 4-6:30pm | St. Thomas Aquinas High School, 1 Tingley Ln, Edison
Adults \$12, Students (12-18) \$10, Children (Under 12) \$8, Children (Under 3) Free

The Aquinas Star Spaghetti Dinner is a cherished tradition at St. Thomas Aquinas, bringing together students, families, faculty, and friends to welcome our new Aquinas Stars, Jonny and Austin, and their families. More than just a meal, the evening is filled with warmth, camaraderie, and community spirit as volunteers serve with joy and generosity. This special gathering marks the start of a new year of support and togetherness, reminding us that as One Trojan Family, we can make a profound difference in the lives of our Aquinas Stars. Tickets can be purchased at www.stahs.net/aquinasstar

Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Conference

October 4th-10th, 2025 | 8 Churches throughout our Diocese

To celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope, the Diocese of Metuchen is offering a Traveling Eucharistic Rosary Congress, seven days of around-the-clock Eucharistic Adoration. During each 24-hour period, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed following morning/afternoon Mass, with the Rosary prayed aloud at the start of each hour, followed by silent prayer for the remainder of the hour. For more information or to volunteer, see the flier on St. Peter's Website.

Healing Mass

Tuesday, October 7th, 2025 | 7pm | Our Lady of Peace Church, 1730 US Hwy 130 North, North Brunswick

Come celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day with a Healing Mass with Father John Campoli. All are welcome! A gifted homilist, Father's beloved Masses are always a grace-filled, peaceful celebration of God's Healing Love & Mercy. Sponsored by the Parish Columbiettes.

Feminine Genius Brunch

Saturday, October 11th, 2025 | 9:30am - 12:30pm | St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway | \$30 per person | Open to women of all ages

Come join us for a Jubilee Celebration of Women and discover God's plan for your ultimate flourishing. Guest speaker, Lisa Cotter's, topic will be "Reveal the Gift". Brunch includes fellowship, music, prayer and reflection. For more information and to register please call 732-562-1543, email amarshall@diometuchen.org, or visit www.diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity

Silver & Gold & 5 Year Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 19th, 2025 | 3pm | Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi | Metuchen

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th, 50th, 50+ or 5th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service. Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 10, 2025. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion.

Be a Champion for Catholic Charities and Put Mercy into Action

50/50 Raffle Drawing | October 31, 2025 | \$100

We might never know the recipients of our Works of Mercy or the impact our financial gift had on their lives. Consider the family that was helped by Catholic Charities during a period of unemployment and is now on the path to self-sufficiency or, the person whose struggle with addictions is being alleviated through our Catholic Charities' counseling services. Who would guess that becoming a Champion for Catholic Charities by purchasing a raffle ticket could have such far-reaching results. When a community responds in generosity, that is exactly what happens.

By entering our Champions 50/50 Raffle, you are helping our neighbors in need and you just may win one of the two grand prizes. Over the years, the prize for this raffle has reached as high as \$40,000 each for two lucky winners! With your participation, we are hoping for even greater success this year. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased by downloading a raffle form at www.diometuchen.org/champions and mailing it in with your payment or by calling 732-562-2432. Thank you and good luck!



Celebrate Black Catholic History Month

Saturday, November 8th, 2025 | 9am | St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway | Free

Please join us to celebrate Black Catholic History Month. The morning begins at 9:00 AM with a welcome followed by a 9:30 AM Mass celebrated by Reverend Patrick Winbush, O.S.B. which will then be followed by brunch and fellowship. There is no charge for this event, but registration is required. Deadline for registration is October 24th. Please register at <https://diometuchen.org/multiculturalministry>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sr. Miriam Perez at mperez@diometuchen.org or 732-529-7933.

Adult Enrichment Course: The Prophets

Part 2: Thursdays, January 15th - March 19th, 2026 | 10:30am-11:30am | St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway | \$20 per person for 10 classes

These classes, taught by Fr. Glenn Comandini, S.T.D., will introduce attendees to the prophetic books of the Old Testament by reading, examining and contemplating the words and deeds of the prophets of Israel. For questions email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543. Register online at <https://diometuchen.org/faith-formation>

Retrouvaille Weekend for Married Couples

January 30th - February 2nd, 2026

Stress In Your Marriage? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

Retrouvaille consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with four follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is January 30 – February 1, 2026. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org.

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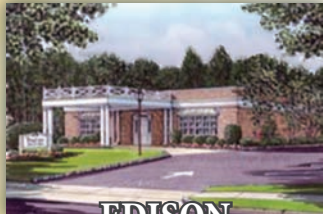
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