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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)



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Parish Office Hours:
Mon, Wed, Thur | 10am-1pm
Tues | 10am-11am



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Parish Monthly Events

Sunday Cafe (Every 1st Sunday) | 10am | Parish Hall

Enjoy a coffee and treat and discuss this week's scripture readings with your fellow parishioners! All are welcome.

Upcoming Meeting: January 4

Men's Group (2nd & 4th Sundays) | 10am | Parish Hall

Upcoming Meeting: November 23

Women's Group and Mom & Toddler Group (2nd and 4th Sundays) | 10am | Rutgers Catholic Center

Upcoming Meeting: November 23

Family Faith Formation (Every 3rd Sunday) | 10am | Rutgers Catholic Center

Upcoming Meeting: December 21

St. Peter's Senior Group (Every 3rd Wednesday) | 11am | Parish Hall

Upcoming Meeting: December 17

The Great Parish Polish

Saturday, November 29th | 9:45am (Directly Following the 9am mass)

Please join us as we prepare our beautiful church for Advent and Christmas. Any parishioners or Catholic Center students who are able to come and help us clean the church are most heartily welcome.

Email JoAnn Chmielowicz at jjmhc27@gmail.com if you have any questions. No RSVP necessary.

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Christmas Giving Tree

November 22nd and 23rd until December 13th and 14th

Please take a tag. The groups who will benefit from your generosity are:

- The Children's Center of Edison
- Roosevelt Care Center at Edison
- Catholic Charities – Diocese of Metuchen
- The Youth Enrichment Services – Early Learning Center
- New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park
- Life Choices of Metuchen

Attach the tags to each gift, but **please do not wrap the gifts**. If donating a gift card, **please write the dollar amount on the gift card**. **Gift cards should be placed in the collection basket during mass** while the other gifts may be placed in the vestibule of the Church. All gifts and gift cards must be returned by the weekend of December 13 and 14.

Volunteers are needed to help collect, sort and/or deliver the gifts to each organization. Please contact Carmel at ldagirl@optimum.net

Thank you in advance for your generous donations!



NOVEMBER 23, 2025 | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Nov 24, Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest and Companion, Martyrs

7:30am | Joseph and Bonnie Rice

12:15pm | Rodolfo Banaag

Tuesday, Nov 25, Weekday; *Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin*

7:30am | Scott York

12:15pm | Gertrude "Tuding" Ponce

Wednesday, Nov 26, Weekday

7:30am | Kim Scicutella

12:15pm | James and Rose Christie

Thursday, Nov 27, Weekday

Special Mass Schedule: Thanksgiving

9am | Thanksgiving and Blessings for Guerrero and Dedios Families

Friday, Nov 28, Weekday

7:30am | Birthday Blessings for Monica Jimenez

12:15pm | Stephan Patrick

Saturday, Nov 29, Weekday; *BVM on Saturday*

9am | Rob McElravy

5pm | Healing and Recovering for Mark Boyle

Sunday, Nov 30, Sunday

9am | Kathleen Chmielowicz

11:30am | Birthday Blessings for Ciara Constable

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 Kim at the parish office.

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

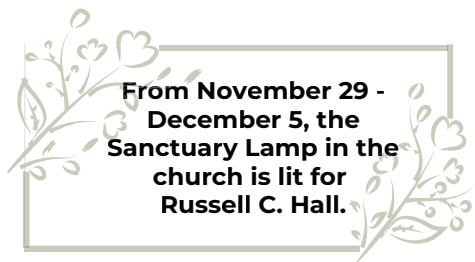
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FEES

\$10 | to reserve a mass

\$15 | to light a sanctuary lamp

\$1 | postage for mass cards



Upcoming Second Collections

November 22 & 23

Works of Mercy Campaign (Formerly the Collection for the Campaign for Human Development) The proceeds benefit the local needs of those within the Diocese of Metuchen community by addressing the social issues of poverty and hunger.

COLLECTION TOTALS

September 1 - 28, 2025

Thank you for your generous contributions during the month of September, which serves as a resource for ministry and parish budget expenses. We greatly appreciate your ongoing support of St. Peter's.

Weekly Envelope Contributions	\$8,168.76
WePay Online/Venmo Contributions	\$16,828.00
Other Collections	\$2,034.00
Total Collections	\$27,030.76

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What Does it Mean for Christ to be King in Our Lives?

“He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” - 1 Col 13f

Today we celebrate the great feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, “at whose name every knee must bow both in heaven and on earth” (Phil 2:10). We know from the scriptures that Jesus came to establish a kingdom, not like the ones many of his contemporaries expected, but a kingdom all the same. By our baptism we are citizens of His kingdom.

Like the kings of old he had to fight a great battle to claim his kingdom. This battle was not fought over land or sea but our very souls. Christ won the victory, conquering all that laid claim to rule over our lives. Fear of pain and death, the selfish allure of power and pleasure, no longer have the same power over us. Christ, by his cross and resurrection, has removed the teeth and claws of the monsters of sin that keep us from Him. We now have hope of victory in the battles we face against sin and selfishness and all that keeps us from becoming the saints God made us to be.

This is a daily choice, a commitment we renew each day and even many times each day. Just like the wise old priest, who when asked when he decided to be a priest responds “this morning”, so we too must decide each day to serve Christ and let reign in our lives.

I leave us with the words of Pope Pius XI:

[Christ] must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, ‘as instruments of justice unto God. -Quas primas, 33

As we join our friends and family this Thursday to celebrate Thanksgiving let us first be grateful to God who has won such a victory for us, enabling us to live as children of God; who has given us such a hope, that we might be coheirs to eternal life with Him in heaven; and such a love that overcomes all things.

Happy Thanksgiving.

-Fr. Mike Tabernero

Parish Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 7th | 10am | St. Peter's Parish Hall | Free!

Please join your fellow parishioners for a free pancake breakfast with a visit from St. Nicholas! All are welcome!



Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 14th | 3:30pm | St. Peter's Church

All are welcome to attend our annual Advent Lessons and Carols service. The choir and musicians will lead us in hymns and choral anthems to accompany lessons from scripture to help us enter into the season of Advent and prepare our hearts for Christ's birth. Light reception to follow in the parish hall.

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>

"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." - Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

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.

Marriage Encounter

February 13th - 15th, 2026

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 13 – 15. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Call 732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

2026 Choices Matter Conference

Saturday, March 21st, 2026 | 9am-3:30pm | St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146

Metlars Lane, Piscataway | \$35 General Registration | \$14 Student Registration

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity presents "The 2026 Choices Matter Conference– A Critical Life Issues Conference." An opening Mass will be held at 9am. The conference will begin at 10:15am. This year's theme is "Safeguarding Human Dignity ... Shining a Light on Human Trafficking."

The topics/expert speakers are:

- The Role of the Church in Combating Human Trafficking: Maria Celina Márquez
- Human Trafficking Awareness Through the Lens of a Subject Matter Expert: Gina Cavallo
- Survivor Informed Human Trafficking Prevention: David M. Ryan

The conference features Eucharistic Adoration, exhibits and more. The fee includes lunch and handouts. To register visit: <https://www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter>. Everyone is welcome! For questions or for more information please email magnese@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543. Seating is limited.

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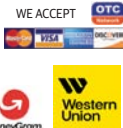


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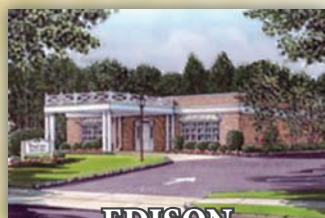
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