

St. Mary of Czestochowa Church

Established 1914

201 Vosseller Avenue

Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

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Rev. John Stec, Parochial Vicar



SUNDAY MASSES: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Polish)
SATURDAY EVE: 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY Thru SATURDAY: 8:30 a.m.

NOVENAS WITH BENEDICTION:
Tuesday—after 8:30 a.m. Mass

HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m. (English)
Vigil Mass: 7:00 p.m. (Polish)

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE:
Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

BAPTISMS: Every third Sunday of the month at 12:00. Parents are expected to attend Pre-Baptismal Classes. Arrangements to be made at the Parish Office. **Only practicing Catholics may act as Godparents.**

MARRIAGES: Specific time is set for the celebration of marriage on Saturdays. The common Policy for all the Dioceses of New Jersey requires a period of preparation for the sacrament of Marriage, which includes sessions with the parish priest and attendance at either the Pre-Cana conferences or the Engaged Encounter Weekend. Therefore, arrangements are to be made at least one year in advance and before any social plans are finalized.

FIRST PENANCE, FIRST EUCHARIST, CONFIRMATION: Though immediate preparation is given to children before receiving these sacraments, it is expected that children receive a Christian education within their family life, through formal religious education classes, and by attending Sunday worship services.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Arrangements for Communion Calls to the sick at home may be made by calling the Parish Office.

PARISH REGISTRATION: Our parish welcomes new members to our faith community. Catholic persons new to our area must complete a registration form and be interviewed by the pastor. Please call or stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form. We should also be notified if your address has changed or if you are leaving the parish..



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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 26, 2017

*"..seek first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness, and all these things will be
given to you .."*

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



MONDAY, February 27

8:30 AM + Agnes Kosierowski
r/o Granddaughter Theresa

TUESDAY, February 28

8:30 AM + Anna Cunder
r/o Dominick, Joann and Cindy

WEDNESDAY, March 1 Ash Wednesday

9:00 AM + Parishioners
12:00 Noon Distribution of Ashes
7:00 PM + Czeslawa Markiewicz

THURSDAY, March 2

8:30 AM + William Vesce
r/o Vincent Vesce and Family

FRIDAY, March 3 St. Catherine Drexel

First Friday -Stations of the Cross
8:30 AM + Helen Consalvo
r/o Theresa Rudnicki Jones

SATURDAY, March 4 St. Casimir

8:30 AM + Kazimierz & Genowefa Karwowski
r/o Daughter

5:00 PM + Maria Colalillo
r/o Daughter Vittoria DiRe

SUNDAY, March 5

9:00 AM + Edmund and Jadwiga Brzuskiwicz
r/o Daughter Myra
11:00 AM + Joseph Karpinski
r/o Daughter and Family

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading- God will never forget you.

Second Reading- Make no judgments; the Lord will judge.

Gospel- God feeds the birds and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs.

Why does one need so much?

The pursuit of wealth has its ups and downs. Many of us try to keep up with the cultural expectations that come from success, security and the fulfillment that is found by pursuing wealth. Other try to keep up with family expectations or feel a need to compete against one or more persons to prove himself/herself more worthy or to receive public recognition. Doesn't the saying go, "The rich are famous." That is until they are broke... and then their friends disappear!

Today, Jesus reminds us who follow Him that we are more important than flowers, than the grass, than swallows. His promise to us is that He will take care of us even more than He does of the plants and birds.

This teaching of Jesus reminds us that we are called to a distinct way of life, not a worldly way but a spiritual way. We are called to trust in God who knows what we need and to believe that God will give it to us. Blessed is he who places his trust in the Lord Jesus!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 - ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses will be:

9:00 am - Mass and Distribution of Ashes

12 noon - Distribution of Ashes

7:00 pm - Mass and Distribution of Ashes

Please pray for the soul of the sister of Fr. Leon

Czeslawa Markiewicz

May her soul and the souls of all her family

REST IN PEACE

PARISHIONER PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

Bernadine Hnasko, Jim Kilcoyne, Stephanie Lazarczyk, Anthony Lazarczyk, Adeline Melesurgo, Henrietta Spieczny, Donna Rabke.

HOMEBOUND: Anna Civiletti, Richard Freligh, DeMonte Guido, Stasia Pavan, Anna Pizzo, Nora Specian, Florence Suk, Debbie Vance, Marge Zuchowski .

NOTE: Please call the Parish Office (732) 356-0358 with the names of homebound, nursing home / assisted living or hospitalized parishioners. Please also notify the Parish Office when the status of a parishioner changes.

GOD’S GIFT FOR GIVING

This past weekend, our Generous Stewards of St. Mary’s Parish Contributed:

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| Saturday 5:00 pm | \$ 1148.00 |
| Sunday 9:00 am | \$ 1528.00 |
| Sunday 11:00 am | \$ 854.00 |
| Total | \$ 3530.00 |
| Catholic Spirit | \$ 792.00 |

**The Bishop’s 2017 Annual Appeal
Ambassadors for Christ**

Twenty-four percent - \$1.7 Million Dollars- of the funds raised by the 2017 Bishop’s Annual Appeal is earmarked for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Through more than 100 programs, Catholic Charities serves those most in need of our assistance. If you have yet to make your pledge to this year’s Bishop’s Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so the weekend, March 11/12, which has been designated as **Bishop’s Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Help us reach our target of 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated.

Next weekend, March 4 & 5, there will be a Second Collection, the Spring Collection, which includes the Native Black and American Collection and Catholic Relief Services. Please be generous.

Stations of



the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 12 noon in English and at 7:00 pm in Polish
Gorzkie Zale (Bitter Lamentations) will be sung every Sunday after the 11 am Mass.

Weekend Schedule - March 4-5, 2017

Saturday, March 4

5:00 pm Lector Joe Pizzo
Eucharistic Minister Walt Urbielewicz

Sunday, March 5

9:00 am Lector Theresa Rudnicki-Jones
Eucharistic Ministers

11:00 am Lector Joanna Maciorowski
Eucharistic Minister Mark Litwinko

WANTED

Maintenance Mechanic -

Office of Property and Facilities Management, St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway

Presently, the Office of Property and Facilities management seeks a Maintenance Mechanic to:

- *Perform routine tasks such as painting, plumbing, electrical wiring and other related activities.
 - *Maintain facilities, grounds and equipment in a clean, safe and orderly condition.
 - *Cut lawns using a power mower; Trim and edge around walks, flower beds and walls.
 - *Assist in snow removal by shoveling walkways and driveways.
 - *Assist with other projects as needed.
 - *The ideal candidate must be able to regularly lift and/or move up to 50 pounds, work outdoors, and be able to work occasional weekend schedule.
- Interested candidates should forward their resume to hr@diometuchen.org.**
- ** Please note that due to the anticipated high volume of responses, only those candidates who we are interested in interviewing will be contacted. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.**

Thoughts for Lent

It is a common practice to “give things up” for Lent. But when we give something up, we create an empty space into which we must then put some new form of loving behavior. For instance, giving up calories by fasting, creates a space for feeling a little of the hunger that haunts millions of the world’s poor. Giving up some TV time creates spending some together in conversation, prayer or playing games. Giving up an attitude of complaining makes space for a more cooperative approach to doing chores. This season of Lent, let us make a sacrifice as a sign of our willingness to changes our lives.



Bishop James Checchio

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent always seems to come around so quickly!

March 1 is Ash Wednesday already, and hence we begin our 40-day Lenten journey once again. In his annual message to the faithful this year, Pope Francis reminds us that, during Lent, we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience. At Mass on Ash Wednesday, in our first reading of the day, we will hear the prophet Joel beckoning us to “return to the Lord with our whole heart.” Indeed, we return again on Ash Wednesday each year to put our whole heart before the Lord. As our foreheads are marked with the sign of the cross, we ask Him, throughout each of the 40 days ahead of us, to remake our hearts to be more like His own.

In his Lenten message released Feb. 7, the Pope encourages us to change our hearts, saying, “This season urgently calls us to conversion,” which will come about by “deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving.”

The Holy Father spends the rest of his message exploring the central themes behind the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, which he says, “Exhorts us to sincere conversion.” He begins with our need to recognize other persons as gifts. “Lazarus teaches us that other persons are a gift. A right relationship with people consists in gratefully recognizing their value. Even the poor person at the door of the rich is not a nuisance, but a summons to conversion and to change,” the Pope said. “Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day. Each life that we encounter is a gift deserving acceptance, respect and love.”

The disciplines of Lent – prayer, fasting and almsgiving – are meant, of course, to help us to stay focused on our baptismal promises. We do this through communicating regularly and intensely with our Beloved, exercising self-control so as to emphasize the supreme importance of the spiritual over the material in our lives, and sharing generously with those in need. These three disciplines help us to avoid the temptation to show indifference of God and our neighbor and they push us away from focusing too much on ourselves. Moreover, these three disciplines are intended to turn us towards God and others, especially our brothers and sisters most in need; they help our hearts to become more like our Lord’s.

Indeed, my brothers and sisters in Christ, as St. Paul reminds us in the second reading at Mass each Ash Wednesday, “Now is the acceptable time”. Yes, God calls us to conversion and beckons us to deepen our spiritual lives by deepening our friendship with Christ; so on Ash Wednesday we clearly hear our Lord say to each of us: “Believe! Return to me . . . turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.”

I pray that this Lent we will all join with the Holy Father in prayer, “May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God’s word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need.” God bless you all.

+ James F. Checchio

The Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA

Lenten Obligations

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. The obligation of fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.
Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not equal to a full meal, so as to experience hunger.
4. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.

As you may know, the Memorial of St. Patrick falls on a Friday this year.

For members of the faithful celebrating this Memorial and who desire it, Bishop Checchio has commuted the penitential obligation on March 17 to the obligation to abstain from meat on another day that same week.

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