

St. Mary of Czestochowa Church

Established 1914

201 Vosseller Avenue

Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

REV. LEON S. ANISZCZYK, PASTOR

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.

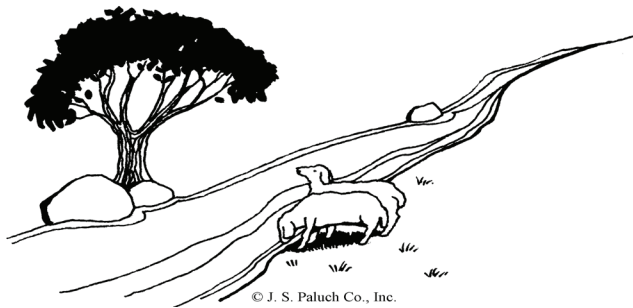
PARISH REGISTRATION: Our parish welcomes new members to our faith community. Catholic persons new to our area must complete a registration form and be interviewed by the pastor. Please call or stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form. We should also be notified if your address has changed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



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Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 26, 2017

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



MONDAY, March 27

8:30 AM + Ronald C. Jones
r/o Greg and Diana Kemper

TUESDAY, March 28

8:30 AM + Andrea Civiletti
r/o Wife Anna

WEDNESDAY, March 29

8:30 AM + Parishioners

THURSDAY, March 30

8:30 AM + Mary Ann Jagodzinski
r/o Niece Theresa

FRIDAY, March 31

8:30 AM + Giuseppe and Domenica Gullia
r/o Daughter Anna

12:00 noon - Stations of the Cross (English)

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross (Polish)

SATURDAY, April 1

8:30 AM + Florence Colanduoni
r/o Sister Theresa Bertucci

5:00 PM + Monica Gumerlock
r/o Family

SUNDAY, April 2

9:00 AM + Clementina Todaro
r/o Daughter Maria and Son-In-Law Vincent Morano

11:00 AM + Maria and Piotr Wdowiak
r/o Daughter and family

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward.

Second Reading - You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light.

Gospel - The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see!

SEEING IS BELIEVING

People in Jesus' time thought blindness was caused by sinfulness. In today's Gospel, the Pharisees--the supreme rule-keepers--were far less concerned about the blind man than that Jesus broke the rule of the Sabbath. The rules governing what could and could not be done on the Sabbath seemed more important than rest from labor. When Jesus healed the blind man, the Pharisees labeled them both as sinners. We can be equally judgmental, ranging from annoyance if our grown children do not live their lives exactly as we do, all the way to condemnation of all those of a different religion or political persuasion. The angrier we are, the more blind we are to our lack of charity. Saint Paul says we live in the light of Christ and should try to produce "every kind of goodness and righteousness and "truth" (Ephesians 5:9). Rules have their place, but things go amiss when we place the rules above everything else. That's a blindness we cannot afford.

Stations of



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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.



Please pray for the soul of
Nonna Baumgarten
May her soul, through the mercy of God,
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:

Saturday 5:00 pm	\$ 1020.00
Sunday 9:00 am	\$ 1404.00
Sunday 11:00 am	\$ 817.00
Total	\$ 3241.00

**St. Mary's Rosary Society
is having their Second**

**Lenten "Bakeless" Sale
Saturday and Sunday, April 1-2
No Cakes -- Only Donations**

Annual Collection for Retired Priests

The second collection on Palm Sunday April 8/9, is for the Fund for our Retired Diocesan Priests. This collection is exclusively for the benefit of our 26 retired priests, as well as for our active priests upon their retirement. May your generosity to this collection reflect your gratitude and love for our retired priests who have been dedicated and faithful to their priesthood over the years. Let's not forget.

Lenten Retreat for Women

Join the Sisters of Jesus our Hope for a Lenten Retreat for Women: "Bearing Blessings and Burdens with a Grateful Heart."

Saturday, April 8, 2017

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

St. Magdalen de Pazzi Parish

105 Mine St., Flemington, NJ

~For more information, please visit:
sistersofjesusourhope.org~

Weekend Schedule - April 1-2, 2017

Saturday, April 1

5:00 pm Lector	Ann Sikora
Eucharistic Minister	Walt Urbielewicz

Sunday, April 2

9:00 am Lector	Theresa Rudnicki-Jones
Eucharistic Ministers	

11:00 am Lector	Joanna Maciorowski
Eucharistic Minister	Anna Grochocki

Bishop's Appeal - Ambassadors for Christ

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$ 18,361.75 and payments totaling \$ 16,446.50 from 85 parishioners. This represents 65.6% of your \$ 28,000.00 goal.

Thank you for your efforts

Msgr. Richard A. Behl Memorial Pro-Life Leadership Award

A memorial pro-life leadership award of \$500 has been established to honor his memory. Msgr. Behl served for many years as the Chairman of the Diocesan Commission for Pro-Life Action. His commitment to the sanctity of human life and his leadership in pro-life ministry were an inspiration to many. Applications for the award are now being accepted. **Applicants must be a Junior or Senior in High School and must be active in pro-life ministry in a leadership role.** For additional eligibility requirements and application form, visit: <http://diometuchen.org/offices-and-ministries/pastoral-life/respect-for-life/events/>. The deadline for all submissions is April 13, 2017.

A Journey Through Grief

Our mission is to find healing, comfort and peace. Our hearts are broken and the simplest things become an enormous challenge as we are faced with sadness and loneliness. The group will meet for 8 consecutive weeks on Thursdays.

Place: Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church

630 Harris Ave., Middlesex

Date: April 20 - June 8, 2017

Time: 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Facilitator : Virginia Reilly

There is no fee. Pre-Registration is appreciated.



THE FIVE FINGER PRAYER

1. Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember.

2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

5. And lastly comes our little finger – the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four

THE BENEFITS OF CONFESSION

1. Confidentiality guaranteed. There's nothing like confessing your sins to someone guaranteed not to tell anyone else. Even under subpoena, a priest can't tell anyone what's said to him in confession.

2. Housekeeping for the soul. It feels good to be able to start a clean life all over again. Like going into a sparkling living room in your home, it's nice when clutter is removed – even if it's your own.

3. A balm for the desire for revenge. When you have been forgiven you can forgive others.

4. Low cost therapy. It's free, which makes it cheaper than a psychiatrist for dealing with guilt.

5. Forced time to think. To examine our lives and acknowledge failings marks the first step of making things right with God, others and ourselves. Life can be more worth living when you ponder the meaning of your own life.

6. Contribution toward world peace. Peace of soul leads to peace of heart leads to peace beyond oneself.

7. A better neighborhood. Confession leaves you feeling good about yourself, thereby cutting back the inclination to road rage and aggressive shopping cart driving.

8. Confession helps overcome arrogance when you have to admit you're as much of a sinner as anyone else. It helps build tolerance for others' perceived shortcomings.

9. Closeness to God. Confession helps you realize that you have a close connection to God and receive his grace through the sacraments. What can be better than knowing God's on your team, or, to be less arrogant about it, that you are on God's side.

Evangelization- It's not what you think!

April 5, 2017 – 10 am to 11:30 am

Presenter: Fr. Dennis Weezorak

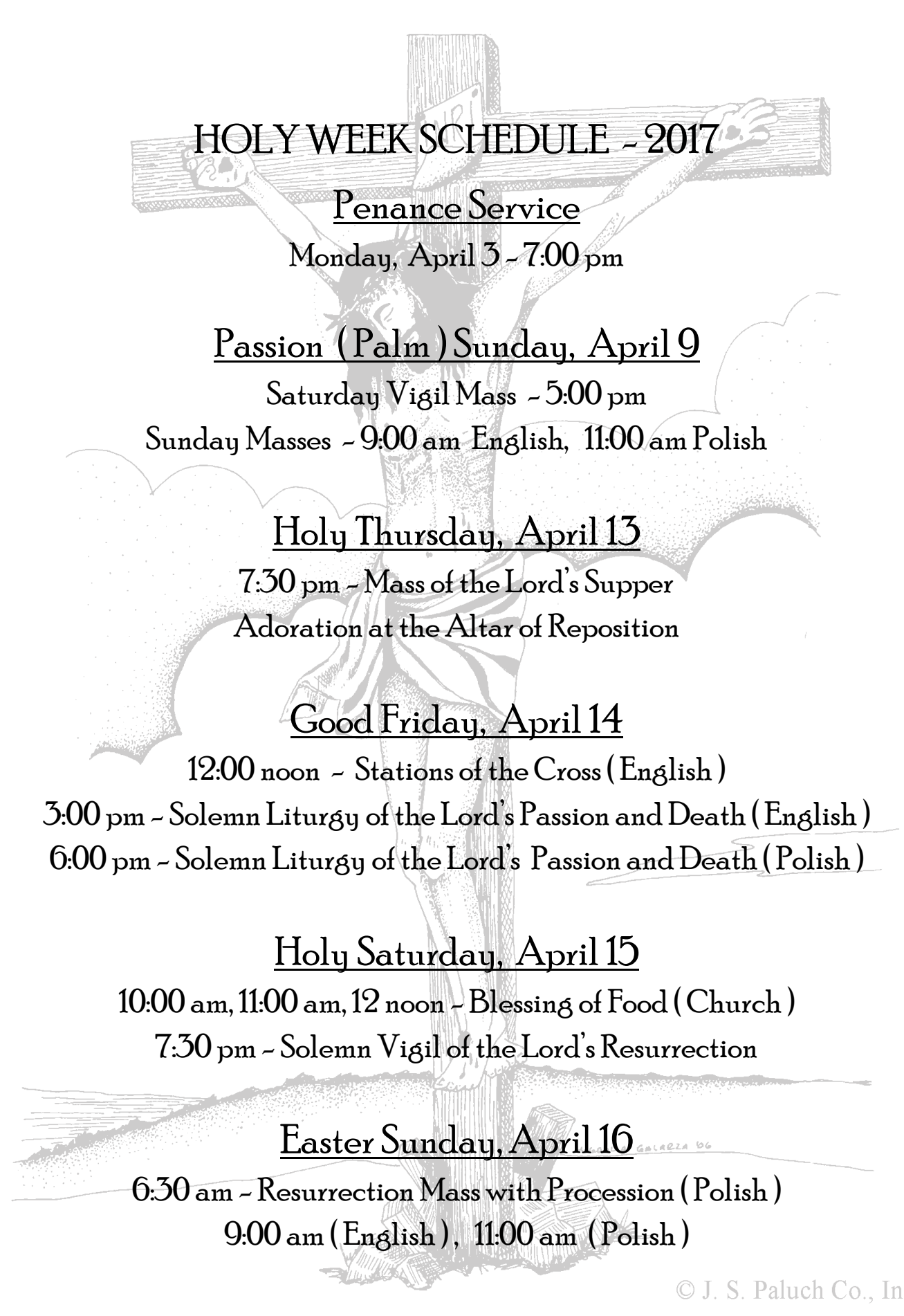
St. John Neumann Center

146 Metlars Rd.

Piscataway, NJ 08854

Presenter Father Dennis Weezorak, pastor of St. Mary Parish, South Amboy, will look at evangelization in the 21st Century and how to effect it, live it and share it. The program is open to all.

To RSVP, call Pat Martin, (732) 529-7931 or email catechesis@diometuchen.org.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE - 2017

Penance Service

Monday, April 3 ~ 7:00 pm

Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 9

Saturday Vigil Mass ~ 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses ~ 9:00 am English, 11:00 am Polish

Holy Thursday, April 13

7:30 pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration at the Altar of Reposition

Good Friday, April 14

12:00 noon ~ Stations of the Cross (English)

3:00 pm ~ Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death (English)

6:00 pm ~ Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death (Polish)

Holy Saturday, April 15

10:00 am, 11:00 am, 12 noon ~ Blessing of Food (Church)

7:30 pm ~ Solemn Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection

Easter Sunday, April 16

6:30 am ~ Resurrection Mass with Procession (Polish)

9:00 am (English), 11:00 am (Polish)

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