# 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: 8:00a.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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Rectory 732-384-5925





MONDAY, April 3

8:30 AM + Helen Sikora r/o Joni Kent

TUESDAY, April 4 8:30 AM + Karen Slanker r/o Bruce Herbst

WEDNESDAY, April 5 8:30 AM + Carmen Scarinsi r/o Carmen & Angela DeCicco **THURSDAY**, April 6 8:30 AM + Jennie Chaya r/o Theresa Rudnicki-Jones FRIDAY, April 7 8:30 AM + Mary Krug r/o Daughter Nancy 12:00 noon - Stations of the Cross (English) 7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross (Polish) SATURDAY, April 8 8:30 AM + Ronald Jones r/o Antoinette Rudnicki 5:00 PM + Sr. Agnelle Zolandz r/o Family SUNDAY, April 9 Palm Sunday 9:00 AM + Special Intention

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Stations of Figure 1 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. Fifth Sunday of Lent April 2, 2017

"Whoever believes in me will live"

# **TODAY'S READINGS**

<u>First Reading</u> - Thus says the Lord God: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land.

<u>Second Reading</u> - If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin. <u>Gospel</u> - Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus.

### JESUS' MINISTRY SUMMARIZED

The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is the single longest story (apart from the Passion) in the Gospel of John. In it we find a summary of most of Jesus' ministry. We see his very human nature as he is moved by Martha and Mary's sorrows and as he himself weeps at the tomb of Lazarus. He is the wisdom of God's Word made flesh as he explains to his followers that the death of Lazarus will serve as a sign of the glory of God. He crowns the miracles he works in John's Gospel (which began with the most "human" miracle of making new wine at Cana's wedding) by raising Lazarus from the dead—a "preview," if you will, of his own death and resurrection to come. This portrait of Jesus reminds us, as we near the end of our Lenten journey, that he is with us, knows us, understands us in every moment of our lives. He knows the joy of our human feasting, he knows the sorrow of our weeping. As we prepare to walk with him through the days of Holy Week, we are filled with faith that-through Christ-God's glory will be with us in every moment of our lives and-with Christ—in our life everlasting.

#### 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 and Rose Guido, Stasia Pavan, 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 \$ 916.00 Sunday 9:00 am \$ 1273.00 Sunday 11:00 am \$ 679.00 Total \$2878.00

Annual Collection for Retired Priests The second collection next weekend (Palm Sun-П day April 8/9), is the Fund for our Retired Dioc-П esan 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. 

# 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/pastorallife/respect-for-life/events/. The deadline for all submissions is April 13, 2017.

### Weekend Schedule - April 8-9, 2017 PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, April 8 5:00 pm Lector Passion Narrator Voice Eucharistic Minister

Sunday, April 9

9:00 am Lector Passion Narrator Voice Eucharistic Minister

11:00 am Lector Narrator Voice Eucharistic Minister

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**Evelyn** Dziedzic Joe Pizzo **Evelyn** Dziedzic Martha Ptaszynski

Brenda Vesce Theresa Rudnicki-Jones Brenda Vesce Frank Kolodzieski

Jolanta Gnap Dorota Sokolnicki Jolanta Gnap Frank Grodzki

There will be a special **Easter Penance Service** Monday, April 3 at 7 pm in the Church Several priests will be available

**Oppose NJ Assisted Suicide Bill S2474** The NJ "Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill" Act, was released from the Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizen's Committee on November 3 2016 and could be posted for a vote in the full Senate at any time. An identical bill, A2451, passed the General Assembly on October 20, 2016. The bill would allow for physicians to prescribe drugs to end the lives of individuals considered to be terminally ill. This assisted suicide bill is a direct threat to anyone viewed as a cost liability to an insurance company. In an era of cost control and managed • care, patients with lingering illnesses may be branded as an economic liability, and decisions • to encourage death could be driven by cost. The facts are clear - in California, in Vermont and in Oregon – states that have passed assisted suicide bills - insurance companies have denied individuals healthcare coverage but offered them low cost drugs to end their life. Please contact your state legislators and tell them that you oppose A2451/S2474. You may send a prewritten note by visiting: http://njcatholic.org/faith-in-action

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.

#### 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.~

#### 2017 Bishop's Appeal Ambassadors for Christ

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$ 28,356.75 and payments totaling \$ 18,402.75 from 111 parishioners. This represents 101.3% of your \$28,000 goal. Thank you for your efforts

#### **BISHOP GEORGE AHR HIGH SCHOOL**

One Tingley Lane, Edison, NJ SPRING OPEN HOUSE

### Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Program begins at 7 pm Meet our faculty, tour our facility, hear about our technology, sports, clubs, organizations ---Student Guides Brochures Available

Refreshments served

#### ALL ARE WELCOME

Call 732-549-1108 x620 for more information or directions

You may also visit us on the web at bgahs.org

# 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 one-self.

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. HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE - 2017

Penance Service Monday, April 3-7:00 pm

<u>Passion (Palm) Sunday, April 9</u> 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) Decorating of Church after Passion in Polish

<u>Holy Saturday, April 15</u> 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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