

St. Mary of Czestochowa Church

Established 1914

201 Vosseller Avenue

Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

REV. JOHN STEC, ADMINISTRATOR



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

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:

Vigil Mass: 7:00 p.m. (English)
Holy Day: 9:00 a.m. (English)
7:00 p.m. (Polish)

WEEKDAY MASSES - 8:30 a.m. (English)

CONFESSIONS:

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

DEVOTIONS:

HOLY ROSARY: Monday - Saturday, 8:00 a.m.
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: Mon. - Sat., 9:00 a.m.
**NOVENAS (To Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal,
St. Joseph and St. Jude Thaddeus) WITH BENEDICTION:**
Tuesday after 8:30 a.m. Mass

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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.

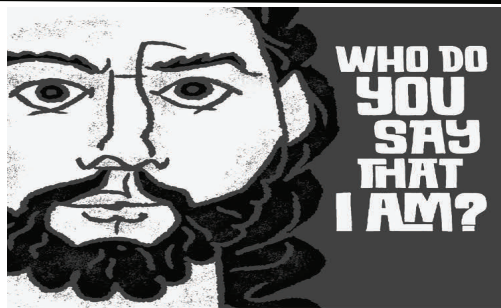
PARISH REGISTRATION: Our parish welcomes new members to our faith community. Catholic persons new to our area must complete a registration form and be interviewed by the pastor. Please call or stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form. We should also be notified if your address has changed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



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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 16, 2018

*The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.
— Isaiah 50:7*

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 - Our Lady of the Sorrows

8:30AM +Joanne Zolandz
 5:00PM +Mary Zolandz Teresak
 r/o Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:00AM Deceased Members of
 St. Mary's Holy Name Society
 11:00AM Za Joanne i Dariusza Karczewski
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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30AM +Monica Jones
 r/o Grandson Ronald

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

8:30AM +Rev. John Novak
 r/o Altar Rosary Society

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

8:30AM +Marie Bellas
 r/o Aunt Lottie

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:30AM +Joseph Pavan
 r/o Children

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:30AM +Elizabethe Kinney
 r/o Adrienne & Dan Lufkin
 5:00PM +Mastrull Family
 r/o Rosanne, Bea and Grandchildren

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:00AM +Skip Lyne
 r/o Wife Donna
 11:00AM +Zofia Chadziewicz
 r/o Daughter and Family

First Reading - The Lord God is my help; who will
 prove me wrong?

Second Reading - Faith, if it does not have works, is
 dead.

Gospel - Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say
 that I am?"

Reflecting on God's Word

Going to the school of Jesus was not always easy for the
 disciples. Beginning with this event, Jesus begins to edu-
 cate them about what it means to be his disciple. He starts
 with the basics: Who he is. Like a good teacher, he engag-
 es them in a discussion, asking two questions, going from
 the easier one to the more demanding one: Who do others
 say I am? Who do you say I am?

The first question gets a quick answer, but the second one
 gets only Peter's response. By saying "You are the
 Christ" (Mark 8:29), Peter was naming Jesus as the long-
 awaited Anointed One, the one who would come to re-
 store Israel's political kingdom and overthrow the Ro-
 mans. But this was not to be. Jesus counters Peter by
 speaking of himself as the Son of Man who must suffer,
 be rejected, be killed, and then rise after three days.
 Peter is aghast at this and places himself in front of Jesus
 so that Jesus has to tell him to get behind him. Peter is
 blocking his way, preventing Jesus from going in the di-
 rection he is heading. Peter had learned about a Messiah
 of power and prestige and Jesus was talking about a Man
 of pain and punishment. Peter wanted a political Messiah,
 not a suffering one. Peter saw the disciples taking part in
 the pomp and pageantry of a new age, and Jesus was
 speaking of denying oneself and picking up a cross.
 But graduating from the school of Jesus means moving
 out of our comfort zone into a distressful district: a place
 where we take up the cross of self-denial and self-
 sacrifice. Of course, it all depends on how we answer his
 question: Who do you say that I am?

Pope's Universal Intention: Young People in Africa

**That young people in Africa may have access to
 education and work in their own countries.**

PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

Helen Chudy, Tony Cimino, Bernadine Hnasko, Jim Kilcoyne, Stephanie Lazarczyk, Anthony Lazarczyk, Adeline Melesurgo.

HOMEBOUND: Mary Casey, Walter Figel, Richard Freligh, Rose and DeMonte Guido, Catherine McLaughlin, Ann Pchola, Nora Specian, Florence Suk, Debbie Vance.

NOTE: Please call the Parish Office (732) 356-0358 with the names of homebound, nursing home /assisted living or hospitalized parishioners.

GOD'S GIFT FOR GIVING

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

5:00 pm - \$ 784.00	11:00 am - \$ 796.00
9:00 am - \$1,468.00	Mail - \$.00
Total - \$ 3,048.00	

Peter's Pence Collection \$ 928.00

***Congratulations and Best Wishes to
Joanna and Dariusz Karczewski
on their
25th Wedding Anniversary!***

Champions for Catholic Charities Super 50/50 Raffle

By entering our Champions Super 50/50 Raffle, you are helping our neighbors in need. Tickets are \$100 each. The drawing is scheduled for Thursday, October 18 at the **Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner** being held at The Palace in Somerset Park. Download a raffle form at <https://diometuchen.org/champions> or call 732-562-2432.

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church

1900 Brooks Blvd., Hillsborough, will present a

TRICKY TRAY AUCTION - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

There are over 100 gift certificates and many prizes including flat screen TV, Kitchen Aid Mixer, outdoor grill, iPad, appliances, household items, theme baskets, food, door prizes and a 50/50. Doors open 5:00 PM. Auction begins 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 which includes one sheet of tickets, delicious desserts, coffee and tea. Hot food will be available to purchase, so come early.

Tickets can be preordered by contacting Marge at 908-722-5894. Must be 18 years of age to attend.

Weekend Schedule - September 15-16, 2018

Saturday, September 15

5:00 pm Lector

ExM of The Eucharist

Ann Sikora

Frank Kolodziecki*

Karen Graebener

Walt Urbielewicz

Sunday, September 16

9:00 am Lector

ExM of The Eucharist

Barbara Mendel

Ed Hagan*

Charles Ilsley

11:00 am Lector

ExM of The Eucharist

Anna Grochocki

Mark Litwinko

The state of Kerala, India, which has the largest Christian population in the nation, has recently been devastated by the most extreme flash flooding and landslides in nearly a century. According to reports provided by CRS (Catholic Relief Services) which is actively working on site with the relief effort, "hundreds of people are dead" and about 1,000,000 people have been displaced by the catastrophic flooding. These displaced people are in desperate need of food, clothing, potable water, medicine, and shelter. Next weekend, September 22 & 23, we will be participating in a diocesan second collection to assist in the relief effort. Please be generous.

Please pray for the soul of

Genevieve R. Helfin

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,

Rest in Peace. Amen



On Sunday, September 23, 2018, Raritan will host its 37th annual John Basilone Memorial Parade at 1 pm, honoring WWII hero, marine Sgt. John Basilone.

The celebration begins on Friday, September 21 with the dedication of the

Gunnery Sgt. John Basilone Post Office at St. Joseph Church at 10am. On Saturday, September 22, a 5K run, "Manila Madness", will start at the Basilone Statue at 10am, and a Concert featuring the Belletones will be presented at the Raritan Public Library at 1 pm. Preceding the parade on Sunday, a Memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Ann's Church at 10 am, and the John Basilone Museum will be open to visitors.



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September 8, 2018

Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I know that so much of the news regarding the Church this whole summer has been painful and very difficult for all of us. The bad news seemingly does not end. However, I write to you in order to hopefully be a voice of encouragement amidst the discouragement and a ray of light in what may seem endless dark clouds. My hope is to provide some assurance to you that indeed our diocese continues to seek to be in the light regarding clergy misconduct, and remain poised to respond in goodness and truth to whatever is placed before us.

New Jersey Attorney General Grewal announced through a September 6 press release that he is forming a task force to investigate allegations of sexual abuse by members of the clergy within the Catholic dioceses of New Jersey, as well as any efforts to cover up such abuse. According to the press release, the task force will conduct a comprehensive review of existing agreements between the Catholic dioceses of New Jersey and state law enforcement in order to examine the Church's compliance with established reporting procedures and cooperation with law enforcement and to determine whether any additional action is necessary. This has not been unexpected in the wake of the public disclosure of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report.

While the Diocese of Metuchen has not yet received either a subpoena or indeed any communication from the state, the New Jersey bishops intend to cooperate fully with the investigation. As you may know, each bishop in the state signed back in 2002 a Memorandum of Understanding with the Attorney General. It is heartening for me to be able to say to you that the Catholic Church in New Jersey does much to protect children and will remain vigilant to ensure the safety of every child we serve.

As I have shared with you previously, the Diocese of Metuchen in 2002, underwent a thorough audit of all the files of the priests of the diocese, much like what the Attorney General is now asking of us again. It was conducted by an outside law firm and our diocesan chancellor. The diocese turned over to law enforcement every alleged case of sexual abuse or misconduct we had at that time, including cases that pre-dated the founding of our diocese in 1981. Since that time, it has been our practice that the Diocese of Metuchen has turned over to the County Prosecutor's Office every single reported claim of sexual abuse or misconduct. In addition, we have sent them to the Attorney General's Office as well. We will again present this information to them as soon as they request it.

The Diocese of Metuchen maintains our longstanding agreement with law enforcement and our shared commitment to pursue truth and justice in all matters brought forth regarding the abuse of a minor by clergy, no matter the length of time that has passed since the alleged actions occurred and no matter the rank or status of the person accused. I am grateful that the processes the Church has in place regarding child sexual abuse here have been shown to work, since the last case of reported abuse of a minor in one of our parishes was two decades ago. We need to stay ever vigilant in our continued efforts.

In addition to this reporting protocol, the diocese provides training and background checks for all those working with youth in our diocese. The diocese continues to urge anyone who has been abused to bring the situation to the attention of law enforcement officials and stands poised and ready to help.

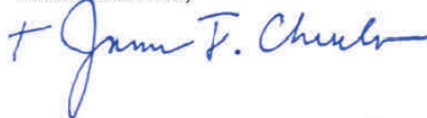
I know that it can be wearisome to continue to hear of this topic of abuse and scandal; however, my desire to share this update with you is that you too will have a more complete picture of what news outlets are reporting. As your bishop, I believe it is important that you know how seriously I take our current situation and indeed want to work for healing, truth and hope.

This Friday we celebrate the Triumph of the Holy Cross. This liturgical feast reminds us that going through suffering provides the pathway to ultimate glory. Let us keep in our prayers all who have suffered from abuse in any way that they may find the healing and peace that they deserve. May God transform their suffering through the mystery of the cross. I have asked each parish to have its own prayer service to pray for victims of sexual abuse on September 14, the Triumph of the Holy Cross. I firmly believe that to stand under the Cross of Christ, is the ideal place for us to find the understanding that the world does not provide and the strength to carry our own cross with courage.

Please continue to pray for me in my call to lead our beautiful Church of Metuchen; you are all a blessing to me. May our Lady of Sorrows, who knew the suffering of Her Son so personally, be our guide and comfort through our difficult walk now. Know of my ongoing gratitude and love for you, and my prayers for you, and I ask that you remember me in your prayers too.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James F. Checchio". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

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