

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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Rectory
732-384-5925



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

- 8:30AM +Mary Zolandz Teresak
r/o Family
5:00PM +Rose Maria DeCicco
r/o Angela & Carmen DeCicco

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

- 9:00AM +Mieczyslaw Pisowacki
r/o Family
11:00AM +Jozef Karpinski
r/o Daughter Jolanta Gnap

MONDAY, MARCH 4 - St. Casimir

- 8:30AM +Mario Lombardi
r/o Mary & George Anton

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

- 8:30AM Blessings for Good Health for
Theresa Kosinski - r/o Daughter Flo

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

- 9:00AM +DeMonte Guido - r/o Fr. John
12:00PM Liturgy of the Word with
Distribution of Ashes
7:00PM For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

- 8:30AM +Joseph Radwanski
r/o Daniel Bayak

FRIDAY, MARCH 8 - St. John of God, Religious

- 8:30AM +Edward Rao
r/o Kosinski Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

St. Frances of Rome, Religious

- 8:30AM +Vittoria DiRe
r/o Theresa Rudnicki-Jones
5:00PM +William & Dottie Vesce
r/o Brenda & Vincent Vesce

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

- 9:00AM Deceased Members of St. Mary's
Altar Rosary Society
11:00AM +Bozena Kasprzak
r/o Dorota & Adam Sokolnicki

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time *March 3, 2019*

Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. — Luke 6:44

First Reading - One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks.
Second Reading - We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain.
Gospel - A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart.

Comment

Ben Sira (Sirach) was a teacher. In today's first reading, we find him practicing his profession. He tells his students that the criteria for judging a person are the words he or she speaks. Someone may appear "cool," "with it," or worth emulating, but wait. Wait till they open their mouth, for their true worth will be displayed in their words. So, says Sirach, watch what you say. Your speech will show the "bent of [your] mind," whether it be straight or twisted. The Gospel--again part of the Sermon on the Plain--also addresses the disparity that often exists between appearance and reality. Jesus tells us that what we truly believe, what really drives us, will be manifest in our words and actions. Just as we can judge the worth of a tree by the fruit it produces, so can we judge the worth of a person by the way he or she acts. Jesus seems to be calling us to be prudent in our judgment of others. At the same time, he tells us that our own character will exhibit itself in the way we act toward others.

In the second reading, Paul calls us to "walk our talk"--to be "firm [and] steadfast" in our compassionate service of others. Even though doing so may be difficult and apparently unrewarding, Paul assures us that such action is transforming, paschal in nature, and leads to the fullness of life.

**Daylight Savings Time
begins on March 10.**

Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour.
One Extra hour of Sunshine!



**Pope's Universal Intention: Recognition of the
Right of Christian Communities**
**That Christian Communities, especially those
who are persecuted, feel that they are close to
Christ and have their rights respected.**



Our Lady of Guadalupe Visits our families

Please invite the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe into your home for a one week visit. To sign up, please call Theresa Rudnicki-Jones at 908-526-7687.

The Richard Jannuzzi Family
will be the host family for the week of
March 3, 2019.

May God bless these families for their participation in this blessed event.

PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

Helen Chudy, Eugenia DiGiovanni, Jim Kilcoyne, Stephanie Lazarczyk, Anthony Lazarczyk, Bea Mastrull.

HOMEBOUND: Walter Figel, Richard Freligh, Rose Guido, Marie Haberin, Helen Kielbasa, Jean and Ed Kowalenko, Ann Pchola, Nora Specian, Florence Suk, Debbie Vance, Vivienne Zanesky.

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

5:00 pm - \$ 939.00	11:00 am - \$ 769.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,345.00	Mail - \$ 140.00
Total - \$ 3,193.00	

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2019-2020

TUITION ASSISTANCE

ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so now. The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed by no later than March 31, 2018. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Weekend Schedule - March 3-4, 2019

Saturday, March 3

5:00 pm Lector Madeline Deleski
ExM of The Eucharist Walt Urbielewicz

Sunday, March 4

9:00 am Lector Stephanie DePass
ExM of The Eucharist John Todaro
11:00 am Lector Dorota Sokolnicki
ExM of The Eucharist Frank Grodzki



Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Distribution of Ashes will be at:
9:00am Mass in English
12 noon - Liturgy of the Word
7:00pm Mass in Polish

During Lent:
Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at
12 noon in English
7 pm in Polish

Gorzkie Zale (Bitter Lamentations) will be
after the 11 am Sunday Polish Mass.

St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society will attend
9 am Mass next Sunday, March 10, followed by
their meeting in the meeting room.

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal *Help Build a Civilization of Love*

Twenty-four percent - \$ 1.7 million dollars - of the funds raised by the 2019 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, you will have the opportunity to do so the weekend, March 16 -17, which has been designated as Bishop's Appeal In-Pew Weekend. Help us reach our target of 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated.

Scholarship for Nursing and Therapy Students

The VNA of Somerset Hills is now accepting applicants to its 2019 Nursing and Therapy Scholarships. A \$5000 scholarship will be awarded to a qualified Morris or Somerset County resident entering or currently pursuing a baccalaureate degree in nursing or a physical, occupational or speech therapy educational track. Applications are available at visitingnurse.org or by calling 908-766-0180. Applications must be received by April 12, 2019.

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.**



Repent and believe in the Gospel”—these are the words that you might hear as you come to have ashes imposed on your foreheads this Ash Wednesday. They are the same words that have been used in the past, but with a new translation that came with the *Third Edition of the Roman Missal*. In past years you would have heard, *‘turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel’*—words that became familiar and which to some might seem a bit ‘softer’. The word ‘repent’ scares many of us, it seems rather harsh, a very strong command and, yet, it is the word used by many of the prophets, by John the Baptist and by Jesus himself. And so, with this new translation, we will be reminded that each one of us is called to repentance; it’s a simple fact of life since we are all human and need to rely on God’s wonderful mercy and love.



This season of Lent, then, is an opportunity to do exactly that, to repent of our sins, to return to the Lord and to accept God’s wonderful invitation to be his disciples. The Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and giving alms draw us more fully into a life of faith and gradually transform us into his holy people, a people who make Jesus the center of our lives as we spend time with him each day in prayer, as we come together with the Christian community to celebrate Mass, as we come to receive forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or gather to pray the Stations of the Cross. These practices transform us as we abstain from meat on Fridays, fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and as we abstain from habits and practices that prevent us from knowing God more fully. These practices transform us as we freely give our time, talent and tithe back to God, acknowledging that all that we have been given comes from him!



May we return to the Lord this Lent, allowing him to transform us into his holy people, a people who then go into the world announcing the Gospel of the Lord.



Saturday, March 16, at 12:30 pm
Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church
600 Harris Ave, Middlesex, New Jersey
732-356-2149

will be hosting a presentation on, and an exposition of, Sacred Relics, called Treasures of the Church. Those attending will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through ministry.

Treasures of the Church is a ministry of evangelization of the Catholic Church. Run by Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross, its purpose is to give people an experience of the living God through an encounter with the relics of his saints in the form of an exposition. Each exposition begins with a multi-media presentation on the Church's use of relics that is scriptural, catechetical, and devotional, leading to a renewal of the Catholic faith for many people. After the teaching those in attendance have an opportunity to venerate the relics of some of their favorite saints.

An exposition involves some 150 relics, including those of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. The supreme highlight is one of the largest relics of the Church's claim to the True Cross in the world and a piece of the Veil that, according to sanctioned tradition, is believed to have belonged to Our Lady.

The veneration of relics is a communion with the heroes of our Christian faith, asking for their powerful intercession. Many people have reported outstanding blessings and conversions through this ministry, and many have reported healings. Attendees are encouraged to bring their articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which may be touched to the reliquaries as a means of intercessory prayer.

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