

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.

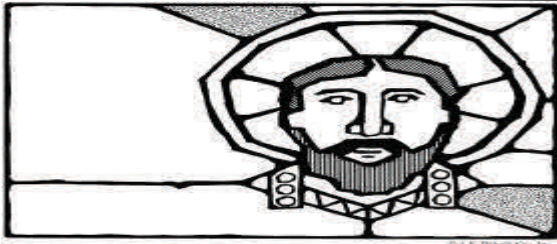
PARISH REGISTRATION: Our parish welcomes new members to our faith community. Catholic persons new to our area must complete a registration form and be interviewed by the pastor. Please call or stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form. We should also be notified if your address has changed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



Parish Office
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Website: www.stmarys-boundbrook.com
e-mail: stmarybb1@verizon.net

Rectory
732-384-5925



Second Sunday of Lent March 8, 2020

*Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death and brought life and
immortality to light through the gospel.
— 2 Timothy 1:10b*

MASS INTENTIONS

FIRST SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

- 8:30AM +Stanley Lee
r/o Cousin Theresa
5:00PM +Greg Petosky
r/o Mary Fazen

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 8

- 9:00AM Living & Deceased Members of
St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society
11:00AM +Jozef Karpinski
r/o Daughter Jolanta & Family

MONDAY, MARCH 9

St. Frances of Rome, Religious

- 8:30AM +William & Dottie Vesce
r/o Brenda & Vince

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

- 8:30AM +Immaculata Fascia
r/o Theresa Romano

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

- 8:30AM For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- 8:30AM +Nhu Thi Le
r/o Theresa Kosinski

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

- 8:30AM +Edmund Kuchnicki Sr.
r/o Ann Sikora

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

- 8:30AM +Daniel Salvatore
r/o Mario & Barbara Lombardi
5:00PM +Matila Caporelli
r/o Anthony & Dorothy Cimino

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 15

- 9:00AM Living & Deceased Members of
St. Mary's Holy Name Society
11:00AM +Jadwiga Karpinski
r/o Daughter Jolanta & Family

First Reading - The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you.

Second Reading - God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace.

Gospel - Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John .

CHANGE

Lent is all about change and change is usually not easy. In order to change we have to leave something behind. Today we hear about a very old man who decides to answer God's call. Abram experiences a tremendous amount of change when he leaves everything behind, risking it all for God's promise. Jesus changes, is transfigured, right before the eyes of his disciples. The Lenten scriptures issue the call for us to change, to be transfigured, so that we, too, will soon share in the glory of God. What is it that the Lord is asking us to leave behind? Are we willing to take the risk for the promise made by God? These questions are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion.



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Stations of the Cross During Lent

Every Friday - 12:00 Noon in English
7:00 pm in Polish

Gorzkie Zale (Lenten Lamentations)

Every Sunday during Lent
After the 11:00 AM Mass

Pope's Universal Intention: **Catholics in China**

That the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



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.

Litwinko Family
will be the host family for the week of
March 8, 2020.

Sign-up is available so all parishioners will have the opportunity to have Our Lady of Guadalupe visit their homes.

PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

Anthony and Eugenia DiGiovanni, Joanne Felegi, Jim Kilcoyne, Stephanie Lazarczyk, Julie Luszczek, Bea Mastrull, Deborah Vance.

HOMEBOUND: Tony Cimino, Patricia D'Allesandro, Richard Freligh, Rose Guido, Marie Haberin, Helen Kielbasa, Theresa Kosinski, Jean Kowalenko, Pat Musolino, Vinnie Papa, Millie Della Peruta, Ann Pchola, Mollie Rodomski, Nora Specian, Florence Suk, Vivienne Zanesky.

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

COLLECTION

Weekend of February 29-March 1, 2020

5:00 pm - \$ 921.00	11:00 am - \$ 763.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,850.00	Mail - \$ 200.00

Total - \$ 3,734.00

Discover how a Catholic Classical Education at
St. Ann School at 29 Second Avenue, Raritan
can inspire your child to be a joyous learner,
filled with wonder and awe for all creation.

Open House

Tuesday, March 24 from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm or
Tuesday, April 21 from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm. For more
information contact Kelly at (908) 725-7787 or email:
kalbright@stannparish.com.

Weekend Schedule - March 7-8, 2020

Saturday, March 7

5:00 pm Lector Ann Sikora
ExM of the Eucharist Frank Kolodzieski

Sunday, March 8

9:00 am Lector Diane Urbielewicz
ExM of the Eucharist Charles Ilsley
11:00 am Lector Anna Roszkowski
ExM of the Eucharist Frank Grodzki

Second Saturday of the month March 14, 2020

12 noon

Rosary Rally In the Chapel
Please come and pray
for the conversion of our nation

The Polish University Club of New Jersey

was founded in 1925 by a group of Polish-American college graduates. It was intended "to promote cooperation, good will, and mutual understanding among its members; to propagate Polish-American ideals; and to foster patriotic sentiments". Scholarships are awarded annually to deserving Polish-American students who meet the scholarship requirements of leadership, academic rigor, and financial need. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please go to: pucofnj.org, click on the appropriate link and follow the instructions to submit your application. Good luck!

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action

Twenty-Four Percent - \$1.7 million dollars of the funds raised by the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal is earmarked for Catholic Charities, Dioceses 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 21-22, 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.

Scout Day of Recollection

Saturday, March 21, 2020

11 am - 2 pm

Prayer, Talks, Adoration, Confession
and Holy Mass

Sts. Philip and James Church
430 South Main St, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

To Register: Call Sts. Philip and James Parish
Office at 908-454-0112 ext 3
Lunch will be provided by Troop 50



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February 19, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you know, it has been a little over a year since our diocese, along with the other four dioceses in New Jersey, simultaneously made public the names of those clergy who were credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor in the history of our dioceses. Over the past year, our local Church, in particular, has had to face our past, confront our failures and reconcile with the hurt, the pain and the betrayal of trust that was sadly allowed to fester in our Church and remain hidden in the darkness for far too many years. As your bishop, I am deeply sorry for the failures of our past. While the survivors of abuse have suffered the most and in so many ways, I also know that this has not been an easy time for any of us as Catholics. I recognize that we cannot change the past, but we can and will continue to seek healing, truth and hope for the survivors of abuse and for our Church, so that we can live in the light of truth.

The times through which we are living in our Church and in our world are like no other. However, like the Christians who have gone before us who faced scandals, struggles and failures in their own time, we should not ignore these problems, deny them or minimize them. We are called to be “salt and light.” Our call is to be agents of change for the greater honor and glory of God.

By God’s grace and in His providence, our Year of Spiritual Awakening of Faith that lead up to our Consecration of our Diocese to Jesus through Mary, under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, came at an opportune time for our local Church of Metuchen. Our deepest need is a spiritual reordering of all of our efforts at the service of a radical call to respond and promote the Gospel in all its fullness. Our Lady’s intercession is a tremendous strength for me personally and, no doubt, all of our people. Throughout the sadness and trials of the past year, I have been regularly reminded of Our Lady’s appearance to St. Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill, when she said, “Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection?”

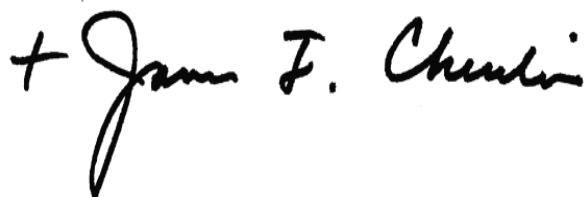
For nearly 20 years, our diocese has worked to prevent these failings from ever happening again. In 2018, I directed that all our diocesan files be reviewed by an independent law firm. Gratefully, no new cases of abuse were found. This is the second time that a full review has taken place. All allegations, most of which were reported to have happened between the 1960s and 1980s, were found to have been already disclosed to both our county prosecutors and the office of the NJ Attorney General. We continue to work and cooperate with county prosecutors and local law enforcement, reporting every accusation of past abuse immediately – no matter how old – as soon as it is brought to our attention, so that no abuse can remain hidden in the darkness.

In our diocese, we have a team of professionals, among them is former county prosecutor Anthony P. Kearns III, Esq., whom we hired as our chancellor to oversee our handling of cases of abuse and our diocesan archives, amongst many other matters in the life of our local Church. I want to reiterate that I encourage anyone who has been harmed in any way, by any clergy in the Church, to notify law enforcement by calling 1-877 NJ ABUSE and to also reach out to our Director of Child and Youth Protection at (908) 930-4558.

Our Church leadership failed in the past – in protecting children, in bringing these acts of abuse to light, and for some clergy, in keeping their promises of celibate chastity and obedience to Christ and His Church – but we must strive to not ever grow complacent and to continually respond to God’s light and truth. May these failures never be repeated. These past failings do not define our Church and I am confident that God is calling each of us to renewal, both individually and communally as a Church.

We do not know what the days ahead may hold, but we cannot fear them. So, we must step forward in faith, knowing that through our every distress and affliction, God is with us – He never abandons us. I am reassured and blessed that I do not walk this journey alone, but we walk together, working for a brighter tomorrow filled with healing and justice, so we may live in the light of the Gospel and continue Christ’s mission here in our local Church. Our Lord has chosen to depend upon us, His faithful disciples of the Church of Metuchen, to proclaim His mercy, love, truth and justice in these days.

With renewed best wishes, I remain,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James F. Checchio". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'J'.

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

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