

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..

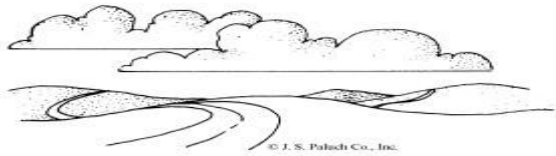


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GOD'S WAYS
ARE ABOVE
OUR WAYS



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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 8:30AM Birthday Blessings for Norma Boyle
r/o Damien Bustamante
5:00PM +Rev. John Nowak
r/o Altar Rosary Society

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 9:00AM Living and Deceased Members of
St. Mary's Holy Name Society
11:00AM God's Blessings on the
Wedding Anniversary of
Krystyna & Krzysztof Kornacki

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

- 8:30AM +Helen Kuchnicki r/o Sister Ann

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 8:30AM +Juliana Luszczek
r/o St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Priest

- 8:30AM For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 8:30AM +Czeslaw Kaczynski
r/o Theresa Zawrotna

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 8:30AM +Lottie Coneff r/o Niece

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

- 8:30AM Blessings for Good Health for Body
and Spirit for Julian Alccaco
r/o Family
5:00PM +Zofia Chadziewicz
r/o Daughter and Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 9:00AM +Bonnie Tietjen
r/o Martha Ptaszynski
11:00AM +Franciszek Zawrotny
r/o Daughter Theresa

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 2020

*Turn to the Lord for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
— Isaiah 55:7b*

First Reading - Turn to the Lord who is generous in forgiving.

Second Reading - Live your lives in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

Gospel - The last will be first, and the first will be last.

GOD'S ECONOMY

Today's Gospel tells about a landowner who hired laborers to work in his vineyard. The first ones hired agreed to a price for a day's work. Late in the day, the landowner took on some extra hands. When work ended and the men received their pay, the first hires found they had received the same amount as the ones employed later. There was immediate grumbling about unfairness and being cheated. In 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued his encyclical *Rerum Novarum* ("Of New Things"). This document affirmed the necessity of a just wage for working people to support their families, and the right of labor to form unions. In today's Gospel story, we must realize that Jesus is not talking about any of these issues, but rather, God's relationship with people. God acts with justice toward us: like the laborers who worked all day, we receive what God has promised. However, God is free to act above and beyond simple justice. God often gives with unexpected and lavish generosity, even to those we might consider unworthy. The truth is that in God's economy all of us get not merely what we deserve, but more than we could ever have bargained for.

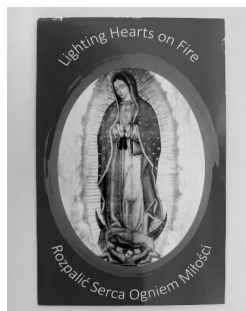
**Next weekend, September 26 & 27,
a Second Collection will be taken;
the Pontifical Good Friday Collection,**
which was scheduled for Good Friday. Due to Covid 19, this collection has been changed to this coming weekend. This collection is for the maintenance of the Holy Places of Christianity in the Holy Land. We ask for your generosity.

Pope's Universal Intention:

Respect for the Planet's Resources

That the planet's resources will not be plundered,
but shared in a just and respectful manner.

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.

**John and Margaret Todaro
will be hosts for the week of
September 20**

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:

Joanne Felegi, Deborah Vance.

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

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

COLLECTION

Weekend of September 12-13, 2020

5:00 pm - \$ 389.00	11:00 am - \$ 563.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,797.00	Mail - \$ 270.00
Total - \$ 3,019.00	
Peter's Pence Collection \$ 710.00	

The Foundation of the Family

God created man in His image. He then instituted the "family" in the image of heaven. The ideal family is a heaven of happiness. God has designed the family to be in the likeness of heaven. The family is the first and best institution founded by God. The letters in the word, FAMILY, may be regarded as representing the first letters of the words in the statement, "Father And Mother In Love, Year-round" or the hearty remark of a loving little child, "Father And Mother, I Love You!"

Lector Schedule - September 19/20 2020

Saturday, September 19

5:00 pm Lector **Stephanie DePass**

Sunday, September 20

9:00 am Lector **Barbara Mendel**

11:00 am Lector **Jolanta Gnap**

Celebrating

Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversaries

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary by receiving a congratulatory message from Bishop James F. Checchio. Registration is required to receive your message by mail. **Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>.** If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 15, 2020. Although no fee is required, in the past, many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online or emailing: amarshall@diometuchen.org.

The Luminous Mysteries

Pope John Paul II held an intense personal devotion to Mary. In October 2002, the then Pope John Paul II published his apostolic letter, "On the Most Holy Rosary," in which he proposed the Rosary as a rich source of spiritual nourishment and prayers. In this letter as well, he proposed the addition of the Luminous Mysteries.

These are five significant events from the public ministry of Jesus:

- 1) The Baptism in the Jordan river
- 2) The Wedding at Cana
- 3) The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
- 4) The Transfiguration
- 5) The Institution of the Holy Eucharist.

Now, when saying the rosary daily, the Luminous Mysteries are meditated upon on Thursdays.

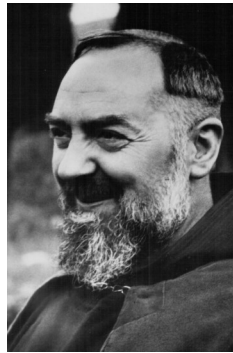
Please remember in your prayers the soul of

Maria Zawadzka

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

Rest in Peace

St. Padre Pio



Saint Padre Pio was an Italian priest who was known for his adoration of charity and love for the people around him. He bore the wounds of Christ, which is still something that cannot be explained. Francesco Forgione was born May 25th, 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. He was the son of peasant farmers Grazio Mario Forgione and Maria Giuseppa Di Nunzio. He had three younger sisters (Felicita, Pellegina, and Grazia) and one older brother (Michele), as well as two other siblings who had passed away as infants.

Padre Pio was baptized in the Church of Saint Ann in Pietrelcina. He was an altar server later on in this same chapel. By the time he was five years old, he had already made the decision to dedicate his life to God. He began taking on penances to prove his dedication and love for God. He expressed great desire to be involved with the Catholic faith, mainly because of his upbringing.

As a child, he worked on the farm by taking care of a small flock of sheep that the family owned until the age of 10. When it came time to join the Capuchin order, he was told he needed to be better educated before he could become involved. He was able to receive private tutoring at the age of 15 and this allowed him to enter the novitiate with the Capuchin Franciscan Friars in Morcone. This is where he took on the name "Friar Pio". Capuchin priests seek extreme poverty, strictness, and simpleness. They try to live as closely to St. Francis' ideals as possible.

Once he joined the Friary of St. Francis, he had several bouts of serious illness and religious ecstasy. Padre Pio had frequently spoken about attacks from the devil, and it was there where these battles had taken place. Although he was very ill, he was still ordained a priest in 1910 at the Cathedral of Benevento in southern Italy.

In November of 1914, World War I began and many Capuchins became drafted in the Italian Army. Padre Pio served his country in the 10th Company for the Italian Medical Corps. His title was "Private Francesco Forgione". His illness stayed persistent and he grew ill. He has extreme stomach pain and the Italian army doctors diagnosed him with chronic bronchitis. He took a leave of absence for medical reasons and returned to his beloved town of Pietrelcina.

In 1916, Padre Pio moved to Our Lady of Grace Capuchin Friary located in San Giovanni Rotondo. There he taught the students at the seminary and prayed alongside the townspeople. Due to the war, many Capuchins were drafted and only seven friars were at the friary when he arrived.

Padre Pio was called back into active duty in August of 1917. He had to take a medical leave of absence again in November, and was given a permanent discharge on March 16, 1918. He would go and visit his hometown for the last time in his whole life, and then returned to the friary at San Giovanni Rotondo, where he stayed for the remainder of his life.

In August of 1918, he began experiencing a painful stigmata that would come and go. This would soon become permanent, and remain on his body for the next 50 years. It only disappeared miraculously a few days before his death in September 1968. Countless experts and doctors looked at his wounds with no clear explanation. Padre Pio never had a fever or drops in blood pressure, but the wounds bled day after day for 50 years.

In the beginning, Padre Pio felt great humiliation at the wounds on his body. The visible stigmata on his body was one that brought him great pain, but he welcomed it. He welcomed the pain for all of mankind. He had stated many times that his "greatest wish was to die."

Padre Pio died of a heart attack at Our Lady of Grace in San Giovanni Rotondo on September 23rd, 1968. When died, many of the friars were eager and willing to begin the great process of canonization. This is when a mystic can become named a saint in the eyes of the Catholic Church. The memory of Padre Pio was beatified by Pope John Paul II at Mass on May 2nd, 1999. This was held in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City.

On June 16th, 2002, Padre Pio was Canonized by Pope John Paul II.



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President and Chief Executive Officer

September 10, 2020

Dear Saint Peter's Family,

Today, I am pleased to let you know that after careful consideration by Saint Peter's Board of Governors, senior leadership and the Most Reverend James F. Checchio, Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen and sole corporate member of Saint Peter's, Saint Peter's Healthcare System and RWJBarnabas Health (RWJBH) have signed a Definitive Agreement outlining our intention to integrate the two healthcare systems.

This announcement is the latest step in a comprehensive discernment process initiated by Saint Peter's three years ago to explore potential strategic partnership options best suited to help Saint Peter's maintain its rich Catholic mission and identity in an increasingly changing and competitive marketplace.

A critical milestone in the 113-year history of Saint Peter's, this new relationship with RWJBH will assure our continuation as a full-service provider of acute healthcare services to central New Jersey and the region. Most importantly, it allows us to achieve the highest priority of the discernment process, as Saint Peter's will continue its longstanding mission and identity as a Catholic hospital in harmony with the standards of care stated in the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services* (ERDs).

The integration of Saint Peter's with RWJBH is not a "buyout" or a "takeover", but rather is a change of control whereby RWJBH will become the corporate member of Saint Peter's. Bishop Checchio will continue to have an important ongoing role of providing Church sponsorship and oversight of Saint Peter's Catholic mission and adherence to the ERDs, as well as responsibility for overseeing the implementation of key aspects of the Definitive Agreement. Our Board of Trustees and Leadership will continue to have a vital and ongoing role. We are excited about the strategic partnership with RWJBH. The agreement between us has been developed in the true spirit of partnership and is designed to function that way.

There are other critical aspects of the agreement with RWJBH that makes this an exciting opportunity for Saint Peter's and the communities we serve. For example, there will be substantial investment of capital in Saint Peter's to enhance and/or expand facilities, clinical programs and services, and technology. Our strategic partnership with RWJBH also presents a unique opportunity to develop a premier multi-campus academic medical center of national distinction that would be the first of its kind in New Jersey. We look forward to immediately undertaking the planning needed to make this vision a reality.

Now that the Definitive Agreement has been signed the next step in the process is to secure required approvals from state and federal regulators, as well as the Catholic Church. We estimate that the approval process could take approximately 18 months to complete.

To help address questions not answered in this letter, a list of *Frequently Asked Questions* (FAQs) is provided with more details. You may also hear rumors; I strongly urge you to disregard them! This letter, the FAQs and future communications from me serve as the source of accurate and truthful information. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at CEO@saintpetersuh.com.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the health and wellbeing of our patients, and to one another, as we continue to move this process along to secure the future of Saint Peter's and our Catholic mission.

Sincerely,

Leslie D. Hirsch

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