# 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



## **Twenty-Eighth Sunday** in Ordinary Time October 11, 2020

I can do all things in him who strengthens me. — Philippians 4:13

#### MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

+Henning Kristensen 8:30AM

r/o Martha Ptaszynski

God's Blessings for George Marish 5:00PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:00AM Living and Deceased Members of

St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society

11:00AM +Eleanor Pakosz

r/o Husband and Children

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:30AM +Matthew Bar r/o Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:30AM + Halina & Jozef Kruszewski

r/o Jan & Bozena Owsieniuk

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 - St. Callistus I,

Bishop and Martyr

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus,

Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Our Living and Dec'd. Loved Ones 8:30AM

r/o Dominick, Joann & Cynthia

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 - St. Hedwig, Religious;

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Blessings for Health of Body and 8:30AM

Spirit for Irena Zawrotna r/o Daughter Theresa

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 - St. Ignatius of** 

Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

8:30AM +Stanislaw Zugaj

r/o Daughter and Family

5:00PM +Gertrude Holly r/o Frank Kolodzieski

<u>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18</u>

9:00AM Living and Deceased Members of

St. Mary's Holy Name Society

11:00AM +Olga & Miron Szustakowski

r/o Jolanta Gnap & Family

First Reading - On this mountain the LORD will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines.

**Second Reading -** God will supply whatever you

Gospel - I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast!

#### GOD REVEALED TO THE NATIONS

What wonderful images we have today of the reign of God! Isaiah speaks to us of a great feast—a heavenly feast—a feast of abundance with rich foods and choice wines. It is the Lord's own affair, Isaiah explains, when God will unite all nations, dry every tear, and destroy death forever. Then, too, will the entire earth rejoice in the Lord and bask in God's saving grace. Jesus speaks of heaven in terms of a feast as well. Here, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a king's wedding feast given for his son. This is a feast of abundance also, with the fattened cattle prepared just so. But many of the people invited don't want to come, so the king invites anyone who would honor his son by their presence there. And Paul tells us that whether we live abundantly or in humble circumstances, we can do all things in the Lord who strengthens us.



Monday, October 12 is Columbus Day. The Parish Office will be closed.

## **Pope's Universal Intention:**

The Laity's Mission in the Church

That by the virtue of Baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

# 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.

# If you are homebound but would like to have Our Lady of Guadalupe visit, please call the Parish Office 732-356-0358

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, 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 October 3-4, 2020

5:00 pm -	\$ 255.00	11:00 am -	\$ 724.00
9:00 am -	\$ 1,657.00	Mail -	\$ 595.00

Total - \$3,231.00



## WANTED <



We need volunteers to count the Sunday Colletions in our parish. We are looking for parishioners to help in the Counting Room ONE Sunday a month for approximately 4 hours. The basic job is to count the money collected from the weekend Masses. **Please contact Fr. John** 



Please pray
for vocations to the priesthood
and religious life.
"The harvest is abundant,
but the laborers are few."



#### Lector Schedule - October 10 -11, 2020

Saturday, October 10

5:00 pm Lector Stephanie DePass

Sunday, October 11

9:00 am Lector Dawn Lanner
11:00 am Lector Jolanta Gnap

# Next Weekend we will celebrate WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please be generous in next week's collection for the Propagation of the Faith.

### Holy Savior Academy Request for Board Members

Holy Savior Academy has requested that each parish in our Middlebrook Deanery have one person volunteer to be on the board of the school. The requirements are to attend school board meetings (a minimum of 5 per year), to serve on a committee (finance, advancement, marketing, enrollment, buildings and grounds, and planning), and not a parent of a child in Holy Savior Academy.

Any and all queries should be addressed to Sharon Strack at sastrack@aol.com or call her at 732-752-4979.

### <u>Choices Matter – A Virtual Critical Life Issues</u> <u>Conference Series</u>

During October, which is Respect Life month, the diocesan Office of Human Life and Dignity will present its annual *Choices Matter Series*. The theme this year is "Living the Gospel of Life!". Please join us virtually on the following dates to hear these dynamic speakers:

**October 10 - 10:00 AM** - Pam Stenzel - Parents Matter: Raising Kids with Integrity

**October 15 - 7:00 PM** - Evan Lemoine - Amor sin Barreras (in Spanish only)

October 24 - 10:00 AM - Christina Bennett - Defending Life in the Black Community

October 29 - 7:00 PM - Kristen Hanson - Warriors of Hope: Fighting Assisted Suicide in America October 31 - 10:00 AM - Stephanie Connors, formerly Gray - Abortion: The Great Debate



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October 1, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We celebrate World Mission Sunday on October 18 this year. This annual, worldwide Eucharistic celebration emphasizes our shared baptismal call to be missionaries in our own right.

In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis implores us: "In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah, 'Here I am, send me' (6:8). This is the ever-new response to the Lord's question, 'Whom shall I send?' This invitation from God's merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity, in the current world crisis."

Pope Francis reminds us during the Mission Month of October that, as baptized Christians, we are called personally to mission — especially at this time — to bring Christ's love to those most forgotten around the world. Jesus is God the Father's own Missionary; He asks us to respond to this call to mission, this invitation to "step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbor." What will your answer be? "Here I Am, Send Me" is the response we will all endeavor to live out this World Mission Sunday, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and generosity to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

You too can be sent out to all the ends of the earth – sent through your support of missionaries and those they serve. Your gifts sustain priests, consecrated religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve the poor. With them, you answer, "Here I Am, Send Me."

This year, in response to the challenges to the Mission Church from the pandemic, I invite all in the Diocese of Metuchen to respond in the most generous way you are able. As you do, I offer my sincere personal gratitude for your kind missionary heart, reaching out in love throughout the Mission Month of October.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA

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Bishop of Metuchen



**Saint Teresa of Ávila** (1515–1582) was a Spanish mystic, writer and reformer of the Carmelite order. She was an influential and pivotal figure of her generation.

St. Teresa was born in Avila, Spain on 28th March 1515. Her parents were both pious Catholics and in some ways inspired their daughter to take up a life of prayer. As a young child, Teresa showed signs of a deeply religious nature; she would often retreat into silence for prayer and would enjoy giving alms to the poor. She was very close to her mother, who provided a warm counterbalance to the strictness of her father. However, in her teens, Teresa's mother passed away, leaving the young Teresa distraught at the void she felt.

During her later teen years Avila lost some of her religious zeal. She recounted how she became interested in worldly matters and enjoyed the company of a wide circle of friends. She had a natural charm and found it easy to make friends. However, she was not at peace, considering herself to be a miserable sinner. However this sense of being a "miserable sinner" was probably the result of a harsh self-judgement, encouraged by her father's exacting religious standards. At the age of 16, her father decided to send Teresa to a convent school to be educated.

This reignited in Teresa an interest in following a spiritual life and resolved to become a nun of the Carmelite Order. At the time the convent rules were not very strict; it was probably more relaxed than living with her father. Teresa struggled to find time for quiet reflection, although she did start teaching people on the virtues of mental prayer.

Shortly after becoming a nun, Teresa experienced a severe illness (malaria), which left her in great pain for a long period. At one point it was feared that her illness was so severe that she would not be able to recover. However, during this period of intense physical pain, she began to experience divine visions and an inner sense of peace. These inner experiences of joy and peace seemed to transcend the intense physical pain of the body. She became absorbed in deep contemplation in which she felt an ever-growing sense of oneness with God. At times she felt overwhelmed with divine love. The experiences were so transforming, she at times felt the grace of God would wash her soul away. She was so filled with divine contemplation it is said at times her body would spontaneously levitate.

At the age of 43, St Teresa wanted to found a new order recommitting to the values of poverty and simplicity. Initially, her aims were greeted with widespread opposition from within the town of Avila. However, with the support of some priests, she was allowed to set up her first convent. St Teresa proved to be an influential leader and founder. She guided the nuns not just through strict disciplines, but also through the power of love, and common sense. Her way was not the way of rigid self-denial. Although she underwent many tribulations herself, to others, she stressed the importance of experiencing God's Love.

St Teresa devoted much of the rest of her life to travelling around Spain setting up new convents. St Teresa also had to frequently contend with difficult living conditions and her frail health. However, she never let these obstacles dissuade her from her life's task. She eventually died on October 4 at the age of 67. St Teresa of Avila was one of the great Christian mystics. Overcoming physical ailments, she became fully absorbed in her devotion to God.

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