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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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:30AM +Jerzy Zolnierczyk r/o Family

5:00PM Deceased Members of Galgan Family

r/o Daniel Galgan

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, FEBRUARY 28

9:00AM +Jacqueline Vesce

r/o Mom & Dad

11:00AM +Jan & Maria Stec

r/o Son Father John

MONDAY, MARCH 1

8:30AM +Veronica Hector

r/o Theresa Kosinski & Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

8:30AM +Angelina & Antonio Giagnacovo

r/o Dominic, Joann & Cynthia

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, MARCH 4 - St. Casimir

8:30AM God's Blessings for

Kazimierz Losiewicz

r/o Daughter

FIRST FRIDAY, MARCH 5

8:30AM +Ryszard Tomasik

r/o Henryk & Wieslawa Roszkowski

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

8:30AM +Beverly Brice Werner

r/o Marion Ross

5:00PM +Theodore & Lucille Lepionka

r/o Daughter Nancy

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 7

9:00AM +Assunta Romano

r/o Frances & Phil DiBiase

11:00AM +Jozef Karpinski

r/o Daughter Jolanta Gnap

Second Sunday of Lent February 28, 2021

If God is for us, who can be against us?
— Romans 8:31b

<u>First Reading</u> - The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Second Reading - If God is for us, who can be against us?

<u>Gospel</u> - Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white.

LOVE AND GENEROSITY

The Law, the Prophets—and Jesus, For Paul, Jesus is someone quite different from the other two. The reading from his letter to the Romans is short, but rich in meaning. When Paul declares that God "did not spare his own Son," and when God praises Abraham "who did not withhold from me your own beloved son," it is the same Greek word for "spare" and "withhold." God's voice at the Transfiguration identifies Jesus as his "beloved Son"—the same way God refers to Isaac as Abraham's beloved son. Ultimately, God spares Isaac but not his own Son, whom he "handed over for us." Even if we are disturbed that God tested Abraham like this, Paul says we should be overwhelmingly grateful that God did for us what, in the end, he did not require of Abraham. Jesus. God's Son "handed over to us" in love and generosity, is already a sacrificial gift, signifying that God wants to give us "everything else along with him."

Stations of the Cross During Lent
Fridays 12:00 Noon - English
7:00 pm - Polish
Gorzkie Zale
(Lenten Lamentations)
Every Sunday during Lent
After the 11:00 AM Mass

Pope's Universal Intention:

Violence against women.

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

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.

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, Michael Gacek, Deborah Vance. **HOMEBOUND**: Tony Cimino, Patricia D'Allesandro, Richard Freligh, Rose Guido, Theresa Kosinski, Vinnie Papa, Millie Della Peruta, Ann Pchola, Nora Specian, Florence Suk, Madeline Wojciechowski, Lottie Yefchak. **NOTE**: Please call the Parish Office (732) 356-0358 with the names of homebound, nursing home /assisted living or hospitalized parishioners.

Weekend Collection: February 20-21, 2021				
5:00 pm - \$	436.00	11:00 am -	\$	641.00
9:00 am - \$	1,863.00	Mail -	\$	410.00
Total - \$ 3,350.00				

Forgiveness is a Choice

Forgiving is a choice. It is a gift given to someone who doesn't deserve it.... Also keep in mind that we have no right to demand that others forgive us simply because we have asked for forgiveness.... The forgiveness process, properly understood and used, can free those bound by anger and resentment. It does not require accepting injustice or remaining in an abusive situation. It opens the door to reconciliation, but it does not require trusting someone who has proven untrustworthy. Even if the of-fender remains unrepentant, you can forgive and restore a sense of peace and well-being to your life. The choice is yours.

Lector Schedule - February 27-28, 2021

Saturday, February 27 5:00 pm Lector Joe Pizzo

Sunday, February 28

9:00 am Lector Theresa Rudnicki-Jones

11:00 am Lector Anna Grochocka

2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal Transformed by Christ Body and Blood – Sent on Mission to Light a Fire in the Heart of the Church

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal. You can find the link to Bishop's Annual Appeal Video at https://diometuchen.org/BAA. Our parish can share in a successful Appeal by earning a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over goal.

Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest—the poor, the homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needed pastoral ministries, your gift also supports the formation of seminarians and enhances the work of the Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication. The many pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen would not be possible without a generous contribution from every household. Please be as generous as your means allow.



Lent is a beautiful time for spiritual renewal.

In his <u>first Lenten message as pope in</u> 1979, John Paul II wrote, "Going with-

out things does not consist only of giving away what we do not need; sometimes it also consists of giving away what we do need, like the widow in the Gospel who knew that what she was giving away was already a gift to her from God."

The Polish pope expanded on this concept in 1980, explaining that "True sharing, which is a meeting with others, helps us to free ourselves from those bonds that enslave us. And, because it makes us see others as brothers and sisters, it enables us to rediscover that we are children of the same Father, 'heirs of God and coheirs with Christ' from whom we have incorruptible riches."

St. John Paul II saw Lent as an opportunity to empty ourselves in Christian charity, doing good to the most vulnerable of society.

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