## 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

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Rectory 732-384-5925

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.





#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 13

8:30AM Healing Blessings for Julian Allacco r/o Daughter Dina
5:00PM +John Becci r/o Tony & Dorothy Cimino

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 14

9:00AM Living and Deceased Members of St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society 11:00AM +Mieczyslaw Pisowacki r/o Wife & Daughters

#### MONDAY, MARCH 15

8:30AM +George Marish r/o Walt & Diane

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 16

8:30AM +Albina & Ludwig Konieczny r/o Niece

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 - St. Patrick, Bishop8:30AMFor Our Parishioners

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem,

Bishop & Doctor of the Church 8:30AM +Carmella Melesurgo r/o Dominick & Joanne Cunder, Cynthia Lynch

#### <u>FRIDAY, MARCH 19 - ST. JOSEPH,</u> SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:30AM +Halina Pajkowski r/o Myra Kurkowski

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 20

8:30AM +Mary Kosek r/o Children & Grandchildren 5:00PM +Assunta Romano r/o Marna Caruso

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 21

9:00AM Living and Deceased Members of St. Mary's Holy Name Society 11:00AM +Franciszek & Wiktoria Pakosz r/o Son & Family

## Fourth Sunday of Lent March 14, 2021

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. — John 3:17

<u>**First Reading**</u> - The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people.

**Second Reading** - By grace you have been saved. **Gospel** - The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him .

## Lent, a Season of the Word

Each year on the First Sunday of Lent we hear one of the Gospel accounts of the temptation of Jesus. In Luke's account, the devil cites the scriptures repeatedly, urging Jesus to interpret them in a false, self-serving way—if God sends angels to protect those whom God loves then prove it! But Jesus resists this insidious temptation by turning to scripture passages that tell of right relationship with God—living by God's word, trusting in God, and worshiping God alone.

Jesus himself listened to the inspired word of God and let it shape and form him. Through the liturgy, we do the same. The readings we hear at Mass can teach us, but that is not their primary function. Rather, the scriptures are meant to reveal the Lord to us, to let us experience his presence, and to form us in our Christian identity. Christ's presence is realized by his spoken word, "since it is he himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church". In the readings proclaimed at Mass, we hear the voice of Christ himself.

#### Stations of the Cross During Lent Fridays 12:00 Noon - English 7:00 pm - Polish

<u>Gorzkie Zale</u> (Lenten Lamentations) Every Sunday during Lent After the 11:00 AM Mass

## **<u>Pope's Universal Intention:</u>** Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth to taste the infinite mercy of God.

#### **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 the host family for the week of March 21

#### 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: March 6-7, 2021

5:00 pm -	\$ 393.00	11:00 am -	\$ 834.00
9:00 am -	\$ 1,520.00	Mail -	\$ 270.00

Total - \$ 3,017.00

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## Lector Schedule - March 13-14, 2021

Saturday, March 13 5:00 pm Lector **Stephanie DePass** Sunday, March 14 9:00 am Lector **Dawn Lanner** 

11:00 am Lector

Elzbieta Ozog-Osewski

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

The global pandemic has challenged us to evolve in how we share and communicate the Gospel message, but the message remains the same and it is worth sharing. So, we must continue to journey with others, even if we are physically apart, to make the Good News and His love known to all because that is what will see us through. While our discipleship is to always find new ways to bring His love and the Good News of Jesus Christ we are now called to do more for the Lord and each other. This year, we have seen a large increase in the use of virtual means to connect and engage with one another. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports essential role of the Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication as we expand our efforts to share the Gospel message and make His love known to all.

Following is the link for the Bishop's Annual Appeal video. This year the diocese is producing a series of 4 videos. This first one introduces this year's theme and sets the tone for the others which will high-light the 3 marquee ministries: Seminarian Formation, Catholic Charities, and the Vicariate for Evangelization and Communications. You can find the link to the Bishop's Annual Appeal Video at https://diometuchen.org/ BAA.

## Did you set **vour clocks 1 HOUR AHEAD** Today?

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Treat everyone with politeness, even those who are rude to you, not because they are nice, but because you are.

Laughter is good medicine for the soul; and our world is in desperate need of more medicine.

#### The Solemnity of Saint Joseph

Join Bishop Checchio as he celebrates the Solemnity of St Joseph, Friday, March 19 at 5:00 PM in the Cathedral of St Francis of Assisi.

Livestream is available.

Seating is limited so registration is required at https:// lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/ gIqpR5e/StJoseph

Face coverings and social distancing are required

Diocesan Mass Honoring our Seniors

Thursday, March 25

5:00pm

St. Francis Cathedral

Join Bishop James Checchio as he celebrates a Mass to Honor our Seniors for their faithfulness especially during the pandemic. Seating is limited, so registration is required.

## Life-Giving Wounds Virtual Retreat

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Family Life will sponsor a Life-Giving Wounds retreat, designed for anyone over the age of 18 whose parents are no longer together. The virtual retreat will be conducted over the course of 3 Saturdays: April 17th, April 24th and May 1st. On the first 2 Saturdays, participants will attend via Zoom from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and on the 3rd Saturday, a Mass will be celebrated for all adult children of divorce. People of all backgrounds attend, but together they have one key thing in common: they have lost the love of their parents together. Topics will include discussing anxiety, anger, sin, temptation and forgiveness. All presentations are given by trained, expert speakers who are children of divorce. So whether a person's parents divorced decades ago or last week, the retreat content will apply to them. The retreat is also for people whose parents are separated (but not legally divorced), received a declaration of nullity, or were never married (maybe never even "together") and are now broken up.

For more information and to register, please visit: www.diometuchen.org/adult-childrenof-divorce

## An Ancient Prayer to Saint Joseph

O ST. JOSEPH, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in thee all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph, do assist me by thy powerful intercession and obtain for me all spiritual blessings through thy foster Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord, so that, having engaged here below thy heavenly power, I may offer thee my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers. O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating thou and Jesus asleep in thine arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near thy heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

## A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

This Pandemic has often seemed like "dark times". When we are in the dark, we usually stumble, grope, and have difficulty navigating. Scripture tells us that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, Jesus, so that those who believe in him might find light in their darkness. Would you, or someone you know, like to know more about this Jesus as seen through the eyes of the Catholic Church. Would you like to learn more about our loving and merciful God, our Saints, what it is like to be a member of the Catholic faith family? We invite you to Come and See. Join us for an Inquiry Session. The RCIA Inquiry sessions are opportunities to gather, ask, learn, discern. Commitment is not required to Come and See. We invite all who are unbaptized, baptized into another Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but have not received BOTH sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. For more information, call RCIA at 732-562-1543.

Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.

# **HOLY WEEK ~ 2021**

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD March 28

5:00 pm ~ Saturday Vigil Mass 9:00 am English, 11:00 am Polish ~ Sunday Masses

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## April 1

7:30 pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration until 10:00 pm

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

Good Friday, April 2 12:00 Noon ~ Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm ~ Celebration of the Lord's Passion (English) 6:00 pm ~ Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Polish)

## **HOLY SATURDAY**

April 3

10:00am,11:00am,12 noon ~Blessing of Food, (Church) 8:30 pm ~ Mass of Vigil

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

**OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD** 

6:30 am ~ Resurrection Procession and Mass (Polish) 9:00am (English), 11:00 am (Polish)

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