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

Parish Office Ph: 732-356-0358 Fax: 732-356-5348 **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:

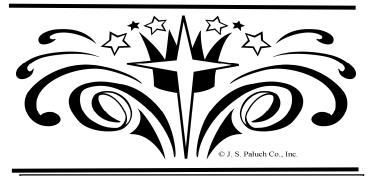
Though immediate preparation is given to children before receiving these sacraments, it is expected that children receive a Christian education within their family life, through formal religious education classes, and by attending Sunday worship services.

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, DECEMBER 11

St. Damascus I, Pope

- 8:30AM +Maria & Pasquale Salerno r/o Carmella and Mark
- 5:00PM +Thomas Short r/o Wife Rosanne, Daughter and Grandson

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 12

- 9:00AM Living and Deceased Members of St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society 11:00AM +Rajmund Masiukiewicz
 - r/o Daughter Joanna Karczewski

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr8:30AM+Lenka O'Connorr/o Randy and Ann Knob

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church8:30AMFor the Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:30AM +Matthew Rock r/o Ann Knob

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:30AM +Kim Ahn Le r/o Laura Han

<u>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18</u>

8:30AM +Randall Knob r/o Carol & Alex Anderson 5:00PM +Thy Le & Nhu Le r/o Family

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 19

9:00AM Living and Deceased Members of St. Mary's Holy Name Society 11:00AM +Matthew Bar r/o Wife & Family

Third Sunday of Advent December 12, 2021

With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation. — Isaiah 12:3



<u>**First Reading**</u> - Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior.

<u>Second Reading</u> - Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God.

<u>Gospel</u> - John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely.

Reflection

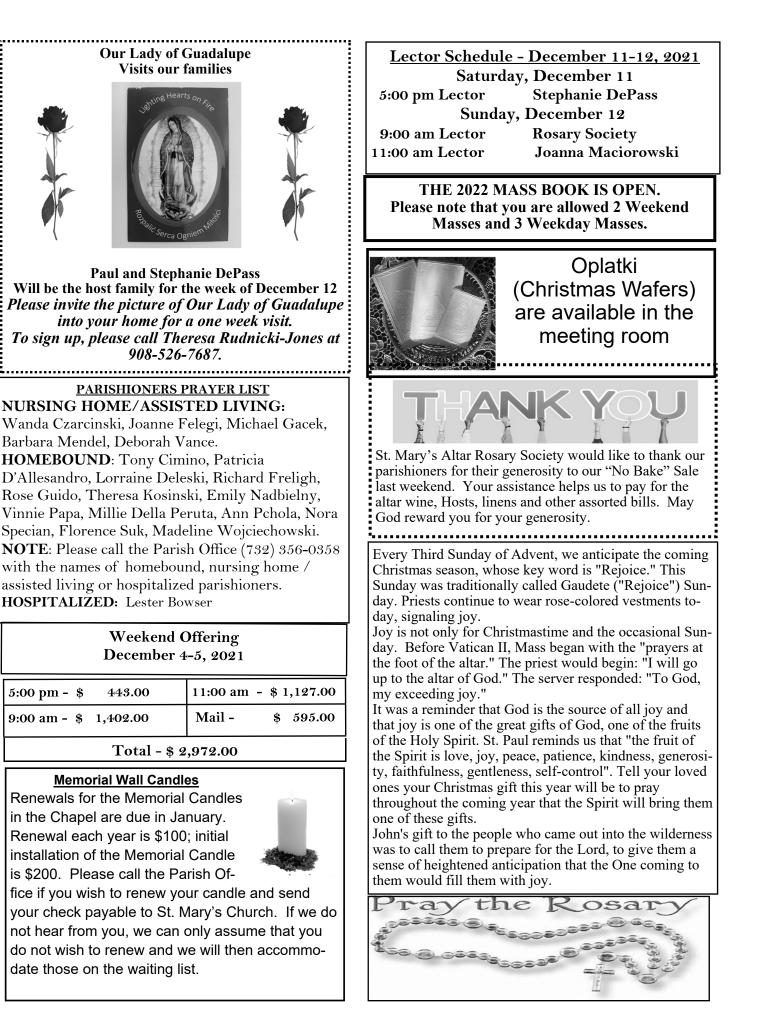
In the First Reading, Zephaniah calls for celebration. The Messiah, the "King of Israel, the Lord," is here among us. He comes to celebrate with us, to dance and sing, to share in our revelry. With the Savior's presence, we have nothing to fear. Enemies are banished; judgment is lifted. All that is left to us is to rejoice in God's presence.

Paul issues a double call for jubilation and praise. After all, the Lord is near at hand! What is there to be anxious about? What is there to fear? The Lord comes to blanket God's people with peace.

In the Gospel, John the Baptizer's listeners want to know what to do to be ready for the Lord's coming. John gives them no elaborate agenda. The prophet's response is simplicity itself: Keep on doing what you're doing, but do so with great care and a sense of justice. John calls on his listeners who possess more than they need to give to those in greater need. He urges those who must tax not to overburden, not to defraud. He reminds those who bear arms that they are not to strong-arm, to wield their weapons but sparingly, and to blunt their blows.

Pope's Universal Intention: Catechists

Let us pray for the Catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



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