

# *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.

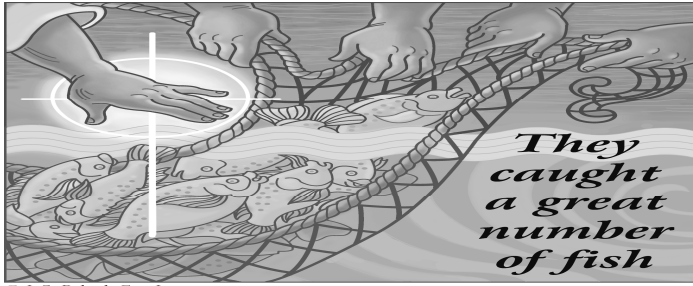
**PARISH REGISTRATION:** Our parish welcomes new members to our faith community. Catholic persons new to our area must complete a registration form and be interviewed by the pastor. Please call or stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form. We should also be notified if your address has changed or if you are leaving the parish..



**Parish Office**  
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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 6, 2022

*"Do not be afraid; from now on  
you will be catching men."  
Luke 5:9-11*

### MASS INTENTIONS FIRST SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

8:30AM +Bernard Graebener r/o Family

5:00PM +Lynn Paladino  
r/o Dumandan & Cashman Families

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:00AM +Ted Gluch  
r/o John & Margie Todaro

11:00AM +Wladyslawa & Jozef Chudzik  
r/o Daughter Joanna Kupczak  
and family

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:30AM +Theresa Kosinski  
r/o Theresa Rudnicki-Jones

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

8:30AM +Maria Nalesnik r/o Family

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:30AM +For Our Parishioners

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:30AM +Vinnie Papa  
r/o St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

8:30AM +Jan Stec r/o Son Fr. John

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

8:30AM For the Souls in Purgatory  
r/o Marta Villalobos

5:00PM +Bogumila & Tadeusz Balas  
r/o Dorota & Adam

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:00AM Living and Deceased Members of  
St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society

11:00AM +Jadwiga & Jozef Karpinski  
r/o Daughter & Family

**First Reading** - In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the Lord of hosts. Isaiah responds, "Send me!"

**Second Reading** - Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it.

**Gospel** - Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus.

### Reflection

Peter knew fish, but Jesus knew his mission. The marvelous catch of fish brought everything into focus for Peter, who had already spent some time with Jesus and had witnessed other miracles. But now he saw anew. He fell to his knees, suddenly aware of who Jesus was and who he was—or was not. Who Peter was and what he lacked did not matter. Who Jesus was and what he asked mattered absolutely. Peter knew this, and he knew that this was it. Along with his fishing partners, James and John, Peter left his boats and his fishing and followed Jesus. Today we hear from one last apostle, who was as surprised as anyone could be about his calling—Paul. He does not set forth the story of his calling but rather the mission for which he was called.

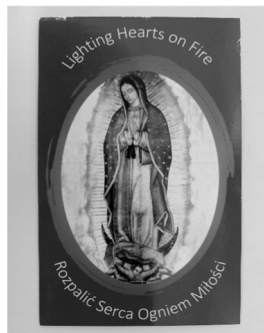
These stories of the beginnings of a new life for Isaiah, for Simon and his shipmates, and for Paul, all witness to an undeniable sense of the mystery of God and of each individual's sense of inadequacy. But above all, these stories communicate God's abiding grace, which makes their new life and mission possible.

### Pope's Universal Intention:

**For religious sisters and consecrated women.**

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responsibilities to the challenges of our times.

**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.*

**PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST**

**NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:**

Wanda Czarcinski, Joanne Felegi, Michael Gacek,  
Barbara Mendel, Deborah Vance.

**HOMEBOUND:** Patricia D'Allesandro, Lorraine  
Deleski, Richard Freligh, Rose Guido, Millie Della  
Peruta, Ann Pchola, Nora Specian, Florence Suk,  
Madeline Wojciechowski.

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

**HOSPITALIZED:** Lester Bowser, Michael Sikora

**Weekend Offering  
January 30, 2022**

5:00 pm - \$ snow 11:00 am - \$ 990.00

9:00 am - \$ 850.00 Mail - \$ 335.00

**Total - \$ 2,175.00**

**Catholic School 2022-2023 Tuition Assistance-  
Online Application Process Open**

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmtg.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2022. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

**Lector Schedule - February 5-6, 2022**

**Saturday, February 5**

**5:00 pm Lector Joe Pizzo**

**Sunday, February 6**

**9:00 am Lector Theresa Rudnicki-Jones**

**11:00 am Lector Magdalena Plonski**

***The Rosary Rally in the Chapel on the Second  
Saturday of the month will NOT take place  
On February 12***



Altar Flowers this weekend have been offered by Karen Graebener in memory of her father, Bernard Graebener.

If you would like to offer altar flowers, please contact Elzbieta at 908-566-6564.

***Catholic School Transportation - Drivers Needed***

A shortage of bus drivers and the pandemic have combined to create a limit on the number of students on buses, due to the distance required for student seating. The capacity for buses has been cut by almost 50%, thus creating a situation by which private contractors can no longer transport many nonpublic school students for the \$1,000 per-pupil amount because of the fewer number of students on a route. Please consider serving our Catholic school students by getting your CDL. Learn more by visiting: [state.nj.us/mvc/drivertopics/gettingcdl.htm](http://state.nj.us/mvc/drivertopics/gettingcdl.htm).



***Pray the Rosary***

**Contribution Statements**

If you would like to receive a statement of your 2021 Church Contributions for tax purposes, please fill out the form below and return it in the collection basket.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ENVELOPE # \_\_\_\_\_

**You must fill out this form to receive a statement.  
Contribution statements will not be sent out  
automatically.**

Thank you for your cooperation.



## A LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a diocese this year. What a great accomplishment to have had forty years of serving Christ and making His kingdom present here in our four beautiful counties in Central New Jersey.

Forty has long been an important number in Scripture; it is mentioned over a thousand times throughout the Bible. We know some of them quite well. Moses' 40 years in the desert and 40 days on Mount Sinai communing with God and receiving the Ten Commandments, Jonah's 40 days preaching Nineveh to repent, and of course, Jesus' 40 days and nights fasting in the desert. All of these 40's representing periods of testing and temptation.

I think that we, too, have passed difficult tests in our 40 years as a diocese. I am so grateful to you for your significant contributions to making our diocesan Church robust and moving forward. We certainly have had our challenges. The past two years, the coronavirus has impacted all of us and affected our daily living in so many ways. Many of our loved ones have died or suffered financially from the pandemic. Hurricane Ida tested us again with flood damage, loss of homes and leaving others without clean water and food. Certainly, our Church has faced challenges too with the past failures by some of the Church's leaders, including those failings of our own founding bishop. Yes, we have been through more than our share of testing; but we are not alone. Christ promised to be with us always—until the end—and so He has been, and promised to continue to be faithful to us.

As I pray and think about our current moment, I am moved to gratitude because of all you have done to help our local Church. I have been your bishop now for a little over five years. When I came here, I certainly had no idea of what tests and challenges we would face. However, I found a community of such love, of such faith, of such determination, anxious to build a better future, to give our children and grandchildren a brighter day in the Church and in our world. Together, we are ***Continuing to Fan the Flame of Faith into Service.***

This year also celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of your generosity through the Bishop's Annual Appeal. You know well that the appeal supports so many things that helped us transcend what we faced. You can read more about some of the ministries in this brochure and can find more on our website [www.diometuchen.org](http://www.diometuchen.org). All these things and so much more.

I am grateful that you have responded even more generously in the past few years. I ask you to do it again in this 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year so that we can continue to serve those in need. If you can, reach a little deeper if you are able, especially since some people are not able to give due to the effects of the different crises we have faced recently. I am confident that whatever the future may hold, together, with Christ, we can for sure face it with serenity and joy.

Know of my love and prayers for you, especially on my morning walks praying the Rosary and in my Eucharistic chapel in the Bishop's residence. Please pray for me. I depend on your good prayers.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA  
Bishop of Metuchen

# The Story of St. Bernadette and Our Lady of Lourdes



February 11 is the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, one of the most famous apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary that took place in southern France. On this day in 1858 a young, poor girl named Bernadette Soubirous was out collecting firewood with her sister and another friend near a grotto when she saw a vision of a lovely lady. In the words of St. Bernadette, *"I raised my head and looked towards the grotto. I saw a Lady dressed in white, wearing a white dress, a blue girdle and a yellow rose on each foot, the same color as the chain of her Rosary."* In the vision Our Lady was praying the rosary.

Bernadette reluctantly told her parents of the apparition, and in response they forbade her from going back to the grotto. A few days later, on February 14th, Bernadette was permitted to return to the

grotto, and again the Lady appeared to her. This happened again on February 18th. On this third visit the Lady asked Bernadette to come back to the grotto every day for the next two weeks.

At these subsequent visits the Lady (who had not yet identified herself as the Blessed Virgin Mary) asked for a chapel to be built on the grounds, for Bernadette to pray for the conversion of sinners, and for her to drink the spring water that was revealed to her at the grotto.

Word of these apparitions spread rapidly and caused quite a stir in town. In response, Bernadette was detained, interrogated, and harassed by the civil authorities as if she were a common criminal. The villagers, however, came to her rescue and demanded that the child be released. Through all these difficulties that came to her because of the apparitions, Bernadette was given an interior strength: "There was something in me that enabled me to rise above everything. I was tackled from all sides, but nothing mattered and I was not afraid."

Many of the townspeople believed that Mary was appearing to Bernadette, and they came down in large numbers to the grotto to pray. The spring that the Lady asked Bernadette to drink from quickly revealed itself to be blessed water with miraculous healing properties.

On March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation, the Lady appeared at the grotto again, this time identifying herself as the Immaculate Conception.

"With her two arms hanging down, she raised her eyes and looked up at the sky, and it was then that she told me, joining her hands together now at the height of her breast, that she was the Immaculate Conception. Those were the last words she ever said to me."

As for herself, Bernadette suffered much, not only through physical suffering due to her chronic poor health, but also through the jealousy and suspicion from others because she was given the grace of visits from the Blessed Mother. This proved true the words Our Lady spoke to Bernadette at the grotto, "I do not promise to make you happy in this world, but in the other."

Four years after Our Lady of Lourdes appeared to St. Bernadette, the local bishop ruled that the apparitions were authentic. St. Bernadette eventually entered a religious house where she continued to suffer physically, uniting her suffering to Christ, and died at an early age.

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