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 Ph: 732-356-0358 Fax: 732-356-5348 Website: www.stmarys-boundbrook.com e-mail: stmarybb1@verizon.net

Rectory 732-384-5925



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

St. Sylvester, Pope

8:30AM +Mariana Triolo r/o Ann Knob 5:00PM 95th Birthday Blessings for Amelia Zito r/o Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

9:00AM +Giusseppe Todaro r/o Son and Family

11:00AM +Lucja & Piotr Misiak r/o Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 2 - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the

Church Church

8:30AM +Mary & Eileen Nowicki r/o Fr. John

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 8:30AM Birthday Blessings for

Marta Krawczyk r/o Brother Fr. John

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:30AM +Anna Gwiazdowski r/o Fr. John

FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

St. Andre Bessette, Religious

8:30AM +Rev. Jan Skotnicki r/o Fr. John

FIRST SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

8:30AM Reparation for Offenses against the

Immaculate Heart of Mary and for

peace

5:00PM Birthday Blessings for

Lorraine Deleski

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:00AM Living and Deceased Members of

St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society

11:00AM +Matthew Bar r/o Wife & Family

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God January 1, 2023

Hail, Holy Mother who gave birth to the King Who rules heaven and earth forever

<u>First Reading -</u> The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!

<u>Second Reading</u> - God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God.

Gospel - The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen.



First Saturday Devotions January 7, 2023

In honor of the Blessed Mother's request to Sr. Lucia, whom she appeared to at Fatima, St. Mary of Czestochowa offers the opportunity to partake in the devotion of the Five First Saturdays. On the first Saturday of each month, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered at 8:30 am, followed by the recitation

of the rosary and 15 minutes of quiet meditation on the mysteries. The intention of this devotion is to make reparation for the offenses and blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Confession, which is a requirement, may be made within 8 days prior or after the first Saturday.

The promise to those who console the Virgin Mary through this devotion is the assistance at the hour of death with the graces necessary for their salvation. The Blessed Mother also promised that this devotion will result in the salvation of souls and peace in the world.

Parish Offering Envelopes

are in the Meeting Room and are listed Alphabetically. If you cannot locate your envelope box, please call the Parish Office

Pope's Universal Intention: For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching felowship rather than competition and helping the youngest and the most venerable above all.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Visits our families







Please invite the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe into your home for a month visit.

To sign up, please call Theresa Rudnicki-Jones at 908-526-7687.

PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

Kaz Blockus, Wanda Czarcinski, Joanne Felegi, Michael Gacek, Barbara Mendel, Michael Sikora, Deborah Vance. **HOMEBOUND**: Patricia D'Allesandro, Lorraine Deleski, Jean Fenske, Richard Freligh, Rose Guido, Dolores Gumerlock, Millie Della Peruta, Madeline Wojciechowski.

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

Weekend Offerings December 17-18,2022

5:00 pm - \$ 501.00	11:00 am - \$	783.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,325.00	Mail - \$	475.00

Total \$ 3,084.00

Marriage Enrichment

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your spouse? Why not give yourselves a Marriage Encounter Weekend.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 24 - 26.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited.

Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco).

Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information



Lector Schedule - December 31- January 1

Saturday, December 31

5:00 pm Lector Dawn Lanner

Sunday, January 1, 2023

9:00 am Lector Chris Prozor
11:00 am Lector Anna Roszkowska

The Mass Book for 2023 has been opened!

Please note that you are allowed one (1) weekend Mass and four (4) weekday Masses Please respect this as Weekend Masses are at a premium!!

Happy Birthday!

A Special Blessing for Amelia Zito on the occasion of her 95th Birthday
May the Lord bless and keep you
May his face shine upon you

Surviving Divorce March 2023

Surviving Divorce – For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This 12-week program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. Meetings will be held on Thursdays 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM beginning March 2, 2023 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ.

For more information or to register, contact Ro Bersch at 908-313-5947.

KOLENDA

The Blessing of homes, a beautiful Polish tradition, will begin after Christmas. If you would like to have your home blessed, please provide the following information and drop it in the collection basket.

NAME:
ADDRESS:
TELEPHONE:
Call in the daytime:
Call in the evening:



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December 16, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We celebrate the season of Advent to prepare our hearts and minds to focus on Jesus coming to us. Throughout Advent we first prepared for His Second comin g, and now we are contemplating His becoming man at the first Christmas. I received a Christmas card adorned with a simple message: "He came not to a throne, but to a manager. He lived not as a king, but as a servant. He chose not a kingdom, but a cross. He gave not just a little, but everything."

Much like Jesus, we as His disciples are called to the role of self-donating servant. We continue to be challenged with the emergency needs that arise from people coming to our parishes for help. Every year we have a special opportunity to replenish these emergency funds through the "Togeth er in Charity" collection. This fund is solely used for those who come to our parishes in need of emergency assistance. Our parishes rely, to a great extent, on the "Together in Charity" collection.

On the weekend of January 7/8, 2023, or another weekend in January , the annual "Together in Charity" collection will be taken up at all Masses. The collection funds our Catholic Charities' Emergency Assistance Program that provides assistance to parishes when individuals and families are faced with urgent financial, housing , or medical needs beyond a parish' s capacity to help. Your parish may have been one of those helped by the program, since in the last year, 33 of our parishes turned to Catholic Charities for emergency assistance from this fund . In total, 222 households, consisting of 251 adults and 255 children, were helped by those who gave to the "Together in Charity" collection.

A hallmark of our diocese has been your generous response to those in need. Thanks to your generosity, we have consistently risen to the occasion of following the Gospel mandate "what you have done for the least, you have done for me." In that spirit I ask you to please respond as your means allow, making a sacrificial offering for those in need who seek our help. Your assistance becomes the actual presence of Christ in someone's life.

I thank you in advance for your generosity and assure you of my prayerful good wishes for the year ahead . Be assured of my prayers for a blessed Advent and a glorious Christmas! Please pray for me too.

With renewed best wishes, I remain,

Yours in Christ, Most-Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD,MBA Bishop of Metuchen

A Prayer for the New Year

Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always. Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter. Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.

May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us, a time of welcoming your graces and gifts, a time for forgiving freely and unconditionally, a time for growing in virtue and goodness.

Come, Holy Spirit,
Be with us today and always.
Amen.



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