

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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e-mail: stmarybb1@verizon.net

Rectory
732-384-5925



MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:30AM +Thuy Van Le, Nhu Le, Kim Ahn Le r/o Laura Han

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

8:30AM +Lillian Donaway r/o Janamarie Calaor

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

8:30AM +James Kemper r/o Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13 - St. Hilary,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30AM Birthday Bessings for Virginia Kormoski r/o Sister Diane

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

8:30AM God's Blessings and Good Health for Bogdan r/o Fr.John

5:00PM +Pope Benedict XVI r/o Fr.John

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

9:00AM Living and Deceased Members of St. Mary's Holy Name Society

11:00AM God's Blessings for Janina Janiczak On her Birthday

The Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2023

"We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord."

~Matthew 2:2

First Reading - Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you.

Second Reading - The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus.

Gospel - Magi from the east arrive looking for the newborn king of the Jews.

Reflection

Pilgrims know they are in a geographical place and have a family and friends, a job, a collection of possessions. But they do not exactly feel at home. So, pilgrims set out in search of what is missing. The magi were pilgrims—traveling pilgrims. But another character in this story, Herod, was firmly ensconced in his home place. He liked his position of power and meant to keep it. He didn't want any usurpers. He wanted only to know what was necessary to keep that power. He was not looking for anything else.

The magi, those pilgrims and seekers, finally descended from the East into a temperate valley and to the unlikely village of Bethlehem. They found their spiritual home there. When they entered the humble home of the Holy Family, they found their gift, their reward, their souls' longing. They knew it and expressed it in their gifts befitting royalty—gold and frankincense—and the added gift that hinted at mortality, myrrh. They quietly slipped by the boundaries of the country and returned to their homeland by a new route. And their souls also knew a new

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 fellowship 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.

December 24-25, 2022

5:00 pm - \$ 2,194.00	11:00 am - \$ 2,320.00
9:00 am - \$ 3,450.00	Mail - \$ 3,185.00
Midnight - \$1,173.00	Flowers \$ 20.00
Votives - \$ 54.00	Oplatek \$ 215.00
Total \$12,611.00	

December 31-January 1, 2023

5:00 pm - \$ 897.00	11:00 am - \$ 1,576.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,618.00	Mail - \$ 355.00
Manger \$ 184.00	Total \$ 4,630.00

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 - January 7-8, 2023

Saturday, January 7

5:00 pm Lector Frank Kolodzieski

Sunday, January 8, 2023

9:00 am Lector Theresa Rudnicki-Jones

11:00 am Lector Bozena Owsieniuk

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 !!

Saint Matthias School

170 John F. Kennedy Boulevard

Somerset, New Jersey

Open House—Sunday, January 29, 2023

If you are searching for a school that values faith, caring, and excellence, please visit during Catholic Schools Week. All are welcome! Enrollment is still available for the current school year.

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: _____

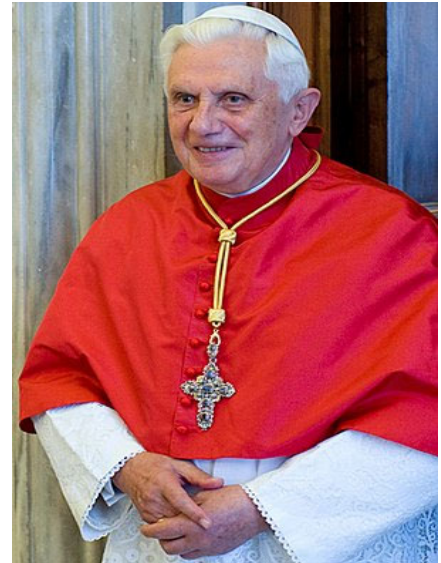
TELEPHONE: _____

Call in the daytime: _____

Call in the evening: _____

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

1927 - 2022



BENEDICTUS XVI
JOSEPH RÄTZINGER

19.IV.2005.

28.II.2013

In Memoriam
POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

April 16, 1927 – December 31, 2022

Papacy:

April 19, 2005 – February 28, 2013



Joseph Alois Ratzinger was born in Marktl am Inn, Bavaria, on April 16, 1927—Holy Saturday—and baptized that same day—the first person baptized in the new Easter water. It was a sign of blessing, he wrote in a memoir, that his life from the beginning was thus immersed in the Easter mystery. He entered the minor seminary in 1939 at the age of twelve, but his studies were interrupted by World War II, when the seminary was closed and Joseph, along with most of his class, was drafted into the army at the age of sixteen.

After the war he resumed his education in philosophy and theology, and together with his brother, Georg, was ordained a priest in 1951. During the course of a twenty-year career as a professor of dogma and theology at several German universities, he earned a reputation as a gifted lecturer and learned scholar, and was present as a *peritus*, or theological advisor, at all four sessions of the Second Vatican Council.

He was ordained an archbishop in May of 1977 and elevated to the College of Cardinals a month later. He settled in Rome in 1981 and went on to become one of the most influential men in the Roman curia. Of the many offices he held, he was best known as the Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, an authoritative advisor on doctrinal issues during his predecessor's pontificate. When he was elected the 265th successor of Peter in 2005 at the age of seventy-eight, he became the first German pope since Victor II in the eleventh century. A central theme of his papacy was the staunch defense of core Christian values against what he saw as moral decline across much of Europe. At the same time, he sought to improve relations with other religions, trying to determine if a "cultural synthesis" was possible without losing the identity of the faith while engaged in discourse with the Lutheran World Federation, Judaism, Islam, the Anglican Communion, and Christian Orthodox Churches. He also spoke out against human rights abuses and ongoing political conflicts and warfare, and advocated better protection of the environment. He called for a radical rethinking of the global economy, criticizing the growing divide between rich and poor, and pressed for a "true world political authority" to oversee the economy and work for the common good.

Ever true to his episcopal motto, "Fellow Worker in the Truth," Pope Benedict XVI's teaching and prolific writings always defended traditional Catholic doctrine and values.

On February 11, 2013, Pope Benedict XVI announced that on February 28, 2013, he would resign as supreme pontiff due to his advanced age and deteriorating health and that a conclave would be convened shortly thereafter to elect a new pope. He returned to Rome and remained there as Pope Emeritus after Jorge Bergoglio succeeded him as Bishop of Rome.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

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