

# *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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**Rectory**  
732-384-5925



**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 19, 2023**

*“Pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father”*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

8:30AM For available resources for Caregivers and families r/o Ken Yefchak  
5:00PM +Bernard Murawski  
r/o Wife Evelyn & Family

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

9:00AM Living and Deceased Members of St. Mary’s Holy Name Society  
11:00AM +Bozena Kasprzak  
r/o Dorota & Adam

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

8:30AM For Deceased Priests who have worked at St. Mary’s Parish

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:30AM +Wanda Czarcinski  
r/o JoAnn & Dominick Cunder

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

9:00AM For our Parishioners  
7:00PM Birthday Blessings for Lukasz Roszkowski r/o Wife Anna

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

**St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**

8:30AM Birthday Blessings for Walt Urbielewicz r/o Family

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

8:30AM +Vinnie Papa r/o Family

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

8:30AM +Agnes Kosierowski r/o Granddaughter Theresa Rudnicki-Jones  
5:00PM +Galgan Family  
r/o Family

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

9:00AM +Dao Phan r/o Laura Han  
11:00AM +Maria Gmiterek  
r/o Kowalczyk Family

**First Reading** - Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself.

**Second Reading** - You are the temple of God, and holy.

**Gospel** - Offer no resistance; love your enemy .

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**February 22, 2023**

*A Day of Fast and Abstinence*

**Ashes will be distributed:**

**9:00am Mass (English)**

**12 noon Liturgy of the Word**

**7:00pm Mass (Polish)**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**DURING LENT**

**EVERY FRIDAY**

**12 NOON - ENGLISH**

**7 PM - POLISH**

**GORZKIE ZALE**

**(LENTEN LAMENTATIONS)**

**Every Sunday During Lent**

**After the 11:00 am Mass**

Monday, February 20 is President’s Day  
The Parish Office will be closed

**Pope’s Universal Intention:  
For Parishes**

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, unity and welcome toward those most in need.

**PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST**

**NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:**

Kaz Blockus, Lorraine Deleski, Joanne Felegi, Michael Gacek, Barbara Mendel, Michael Sikora, Deborah Vance. **HOMEBOUND:** Patricia D'Allesandro, 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.

**Weekly Offering  
February 11-12, 2023**

5:00 pm - \$ 383.00	11:00 am - \$ 790.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,318.00	Mail - \$ 205.00
<b>Total 2,696.00</b>	

**Lector Schedule - February 18-19, 2023**

**Saturday, February 18**

**5:00 pm Lector Stephanie DePass**

**Sunday, February 19**

**9:00 am Lector Martha Ptaszynski**  
**11:00 am Lector Dorota Sokolnicki**

**Annual Diocesan Youth Day**

**Sunday, March 12, 2023 11:30 am - 5 pm**

**St. Thomas Aquinas High School**

**Theme: Eucharistic Revival**

**Mass celebrated by Bishop Checchio**

**Keynote talks by CFR Fr. Malachy  
Adoration and Confession**

**Bound Brook Cemetery**

The Annual Meeting for all those who own plots in the Bound Brook Cemetery will be held on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 11:30 am in the Chapel of the Freeman Building, 500 Mountain Ave., Bound Brook. Please RSVP **only** if you will be attending: Office @BBPC.org or 732-356-3575

**2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

**Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist**

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here at St. Mary of Czestochowa. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from our pastor Fr. John Stec encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure web-site:  
<https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

*Thank you* ❤️

A blessed "thank you" to Dawn Lanner for the beautiful arrangement offered to the Blessed Mother for her Mother, Barbara Lanner.

**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.

**Contribution Statements**

If you would like to receive a statement of your 2022 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.

**Next weekend, we will have a Second Collection for the Catholic Relief Services, collecting funds for the victims of the earthquakes of Turkey and Syria. All funds collected will assist local partners, Caritas Turkey and Caritas Syria, where extensive damage has occurred.**

**We are asking for your generosity at this time during Lent to help others.**



Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Reverend Albert Roca, priest of the Diocese of Metuchen, who passed away on Thursday, June 28. Father Roca was ordained to the priesthood on May 21, 1977. He was pastor of St. Theodore Parish, Port Murray for 16 years before retiring in 2003.

# 2023 Lenten Obligations

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence  
(see note below with regards to March 17).
3. The obligation of fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not equal to a full meal, so as to experience hunger.
4. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.

**Note:** This year, the Memorial of St. Patrick falls on a Friday. For members of the faithful celebrating this Memorial and who desire it, Bishop Checchio has commuted the penitential obligation on March 17 to the obligation to abstain from meat on another day that same week.

Yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Jonathan S. Toborowsky  
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# LENT

Being mindful of the poor is not an option for Christians. In fact, Jesus tells us that when we feed the hungry, visit the imprisoned, and clothe the naked, we are encountering Him.

Almsgiving has also been a traditional Lenten practice. As his disciples, we are called to do the same in our everyday lives, as well as in the extra steps we take outside our ordinary lives and routines.

Keeping the Corporal Works of Mercy in mind is helpful as we consider our Lenten almsgiving:

- Feed the hungry (help out at a soup kitchen, donate food)
- Give drink to the thirsty (show hospitality to those in need)
- Welcome the stranger (be welcoming to those you meet)
- Clothe the naked (donate clothing to a shelter)
- Visit the sick (visit the homebound)
- Visit the prisoner (join a prison ministry team or offer support to them)
- Bury the dead (visit a cemetery, pray for the dead)

In the midst of our daily lives, with worldly forces and temptations working hard to distract us from the call of Christ, the weeks of Lent are a gift. As we fast, pray and extend our hands to the poor, we are imitating Christ. He suffered and sacrificed, so do we. He lives in eternal joy; so will we, as we follow him in hope.

Lent is a time of self-denial and many Catholics give up something they enjoy during Lent. Lent can also be a time of addition - taking on something good; perhaps more service, faith study or worship.

## ***5 RS FOR LENT:***

***Reflection:*** Lent is a time for self-examination when we can take a spiritual inventory of our lives. Does God have first place with us for do we have other higher priorities?

***Repentance:*** Our self-examination should turn up areas of our life that we need to turn over to God. Repentance begins with reflection, continues with confession of our sins to God, and concludes with us leaving our sins and turning back to God.

***Reformation:*** Once we have reflected and repented, God is willing to reform our lives in His image. God the Holy Spirit works within all those who have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, turning our wills towards God's will for us.

***Renewal:*** As God reforms our lives we are inwardly renewed by the Holy Spirit.

***Resurrection:*** This is the greatest promise of Lent. The season of Lent leads into the season of Easter. Casting out the death of evil and sin, we are reformed in God's image, renewed by His Spirit, and resurrected to new life in Jesus Christ.

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