

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



Fourth Sunday of Lent March 19, 2023

*"I am the light of the world,
Whoever follows me will have the light of life."*

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30AM +Ks. Antoni Pis
r/o Sister Alexandra Wlodarczyk
5:00PM Deceased Members of Yefchak Family
r/o Kenneth Yefchak

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 19

9:00AM Living and Deceased Members of
St. Mary's Holy Name Society
11:00AM +Jozef Pis r/o Alexandra Wlodarczyk

MONDAY, MARCH 20 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30AM +Wanda Czarcinski r/o Barbara Hague

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

8:30AM +George Marish r/o Fr. John

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

8:30AM For our Parishioners

THURSDAY, MARCH 23 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

8:30AM +Jozef Stec r/o Cousin Fr. John

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8:30AM +Augustyn Bar
r/o Daughter-In-Law Mary Bar
5:00PM +Luz Maria Collantes
r/o Damian Bustamante

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 26

9:00AM +Vinnie Papa r/o Family
11:00AM +Franciszek and Wiktoria Pakosz
r/o Son & Family

Pope's Universal Intention: For Victims of Abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of
the Church; may they find within the Church herself a
concrete response to their pain and suffering.

First Reading - As the prophet Samuel anointed David with
oil, the spirit of the Lord rushed upon David .

Second Reading - You who were once darkness are now light
in the Lord. Live as children of light .

Gospel - The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The
one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes
with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see!



Our Bishop
Most Reverend
James F. Checcio, JCD, MBA

Will celebrate Mass
At our Church
Sunday, March 26, 2023

9:00 AM
Please make every effort to
attend this Mass and personally
meet our Shepherd

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

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 March 11-12, 2023

5:00 pm - \$ 496.00	11:00 am - \$ 697.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,132.00	Mail - \$ 255.00
Total 2,580.00	

2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are keeping Christ's presence alive in the world today. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support.

You can find the link to the Bishop's Annual Appeal Video by going to <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>
To date, our goal is \$33,000. The total pledged and received is \$14,713.50 or 42.47%.
Thank you for your efforts.

St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society is sponsoring our

Lenten "NO-BAKE" Sale This Weekend, March 19, 2023

Donate your "goodies" to our Society and defray some of our costs

2023 Choices Matter Conference

Join us on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center,

146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ

General Admission is \$35.00

Student Admission is \$15.00

Mass begins 9:00 AM

Conference begins 10:00 AM

Admission includes lunch and hand-outs

The day will feature: Exhibits, Eucharistic Adoration, and Confession.

For questions or more information, please email:
amarshall@diometuchen.org

Lector Schedule - March 18-19, 2023

Saturday, March 18

5:00 pm Lector **Stephanie DePass**

Sunday, March 19

9:00 am Lector **Martha Ptaszynski**

11:00 am Lector **Anna Roszkowska**

Confessions Monday, March 27 7:00 pm

St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society has resumed their annual visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pa.

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Bus will leave at 9:45 am - Arrive 11:15 am

Cost \$40 per person (\$15 meal - \$25 Bus)

Make Check payable to St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society with name and phone number

Must be received by May 7

There will be NO REFUNDS!

Schedule

Mass at 11:30 am, followed by Rosary

Lunch and free time to pray, go to Gift Shop

Bus will leave at 3:00 pm - Arrive 4:30 pm

Come join us for a day of prayer, good food, and good friends

Life-Giving Wounds Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce or Separation

The Life-Giving Wounds retreat is a unique opportunity for young adults (18+) and adults with divorced or separated parents to reflect intentionally on the wounds caused by their family's breakdown, together with others who know this pain and are knowledgeable, compassionate retreat leaders.

The retreat will be held

June 3, 2023 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

at The Shrine of St. Joseph,

1050 Long Hill Road in Stirling, New Jersey.

General Admission is \$75.00 and

Student Admission is \$25.00.

To register please visit: www.diometuchen.org/familylife. If you have any questions, please contact cdaverso@diometuchen.org or amarshall@diometuchen.org



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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Please print in your parish
bulletin Sunday, March 12, 19,
26, and April 2, 2023

Chrism Mass

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen – 4:00 PM

On Tuesday, April 4, 2023, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At the Mass, all priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support.

The Bishop will also bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of *confirmandi*, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches.

All are encouraged to join in-person (or watch via livestream), the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 PM.

To watch the Chrism Mass livestream,
visit <https://diometuchen.org/cathedral-livestream>



Saint Joseph

Joseph was a carpenter, a working man, for the skeptical Nazarenes ask about Jesus, "Is this not the carpenter's son?" He wasn't rich for when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb.

Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Luke and Matthew disagree some about the details of Joseph's genealogy but they both mark his descent from David, the greatest king of Israel (Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 3:23-38). Indeed the angel who first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as "son of David," a royal title used also for Jesus.

We know Joseph was a compassionate, caring man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but was as yet unaware that she was carrying the Son of God. He knew women accused of adultery could be stoned to death, so he resolved to send her away quietly to not expose her to shame or cruelty. However, when an angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him, 20 "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins," he did as the angel told him and took Mary as his wife. (Matthew 1:19-25).

When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby. He waited in Egypt without question until the angel told him it was safe to go back (Matthew 2:13-23).

We know Joseph loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for his life. When Jesus stayed in the Temple we are told Joseph (along with Mary) searched with great anxiety for three days for him (Luke 2:48). We also know that Joseph treated Jesus as his own son for over and over the people of Nazareth say of Jesus, "Is this not the son of Joseph?" (Luke 4:22)

We know Joseph respected God. He followed God's commands in handling the situation with Mary and going to Jerusalem to have Jesus circumcised and Mary purified after Jesus' birth. We are told that he took his family to Jerusalem every year for Passover, something that could not have been easy for a working man.

Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph probably had died before Jesus entered public ministry.

Joseph is the patron saint of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave this earth.

Joseph is also patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers (pregnant women), travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and working people in general.