

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..



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Rectory
732-384-5925

I will put my Spirit within you



and you shall live

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MARCH 27

8:30AM Deceased Members of Gwiazdowski
Family r/o Kenneth Yefchak

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

8:30AM +Jacqueline Vesce r/o Mom & Dad

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

8:30AM For our Parishioners

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

8:30AM +Mark Lanner r/o Sister Dawn

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

8:30AM +Theresa Blockus r/o Kaz & Kathy

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

8:30AM +Jan Stec r/o Son Fr. John
5:00PM +Ronald Meischker
r/o Karen Graebrener

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD, APRIL 2

9:00AM Living and Deceased Members of
St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society
11:00AM +John Anthony Gabryszewski
r/o Brother Stanley

Pope's Universal Intention:

For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023

*"Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die forever, says the Lord"*

First Reading - This reading is a loving promise that the Lord will put His spirit into his people and will let them live.

Second Reading - Paul reminds the Romans that they are not people of the flesh but people of the Spirit because the Spirit of God dwells in them.

Gospel - In great detail, John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus to life. Upon learning of the death of Lazarus, his dear friend, Jesus goes to comfort Martha and Mary. After proclaiming, "I am the Resurrection and the Life", Jesus goes to the tomb of Lazarus and restores him to life.

Reflection

Lent offers us the opportunity to consider the death of the Lord, but also the glory of new life, the resurrection. The prophet Ezekiel has God speaking to us of our promised resurrection from the grave which awaits us all. What he wrote centuries before Christ and the resurrection of Jesus' friend Lazarus, is a promise for us all.

We avoid speaking about death, yet know that we are to die and rise to receive our just reward. It is that promised spirit who fills us today to offer us the gift of life. Jesus is the resurrection and the life. We are comforted by Jesus' words, 'Father I thank you for hearing my prayer, I know that you always hear me... I have said this that they may believe that you sent me.'

Jesus wishes that we may live, but His life follows death.



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 18-19, 2023

5:00 pm - \$ 463.00	11:00 am - \$ 941.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,223.00	Mail - \$ 835.00
Total 3,462.00	

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

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

To date, our goal is \$33,000. The total pledged and received is \$16,026.00 or 48.56%.

Thank you for your efforts.

Bereavement Facilitator Training April 19, 2023

The Archdiocese of Newark's Office for Family Life Ministry is offering a virtual Bereavement Ministry Support Training Course. The six sessions will begin Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 PM on Zoom starting April 19th – May 24th, 2023. This program is designed for those who wish to become facilitators for existing parish bereavement support groups. For more information or to register please visit: www.archdioceseofnewark.regfox.com/loss-transition. If you have any questions, please call 973-497-4327 or email familylife@rcan.org.

Mass Intentions



There are many Mass Intentions for 2023 that have not yet been filled. If you have ordered masses and would like to add more, we welcome you to do so at your earliest convenience.

Lector Schedule - March 25-26, 2023

Saturday, March 25

5:00 pm Lector Dawn Lanner

Sunday, March 26

9:00 am Lector Theresa Rudnicki-Jones

11:00 am Lector Dorota Sokolnicki

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

Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:30 PM. Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543

or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 6, 2023. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or calling 732-562-1543.



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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>



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March 26, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As our national celebration of the Eucharistic Revival continues to call us to more deeply appreciate the gift of the Eucharist, it is a fitting time to reflect on the indispensable importance of the priest in the Eucharistic life of the Church. We are blessed to have many good, holy priests faithfully serving in the Diocese of Metuchen in our parishes, hospitals and other important ministries. Let us not forget that we also have a number of retired priests who have dedicated many years of devotion to God and our communities.

With the passing of time, there comes a point when we as a Church must care for the priests who first cared for us. There are currently 31 retired priests in the Diocese of Metuchen. While some priests return home to live with relatives, there are those who do not have this option and need a safe, welcoming environment in which to retire. We currently have 11 priests residing at our Maria Regina Residence for Retired Priests where these faithful men live modestly and peacefully with access to medical care. Here our retired diocesan priests live each day with dignity and the ability to practice their Catholic faith in a brotherly community. Although retired, those who are physically able continue to generously help in so many ways—offering Mass at local parishes, hearing confessions, and sharing their spiritual and administrative wisdom with their brother priests. They also spend time in prayer in their chapel praying for the needs of everyone in our diocese, including you.

Our retired priests have served so many people over the course of their ministry, nourishing our Catholic faith, educating our youth, and serving the poor and vulnerable. Next weekend, April 1 and 2, as we celebrate Palm Sunday, the faithful of the diocese will have the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the life-long dedication of these priests by contributing to the ***Annual Collection for our Retired Diocesan Priests***. All funds raised through this collection will be used exclusively to assist our retired priests by subsidizing the Maria Regina Residence.

Thank you for your continued generosity. Please keep all of our priests in your daily prayers. Please also continue to pray for vocations from our local Church to the holy priesthood for service in our diocese.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

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

HOLY WEEK ~ 2023

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

APRIL 2

5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass

9:00 am English, 11:00 am Polish~ Sunday Masses

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

APRIL 6

7:30 pm~Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration until 12:00pm

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7

12:00 Noon~Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm~Celebration of the Lord's Passion (English)

6:00 pm~Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Polish)

HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL 8

10:00 am, 11:00am, 12:00 noon~Blessing of Food (Church)

8:00 pm ~ The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

EASTER SUNDAY

OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

APRIL 9

6:30 am~ Resurrection, Procession, and Mass (Polish)

9:00 am (English) , 11:00 am (Polish)