

# *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

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

**The Dedication of the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul,  
Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin**

8:30AM +Pauline Mendel Kozerski &  
Barbara Kofity (2 grandmothers)  
r/o Granddaughter Barbara

5:00PM Walter Urbielewicz

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

9:00AM Living & Deceased Members of  
Holy Name Society

11:00AM +Tadeusz Krawiec r/o Brother

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

8:30AM +Czeslawa & Michael Gnap  
r/o Yolanta & Eric Gnap

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

8:30AM +Janina & Kazimierz Losiewicz  
r/o Daughter & Family

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

**St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr**

9:00AM For our Parishioners

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 - THANKSGIVING DAY**

**St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot;**

**Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest, Martyr**

8:30AM +Janina & Kazimierz Losiewicz  
r/o Daughter & Family

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

**St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**

8:30AM +Janina & Kazimierz Losiewicz  
r/o Daughter & Family

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

**St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr**

8:30AM +Joan Gleason r/o Daughter Kathy

5:00PM +Nora & Anthony Specian r/o Family

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

9:00AM +Angelina & Antonio Giagnacovo  
r/o Daughter

11:00AM Caretakers get the resources available  
without prejudice

## 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

November 19, 2023

Jesus said "for to everyone who has, more will be given... but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away"

### **First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31**

An encomium for a good and worthy wife, this passage from Proverbs extols all the virtues which a worthy wife possesses – fidelity, industriousness, skill, charity to the poor, and fear of the Lord.

### **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**

Once again, Paul reassures the Thessalonians, who are anxious about the coming of Christ, that they need not fear being unprepared because they are "children of light."

### **Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30**

Jesus narrates the parable of the talents – in the story, the silver pieces given to the three men. Two of the men invest their coins and double their worth, but the third buries his coins in the ground and earns no return. The message of Jesus is that we must use to the fullest the talents we have received.

### ***Reflection***

Now, why don't we just consider this as a good old protracted proverb that can be used for one of those get-rich seminars we read about in the newspapers? Because the silver pieces of this parable stand for the Christian's responsibility as a citizen of heaven and of this world. The two responsibilities are one. We are to be engaged in this world of people, the ones on buses and sidewalks and in skyscraper as well as those on small main streets and in country stores and at home. Let us remember the question that we must face: How do we wait, and how do we go on? Is this a paradox?

Paul simply tells us in the second reading that we don't know when the reign of God will come, nor should we be overly worried about it. His image of the thief in the night focuses on the unexpected. To be always wary is impossible. We'll end up on edge; eventually we will let down our guard. Paul reminds us that we live in the daylight of the Resurrection. We are called to the open, fearless engagement of the wise investors and the valiant woman of the first reading. We are not to cringe fearfully in the dark as one who fails to realize his or her own ability and responsibility, as one who buries everything in a dark hole.

### **Pope's Universal Intention**

For the Pope. We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him with the help of the Holy Spirit.



### PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST

#### **NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:**

Joanne Felegi, Michael Gacek, Michael Sikora, Deborah Vance,

**HOMEBOUND:** Patricia D'Allesandro, Richard Freligh, Rose Guido, Dolores Gumerlock, Barbara Mendel, Millie Della Peruta, Lorraine Deleski, Frank Stock, Madeline Wojciechowski, Marcella Spioch, Dorothy Spioch .

**HOSPITALIZED:** Walt Urbielewicz

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

#### Weekly Offerings November 11-12, 2023

5:00 pm - \$ 423.00	11:00 am - \$ 867.00
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9:00 am - \$ 1,658.00	Mail - \$ 0.00
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**Total 2,948.00**

### Stewardship Scripture Reflections

*"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." - MATTHEW 25:21*

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

## **PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY**



Please join us for the closing of our **Forty Hours Devotions Exposition and Adoration** will continue after the **11:00 AM Mass** today until **4:00 pm** when **Solemn Closing Vespers** will take place

### Lector Schedule - November 18-19, 2023

<b>5:00pm Lector</b>	<b>Dawn Lanner</b>
<b>9:00 am Lector</b>	<b>Martha Ptaszynski</b>
<b>11:00 am Lector</b>	<b>Bozena Owsieniuk</b>

### The Presentation of Mary

**November 21, 2023**

When Mary was asked to be the mother of the Savior, she was completely free to accept or reject the offer. Her response, "Let it be done to me," was a great act of faith. Because she did not understand what was happening, she must have known that there would be difficulties ahead. She replied yes to the angel's announcement and agreed to become the mother of Jesus, and the Church has declared Mary to be the Mother of God. Because she was the first to say yes to the Messiah, the Church has declared her to be the Mother of the Church.

The feast of the Presentation of Mary dates back to the 6th century in the East and the 15th century in the West. It is based on an ancient tradition that says Mary was taken to the temple in Jerusalem when she was 3-years-old and dedicated to God. What we celebrate on this day is the fact that God chose to dwell in Mary in a very special way. In response, Mary placed her whole self at the service of God. Every moment since your Baptism, God invites you to be open to his grace and dedicate yourself to him, as Mary did.



"Father all-powerful, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite; as we come before you on Thanksgiving Day with gratitude for your kindness, open our hearts to have concern for every man, woman, and child, so that we may share your gifts in loving service."

The Parish Office will be closed  
**Thursday, November 24**  
**Friday, November 25**  
for the Thanksgiving holiday  
**Happy Thanksgiving to all!**

## National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

### Important Update

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage (NEP) has publicly launched! The NEP (<https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>) will consist of four cross-country Eucharistic processions, collectively traversing the entire continental United States over a two-month period, beginning during the feast of Pentecost, May 17-19, 2024.

The Diocese of Metuchen was recently notified that the perpetual pilgrims will be traveling through the diocese this **May 27-28, 2024**. The pilgrims will be arriving on the early evening of May 27 and departing on the early evening of May 28. More information will be forthcoming, but the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is hoping that the perpetual pilgrims, young adult Catholics (19 to 29 years old), will be able to rely on the biblical hospitality of local hosts, including lay families, parishes, religious orders, schools, and shrines along the way. There will be twelve young adults (including two seminarians) and one or two ordained chaplain(s) on every route.

If anyone is interested in assisting with this important event, please feel free to contact him at [acarlisle@diometuchen.org](mailto:acarlisle@diometuchen.org).

## Registration for Catholic Heart Workcamp 2024 is open!

Here's what you need to know:

### Key Information:

- Camp Locations: Available on the [Unforgettable Youth Group Mission Trips - Catholic HEART Workcamp](#)

- Register online <https://heartworkcamp.com/register/>

### Camp Locations:

Check the Catholic Heart Workcamp website for the list of camp locations. Please consider a back-up choice in case your first preference fills up quickly. We are very excited about all of the new locations, as well as the increase in [Elevate](#) options.

### Registration Process:

Prepare for registration day by reviewing our [step-by-step guide](#) on the registration process on our website and the waiting room procedure.

## 2024 St. Timothy & St. Teresa Awards (Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry)

**Nominations are due by December 8, 2023**

It's that time of year again! The Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry will be honoring high school **Juniors and Seniors** from our diocese with the St. Timothy and St. Teresa of Calcutta Awards. **We will gather again in person at St. Francis Cathedral on Saturday, February 3rd at 11am to honor our youth with Bishop Checchio!**

These awards are an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments and ways that these students have exemplified the qualities of moral integrity, prayer, good works, and Christian leadership.

In addition to the St. Timothy Award, the **St. Teresa of Calcutta Award** is given to a select few High School Seniors who follow St. Mother Teresa's example by their:

-witness to the faith and fervor in prayer and love.

-demonstration of Christian Charity in service to the poor, lonely, sick, and homeless.

Nominees will be **required to submit a short personal statement** (which will be sent to their parents via email) as well as have the opportunity to submit an optional video. **The form for personal statements will be sent to their parents via email on December 11th and due on January 12th.** Please accompany them as they submit their insights.

Each parish may nominate two youth for the St. Timothy Award and one of those youth (must be a Senior!) for the St. Teresa Award. The cost per nomination is \$20.

Thank you for your participation!

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1. Please fill out form [36bac23f-3300-4a11-81cc-e666ddf12b06.pdf \(constantcontact.com\)](#) and email it to [youth.ministry@diometuchen.org](mailto:youth.ministry@diometuchen.org)

### AND

2. Please make your payment(s) on our online system:

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come  
Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who  
trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil.*



## DOES IT WORK?

Survey by the University of Missouri

- 97%** of families surveyed take at least one bulletin home each week.
- 74%** of all family members surveyed read every bulletin.
- 70%** of all family members surveyed consciously look at the ad page of the bulletin.
- 68%** of the families surveyed are more inclined to patronize a business that does advertise in the bulletin rather than a non-advertiser.
- 62%** of the families surveyed keep the bulletin in their home for one week.
- 41%** of all family members surveyed patronize a business specifically because it advertises in the bulletin.
- 22%** of the families surveyed go out to lunch, brunch or dinner after church each week.



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