

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

Prepare the way of the Lord



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 10, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8:30AM +Mario Cruz Sarmiento
(For the salvation of his soul) r/o Damian

5:00PM +Robert Graham r/o Mary Fazan

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 10

9:00AM Living & Deceased Members of the Altar
Rosary Society

11:00AM +Stanislaw Krawiec r/o Brother

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

St. Damasus I, Pope

8:30AM +Barbara Dabrowski r/o Husband Miroslaw

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

8:30AM +Theresa Blockus r/o Daughter Kathy

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

8:30AM For our Parishioners

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

8:30AM Blessings for Noel Delgado & Family
r/o Juvy

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:00AM God's Blessings & Good Health for
Pagkatipunan Families r/o Daughter

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:30AM Blessings for Damian Bustamante on his
Baptismal Day r/o Digna Allcaco

5:00PM +Patti Mock r/o Evelyn Murawski

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 17

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

11:00AM +Fr. J. Maciej Melaniuk r/o Fr. John

Pope's Universal Intention

For persons with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Isaiah emphasizes that from the desert to the mountains, all people must prepare for "the glory of the Lord to be revealed." Rather than looking only at God's power, Isaiah focuses on God's kindness, comparing it to a shepherd who feeds and cares for his flock.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

For those who are impatient for the Second Coming, Peter explains that time is different to God than to people. He reminds them that they should be grateful for the extra time to prepare, and concentrate on striving to become all that God would want them to be.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and unfit to "stoop and untie his sandal straps." John urged them to prepare for one far holier than he, who would walk among them.

Reflection

In Mark's Gospel there are no descriptions of Jesus' ancestry or his birth. Instead, Mark jumps right in: "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God" (Mark 1:1). Jesus is Hebrew for "the Lord saves" and Christ is Greek for Messiah ("anointed one"). Anointing was a sacred act conferred on kings. So God is here to save the people through this anointed one, the descendent of kings and a King himself. Jesus' arrival is announced by John, the "voice...crying out in the desert" (Mark 1:3). John knows that he is not the Messiah; his task is to announce him. John baptizes with water, but the one who is to come will give his life for the forgiveness of sins and will baptize his followers with the Holy Spirit. The question we must ask ourselves is, are we ready to receive this coming Savior? To receive him means being prepared to follow him and do his will.

Stewardship Scripture Reflections

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

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

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,

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

Weekly Offerings December 2-3, 2023

5:00 pm - \$ 331.00 11:00 am - \$ 597.00

9:00 am - \$ 1,524.00 Mail - \$ 365.00

Total 2,817.00

This weekend December 9-10, our Second Collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious

The proceeds from this collection will be designated exclusively to support retired religious Brother and Sisters of the United States.



Christmas Flower Offerings

are being accepted. Place your request in the collection basket. Please carefully PRINT the names of the loved ones you wish to remember.



Oplatki for Christmas Vigil Dinner are now available in the Meeting Room

The Effects of a Good Confession

- Its is an exercise in Christian Humility
 - Genuine self knowledge grows
 - Bad habits are corrected
- Spiritual neglect and tepidity are resisted
 - Sins are forgiven
 - Conscience is purified
- Souls are washed clean in the Blood of Christ
 - The will is strengthened
- Sacramental grace given to resist sins and temptations exposed in the sacrament
 - A healthy self-control is attained
- Grace increases in the soul because of the reception of the Sacrament
- Temporal punishment in purgatory is reduced with every good/worthy confession

These are the effects and graces we receive with the Reception of the Sacrament of Penance.

Lector Schedule - December 9-10, 2023

5:00pm Lector	Joseph Pizzo
9:00 am Lector	Theresa Rudnicki-Jones
11:00 am Lector	Anna Roszkowska

Confessions

Monday, December 18, 2023

7:00 - 8:00 pm



An Advent Examination

Advent is the perfect time to clear and prepare the Way. It is a winter training camp for those who desire peace. By reflection and prayer, by reading and meditation, we can make our hearts a place where a blessing of peace would desire to abide and where the birth of the Prince of Peace would take place.

We can make a daily Advent examination—? Is there a lingering resentment, an unforgiven injury living in our hearts? Do we look down upon others of lesser social standing or educational achievement? Are we generous with the gifts that have been given to us?

These and other questions become Advent lights by which we may search the deep, dark corners of our hearts.

Parish Offering Envelopes have arrived

They are in the Meeting Room and are listed Alphabetically.

If you cannot locate your envelope box, please call the Parish Office

Memorial Wall Candles

Renewal for the Memorial Wall Candles located in the Chapel are due in January. Renewal each year is \$100. Initial installation of a Memorial Candle is \$200. Please call the Parish Office at 732-356-0358 and let us know if you will be renewing your candle. If we do not hear from you, we can only assume that you do not wish to renew and we will then accommodate those on the waiting list.



*Let us pray for our recently Deceased Parishioners
Richard J. Jannuzzi, Sr.
 and
Helen M. Dunn*

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.
 Amen.*

Reminder

Decoration of the church for Christmas will be on Thursday, December 21st at 6pm.

Adult Enrichment

The Office of Ongoing Faith Formation will be offering a 12-week Adult Enrichment Course entitled "Theology of the Eucharist" on twelve consecutive Thursdays starting January 4 through March 21, 2024 from 10:00AM – 11:30 AM. The course will be offered at the St. John Neuman Pastoral Center located at 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ. Admission is \$15 for all twelve classes. Please register at www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation. For more information, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

Rosary for Life - January 19, 2024

Come Pray a Rosary for Life (in solidarity with those at the March for Life in Washington, DC and across the country). Bishop Checchio is scheduled to attend! Friday, January 19, 2024 at 1:00 pm on Main Street in Woodbridge. Park and meet in the St. James Parish parking lot at 12:45 pm (369 Amboy Ave, Woodbridge, NJ) There is a 12:10 pm daily Mass at St. James for those who wish to attend. For more information, contact amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

ADVENT REFLECTION SERIES

Join Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology Seton Hall University for our Annual Daily Advent Reflection Series on "The Hospitality of Advent" as we prepare for the coming of our Lord at Christmas. Meditations are sent by email from December 3 through December 24.

Consider with us how Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, and other great figures of the Gospels and Church tradition welcomed Jesus into their hearts.

How might Jesus be beckoning us this Advent to a greater understanding and appreciation of God's desire to come to us, dwell within us, and be welcomed into our homes and hearts? How might this year's Advent be a journey of an ever deepening hospitality of the heart?

Please register at <https://www.shu.edu/theology/immaculate-conception-seminary-advent-series.cfm>

Experience

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT

St. Jude Parish in Blairstown is extending and exciting invitation to our area Catholic Churches and Schools visit and see the wonderful Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracle Display.

Our Eucharistic Revival Team has secured this awesome display for us from November 27 through December 11.

Public Viewing Times

The exhibit is open to the public. Bring your family and friends!

Dates	Times
Tuesday Nov28	Closed for faith formation
Wednesday Nov 29	9:30am—9:30pm
Thursday Nov 30	9:30am—9:30pm
Friday Dec 1	9:30am—9:30pm
Saturday Dec 2	9:30am—9:30pm
Sunday Dec 3	9:30am—9:30pm
Monday Dec 4	9:30am—9:30pm
Tuesday Dec 5	9:30am—9:30pm
Wednesday Dec 6	Reserved for Schools
Thursday Dec 7	9:30am—9:30pm
Friday Dec 8	9:30am—9:30pm
Saturday Dec 9	9:30am—9:30pm
Sunday Dec 10	9:30am—9:30pm

We are keeping the date: Wednesday, December 6 open for schools that would like to come in and view this Eucharistic Miracle Display. Blessed Carlo was a typical teenager who wore Nike sneakers and loved the computer. He used his remarkable tech skills to develop a website listing Eucharistic Miracles around the world as a creative means of digital evangelization. Carlo died at age 15, and we are privileged to have this 28' panel display available and extend this invitation to you.

Advent Festival of Praise

December 15, 2023

7:30 - 9 PM

Immaculate Conception Church

316 Old Allerton Rd, Annandale NJ

Let us come before Him - Jesus, our Rock, our Foundation, our Defender, our Peace, our Hope, our Joy, the source of all Healing and Blessing.

The night includes:

- Adoration of our Lord in the Eucharist
- Gospel reading and reflection
- Live Praise and Worship music and song
- Benediction
- All are invited to join us afterwards for light refreshments and fellowship. Invite a friend!

SECOND SUNDAY *of Advent*





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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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What a beautiful choice.

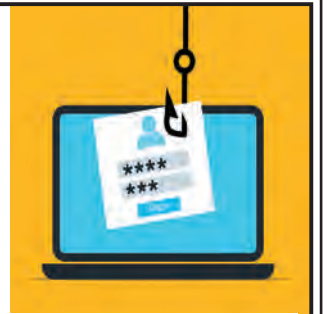
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- Financial Information
- Identity • Money

For information on common scams, please visit

www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts



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