

# 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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732-384-5925

*The Spirit of God  
rests upon me*



**3rd SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT  
December 17, 2023**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**

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

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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 18**

8:30AM +Luz Maria Collantes Cairo  
r/o Damian Bustamante

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19**

8:30AM +Daniel Bollenbacher r/o Marion Ross

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20**

8:30AM For our Parishioners

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21**

**St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church**

8:30AM Blessings and Good Health for the  
Gutierrez Family r/o Sister

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22**

9:00AM Conversion of Romulo Yance &  
Emiliana Capillo r/o Digna Alccaco

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**

**St. John of Kanty, Priest**

8:30AM +Estelle Rudnicki r/o Daughter Theresa  
& Grandson Ron

5:00PM +Segundino Valenzuela  
r/o Olga & Digna Alccaco

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 24**

9:00AM +Vinnie Papa r/o Family

11:00AM +Waclaw & Wladyslawa Formus  
r/o Frank & Regina

**VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

5:00PM For our Parishioners

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)**

12:00AM (midnight)  
+Maria Krawiec r/o Maz z Corkami

**First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11**

Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ's arrival. He tells them to "avoid any semblance of evil" so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.

**Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.

**Reflection**

Certain watchwords are associated with each season of the church year, almost becoming a motto. Advent's is "Wake Up." It then leads to other words like "Watch," "Wait," and "Witness." But every Third Sunday of Advent, we anticipate the coming of Christmas season, whose key word is "Rejoice." This Sunday was traditionally called Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday. Priests continue to wear rose-colored vestments today, signaling joy.

Joy is not only for Christmastime and occasional Sunday. I remember as an altar boy, before Vatican II, Mas began with the "prayers at the foot of the altar." The priest would begin: "I will go up to the altar of God." The server responded: "To God who gives joy to my youth," or as some translations had it, "To God, my exceeding joy." It was a reminder that God is the source of all joy and that joy is one of the great gifts of God, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. St. Paul reminds us that "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23). Now there is a good list of Christmas giving. Tell our loved ones your Christmas gift this year will be to pray throughout the coming year that the Spirit will bring them one of these gifts.

John's gift to the people who came out into the wilderness was to call them to prepare for the Lord, to give them a sense of heightened anticipation that the One coming to them would fill them with joy.

**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.

### 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, Walt Urbielewicz, Donna Gardner

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

#### Weekly Offerings December 9-10 2023

5:00 pm - \$ 540.00	11:00 am - \$ 586.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,180.00	Mail - \$ 50.00

Total **2,817.00**

Immaculate Conception \$713.00

Retirement funds for Religious \$1,301.00

#### **Reminder**

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



**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 16-17, 2023

<b>5:00pm Lector</b>	<b>Jazel Werner</b>
<b>9:00 am Lector</b>	<b>Frank Kolodzieski</b>
<b>11:00 am Lector</b>	<b>Bozena Owsieniuk</b>

## **REMINDER**



**Confessions**  
**Monday,**  
**December 18, 2023**  
**7:00 - 8:00 pm**

#### **5 steps to making a Good Confession**



1. **Examination of Conscience** - Know your sins.
2. **Contrition**— Be sorry for your sins
3. **Decide** not to sin again.
4. **Confess** your sins to a priest.
5. **Penance** - Do the penance the priest gives you.

#### **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.

### 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.

### 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

### Stewardship Scripture Reflections

*"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."* – 1 thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.



*Let us pray for our recently Deceased Parishioner*

***Maria Krawiec***

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



### 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.

### HOW MUCH TIME DOES GOD GET???

God has blessed each of us with 1440 minutes in every day and 10,080 minutes in every week. How many of those minutes do we give back to God each week? Studies show that the majority of our time goes to sleeping, working and watching TV. In fact, typically about 10% of our time goes to watching TV. In contrast, how much time does God get? Less than 100 minutes or 1% of our time is devoted to spiritual activities like prayer and worship. Don't you think God deserves more time ? from you???



### Family Ministry Fair Live Webinar January 25, 2024

All are welcome to join our Family Ministry Fair Live Webinar on Thursday, January 25, 2024 from 1:00 – 3:30 PM. Our four speakers will be: Dr. Gregory Popcak (Catholic HOM), Damon Owens (Communio), Enza Cerami (Living Stones, Inc.) and Patrick Metts, LPC (RESTORE Catholic Marriage Resource). This event presents a chance to learn and grow parish outreach to families and also minister to marriages. For more information and/or to RSVP for the Zoom link please contact [cdaverso@diometuchen.org](mailto:cdaverso@diometuchen.org)

### 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](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543.

### 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](http://www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation). For more information, please email [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto: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>



# Christmas Mass Schedule

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24

5:00 pm ( English )

11:30 pm Polish Carols ( Choir )

12:00 am Midnight Mass ( Polish )

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25

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

## NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31st

5:00 pm ( English )

New Year's Day, Monday, January 1st

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



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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.



**Life.**  
*What a beautiful choice.*

## BEWARE OF PHISHING EMAILS

Scammers are after your:

- Passwords
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