

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.

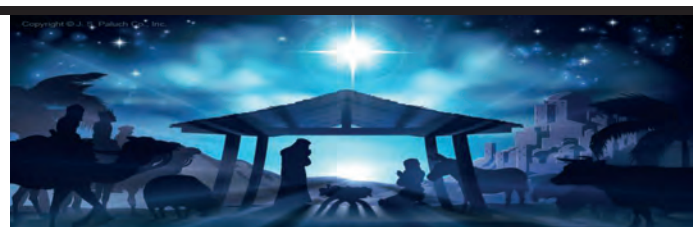
PARISH REGISTRATION: Our parish welcomes new members to our faith community. Catholic persons new to our area must complete a registration form and be interviewed by the pastor. Please call or stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form. We should also be notified if your address has changed or if you are leaving the parish..



Parish Office
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Rectory
732-384-5925



**4th SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
December 24, 2023**



MASS INTENTIONS

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 Allcaco

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 i Corki z Rodzinami

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

9:00AM +Bernard Murawski r/o Wife Evelyn

11:00AM For our Parishioners

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

8:30AM God's blessings and good health for Werner Family
r/o Mom

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

8:30AM For our Parishioners

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr

9:00AM Birthday Blessings for Maria Paniak
r/o Brother Fr. John

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:30AM +Basia Kurkowski r/o Mom

5:00PM +Eusebio Barrientos & Julia Allcaco Tuero
r/o Olga Allcaco

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

9:00AM +Rafael & Maria DiRe r/o Daughter Antoinetta

11:00AM +Ellen & Mackie r/o Martha Ptaszynski

NEW YEAR'S EVE

5:00PM For our Parishioners



**BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL
PARISHIONERS AND GUESTS.**



**BŁOGOSŁAWIONÝCH ŚWIAT
BOŻEGO NARODZENIA DLA
WSZYSTKICH PARAFIAN I GOŚCI.**

FATHER JOHN

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
King David plans to build a temple to honor God. But God tells Nathan the Prophet that instead he will give David rest from his enemies, and ensure that both his house and community will be protected forever.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27
In this letter of Paul to the Romans, he explains that the gospel reveals the mystery that had been hidden for many ages. Now it has been made known to all, so that they may believe, obey, and give glory through Jesus Christ forever.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38
The Virgin Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel, who tells her that she has been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary is first afraid, yet shows her unquestioning faith when she simply says, "Let it be done to me as you say."

Reflection

God chose to announce the promised Savior to a young woman in a backwater village called Nazareth. In a small painting created over a thousand years ago, the artist shows the angel holding up on hand in greeting. Mary is standing facing him with her hands extended in welcome. The worlds of the angel are



rich in power and promise: “you have found favor with God...[your child] will be called Son of the Most High... The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you” (Luke 1:30, 32, 35). Pure of heart and trusting completely, Mary answered

God with a wholehearted “yes.” Through her cooperation, God broke into our world, breathing the same air we breathe, experiencing our sorrows and joys. God became flesh in the Son, Jesus Christ, born of Mary. The world would never be the same. The time is here to let him into our hearts and change us completely.

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, Walt Urbielewicz, Donna Gardner

HOMEBOUND: 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 16-17 2023

5:00 pm - \$ 487.00	11:00 am - \$ 703.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,853.00	Mail - \$ 1,175.00
Total 4,218.00	

**Next Weekend Offerings will not be available
until after the holidays due to early
bulletin deadlines**

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.

Lector Schedule - December 23-25, 2023

5:00pm Lector	Dawn Lanner
9:00 am Lector	Martha Ptaszynski
11:00 am Lector	Elzbieta Ozog-Osewska

Saturday, December 24

5:00 pm Lector	Stephanie DePass
12:00am Midnight	<u>1st Reading - English</u> Joe Pizzo
	<u>2nd Reading - Polish</u> Anna Roszkowski

Monday, December 25

9:00 am Lector	Frank Kolodzieski
11:00 am Lector	Elzbieta Ozog-Osewska

Stewardship Scripture Reflections

“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” – Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ’s light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

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.

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.

The Parish Office will be closed
December 26 - December 30
May you enjoy the holidays with family and friends.



Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass & Pro-Vita Awards



Bishop Checchio will celebrate the Annual Respect Life Mass on Sunday, **January 21, 2024 at 12 noon at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen.**

All are welcome!

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

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 cdiverso@diometuchen.org

Thank you

**James-Michael DeMaio
Bridgewater Funeral Home**

**for New Year 2024
Calendars**



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 am-arshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

**Catechist
Formation Day
February 3rd,
2024 (Saturday)
9:30 am - 12:30 pm
St. John Neumann
Pastoral Center**

"Catechesis on the Eucharist: Teaching children and adolescents about the Source and Summit of the Faith"

Join fellow catechists as we explore best practices on how to teach children about the Eucharist. Sr. Lorraine Doirin and Father James De Fillipps will speak on this topic from their years of personal experience and passion for leading others to Christ.

Register on our website:

<https://diometuchen.org/discipleship-formation-for-children>

PCLs - Save the Date!

February 29, 2024

For PCLs - Our Sunday Visitor featuring Dr. Joseph White

April 18, 2024

For PCLs, Augustine Institute – Word of Life presentation

May 16, 2024 - for PCLs, RCL/Benziger

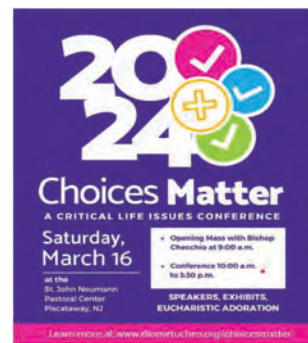
Save-the-Date

Choices Matter - Critical Life Issues Conference

Saturday, March 16, 2024

9 am to 3:30 pm
St. John Neumann
Conference Center
Piscataway, NJ

Mass, Eucharistic
Adoration, Speakers
Exhibits



The Mass Book for 2024 is open!

Please note that you are allowed one (1) weekend Mass and four (4) weekday Masses only

Please respect this as Weekend Masses are at a premium !!

CHRISTMAS TRAVELERS

Christmas recalls the story of travelers propelled by the unhurried rhythm of their animals:

*We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.*

Why did these wisemen undertake such a journey?

A tall astronomer, advisor to the Persian king, springs from his midnight vigil in the palace courtyard. "Casper, come! Look along the rod I've sighted toward the constellation of the Jews." Casper peers into the blackness. "Do you see it? That brilliant star is new tonight! It must signify the birth of a mighty king."

A soft whistle escapes him as he spots it. "There it is!" He's talking rapidly now. "I've read ancient Hebrew scriptures which tell of this ruler's star." [1] Rising, he announces, "We must see him. We must go!"

Traversing the caravan routes of Persia, Babylon, and Syria for 1,200 miles, they ford broad rivers, pass ancient cities, cross barren deserts. Three months they trek westward, day after day, "following yonder star."

In Jerusalem they inquire, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and are come to worship him." [2] Worship? So the Babe is more than a king!

Now they follow the shining star till it rests over a simple Bethlehem home. At early dawn neighbors gather to watch the richly-robed travelers dismount. Joseph meets them at the door.

"We've come to see the child, the King." The wise men fall before the Babe, faces to the floor, royal counselors doing homage, worshipping the Christ child. Outside, their servants unload weighty chests from the camels and set gifts before the King. Heavy fragrances of frankincense and myrrh mingle to fill the room as one by one the boxes are opened.

A touch of the boy-child's tiny fingers, a final longing look, and the men rise to go. Camel bells soon fade in the brisk morning air.

We, too, travel at Christmas, visiting family and friends. Yet, like the wisemen, the most important journey we make these hectic holidays is to draw Jesus himself with the gift of our hearts.





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)

Come let us adore Him





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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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