

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.

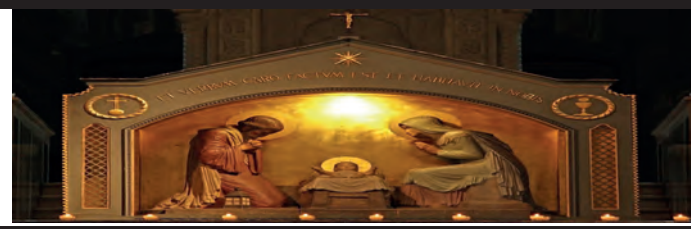
PARISH REGISTRATION: Our parish welcomes new members to our faith community. Catholic persons new to our area must complete a registration form and be interviewed by the pastor. Please call or stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form. We should also be notified if your address has changed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



Parish Office
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Fax: 732-356-5348

Website: www.stmarys-boundbrook.com
e-mail: stmarybb1@verizon.net

Rectory
732-384-5925



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:30AM +Basia Kurkowski r/o Mom

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

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

9:00AM +Richard J. Jannuzzi Sr.
r/o Wife Marguerite & Children

11:00AM +Jozef & Maria Kowalczyk r/o Maria & Jan

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church

8:30AM Deliverance and thanksgiving for Archina
& Rodal r/o Archina

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

8:30AM For our Parishioners

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:30AM Birthday Blessings for Marta Krawczyk
r/o Brother Fr. John

FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:30AM +Rosemary Franke r/o Frank Kolodzieski

FIRST SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

St. Andre Bessette, Religious

8:30AM Reparation for the offenses committed
against the Immaculate Heart of Mary
r/o Ann Knob

5:00PM +Mary Ann Motyka r/o Frank Kolodzieski

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:00AM +Richard J. Jannuzzi Sr.
r/o Theresa Rudnicki-Jones

11:00AM Good Health & Blessings for Maria &
Peter Knapik r/o Petronela Fidermak

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 31, 2023

Over all [other virtues] put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. — Colossians 3:14

First Reading: Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3

Abram shows us the Lord keeps His promises, for his offspring were indeed many, like the stars in heaven. We, too, must trust in the Lord, so like Abram, our families might prosper.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

By faith Abraham and Sarah were blessed with Isaac, and through him, many descendants because they trusted in God's promise and believed in what they could not see. We see that faith, trust and prayer bring forth God's miracles in our lives.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Jesus was brought to Jerusalem to be consecrated according to the law of Moses. A man named Simeon had learned he would not die until he had seen God's anointed. Upon seeing Jesus, he immediately declared he had witnessed "the glory of your people of Israel." The prophetess Anna also gave thanks and spoke of Jesus to all who would listen. Both recognized the power of Jesus, although he was still an infant.

Stewardship Scripture Reflections

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." - Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.



Solemnity of Mary,

Mother of God

Sunday, December 31st

5:00 pm (English)

Monday, January 1st

9:00am (English)

11:00 am (Polish)

Reflection

On this day we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We all belong to families, whether born, married, or adopted into them. We all belong to the family of faith through the waters of baptism and, finally, as part of God's creation, we belong to the larger human family. Not long ago a story was reported about a woman in England. She was retired and lived alone in her modest home. She regularly attended Mass in her local church, but was not involved in parish life. She had one friend, with whom she occasionally had dinner but never invited into her home. According to her only friend, this lady had no birth family or family by marriage left. She spent all her days and evenings shopping. Neighbors who saw her come and go but they formed no connection with her. When they finally noticed that her car had not been moved for days, they called the police. Investigating officers discovered a house filled to the rafters with "stuff." It took them two days to dig through to find the lady who owned it all in a bedroom where heavy boxes had fallen on her and killed her.

This sad story underlines what can happen when we do not have ordinary relationships to sustain us. Almost certainly neighbors and parishioners told themselves after the fact that they could have done something to help. We all know people whose families are deceased or who live far away. Some are outgoing and able to make a network of friends. Others, particularly the frail and elderly, are shy or fearful of bothering anyone. Isolation can have fearful consequences. If, you know someone who is elderly, frail, and isolated, find ways to be a presence and support. We are all God's family as part of his family, we need to help and support each other. Don't let it happen if you can help it.

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.

Next weekend January 6-7, our Second Collection is for Together In Charity

The entire collection will benefit Catholic Charities' Parish Emergency Assistance Fund.

Lector Schedule-December 30, 2023-January 1, 2024

5:00pm Lector Joseph Pizzo
9:00 am Lector Jazel Werner
11:00 am Lector Elzbieta Ozog-Osewska

Pope's Universal Intention

For the gift of diversity in the Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

First Friday Devotions January 5, 2023



The First Friday devotion is different from the First Saturday devotion, which is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The First Friday devotion is a devotion to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** that originated from the apparitions of Jesus Christ to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17th century. The devotion involves attending Mass, receiving Holy Communion, and going to Confession on the First Friday of the month for 9 consecutive months. It is a way of showing Love, Penance, and Reparation to Jesus for our sins. Jesus promised to those who practice this devotion the grace of final repentance and a secure refuge in His Heart at the hour of death. (pictures by pinterest.com)



First Saturday Devotions January 6, 2023

In honor of the Blessed Mother's request to Sr. Lucia, whom she appeared to at Fatima, St. Mary of Czestochowa offers the opportunity to partake in the devotion of the Five

First Saturdays.

On the first Saturday of each month, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered at 8:30 am, followed by the recitation of the rosary and 15 minutes of quiet meditation on the mysteries. The intention of this devotion is to make reparation for the offenses and blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Confession, which is a requirement, may be made within 8 days prior or after the first Saturday.

The promise to those who console the Virgin Mary through this devotion is the assistance at the hour of death with the graces necessary for their salvation. The Blessed Mother also promised that this devotion will result in the salvation of souls and peace in the world. (pictures by rejjoseph.com)

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

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.

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

The Mass Book for 2024 is open!

Please note that you are allowed one (1) weekend Mass and four (4) weekday Masses ordered by the same person for different intention/person.
Not (5) Masses for the same person/intention.

Please remember that we have (1) daily Mass and 3 Masses on the weekends (1-Vigil 5:00pm and 2-Sunday Masses (9:00am and 11:00am))



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.**

Online Bereavement and Mental Health Facilitator Trainings (Archdiocese of Newark)

Bereavement Facilitator Training Course: <https://archdioceseofnewark.regfox.com/loss-transition>

Wednesday evenings via Zoom from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
January 24 – March 6, 2024.

Mental Health Facilitator Training Course: [Mental Health Ministry Training \(regfox.com\)](https://mentalhealthministrytraining.regfox.com)

Monday evenings via Zoom from 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
January 22 – March 18, 2024.

For more information contact John Kalinowski at 973-497-4327 or bereavement@rcan.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 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. For more information, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive a statement of your 2023 Church Contributions for tax purposes, please fill out the form below and return it in the collection basket.

NAME: _____

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You must fill out this form to receive a statement. Contribution statements will not be sent out automatically.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



And the child grew and became strong; he was filled
with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

– Luke 2:40





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



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