

# 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.

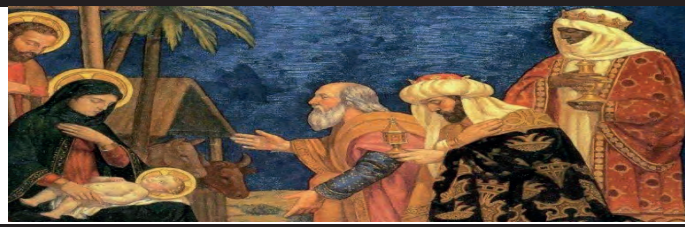
**PARISH REGISTRATION:** Our parish welcomes new members to our faith community. Catholic persons new to our area must complete a registration form and be interviewed by the pastor. Please call or stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form. We should also be notified if your address has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



Parish Office  
Ph: 732-356-0358  
Fax: 732-356-5348

Website: [www.stmarys-boundbrook.com](http://www.stmarys-boundbrook.com)  
e-mail: [stmarybb1@verizon.net](mailto:stmarybb1@verizon.net)

Rectory  
732-384-5925



## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 8

#### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:30AM For all the sick Parishioners

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

8:30AM For the conversion of young generation in our parish

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

8:30AM Conversion of Matthew r/o Ann Knob

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

8:30AM For our Parishioners

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

8:30AM Souls In Purgatory r/o Teresa Zawrotna

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

*St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

8:30AM Healing for Angelica Llarena r/o Mom r/o Ann Knob

5:00PM For someone who is very sick

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

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

11:00AM For all members of the Kowalczuk r/o Maria & Jan

## **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**January 7, 2024**

*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!*

*Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

— Isaiah 60:1

### First Reading: : Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how “darkness covers the earth” but light and glory appear over God’s chosen people.

### Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

### Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus’ birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod’s true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.

## Reflection

What are the major attractions in your area? Are they natural wonders, spectacular buildings, engaging activities, powerful people, works of art? We expect people to stream to see rock stars and queens, the Eiffel Tower and the Grand Canyon. In today’s scriptures, however, we see “tourists” attracted to two very lowly and humble “sights.”

Jerusalem was a sorry sight when the scripture from Isaiah was written. The prophet’s vision must have seemed impossible to those who heard this message. And yet, today Jerusalem is a major tourist attraction. We also know that through the Jews many other people Christians and Muslims have been attracted to the one Lord.

Jesus himself must have seemed very weak and insignificant in comparison to the rich and powerful King Herod, and later on compared to the priests and Pharisees. Yet, even from his birth, people streamed to him. Like the “tourists” today’s Gospel, people saw something in him that led them to worship and serve the Lord. And through him they came to understand what God intended for their life journeys.

**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

**HOSPITALIZED:** Dorothy Spioch, Carmela Hismeh

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

**Weekly Offerings  
December 23-24 2023**

5:00 pm - \$ 633.00	11:00 am - \$ 1,009.00
9:00 am - \$ 1195.00	Mail - \$ 705.00

**Total 3542.00**

**Weekly Offerings  
December 24-25 2023**

5:00 pm - \$ 2,051.00	11:00 am - \$ 3,610.00
9:00 am - \$ 2,775.00	Mail - \$ 510.00

**Total 5,222.00**

**Weekly Offerings  
December 30-31 2023**

5:00 pm - \$ 546.00	11:00 am - \$ 1,032.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,166.00	Mail - \$ 240.00

**Total 2,984.00**

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

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

**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.

**Reminder! Parish Offering Envelopes**

If you have not picked up your envelopes. They are in the Meeting Room and are listed Alphabetically. If you cannot locate your envelope box, please call the Parish Office

**Lector Schedule January 6-7, 2024**

5:00pm Lector	Dawn Lanner
9:00 am Lector	Theresa Rudnicki-Jones
11:00 am Lector	Anna Roszkowska

*Thank you!*

*Thank you to all who contributed to the beautifully decorated the church for Christmas. Your hard work made a beautiful difference for welcoming the Lord.*

**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)***

**PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY**

**Stewardship Scripture Reflections**

*"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - Matthew 2:11*

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

**KOLENDA**

The Blessing of homes, a beautiful Polish tradition, will begin after Christmas. If you would like to have your home blessed, please provide the following information and drop it in the collection basket.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Call in the daytime: \_\_\_\_\_

Call in the evening: \_\_\_\_\_

## Memorial Wall Candles

Reminder! 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

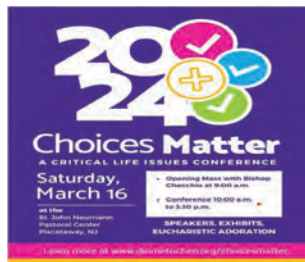
All are welcome to join our Family Ministry Fair Live Webinar on Thursday, January 25, 2024 from 1:00 – 3:30 PM. Our four speakers will be: Dr. Gregory Popcak (Catholic HOM), Damon Owens (Communio), Enza Cerami (Living Stones, Inc.) and Patrick Metts, LPC (RESTORE Catholic Marriage Resource). This event 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](mailto:cdaverso@diometuchen.org)

## Save-the-Date

### Choices Matter - Critical Life Issues Conference

Saturday, March 16, 2024

9 am to 3:30 pm  
St. John Neumann



## 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](mailto: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](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.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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



# JOURNEY OF THE MAGI

THEY CAME BEARING GIFTS OF  
GOLD, FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH.





**St. Jude Children's  
Research Hospital**

Finding cures. Saving children.

Get involved [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)

## 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
- Financial Information
- Identity • Money

For information on common scams, please visit

[www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts)



**Are You Interested  
In Joining Our Family  
Of Sponsors On Our  
Weekly Parish Bulletin?**

**Please Call Our Parish  
Office For More Details!**



**732-356-0358**

**AGENT NAME**  
REALTOR, GRI  
Office: 123-456-7890  
Cell: 987-654-3210  
Your Email Here

Space Available For Your Photo

Company Information  
[www.ADDYOURWEBSITE.com](http://www.ADDYOURWEBSITE.com)

**TERRA NOVA DESIGN**  
Interior Design & Remodeling

Our Services Include:  
- Complete Remodels  
- Kitchen & Bath Remodels  
- Whole House Painting  
- Siding & Gutter Installation  
- Window & Door Replacement  
- Landscaping & Lawn Care  
- Free Estimates

Put Your Address Here

**THIS SPACE ILLUSTRATES A DOUBLE SPACE AD**

Make everyday **A DOUBLE SPACE AD**

At Corbin's Kitchen™, we care and help you live happy and independent. Proud of their own Passion.

Put Your Address Here

**YOKOHAMA • FIRESTONE • MICHELIN • BRIDGESTONE**

**AUTOMOTIVE BUSINESS**

SERVING OUR AREA FOR OVER # YEARS

**PHONE NUMBER**  
PLACE YOUR ADDRESS HERE

**24 HR. TRUCK TIRE SERVICE • FULL AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE**

**WE NEED A PLUMBER?**

Servicing All of Your Plumbing Needs Look Us Up At Your Website Here

**PHONE NUMBER**  
PLACE FOR EMAIL ADDRESS

**THE SALVATION ARMY**

**DOING THE MOST GOOD**

The Salvation Army meets human need wherever, whenever and however we can.

[www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org)