

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
EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT:
Friday after 9:30 -12:00pm

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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732-384-5925



Jesus heals
the broken hearted

MASS INTENTIONS

FIRST SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

St. Blaise, Bishop, Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

8:30AM Reparation for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

5:00PM Conversion of young people who lost their faith

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00AM For all sick parishioners of St. Mary's Parish

11:00AM +Angelina Adamczyk r/o Maria & Jan

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

8:30AM +Bernard Graebener r/o Karen Graebener

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

8:30AM +Rosalio Pagkatipunan
r/o Daughter-in-law

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:30AM For our Parishioners

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

8:30AM +Randy Knob r/o Ann Knob

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:30AM Healing for Jovita Aniaga r/o Liz Llarena

5:00PM +Florencia Jamilano r/o Daughter-in-law

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

11:00AM +Jan Stec r/o Son Fr. John

Pope's Universal Intention

For the terminally ill. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4, 2024

*"Christ took away our infirmities
and bore our diseases." Matthew 8:17*

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

In this passage, Job laments the drudgery and pain all people sometimes experience in life. He talks of troubled days and restless nights. But he does mention that the days move along swiftly, which can remind us that our time here on earth is quite limited and should be well spent.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul explains to the Corinthians that he has no choice, but must preach the gospel. He tells of making himself all things to all people, in order to save some of them. He reminds them that he does this willingly, in the hope of sharing in the blessings of the gospel.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Jesus cured Peter's mother-in-law of a fever, then others with illnesses or demons came to see him. He cured those who were ill, and cast out the demons of the others. Then he went off and prayed alone until his followers sought him out. Jesus and his disciples then moved on to other villages to proclaim the good news.



Our Bishop Most Reverend
James F. Checchio,

J.C.D., M.B.A.

Will celebrate Mass

At our Church

Sunday, February 25, 2024 at

9:00 AM

Please make every effort to
attend this Mass and personally
meet our Shepherd

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, Dorothy Spioch

HOSPITALIZED: 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
January 28, 2024

5:00 pm - \$ 615.00	11:00 am - \$ 617.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,202.00	Mail - \$ 595.00

Total \$3,029.00

Foundation for Catholic Education Total \$710.00

2024 Bishop’s Annual Appeal

STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission

By giving to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal, we are opening our hearts to those living on the fringes of society and help to attend to their physical, spiritual and emotional needs. The basic necessities of food and shelter provided by **Catholic Charities**, as well as the counseling services the agency offers to those struggling with addictions and other hardships of life can only continue with your help. Please prayerfully consider a gift today.

Stewardship Scripture Reflections

“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’”
- Mark 1:35, 38

In today’s Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

Lector Schedule February 3-4, 2024

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

**On February 2, we observe
World Day for the Consecrated Life**

Grant them the willingness and generosity to place their lives completely in Your hands as Religious priests, brothers and sisters, and consecrated virgins. Help us to support them by our own fidelity to Your call to holiness through prayer and Christian service. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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.

St. Blaise

Feast Day: February 3
Canonized: Pre-Congregation

Blaise lived so long ago that we know nothing about his early life. We do know that he was both a doctor and a bishop in the area that is today either Armenia or Turkey. In the beginning of the fourth century, Christians were being persecuted by the Romans. The Roman Emperor believed that arresting and punishing important leaders like Blaise would prevent other people from becoming followers of Christ.

Blaise's prison was a dark cave. One of the legends that is told about him is that wild animals came to the cave so that he could treat their wounds. It is said that a mother brought her young son to Blaise. The boy was choking on a fish bone. Blaise saved the boy's life by saying a prayer and blessing him with candles crossed upon his throat.

Tradition tells us that the grateful mother visited Blaise's in prison to bring him food and candles. During his time in prison, Blaise was sentenced to death. He was martyred in the year 316.

St. Blaise is the patron saint of people with diseases of the throat. On St. Blaise's feast day, many parishes bless the throats of their parishioners in a special ceremony. Two unlit candles are held next to each person's throat as the priest or deacon says, "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

St. Blaise reminds us of the importance of taking care of our health and also to thank God for doctors and medicines that can help us to recover from illnesses. We honor St. Blaise for his faith and care for his people.

Pope John Paul II designated February 11 as World Day of the Sick, "a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and reminding us to see in our sick brother and sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind"

We may never travel to Lourdes and join in the processions, but we can know always that we have a Mother to help us and lead us to her Son, Jesus. And so we pray to her:

Grant us, O merciful God, protection in our weakness,
that we, who keep the Memorial of the Immaculate Mother of God,
may, with the help of her intercession,
rise up from our iniquities.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES Feast Day February 11

Each year over 2 million people make their way through the mountainous country of southeastern France to Lourdes. They come seeking cures, hoping to find answers, believing, and praying. At Lourdes, people recall the Lady dressed in white, with a blue sash, yellow roses at her feet, and a Rosary on her arm—the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On February 11, 1858, Mary appeared to 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous. This was the first of 18 visits, many of them with 20,000 people present. When Bernadette asked the Lady's identity, she replied, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Just four years earlier, the pope had proclaimed it a dogma that Mary was conceived immaculate without original sin. The Blessed Virgin, through Bernadette, had come to call sinners to a change of heart. Her message was a request for prayer and penance. She also instructed Bernadette to tell the priests that a chapel was to be built on the site and processions held.

On February 25, 1858, the Lady told Bernadette to dig in the dirt and drink of the stream. Bernadette began to dig, and after several attempts she was able to find the water to drink. The water continued to flow from where she had dug with her hands until it was producing over 32,000 gallons of water a day—as it still does. There have been over 5,000 cures recorded but less than 100 of them have been declared miraculous by the Church. Most of these have taken place during the blessing with the Blessed Sacrament.



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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
- Identity • Money

For information on common scams, please visit

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