

# St. Mary of Czestochowa Church

Established 1914

201 Vosseller Avenue

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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 8:30 am Mass until 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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Website: [www.stmarys-boundbrook.com](http://www.stmarys-boundbrook.com)  
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Rectory  
732-384-5925



**Ash Wednesday**  
— Lent Begins

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 11, 2024**

*“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

8:30AM +Marie Chaviano r/o Friend

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

8:30AM +Fr. John Novak r/o Parishioner

**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

9:00AM For our Parishioners

12:00PM For conversion of our hearts during Lent

7:00PM For Dominica, Wojtek & their  
Newborn Baby

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

8:30AM +Mary Rose Fealey r/o Dawn Lanner

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

8:30AM For peace around the world

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

**The Seven Holy Founders Of the Servite Order**

8:30AM Walter Urbielewicz r/o Friends

5:00PM +Bernie Murawski r/o Evelyn Murawski

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

9:00AM For Living & Deceased Members of the  
Holy Name Society

11:00AM +Bogdan Basiak r/o Maria & Jan

**First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46**

The Lord tells Moses and Aaron that anyone bearing the sore of leprosy must first be seen by Aaron or one of the other priests, and that as long as the sore is upon him, “He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.”

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1**

Paul instructs the Corinthians to do everything for the glory of God, to avoid offending others, and to be imitators of Christ.

**Gospel: Mark 1:40-45**

Jesus takes pity on a leper and cures him of his disease with a warning not to say but to show himself to the priest and make an offering. Instead of remaining silent, the leper greatly publicized the healing, making it impossible for Jesus to enter the town openly.

**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 14, 2024**  
**the beginning of Lent**  
**Day of Fast and Abstinence**  
**Masses will be:**  
**9:00 am - English**  
**12 noon - English**  
**7:00 pm - Polish**

**Stations of the Cross**  
**During Lent**

**Fridays ~ 12:00 noon ~ English**  
**7:00 pm ~ Polish**

**Gorzkie Zale**  
**( Lenten Lamentations )**  
**Every Sunday during Lent**  
**After the 11:00 am Mass**

**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.

**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:**

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

**Weekly Offerings**  
**February 3/4, 2024**

5:00 pm - \$ 452.00	11:00 am - \$ 582.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,343.00	Mail - \$ 215.00

**Total \$2,606.00**

**Catholic Spirit - \$681.00**

**2024 Bishop’s Annual Appeal**  
***STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission***

One of the key ministries supported by the Annual Appeal is ***Seminarian Formation***. We are blessed to have 21 men currently studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of Metuchen. It is a blessing that brings with it the responsibility of providing for their education. Quality formation is essential for our future priests who will be the sacramental presence of the Lord in the midst of our parishes, nourishing and healing with Word and sacraments the people they are called to serve. Your gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal helps to defray the costs of forming the future shepherds of our Church.

**Stewardship Scripture Reflections**

*“Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” - 1 Corinthians 10:31*

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He’s not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other “gods” (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, “I’m I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?”

**Lector Schedule February 10/11, 2024**

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



**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**



Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of

**Reverend Monsignor William J. Capik**

a retired priest of the Diocese of Metuchen, who passed away on January 27. Monsignor Capik was ordained to the priesthood on June 4, 1955. He was pastor of St. James Parish in Basking Ridge for 24 years, before his retirement from active ministry in 2005.

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



Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of

**Carmel A. Hishmeh**

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

# Lenten Obligations

## 2024 Lenten Obligations

1. The days of both fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14) and Good Friday (Mar. 29).
2. The other Fridays during Lent (Feb. 16 and 23, Mar. 1, 8, 15, and 22) are days of abstinence.
3. Fasting in the Roman Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal with two smaller meals which together do not equal the size of your full meal. The obligation of fasting applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 to 59.
4. Abstinence in the Roman Catholic tradition means to abstain from eating meat (beef, chicken, pork, turkey, etc.). The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

**Note:** This year, be aware that Ash Wednesday falls on February 14 (also Valentine's Day). The obligation to fast does remain in effect, so it is suggested that those who are planning a special dinner make that their one main meal of the day.

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## CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

**Every Saturday:**

8:00 am – 8:25 am

4:00 pm – 4:50 pm

**Monday, March 18**

7:00 pm

*Repent and believe in the Gospel*—these are the words that you might hear as you come to have ashes imposed on your foreheads this Ash Wednesday. They are the same words that have been used in the past, but with a new translation that came with the *Third Edition of the Roman Missal*. In past years you would have heard, *‘turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel’*—words that became familiar and which to some might seem a bit ‘softer’. The word ‘repent’ scares many of us, it seems rather harsh, a very strong command and, yet, it is the word used by many of the prophets, by John the Baptist and by Jesus himself. And so, with this new translation, we will be reminded that each one of us is called to repentance; it’s a simple fact of life since we are all human and need to rely on God’s wonderful mercy and love.

This season of Lent, then, is an opportunity to do exactly that, to repent of our sins, to return to the Lord and to accept God’s wonderful invitation to be his disciples. The Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and giving alms draw us more fully into a life of faith and gradually transform us into his holy people, a people who make Jesus the center of our lives as we spend time with him each day in prayer, as we come together with the Christian community to celebrate Mass, as we come to receive forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or gather to pray the Stations of the Cross. These practices transform us as we abstain from meat on Fridays, fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and as we abstain from habits and practices that prevent us from knowing God more fully. These practices transform us as we freely give our time, talent and tithe back to God, acknowledging that all that we have been given comes from him!

May we return to the Lord this Lent, allowing him to transform us into his holy people, a people who then go into the world announcing the Gospel of the Lord.

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## LENT

Being mindful of the poor is not an option for Christians. In fact, Jesus tells us that when we feed the hungry, visit the imprisoned, and clothe the naked, we are encountering Him.

Almsgiving has also been a traditional Lenten practice. As his disciples, we are called to do the same in our everyday lives, as well as in the extra steps we take outside our ordinary lives and routines.

*Keeping the Corporal Works of Mercy in mind is helpful as we consider our Lenten almsgiving:*

- Feed the hungry (help out at a soup kitchen, donate food)
- Give drink to the thirsty ( show hospitality to those in need)
- Welcome the stranger (be welcoming to those you meet)
- Clothe the naked (donate clothing to a shelter)
- Visit the sick (visit the homebound)
- Visit the prisoner (join a prison ministry team or offer support to them)
- Bury the dead (visit a cemetery, pray for the dead)



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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
- Financial Information
- Identity • Money

For information on common scams, please visit

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