

# 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 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..

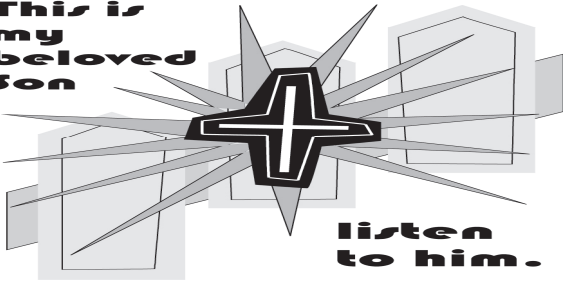


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Rectory  
732-384-5925

**This is  
my  
beloved  
Son**



**listen  
to him.**

## **Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2024**

*“From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard:  
This is my beloved Son, listen to him”*



### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

8:30AM For all Priests & Religious

5:00PM For the Deceased Members of the Galgan Family r/o Daniel Galgan

#### **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, FEBRUARY 25**

9:00AM +Zdzislaw Walczak r/o Anna Bryla

11:00AM +Ks. Wieslaw Kalupa r/o Maria & Jan

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

**St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor of the Church**

8:30AM Souls In Purgatory

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

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

#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29**

8:30AM +Jan & Maria Stec r/o Son Fr. John

#### **FIRST FRIDAY, MARCH 1**

8:30AM +Ann Cunder  
r/o Dominick, Joann Cunder & Cynthia

#### **FIRST SATURDAY, MARCH 2**

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

5:00PM +Carmel A. Hishmeh  
r/o Marguerite Jannuzzi

#### **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 3**

9:00AM +Carmel A. Hishmeh r/o Nancy Lepionka

11:00AM +Mieczyslaw Pisowacki  
r/o Eleonora Pisowacki & Daughters

### **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.

#### **First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18**

God ordered Abraham to take his beloved only son to Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice. Abraham built an altar and took out a knife to sacrifice his son Isaac. But God called out to him and told him of blessings that would be bestowed on him and his descendants because he had been willing to do what God had asked.

#### **Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34**

Paul reminds the people that God did not spare his only Son, but gave him up for the sake of all people. This proves God views us all as his children, and that no person can harm or condemn us because God will protect us.

#### **Gospel: Mark 9:2-10**

Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain, where he conversed with Elijah and Moses. A voice proclaimed ‘This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him.’ Then Jesus was alone and warned them not to tell anyone what they had seen until he had risen from the dead.

### **Reflection**

At the Transfiguration God went out of the way to show that Jesus was truly Savior. At that moment, nothing was so desirable for the Apostles as remaining in the presence of Jesus. I assure you that I never stop wishing you countless blessings from heaven, especially that of always being transfigured in Our Lord. Thanks to our Savior, we are climbing Mount Tabor since we are resolved to serve Him and love His divine goodness. We must encourage one another in holy hope. Let us leave our love for lowly things so we can continue faithfully to aspire to the happiness God has prepared for us.

Where could we give better witness to our fidelity to God than in the midst of things going wrong? There is a real temptation to become dissatisfied with the world and depressed about it when we have to be in it. Yet whether we are immersed in the busyness of worldly events or in solitude, we will encounter difficulties. To think that we can be holy without suffering is a delusion. Where there is more difficulty, there is more virtue. However, if you stumble, don’t be upset or ashamed. Instead let us cry out to our Lord and our Lady who will reach out a blessed helping hand to us.

Be like the honeybee. While you are carefully making the honey of holiness, at the same time make the wax of your worldly affairs. For if honey is sweet to the taste of our Lord, wax also honors Him since it is used to make the candles which give light to those around us. Be at peace and walk simply and faithfully along the path that God has marked out for you, and you will walk confidently. Our Savior, who is transfiguring you, has taken you by the hand, and set you on the way to His glory. Let Him be your Guide.

(Adapted from the Writings of St. Francis de Sales.)

## 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 17/18, 2024

5:00 pm - \$ 277.00	11:00 am - \$ 698.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,433.00	Mail - \$ 150.00

**Total \$2,558.00**

## **2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

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

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports a number of diocesan ministries dedicated to faith formation. Through ***Discipleship Formation for Children*** and our ***Catholic schools, Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Campus Ministry at Rutgers*** and the ***Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults***, we are reaching out to children, teens, young adults and older adults new to our Catholic Church. These ministries help people of all ages grow in their knowledge and practice of the faith, experience a meaningful sense of service to the community, and come to a deeper understanding of their call to discipleship. Please prayerfully consider a gift today.

## Stewardship Scripture Reflections

*'Here I am!' he answered." - Genesis 22:11*

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

## WELCOME!



Our Bishop Most Reverend  
James F. Checchio, J.C.D., M.B.A. At  
St. Mary of Czestochowa

Thank you for celebrating  
the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass  
and for your preaching

## Lector Schedule February 24/25, 2024

5:00pm Lector    **Stephanie DePass**  
9:00 am Lector    **Martha Ptaszynski**  
11:00 am Lector    **Dorota Sokolnicki**

## **First Friday Devotions** **March 1, 2024**



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** **March 2, 2024**



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)

## 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.

## CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

**Every Saturday:**

8:00 am – 8:25 am

4:00 pm – 4:50 pm

**Monday, March 18**

7:00 pm

### 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**

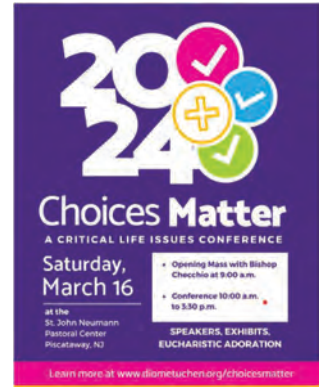
## Save-the-Date

### 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



### Adult Enrichment Classes – World Religions

10 Classes April 18 – June 27, 2024 - Thursdays  
10:00 AM - 11:30 PM  
Fr. Comandini, S.T.D. will teach about Hinduism  
- Buddhism - Judaism - Christianity – Islam  
St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars  
Lane, Piscataway - Fee: \$15 for all 10 Classes  
To register visit: [www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation](http://www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation) For more information email [ammarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:ammarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543

### NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA



The Altar Rosary Society  
will be having their trip to  
National Shrine of Our  
Lady of Czestochowa.  
On Wednesday, May 15,  
2024.

The bus will leave St. Mary's church at 9:30  
am and will leave Doylestown, PA at 3:00  
pm.

Tickets: \$40 per person

For information, please contact the Altar  
Rosary Society for additional information.

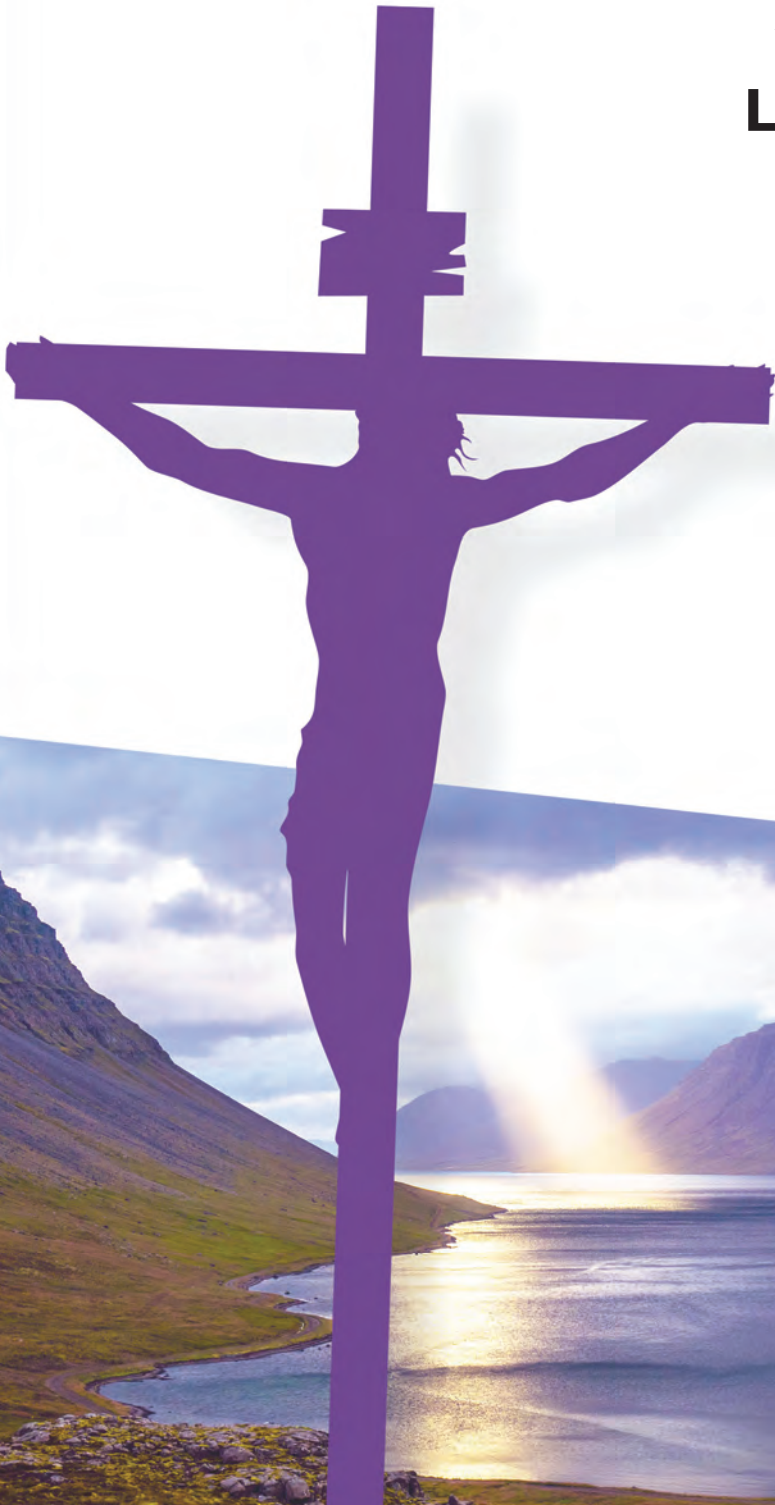
### HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY

Preschool Teacher needed for September 2024  
Holy Savior Academy South Plainfield NJ  
Must possess a NJ Teaching Certificate or CEAS  
Please send letter of interest and resume to  
Lisa Dell'Aquila, principal  
at: [ldellaquila@holysavioracademy.com](mailto:ldellaquila@holysavioracademy.com)

*Second*  
SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**

**This is my Son,  
whom I love.  
Listen to him!**

MARK 9:7





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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

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