

# 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..



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



## Third Sunday of Lent March 3, 2024

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.”

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### 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

#### MONDAY, MARCH 4 - *St. Casimir*

8:30AM +Kazimierz Losiewicz  
r/o Malgorzata Bogdanowicz

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 5

8:30AM +Mark Kolodzieski r/o Stan & Lucy Singura

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 7 - *Sts. Perpetua and Felicity*

8:30AM +Barbara Minuti r/o Joe Paris Jr.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 8 - *St. John of God, Religious*

8:30AM +Anna Karcz r/o Friend

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 9

##### *St. Frances of Rome, Religious*

8:30AM +William & Dottie Vesce  
r/o Brenda & Vincent

5:00PM +Sophia & Stefan Singura r/o Son & Family

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 10

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

11:00AM +Bozena Kasprzak  
r/o Dorota & Adam Sokolnicki

### Pope's Universal Intention

For the new martyrs. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

#### First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Through Moses, God passed on the commandments he wished all people to follow. He tells us not to worship idols or take the name of the Lord in vain. All the laws God gave to us, if followed, would ensure that we could live in peace and harmony with one another as he had planned.

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. Although they claimed to possess wisdom, “God’s folly is wiser than men, and his weakness is more powerful than men.”

#### Gospel: John 2:13-25

Jesus went to the temple of Jerusalem to find merchants there selling sheep and doves. He knocked over their tables and drove the animals away. The merchants asked him for a sign that he was authorized to do this. He told them to “destroy this temple (referring to his body) and in three days I will raise it up.” The merchants misunderstood, and did not believe he could rebuild in three days what had taken nearly 50 years to build. Still many believed in him, after seeing the miracles he had performed.

### CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

#### Every Saturday:

8:00 am – 8:25 am

4:00 pm – 4:50 pm

#### Monday, March 18

7:00 pm

### Five Steps for a Good Confession

- Examine your conscience
- Be sincerely sorry for your sins
- Confess your sins to a priest.
- Resolve to amend your life.
- After your confession, do the penance the priest assigns.

**Weekly Offerings**  
**February 24/25, 2024**

5:00 pm - \$ 325.00	11:00 am - \$ 395.00
9:00 am - \$ 2,520.00	Mail - \$ 815.00

**Total 4,055.00**

**Stewardship Scripture Reflections**

*"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4*

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

**2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

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

*"But they urged Him, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.' So He went in to stay with them." (Luke 24:24)* Jesus "stays with us" in an intimate way in the Eucharist. We want to share His love with those we meet along the way, accompanying them on the path of life, as Jesus did on the Road to Emmaus. One important way we can share our faith, encourage and assist our fellow travelers is by participating in the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Through our shared support, we touch the lives of thousands of people each year through the tangible services and programs we offer. Together we walk side by side with those who are suffering today, those who are ill or fearful, and those who are poor and vulnerable. Through our ministries, we bring them the reassuring presence of the Lord.

**Diocese of Metuchen**  
**2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

**Summary Information as of 02.23.2024**

Goal	\$33,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$ 4,763.00
Recurring Gift:	\$ 0.00
Recurring Received:	\$ 0.00
Amount Received:	\$ 4,763.00
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$28,737.00)

Percent of Goal Pledged:	14.43%
Percent of Goal Received:	14.43%
Average Gift Amount:	\$ 136.09

**Lector Schedule March 2/3, 2024**

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

**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.

**Stations of the Cross - During Lent**  
**(In the Church)**

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

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

**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.

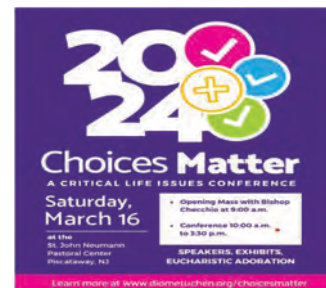
The bus will leave St. Mary's church at 9:30 am and will leave Doylestown, PA at 3:00 pm. Tickets: \$40 per person. For information, please contact the Altar Rosary Society for additional information.

**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



**Youth Minister Meet Up & Formation Day**  
March 9th, 2024  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
146 Metlars Lane  
Piscataway, NJ 08854

**Theme: Marketing the Mission**

-Recruiting Youth and Volunteers into *Your Youth Ministry*  
-Practical Tips & Hacks for Youth Ministers, Volunteers, and Parish Leaders

This is a day intended to **train, encourage, connect, and renew us in our roles in ministry to Youth**. It is a day that will allow **our local diocesan community** of Youth Workers to show us that **we are not alone** in our service to young people. *Please share this with your fellow youth ministers, volunteer teams, PCL's, and priests.*

The day will include the opportunity to come together in fellowship, receive training from Vice President of Ablaze Ministries, Chris Bartlett, as well as celebrate the Holy Mass together.

**Lunch is included. Cost is \$15.**

**The registration DEADLINE is March 4th.**

**Adult Children of Divorce, Separation or Family Brokenness**

A 3-day Life-Giving Wounds Healing Retreat will be held on Friday, August 23 – Sunday, August 25, 2024 at the San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch NJ (right on the beach).

Topics discussed will include identity, relationship with God, suffering, forgiveness, healing and reconciliation. Cost is \$300 per person which includes accommodations for 2 nights and all meals. For more information and/or to register, please visit [www.diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce](http://www.diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce) For questions, please contact Cristina at [cdaverso@diometuchen.org](mailto:cdaverso@diometuchen.org).

**Are you suffering after an abortion?**

If you or someone you know is suffering after an abortion, confidential, no-judgmental help is available!

Call Project Rachel's local toll-free number: 1-877-877-4300 or visit: [Hopeafterabortion.org](http://Hopeafterabortion.org)

You may also call the Sisters of Life at : 1-866-575-0075 or email [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org)

**2024 Diocesan Youth Day**  
**April 20th, 2024, from 10:30am- 5pm**  
**St. Thomas Aquinas High School**  
**Theme: Life with Christ is a Wonderful Adventure**

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will run our Annual Diocesan Youth Day at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Edison, NJ on Sunday, April 20th, 2024.

Throughout the course of this high-energy day, **8th-12th grade teens** will come together to enter into the sacrament of the **Mass**, have **fun** with one another, hear talks from **Chika Anyanwu**, have the opportunity for **Adoration and Confession**, enjoy **live music, good food**, and more!

-The day will begin with check-in at **10:30 AM and run until 5 PM.**

-The entry fee will cost **\$20.**

**-8th through 12th grade teens are welcome!**

-Featuring Keynote speaker: **Chika Anyanwu**

**-Register below by April 15!**

**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 [am-arshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:am-arshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543

**HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY**

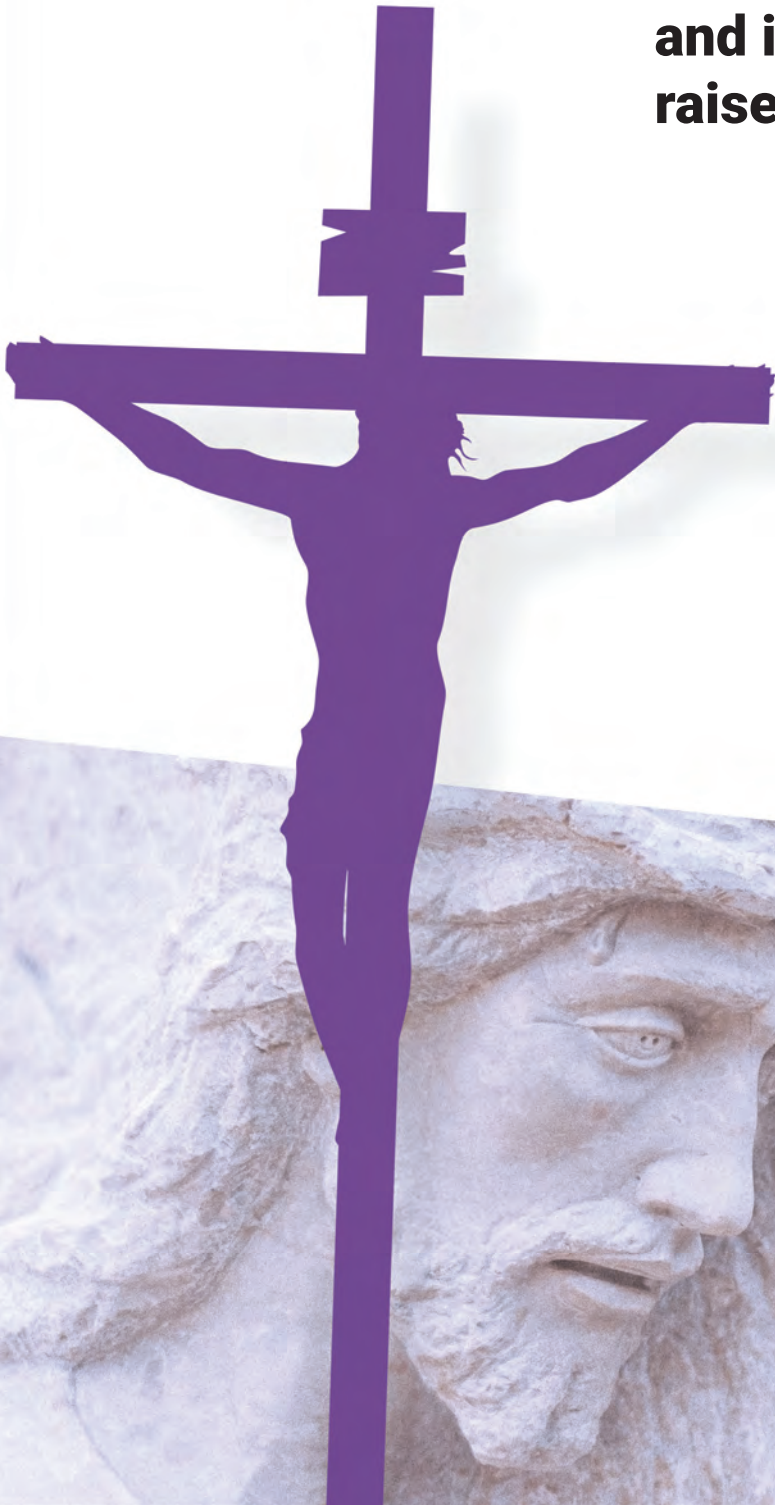
Preschool Teacher needed for September 2024  
Holy Savior Academy South Plainfield NJ  
Must possess a NJ Teaching Certificate or CEAS  
Please send letter of interest and resume to  
Lisa Dell'Aquila, principal  
at: [ldellaquila@holysavioracademy.com](mailto:ldellaquila@holysavioracademy.com)



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SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**

**Destroy this temple,  
and in three days I will  
raise it up.**

JOHN 2:19





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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.*

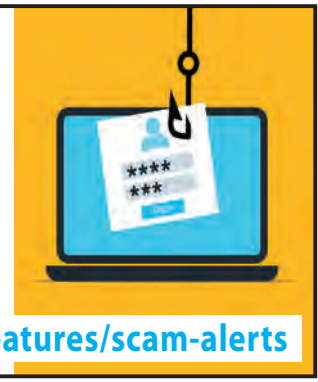
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Scammers are after your:

- Passwords
- Financial Information
- Identity • Money


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