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 Adoration: 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.

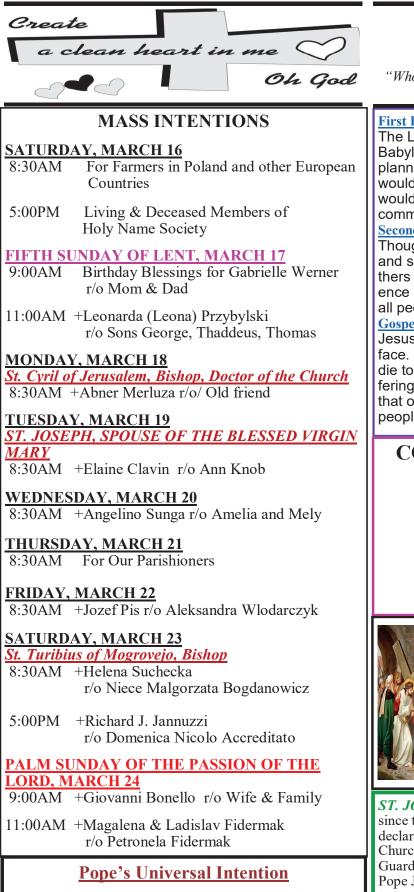
PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Arrangements for Communion Calls to the sick at home may be made by calling the Parish Office.

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 e-mail: stmarybb1@verizon.net

Rectory 732-384-5925



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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 17, 2024

"Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be."

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Lord comforted his people, who were exiled to Babylon, by telling them of the new covenant he planned to make with them. The Lord declared he would write his law upon their hearts, and that he would forgive their evil and forget the sins they had committed in the past.

Second Reading: : Hebrews 5:7-9

Though God could have heeded his Son's prayers and spared him suffering, Jesus accepted his Fathers will. Through his suffering, he learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all people.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Jesus was afraid of the suffering he knew he must face. Yet he explained just as a grain of wheat must die to be harvested, he had to face his hour of suffering to glorify his Father's name. Jesus explained that once he was lifted from earth, he could draw all people to himself, lifting them to eternal life.

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Every Saturday:

8:00 am—8:25 am 4:00 pm—4:50 pm

Monday, March 18

7:00 pm



<u>Stations of the Cross Every</u> <u>Friday</u> 12:00 noon ~ English, 7:00 pm ~ Polish

Gorzkie Zale Every Sunday during Lent After the 11:00 am Mass

ST. JOSEPH is honored on March 19 since the end of the 10th century. He is declared as the Patron of the Universal Church in 1870 by Pope Pius IX and Guardian of the Redeemer in 1989 by Pope John Paul II. St. Joseph is the patron of workers, carpenters, and of fathers; He is also the patron of Austria,



Belgium, Bohemia, Canada, Mexico, Peru, and (South) Vietnam; mentioned in the Eucharistic Prayers I-IV.

	<u>Offerings</u> 0/10, 2024
5:00 pm - \$ 583.00	11:00 am - \$ 536.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,452.00	Mail - \$ 270.00

Total 2,841.00

Stewardship Scripture Reflections

"I will be their God and they shall be my people."-Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

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

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St. Mary of Czestochowa. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from our pastor, Fr. John Stec, encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website: https://diometuchen.org.

Diocese of Metuchen 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Summary Information as of 03.04.2024

Goal	\$33,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$7,929.00
Recurring Gift:	\$0.00
Recurring Received:	\$0.00
Amount Received:	\$7,679.00
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$25,071.00)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	24.03%
Percent of Goal Received:	23.27%
Average Gift Amount:	\$ 193.39

Lector Schedule March 16/17, 2024

5:00pm LectorJazel Werner9:00 am LectorMartha Ptaszynski11:00 am LectorAnna Roszkowska

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.

Next weekend Palm Sunday, March 23rd and 24th we'll have a 2nd collection. The proceeds of the collection will be designated exclusively to support the Maria Regina residence for our retired diocesan priests.

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen

CHRISM MASS Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 4:00pm

On Tuesday, March 26, 2024, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, all priests will make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service to the Bishop and the people of God. The Bishop will also bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing.

The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism

is used to anoint the head of the newly

baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches.

All are strongly encouraged to join in-person or via Livestream in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 PM.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday March 23 ~ Vigil Mass, ~ 5:00 pm Sunday March 24 ~ 9:00 am English, 11:00 am ~ Polish

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

March 28 Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ 7:30 pm Adoration until 12:00 midnight FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

Good Friday, March 29 12:00 Noon ~ Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm ~ Celebration of the Lord's Passion (English) 6:00 pm ~ Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Polish)

HOLY SATURDAY

March 30 Blessing of Food (Church) 10:00am, 11:00am, 12 noon THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

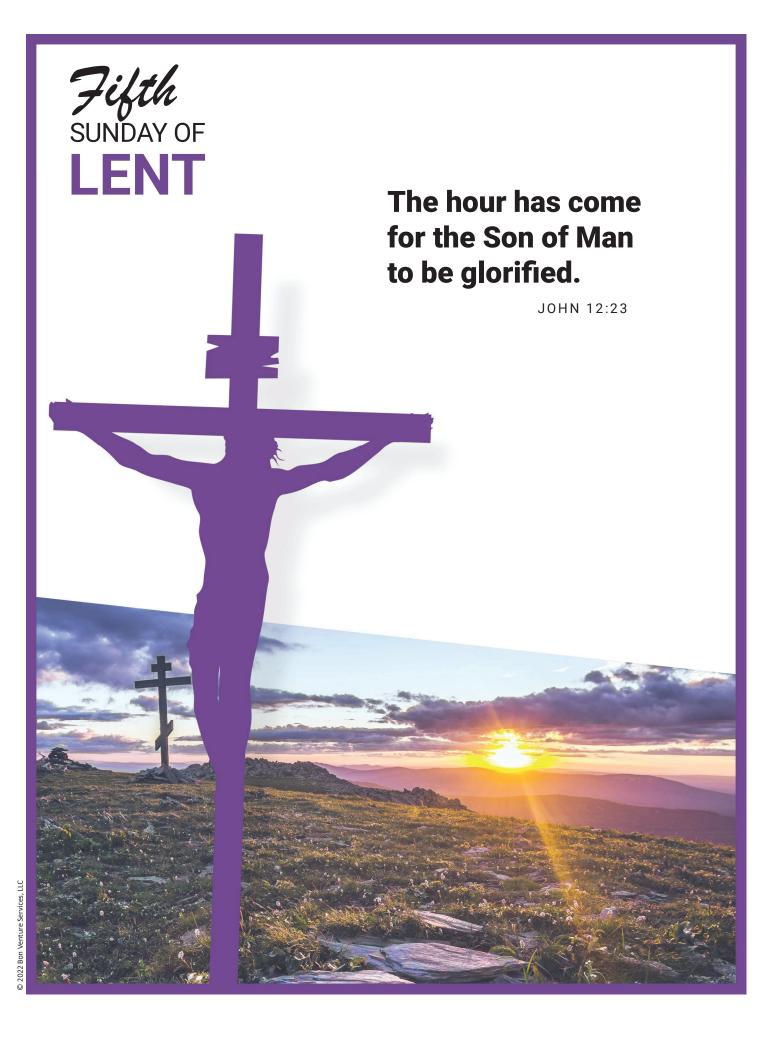
8:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

March 31

6:30 am ~ Resurrection Procession and Mass (Polish) 9:00am (English), 11:00 am (Polish)





Get involved 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

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- Finanical Information
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For information on common scams, please visit
www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts

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