

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..



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732-384-5925



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

- 8:30AM +Helena Suchecka
r/o Niece Malgorzata Bogdanowicz
- 5:00PM +Richard J. Jannuzzi
r/o Domenica & Nicolo Accreditato

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, MARCH 24

- 9:00AM +Giovanni Bonello r/o Wife & Family
- 11:00AM +Magdalena & Ladislav Fidermak
r/o Ladislav & Petronela Fidermak

MONDAY of Holy Week, MARCH 25

- 8:30AM +Kazimierz & Lucyna Roszkowski
r/o Wieslawa Roszkowski

TUESDAY of Holy Week, MARCH 26

- 8:30AM +Mark Lanner r/o Dawn Lanner

WEDNESDAY of Holy Week, MARCH 27

- 8:30AM +Edmund & Jadwiga Brzuskiwicz
r/o Daughter Myra Kurkowski

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, MARCH 28

- 7:30PM 1. +Jacqueline Vesce r/o Dad & Mom
2. Thanksgiving for the Gift of Priesthood

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY), MARCH 29

- 12:00PM Stations of the Cross (English)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

- 3:00 PM (English)
6:00 PM (Polish)

First Day of the Novena to Divine Mercy

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

- 8:30PM 1. Our Parishioners
2. Special Intention

Second Day of the Novena to Divine Mercy

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD, MARCH 31

- 6:30AM +Waclaw & Wladyslawa Formus
r/o Frank & Regina Grodzki
- 9:00AM +Theresa Blockus r/o Kathy Blockus
- 11:00AM Birthday Blessings for Dawid & Ilona
r/o Uncle Fr. John

Third Day of the Novena to Divine Mercy

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.

March 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name."

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Isaiah describes the pain and insults of the Servant of God. Yet he sounds hopeful when describing God as his help, knowing he will not be disgraced.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul exults Christ's great sacrifice of humbling himself to become human and die on the cross. He explains that this is why we should now realize the importance of honoring both his name and memory.

Gospel: Mark 14:1—15:47

Mark describes the events leading up to Christ's crucifixion. The Last Supper is described, explaining where the Eucharist began. Judas betrays Jesus and his suffering at the hands of the Sanhedrin (Council) is detailed.



The holiest week of the calendar year begins with Palm Sunday. "Holy Week is ordered to the commemoration of Christ's Passion, beginning with his Messianic entrance into Jerusalem". The days of Holy Week, from Monday to Thursday inclusive, have precedence over all other celebrations. It is not fitting, except in the danger of death, that baptisms or confirmations be celebrated on these days since they have their natural place in the Easter Vigil.

The Easter Triduum: Entering into the Paschal Mystery

The Triduum is the time of the Church year when we celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



This three-day celebration begins with the Holy Thursday Mass and continues on Good Friday with the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. At the end of this liturgy, we leave the church in silence, waiting to celebrate the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Then, on Saturday at sundown, the Church re-gathers to celebrate the final, and most grand moment of the Triduum: the Resurrection of our Lord.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PALMS



The four gospels in the Bible describe how Christ and his disciples returned to Jerusalem for the Jewish feast of Passover. According to the Bible, Christ entered the city of Jerusalem riding a donkey, therefore fulfilling a prophecy about the Messiah's arrival. Crowds of people lined the path he rode, laying down their cloaks in the street in front of him. **They also placed palm branches before him—a gesture reserved for only the most honored.** They sang praises to Christ, including in those praises "Hosannah," which means "save us now."

Weekly Offerings
March 16/17, 2024

5:00 pm - \$ 469.00	11:00 am - \$ 546.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,096.00	Mail - \$ 549.00

Total 2,660.00

Holy Land Collection will be taken on Good Friday

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in wars, violence and instability in this region.

We thank you in advance for your generosity

Stewardship Scripture Reflections

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

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

Your gift supports the mission of the **Office of Human Life and Dignity**, remaining steadfast in its efforts to promote the sanctity of human life in all stages and in all conditions. Your support also brings the grace of the sacraments and compassionate care to those in hospitals and prisons through our **clergy chaplains**, and has a tremendous impact on the lives of so many in need through our **Catholic Charities**.

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

Summary Information as of 03.15.2024

Goal	\$33,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$18,334.00
Recurring Gift:	\$ 0.00
Recurring Received:	\$ 0.00
Amount Received:	\$13,679.00
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$14,666.00)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	55.56%
Percent of Goal Received:	40.71%
Average Gift Amount:	\$ 310.39

Lector Schedule March 23-24, 2024

Palm Sunday	
5:00 pm Lector	Martha Ptaszynski Dawn Lanner
9:00 am Lector	Theresa Rudnicki-Jones Jazel Werner
11:00 am Lector	Dorota Sokolnicki Bozena Owsieniuk
Holy Thursday	
7:30 pm Lectors	Stephanie DePass Diane Litwinko
Good Friday	
3:00 pm Lectors	Joseph Pizzo Dawn Lanner
6:00 pm Lectors	Bozena Owsieniuk Elzbieta Ozog-Osewski

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.

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION
Friday, March 29, 2024

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name a few.

The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more pandemic. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEIOUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org

The Paschal Candle

The Blessing of the Paschal Candle located on the altar is symbolic of the Risen Christ and is lit on the Easter Vigil. It is placed at the Gospel side of the altar until Ascension Day. It is an ornamental candle with five large grains of incense, representing the wounds of Christ, inserted in the form of a cross. The Greek letters Alpha and Omega, symbolizing Christ as the beginning and the end of all things, are located at the top and bottom of the shaft of the cross. The numbers of the current year of salvation are placed in the quadrants of the cross.



Easter Flowers

Offerings for Easter Flowers are now being accepted. Please PRINT your request on the envelopes provided and drop it into the collection basket.



If you are available, we will need help with church decorations for Easter on Good Friday at 7:30pm.

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 Theresa Rudnicki-Jones at (908) 526-7687 with Altar Rosary Society for additional information.

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.

-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 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 For questions, please contact Cristina at 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

You may also call the Sisters of Life at :

1-866-575-0075 or email

hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org



Holy Week & Easter 2024

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)



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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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What a beautiful choice.

BEWARE OF PHISHING EMAILS

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- Passwords
- Financial Information
- Identity • Money

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