

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
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Rectory
732-384-5925



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

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

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 1

- 8:30AM +Saturnina Nasilowska r/o Rogos

Fourth Day of the Novena to Divine Mercy

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 2

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

Fifth Day of the Novena to Divine Mercy

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 3

- 8:30AM +Marie Sabecky r/o Husband Frank

Sixth Day of the Novena to Divine Mercy

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 4

- 8:30AM +Tadeusz Soltys r/o Stan & Lucy Singura

Seventh Day of the Novena to Divine Mercy

FIRST FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 5

- 8:30AM Our Parishioners

Eighth Day of the Novena to Divine Mercy

FIRST SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER, APRIL 6

- 8:30AM Reparation for the offenses committed against
the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 5:00PM Intentions of the Blessed Mother
r/o Malgorzata Bogdanowicz

Ninth Day of the Novena to Divine Mercy

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY) APRIL 7

- 9:00AM +Agnes Graebener r/o Karen Gardner
- 11:00AM Our Parishioners
- 4:00PM For the Conversion of Sinners

March 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESSURECTION OF OUR LORD

"You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you."

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter discusses Jesus' life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears and we are raised to glory in him.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL PARISHIONERS



RADOSNEGO ALLELUJA !!!

Fr. John

Stewardship Scripture Reflections

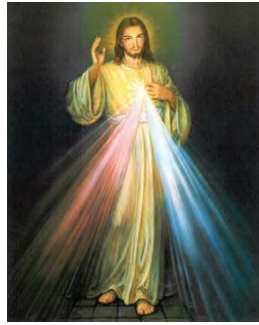
"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." - COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

Pope's Universal Intention

For the role of women. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**Divine Mercy
Sunday
April 7**



2:00 pm - Confessions and Rosary
3:00 pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Devotions, Benediction, Mass.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, Our Lord promised to grant complete forgiveness of sins: “The soul that will go to confession and receive holy communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment... Let no soul fear to draw near to me even though its sins be as scarlet.” Since we are in the time of Mercy, let us ask God for His graces and Infinite Mercy for ourselves and for the world. We, at St. Mary’s, are satisfying the request of the Lord made through Sr. Faustina by celebrating this special feast for the salvation of souls.

**Weekly Offerings
March 23/24, 2024**

5:00 pm - \$ 315.00	11:00 am - \$ 892.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,900.00	Mail - \$ 485.00
Total 3,592.00	
Collection for Retired Clergy - \$1,697.00	

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

Jesus gave us a perfect example to follow, constantly demonstrating love and care for those around Him. Much of the work that is done through our Church to advocate for respect for life, consoling those who are in hospital or prisons, and providing for the poor and vulnerable depends on the sharing of our financial resources through the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider a gift today.

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

Summary Information as of 03.25.2024

Goal	\$33,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$18,784.00
Recurring Gift:	\$ 0.00
Recurring Received:	\$ 0.00
Amount Received:	\$14,134.00
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$14,216.00)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	56.92%
Percent of Goal Received:	42.83%
Average Gift Amount:	\$ 307.93

Lector Schedule March 30-31, 2024

THE EASTER VIGIL

8:30 pm Lectors Jazel Werner (Eng)
Bozena Owsieniuk (Pol)
Theresa Rudnicki-Jones (Eng)

EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 am Lector Anna Roszkowska
9:00 am Lector Frank Kolodzieski
11:00 am Lector Diane Litwinko

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.

*A very appreciative “Thank You”
to Anthony and Dorothy Cimino*

*For their gift of the Lenten Vestment that
Father John was wearing on Sunday*



Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of

Marie Sabecky

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

Pontifical Good Friday Collection



Thank you for supporting the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, as encouraged by Pope Francis. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land, and you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land.

First Friday Devotions April 5, 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)



PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY

First Saturday Devotions April 6, 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 rejijoseph.com)

The office is closed on Holy Thursday, March 28; Good Friday, March 29 and on Monday, April 1st in observance of Easter and will re-open again on Tuesday, April 2

**St. Mary's Altar Rosary
thanks all of our parishioners for their
generous support for our Lenten
"No Bake Sale"**

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 For more information email am-arshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society has resumed their annual visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pa.

Wednesday, May 15, 2024
Bus will leave at 9:30 am
Will Arrive at 11:15 am

Cost \$40 per person
(\$15 meal - \$25 Bus)

Make Check payable to
St. Mary's Altar Rosary
Society with name and phone
number

Must be received by May 7

There will be NO REFUNDS!

Schedule

Mass at 11:30 am, followed by Rosary
Lunch and free time to pray, go to Gift Shop
Bus will leave at 3:00 pm - Arrive 4:30 pm
Come join us for a day of prayer, good food, and good friends

Call Theresa for Tickets 908-526-7687



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.

I AM THE
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and the

LIFE.

John 11:25





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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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