St. Mary of Czestochowa Church

Established 1914

201 Vosseller Avenue

Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

REV. JOHN STEC, ADMINISTRATOR

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 30, 2025



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:

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00am - 12:00noon & 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Wednesday: 2:00pm - 5:00pm

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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Website: www.stmarys-boundbrook.com e-mail: stmarybb1@verizon.net

Rectory 732-384-5925



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 30, 2025

'But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found"

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

8:30AM +Francine April

r/o Dawn Lanner

5:00PM +Ann Pchola

r/o St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 30

9:00AM For Our Sick Parishioners

11:00AM +Maria Burczy

r/o Dorota Surtel

MONDAY, MARCH 31

8:30AM +Theresa Blockus

r/o Daughter Kathy Blocku

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

8:30AM +Jan Stec

r/o Son Father John

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

St. Frances of Paola, Hermit

8:30AM For our Parishioners

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

8:30AM +Barbara Dabrowski

r/o Miroslaw Dabrowski

FIRST FRIDAY, APRIL 4

St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30AM Special Intention

r/o Malgorzata Bogdanowicz

FIRST SATURDAY, APRIL 5

St .Vincent Ferrer, Priest

8:30AM Health and God's Blessings for

James D. Lanner r/o Sister Dawn

5:00PM Victims of Natural Disasters in our

country

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, APRIL 6

9:00AM Deceased Priests and Religious who have

worked in our parish

11:00AM +Regina and Wladyslaw Kurkowski

r/o Sister Eleanora Pisowacki

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses came upon a burning bush, when God called out to him. God told Moses that he had seen the suffering of his people in Egypt, and intended to lead them from their captors to a land of milk and honey. Moses asked what he should say if the Israelites should ask what God wished to be called. God replied, "I am who am."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Paul describes how the people were led into the desert by Moses, yet many of them were struck down by God. He warns that this should serve as an example not to give in to wicked desires or we may suffer the same downfall.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Jesus says that an individual's misfortune does not mean that their sins were greater than someone else's. He warns that without repenting, all sinners will meet the same end. He tells of a barren fig tree whose owner planned to cut it down. But a servant offered to give it special care for one year, and destroy it should it remain barren. This symbolizes God's patience toward us.

New Days and Hours of Our Parish Office

Tuesday

9:00am - 12:00 noon & 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Wednesday

2:00pm - 5:00pm

Thursday

9:00am -12:00noon & 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Our New Secretary is **Dawn Lanner**We welcome her and wish her the best!

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

Confessions

Monday April 7th at 7:00 PM

Pope's Universal Intentions for March 2025

For families in crisis, let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Lector Schedule March 29-30, 2025

5:00 pm Lector Joseph Pizzo 9:00 am Lector Dawn Lanner 11:00 am Lector Anna Roszkowska

PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

Joanne Felegi, Michael Gacek, Michael Sikora, Deborah Vance, Mary Freligh, Richard Freligh, Frank Stock, Barbara Mendel, Theresa Rudnicki-Jones

HOMEBOUND: Patricia D'Allesandro, Rose Guido, Dolores Gumerlock, , Millie Della Peruta, Lorraine Deleski, Madeline Wojciechowski, Marcella Spioch, Walter Urbielewicz, Dorothy Spioch, Paul DePass, Anthony Cimino, Ann Knob

NOTE: Please call the Parish Office (732) 356-0358 with the names of homebound, nursing home/assisted living or hospitalized parishioners.

Weekly Offerings March 22 - 23, 2025

5:00 pm - \$ 448.00 11:00 am - \$ 673.00 9:00 am - \$ 1,067.00 Mail - \$ 340.00

Total \$2,528.00

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Instruct the Ignorant:

Sharing knowledge and helping others learn about faith and God's teachings.

Counsel the doubtful:

Offering guidance and support to those who are struggling with questions or doubts about their faith.

Admonish the sinner:

Gently and lovingly confronting wrongdoing to encourage repentance and reconciliation.

Bear wrongs patiently:

Forgiving offenses and demonstrating patience in the face of adversity.

Forgive offenses willingly:

Extending forgiveness to those who have wronged you, mirroring God's own forgiveness.

Comfort the afflicted:

Offering solace and support to those who are suffering, whether physically or emotionally.

Pray for the living and the dead:

Interceding for the needs of others, both those who are alive and those who have passed away.

First Friday Devotions April 4, 2025

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.



First Saturday Devotions April 5, 2025

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 to 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)



Corporal Works of Mercy WITH PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

Feed the hungry

Donate goods to local Food Banks

Give drink to the thirsty

Donate nutritional beverages to food collection drives here at church and In bins at exits of supermarkets

Welcome the stranger

Say "Hello" to those you encounter and wish them a good day

Clothe the naked

Call a school and offer to donate new and gently worn youth clothes

Visit the sick

Surprise ill and homebound neighbors by bringing them a nutritious meal

Visit the prisoner

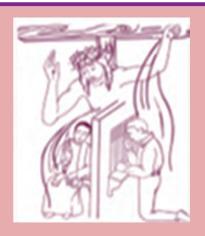
Make a financial donation to an organization that helps rehabilitate released prisoners

Bury the dead

Offer Masses for loved ones and especially for others who've touched your life

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



Five Steps To Making A Good Confession

- 1. **Examination of Conscience -** Know your sins
- 2. **Contrition -** Be sorry for your sins
- 3. **Decide** Not to sin again
- 4. Confess your sins to a Priest
- 5. **Penance** Do the penance the Priest gives you



PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY

Diocese of Metuchen

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Summary Information as of: 03.21.2025

Goal \$33,000.00

Total Pledged & Received: \$ 8,553.70

Amount Received: \$ 7,473.70



Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Lent | Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

A man had two sons, and the younger took his share of inheritance and went to a distant country where he spent it all. Finding himself alone and hungry, he returned home to ask for forgiveness and become a servant to his family. The father welcomed him with love and rejoicing, the way God welcomes His people back from a sinful life when they truly want forgiveness.

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HE WAS LOST AND IS FOUND.

It took great faith for the young son to ask for forgiveness. Let us also believe in the truth as we:



BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Man Two	D	Е	М	0	С	L	Е	W	Т	Р	Y	Α	S	E
Sons Father Divided	T	Α	S	Υ	0	U	Ν	G	Е	R	R	S	Т	Ν
Property Younger	S	S	Е	Ν	Е	V	I	G	R	0	F	K	R	I
Took Share Inheritance	Т	С	R	Н	Т	Υ	N	Ν	Е	Р	0	Е	U	G
Traveled Distant	Α	Е	V	Ε	М	W	Н	0	М	Ε	W	D	С	N
Country Squandered Everything	N	L	Α	D	Ε	L	Е	V	Α	R	Т	Е	K	I
Famine Struck	Т	Ε	Ν	Ν	S	0	R	F	С	Т	Α	D	Н	Н
Alone Hungry Became	Е	В	Т	М	I	S	I	0	Ε	Y	L	I	U	Т
Servant Went	N	R	R	Α	Ν	Т	Т	U	В	Ν	0	V	Ν	Y
Returned Home	I	Α	Т	0	0	K	Α	Ν	M	Α	Ν	I	G	R
Asked Forgiveness Welcomed	М	Т	S	Q	U	Α	Ν	D	Е	R	Е	D	R	Е
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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

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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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BEWARE OF PHISHING EMAILS

Scammers are after your:

- Passwords
- Finanical Information
- Identity Money

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