# St. Mary of Czestochowa Church Established 1914

201 Vosseller Avenue

Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

# REV. JOHN STEC, ADMINISTRATOR

#### 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT APRIL 6, 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

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Rectory 732-384-5925

**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.





## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT April 6, 2025

Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on, do not sin anymore"

# MASS INTENTIONS

you are without sin!

#### FIRST SATURDAY, APRIL 5

- 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

#### MONDAY, APRIL 7

#### St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

8:30AM +Anna Schliss r/o Parishioners

#### <u>TUESDAY, APRIL 8</u>

8:30AM +Arthur Carole, Jr. r/o Patricia O'Reilly

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

8:30AM For our Parishioners

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 10

8:30AM Health and God's Blessings for Jan Janiczak on his Birthday r/o Brother-in-Law Fr. John

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 11

#### <u>St. Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr</u>

8:30AM Health and God's Blessings for Joann Cunder on her Birthday r/o Dominick Cunder, Cynthia & Family

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 12

8:30AM +Beatrice Mastrull r/o Sister Rosanne Short and Nieces and Nephew
5:00PM For Fr. Stanislaw Sobanski (in Austria) who is very sick r/o Fr. John (classmate)

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION,

- APRIL 13 9:00AM Living and Deceased members of St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society
- 11:00AM +Wieslaw Surtel r/o Dorota Surtel

#### First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

God says not to remember the events from long ago, but to focus on the things he plans to do next. He also claims he will again help his chosen people when they need him.

#### Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Paul describes knowledge of Jesus as more important than knowledge of the Old Law. He wishes to share in the power of Jesus' resurrection, and speaks of concentrating on the finish line of the race with salvation as the prize to be won.

#### Gospel: John 8:1-11

Jesus preached forgiveness of sin, but in the old law those accused of adultery were to be stoned. So the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus and brought a woman accused of adultery to him, asking him what he would do to her. Jesus asked that one without sin cast the first stone, and then all of the elders left. Jesus told the woman that he did not condemn her, but warned her to avoid such sin in the future.

#### <u>Stations of the Cross</u> <u>During Lent</u>

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

The Church Office will be Closed:



Holy Thursday (April 17)

#### **Pope's Universal Intentions for April 2025**

For the use of the new technologies. Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

## Lector Schedule April 5-6, 2025

5:00 pm LectorStephanie DePass9:00 am LectorMartha Ptaszynski11:00 am LectorDiane Litwinko

## 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 29-30, 2025

5:00 pm - \$	602.00	11:00 a	ım - \$	521.00
9:00 am - \$	1,228.00	Mail	- \$	0.00

Total \$ 2,351.00

# **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.

## NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

The Altar Rosary Society is sponsoring a trip to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa.

# When: Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Bus leaves St. Mary's at <u>9:30 am</u> and will return at about <u>4:30 pm</u>



Tickets: \$60 per person (includes bus and meal)

For information, contact Dawn Lanner at 908-698-7936 for more information or to sign up.

All Are Welcome!

## St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society

Is sponsoring a Lenten **"NO BAKE"** Bake Sale



THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES Please donate your generous

Fundraiser

\$\$\$\$ monetary gift \$\$\$\$

## 2nd Collection Next Weekend! April 12 and 13

This collection will benefit the Retired Priests of our Diocese. Please read the Bishop's letter in today's bulletin.

## St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society

Our next meeting is on **April 13** after the 9am mass in the Meeting Room.

This meeting is an **Open House.** If you've been curious about our group, please join us next Sunday.

All women are welcome!!





## <u>Corporal Works of Mercy</u> <u>WITH</u> 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

## Diocese of Metuchen 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Summary Information as of: 03.28.2025

Goal	\$ 3	33,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$	9,878.70
Amount Received:	\$	8,798.70



PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 6, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a blessing that we have so many good, holy priests faithfully serving in the Diocese of Metuchen in our parishes, hospitals and other important ministries! I write to remind you that we also have **forty retired priests** of our diocese who have dedicated many years of devotion to God and our parish communities.

While all of our retired diocesan priests receive a monthly stipend to assist them with expenses, some go to live with relatives, while twelve live at our *Maria Regina Residence for Retired Priests*. Here our retired priests live each day with dignity while being able to live in community with brother priests. Those who are physically able continue to generously help in so many ways—offering Mass at local parishes, hearing confessions and sharing their spiritual and administrative wisdom with their brother priests. They also spend time in prayer in their chapel praying for the needs of everyone in our diocese, including you.

Our retired priests have served so many people over the course of their ministry, nourishing our Catholic faith, educating our youth and serving the poor and vulnerable. *Next weekend, April* 12 and 13, as we celebrate Palm Sunday, the faithful of the diocese will have the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the life-long dedication of these priests by contributing to the Annual Collection for our Retired Diocesan Priests. All funds raised through this collection will be used exclusively to assist our retired priests.

Thank you for your generosity. Please keep all of our priests in your daily prayers. Please also continue to pray for vocations from our local Church to the holy priesthood for service in our diocese.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA Bishop of Metuchen

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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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