# St. Mary of Czestochowa Church

## Established 1914

201 Vosseller Avenue

Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

**REV. JOHN STEC, ADMINISTRATOR** 

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 17, 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

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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..



Parish Office Ph: 732-356-0358 Fax: 732-356-5348 Website: www.stmarys-boundbrook.com e-mail: stmarybb1@verizon.net

Rectory 732-384-5925



### MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary

8:30AM +James D. Lanner

r/o Nancy Lepionka

5:00PM +Stanley Prasnal r/o Emilia Kiczek

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 17**

9:00AM +Jan Swietek r/o Nephew Fr. John

11:00AM Frank and Regina Grodzki

58th Wedding Anniversary

r/o Family

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 18**

8:30AM +Bruno and Helen Prasnal

r/o Emilia Kiczek

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 19 - St. John Eudes, Priest

8:30AM For Health and God's Blessings for

Zdzislaw Kobylinski r/o Teresa Zawrotna

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20 - St. Bernard,

Abbot, Doctor of the Church

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 21 - St. Pius X, Pope

8:30AM +Paul DePass

r/o Diane and Walter Urbielewicz

# FRIDAY, AUGUST 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Principal Patroness of Our Diocese)

8:30AM +Emil Kiczek r/o Emilia Kiczek

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 - St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

8:30AM +Ted and Valerie Kowal

r/o Gertrude Goodwin and Family

5:00PM +Czeslawa Kwoka r/o Paul New

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00AM +Agnes and Bernard Graebener

r/o Karen Graebener

11:00AM +Johanna Cwiek r/o Fr. John

### THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 17, 2025

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!"

### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Jeremiah urged the people of Jerusalem to surrender to the enemy. This angered the princes, who then requested that Jeremiah be put to death. The king allowed the princes to leave him in a cistern without food or water. But after Ebed Melech pleaded for Jeremiah's life, the king decided to free him.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

This letter to the Hebrews inspires all Christians to persevere, in spite of the trials they may face. Jesus endured much suffering and was rewarded by God. Despite our struggles, we must remember Jesus' ability to endure and maintain strong faith in him.

#### Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Jesus tells his disciples that his message will not bring peace to the earth. Instead, even families will become sharply divided because some members will embrace him, while others condemn him.

### 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Summary Information as of: 08.08.2025

 Goal
 \$ 33,000.00

 Total Pledged
 \$ 23,213.30

 Amount Received:
 \$ 23,113.30

Under Goal: (9,786.70)
% of Goal Received: 70.04%

Please make your gift if you have not already done so, as the campaign is drawing to an end, and we remain very short of our goal!

The month of **August** is devoted to the

### Immaculate Heart of Mary



Pray the Rosary daily!

### PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST

#### NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

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, Ann Knob, Walter Urbielewicz, Dorothy Spioch, Anthony Cimino

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

### Weekly Offering August 9-10, 2025

5:00pm - \$ 410.00 11:00am - \$ 589.00

9:00am - \$ 1,047.00 Mail - \$ 320.00

Total \$ 2,366.00

### Missionary Cooperative- Next Week!!

On the weekend of **August 23-24**, there will be a **Mission Collection** 

for the Arusha Diocese in Tanzania, East Africa.

Sister Marian Wehler, OSB, taught in the Arusha Catholic Seminary in 1980-87, and has visited the Arusha Diocese on missions trips. In November 2024 she helped lead a mission group to provide potable water to a Maasai village in the Arusha area. She has been invited by the Auxiliary Bishop, Prosper Lyimo, a former student of hers, to seek funding for some of the many other diocesan needs that she experienced in her recent visit. Sister Marian asks for your prayers and generosity to support the needs of this growing diocese of 600,500 Catholics.

Please use <u>the envelope</u> marked Aug 10 for this campaign. Thank you!

### The Prophets - Adult Enrichment Course

These classes will introduce attendees to the prophetic books of the Old Testament by reading, examining and contemplating the words & deeds of the prophets of Israel.

Thursdays, September 4 – December 18, 2025 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway.

\$20 per person for all 15 classes.

Register Online: <a href="https://diometuchen.org/faith-formation">https://diometuchen.org/faith-formation</a>
For questions email <a href="mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org">amarshall@diometuchen.org</a>
or call (732) 562-1543.

### Lector Schedule August 16-17, 2025

**Saturday** 

5:00pm Lector Dawn Lanner

**Sunday** 

9:00am Lector Stephanie DePass

11:00am Lector Diane Litwinko







## Help Magdalena and Mark Impellizeri to adopt their niece from Poland.

Tragedy struck when 8-year-old Tosia lost both of her parents in a devastating car accident in Poland last year. She currently lives with her elderly grandparents but the Impellizeri family would like to adopt Tosia and bring her to the U.S.

The cost of the adoption is steep—around \$46,000. A Go Fund Me has been set up by Refika Colucci to help the family raise the needed funds.

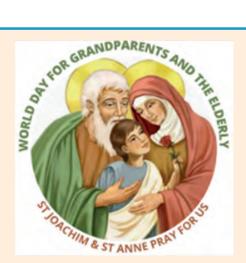
There is a detailed packet posted on the bulletin boards in the front and back of the Church downstairs. The contact information for the Impellizeris is in the packet as well as more details about the adoption and the costs.

The family thanks you for any support you can offer.

### Pope's Universal Intention for August, 2025

#### For mutual coexistence.

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult, might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

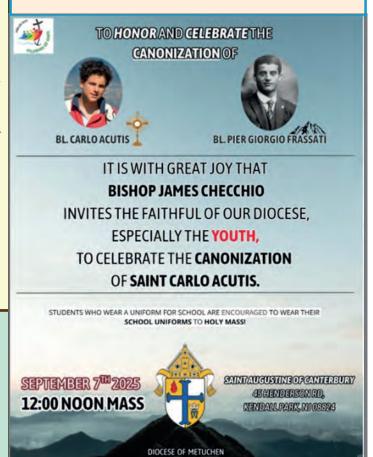


### World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

### September 7, 2025

The 5th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated in the United States on Sunday, September 7, 2025. This year's theme is "Blessed are they who have not lost hope." (Sirach 14:2)

The Holy Father has invited us to celebrate the elderly not only as recipients of pastoral care but, as witnesses of hope who are active protagonists in the life of the Church.



### Study Theology at Georgian Court University! All programs can be completed remotely.

Master of Arts or a Graduate Certificate in Theology, with concentrations in Pastoral Ministry or Mercy Spirituality. Not sure? Take one or two classes on a non-matriculating basis to see if our programs are right for you.

Generous financial aid available. New semester begins September 2, 2025. There is still time to apply. Contact department chair Johann M. Vento for more information: jvento@georgian.edu. We look forward to getting to know you and talking about your interest in studying theology.

### Silver & Gold & 5 Year **Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 50+ or 5<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on

Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 3:00 PM.

The Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service will again include couples celebrating 5 years of marriage.

Registration is required. Please register online at: https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-goldanniversary-celebration. Or, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543

or amarshall@diometuchen.org.

FIND OUT

NJ MARCHFORLIFE ORG

Registration closes on October 10, 2025.





# **SURVIVING DIVORCE**

"Respect needs to be shown especially for the sufferings of those who have unjustly endured separation, divorce or abandonment" - Pope Francis

### FOR MEN AND WOMEN SEEKING HEALING FROM SEPARATION OR DIVORCE

8 WEEK PROGRAM, WEDNESDAYS, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

October 1 - November 19, 2025 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854

This program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce.

"Surviving Divorce" is an 8 week program, featuring a thirty-minute video session each week, which covers the topics of: shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, children, the courts, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, re-marriage or staying single, and much more.

For information or to register contact: Rachelle Hanna at rachelle.hanna@gmail.com Deadline to register September 24, 2025

Pre-registration by phone is required Cost \$25 (for book)

The Surviving Divorce program is sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Family Life

# NJ BISHOPS' Mass for Life

Thursday, September 25, 2025 • 9:30 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

151 N. Warren Street, Trenton



CELEBRANT Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., D.D.,



Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney, D.D.,





\*The NJ Rally & March for Life will begin at 11 am at the Statehouse Annex, a short walk from the Cathedral















For full information, visit: dioceseoftrenton.org/ni-march-for-life



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

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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.

Parish | Business | Community

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE & RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY



## **BEWARE OF PHISHING EMAILS**

Scammers are after your:

- Passwords
- Finanical Information
- Identity Money

For information on common scams, please visit

www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts

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