

St. Mary of Czestochowa Church

Established 1914

201 Vosseller Avenue

Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

REV. JOHN STEC, ADMINISTRATOR

**EXALTATION
OF THE HOLY CROSS
SEPTEMBER 14, 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..



Parish Office
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Website: www.stmarys-boundbrook.com
e-mail: stmarybb1@verizon.net
Parish Secretary: Dawn Lanner



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8:30AM +Frank and Mattie Lepionka
r/o Niece Nancy Lepionka

5:00PM +Joan Guenther r/o Patricia O'Reilly

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

9:00AM Living and Deceased Members of
St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society

11:00AM O Zdrowie i Bogoslawienstwo Boze
dla Pana Henryka Pakosza z okazji
Jego Urodzin r/o Parafianie

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15-Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30AM Special Intention for Slawomir
Zawrotny r/o Teresa Zawrotny

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:30AM +Arthur Guenther r/o Patricia O'Reilly

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:30AM +Br. Placid D. Cremonese, O.S.B
r/o Paul New

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

St. Januarius, Bishop, Martyr

8:30AM +Fr. John Novak
r/o St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

8:30AM +Joseph Kosierowski
r/o Granddaughter
Theresa Rudnicki-Jones

5:00PM Special Intention
r/o Mary Fazan

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:00AM +Emilia Belch
r/o Daughter Lucyna and Family

11:00AM +Maria and Jan Stec r/o Son Fr. John

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

"And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life"

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9

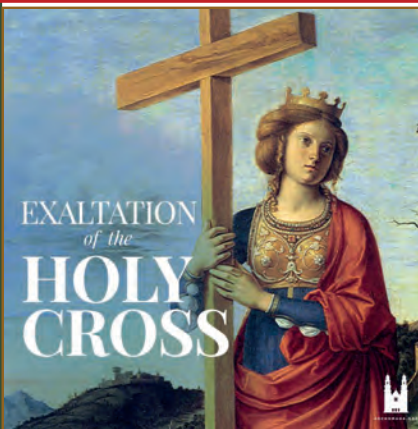
The Jews were complaining against God and Moses of the tiring journey through the desert. The Lord punished them for such complaints with the bite of deadly serpents. After hearing the prayers of Moses for his people, the Lord instructed Moses to cure those who became ill with a bronze serpent mounted to a pole for them to see.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

In this letter to the Philippians, Paul tells us how Jesus set aside his form of equality to God and took on a humble, human form - obedient even unto death. God the Father greatly exalted Jesus because of this.

Gospel Reading: John 3:13-17

As today's first reading tells us of Moses raising the bronze serpent in the desert for those to be cured, Jesus says, too, that the Son of Man should be lifted up for all to see so the world might be saved and he who believes in him might enjoy eternal life.



"We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Cross you have redeemed the world."

In 326 (or 327) the search expedition directed by St. Helen, mother of Emperor Constantine the Great, discovered the True Cross of Christ, beneath the esplanade and the temple of Venus that had been planned and constructed over the place of the crucifixion by the Emperor Hadrian (76-138). **We celebrate the cross— an instrument of death— because by it we pass from death to life.** To our limited human reason, Jesus on the cross may appear vanquished. On the contrary he is the all-powerful conqueror over sin and Satan. He is the *Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world.* **The Feast of the Exaltation** is celebrated in both Catholicism and Orthodox churches on September 14.

Source: Magnificat

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 September 6-7, 2025

5:00pm - \$ 347.00	11:00am - \$ 691.00
9:00am - \$ 1,035.00	Mail - \$ 0.00

Total \$ 2,073.00

National Shrine Infrastructure Collection

Total \$ 526.00

Second Collection THIS Weekend

***Catholic University of America:
Support the next generation of
Catholic leaders***

Second Collection Next Weekend September 20-21

Bishop Checchio is asking the parishes of the Metuchen Diocese to take a **special collection** to provide **humanitarian relief and pastoral support** for our affected brothers and sisters in **Gaza and surrounding areas of the Middle East**.

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Summary Information as of : 09.05.2025

Goal	\$ 33,000.00
Total Pledged	\$ 23,813.00
Amount Received:	\$ 23,713.00
Under Goal :	(\$9,186.70)
% of Goal Received:	71.86%

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!

Lector Schedule September 13-14, 2025

Saturday

5:00pm Lector Stephanie DePass

Sunday

9:00am Lector Dawn Lanner

11:00am Lector Anna Roszkowska

The month of **September** is devoted to
Our Lady of Sorrows



The Seven Sorrows of Mary:

- 1) The Prophecy of Simeon
- 2) The Flight into Egypt
- 3) The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple
- 4) Jesus and Mary Meet on the Way to Calvary
- 5) The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus
- 6) Jesus is Laid in Mary's Arms
- 7) Jesus is Placed In The Tomb

REGIONAL CENACLE

THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS

All are invited to join Fr. Andre Feain, from Our Lady's Chapel in New Bedford, Massachusetts, for a morning of prayer and reflection at St. Magdalen Roman Catholic Church.



Saturday
September 27, 2025



Time
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM
9:30AM - Arrival
10:00AM - Welcome & Introduction
10:15AM - Cenacle Prayers, Rosary & Reflection
11:30AM - Short Break
12:00PM - Holy Mass & Conclusion



St. Magdalen Roman Catholic Church
105 Mine St
Flemington, NJ 08822



Contact Ginny Shanahan
GShanahan80@gmail.com or Lucile Hess
Lucilehess@comcast.net with questions



For more information on The Marian Movement of Priests, visit mmp.us.net or scan the QR code.



No cost to attend.



Pope's Universal Intention for September, 2025

For our relationship with all of creation.

Let us pray, that inspired by St. Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved God and worthy of love and respect.

A PRAYER FOR HOPE

Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life. Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your own.

Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world.

Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to the elderly and dying.

Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love.

Silver & Gold & 5 Year Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th, 50th, 50+ or 5th 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-gold-anniversary-celebration>. Or, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org.



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: Rachele Hanna at rachele.hanna@gmail.com
Deadline to register
September 24, 2025**

*limited to 12 participants
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

Lectio Divina for Couples & Families

Two Thursdays per Month at 6:30pm on Zoom. Couples and families are welcome to join in praying Lectio Divina (a meditative reading of a short scripture passage).

Contact: cdaverso@diometuchen.org with any questions and for more details.

On August 28, **Bishop James Checchio** was appointed as a member of the **Vatican's Dicastery for the Clergy**. You can find out more about this position on the Vatican website—

<https://www.vatican.va> This appointment will not affect Bishop Checchio's ministry as Bishop of our Diocese. As he begins this new task, the Bishop is always grateful for prayers in support of his ministry.

NJ BISHOPS' Mass for Life

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

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

151 N. Warren St, Trenton NJ

The diocese will have a **bus trip** for those who may want to go but do not want to drive. The bus seats are \$20 per person, and the bus departs the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway, at 7:15 am. After Mass, everyone will take a short walk to the Rally and March at 125 West State St., Trenton. The bus will depart Trenton at 1:15 pm and will arrive back in Piscataway at approximately 2:45 pm. To register for the bus, visit <https://diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity> Or email amarshall@diometuchen.org for more info. You can also call **732-562-1543**



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Cardinal Joseph W.
Tobin, C.Ss.R., D.D.,
Archdiocese of Newark



HOMILIST
Bishop Kevin J.
Sweeney, D.D.,
Diocese of Paterson

Be a Champion for Catholic Charities

You are invited to join **CHAMPIONS** for **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**—a community of individual and corporate benefactors who support the vital services for our neighbors in need provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Over 70,000 people are helped each year through more than 100 programs in the New Jersey counties of Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Warren. Catholic Charities continues to work each day to renew hope and bring wholeness to those broken in body and spirit, and we invite you to join us in putting love into action by becoming a **CHAMPION** for **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**.

Go to www.diometuchen.org/Champions to make a gift or download a raffle form to purchase a ticket. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Champions for Catholic Charities and mailed to Champions for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, PO Box 191, Metuchen, NJ 08840-0191. Questions may be directed by email to Champions@diometuchen.org or by phone to 732-562-2432.



2025 Blue Mass

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi
548 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840

Wednesday, October 29, 2025
at 10:30 a.m.

* Law enforcement officials are asked to be seated in the Cathedral by 10:15 a.m. sharp

Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the 23rd Annual Blue Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. Gathered together with local, county, state, and federal law enforcement officials, we will honor and pray for those law enforcement officials of all faiths who live and work in the Diocese of Metuchen.



South Brunswick
Police Department
2025 Host Agency



Scan for more information
and to Reserve Attendance
732-243-4581 or visit
www.diometuchen.org/bluemass



The Catholic Parent

Parents are invited to a **new group** which will meet 2 Fridays a month at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom beginning on September 26th.

The group is intended for those with children in the home. New parents are particularly welcome as developmental stages will be discussed!

Meetings will include watching a brief video on a topic particular to Catholic parenting and discussing as a group.

Topics will include desiring holiness for your child, child temperments, family culture, strong marriage, and being an effective witness, among others. If interested, please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org

The **Diocesan Women's Group**
meets on Zoom **every Sunday at 2:30 p.m.**

7th, they will meet at their regular time to discuss the book, "**A Cardiologist Examines Jesus**" by Dr. Franco Serafini. (Available from Amazon.)

All women are invited.

Purchase of the book is required to participate. If interested, please contact Cristina at:

cdaverso@diometuchen.org

Diocesan Pilgrimage Sites

Did you know that there are four 2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage sites within the diocese of Metuchen?

To find out more, visit <https://diometuchen.org>



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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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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.*



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What a beautiful choice.



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



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