

St. Mary of Czestochowa Church

Established 1914

201 Vosseller Avenue

Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

REV. JOHN STEC, ADMINISTRATOR

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 22, 2026



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
Ph: 732-356-0358
Fax: 732-356-5348

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

days 40 nights

MASS INTENTIONS
OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - St. Peter Damian,
Bishop, Doctor of the Church

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

5:00PM +Galgan Family Members r/o Son Daniel

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT- FEBRUARY 22

9:00AM +Mary Mariani r/o Nancy Lepionka

11:00AM Special Intention
r/o Malgorzata Bogdanowicz

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23
St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

8:30AM Health and God's Blessings
for John Todaro r/o Wife Margie

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:30AM Health and God's Blessings for
John Gluch r/o John & Margie Todaro

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:30AM +Eternal Salvation for Anna Cunder
r/o Joann and Dominick,
Cynthia and Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27
St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:30AM +Jacqueline C. Vesce r/o Mom and Dad

5:00PM +Jan & Maria Stec r/o Son Fr. John

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT- MARCH 1

9:00AM +Teddy & Dorothy Gluch
r/o Daughter Margie & Son-in-Law
John Todaro

11:00AM +Mieczyslaw Pisowacki
r/o Wife Eleonora and Family

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 22, 2026

"It is written: one does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

This passage from Genesis narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Paul tells the Romans that Adam's disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ's dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. There He is tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, "Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore."

Join our Parish for a
Holy Hour for Peace

Saturday, February 28, 2026
2pm-3pm

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Rosary for Peace

"May this be a moment of renewal for our hearts and for our nation. Entrusting our fears and hopes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, let us ask the Lord to make us instruments of his peace."

Archbishop Coakley

Stations of the Cross
During Lent

Fridays ~ 12:00pm ~ English
7:00pm ~ Polish

Gorzkie Zale

(Lenten Lamentations)
Every Sunday during Lent
After the 11:00am Mass

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, Dolores Gumerlock, Millie Della Peruta, Lorraine Deleski, Marcella Spioch, Ann Knob, Walter Urbielewicz, Anthony Cimino, Joann Cunder

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

Weekly Offering

February 14 -15, 2026

5:00pm - \$ 472.00 11:00am - \$ 575.00

9:00am - \$ 1,611.00 Mail - \$ 150.00

Total \$ 2,808.00

Offering Statements for 2025

are available

Please phone the church office or you may pick yours up during office business hours.

732-356-0358



Singers Needed

Larry Lasko, Organist for the English Masses here at St. Mary's is seeking singers for **Weekend Masses** and **Holy Day Masses**. Please see him in the choir loft after Mass or stop by or call the office to get more information.

Offering Envelopes have arrived

Available for pick-up in the Meeting Room

**They are set up alphabetically & clockwise.
Please pick up your box today.**

Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

Pope's Universal Intention for February 2026

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Lector Schedule

February 21-22, 2026

Saturday

5:00pm

Dawn Lanner

Sunday

9:00am

Martha Ptaszynski

11:00am

Elzbieta Ozog-Osewska

Lent 2026

Obligations:

1. The days of both fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (February 18) and Good Friday (April 3).
2. The other Fridays of Lent (Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27) are days of abstinence.
3. Fasting in the Roman Catholic tradition means to limit yourself to one full meal with two smaller meals which together do not equal the size of your full meal. The obligation of fasting applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.
4. Abstinence in the Roman Catholic tradition means to abstain from eating meat (beef, chicken, pork, turkey, etc.). The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

Prayer for a New Bishop

*Almighty and all loving God,
Eternal Shepherd and Guide,
during this time of transition, we trust in
Your love,
Confident that You will once again give to
the Diocese of Metuchen a shepherd who
will inspire us to be
Christ's heart of mercy,
His voice of hope and hands of justice.
Guide our new bishop to enlighten
our hearts and minds with the truth of the
Gospel,
the power of the sacraments,
and the desire to serve you in all things.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Adapted from the Diocese of St. Petersburg

One in Christ: Called to Love and Serve

By now you should have received a letter from the Diocese announcing the **2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal**. To see the many ministries which benefit from this appeal, please visit www.diometuchen.org and learn the myriad ways your gift touches the lives of the faithful throughout our Diocese.

Please be as generous as your means allow.

Memorial Wall Candles Available

We have candles available in the chapel in memory of loved ones. The initial installation fee is \$200 and renewal each January is \$100. Please contact the office, either by phone or email, if you are interested.

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Lenten Food Drive

St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society is sponsoring a food drive to support local food banks. Please bring **non-expired non-perishable** food items **between now and March 8**. Items can be placed in the baskets at the front and back of the church. Call the church office if you have any questions.

Thank you!!!

The Corporal Works of Mercy call us to *feed the hungry* and *give drink to the thirsty*.

St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society

50/50 Raffle is back!!

Tickets will be sold this weekend after all Masses.
\$5.00 per ticket

Drawing date: May 10, 2026

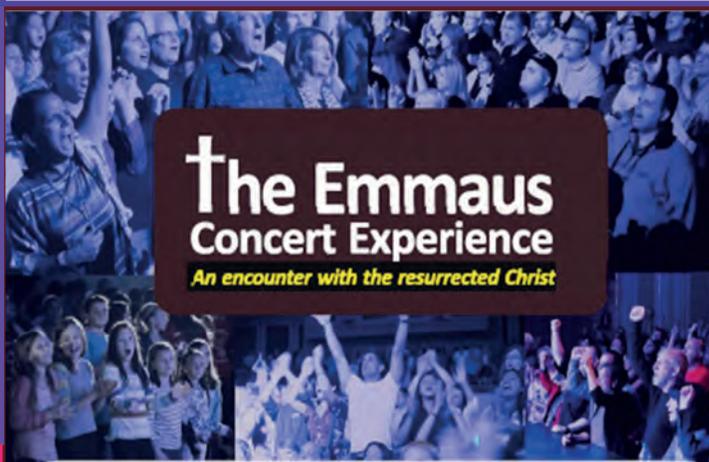
Prizes: 1st winner: 30% of the prize pool
2nd winner: 10% of the prize pool
3rd winner: 10% of the prize pool

Tickets can also be purchased in the church office during operating hours.

Corporal Works of Mercy

- ◆ Feed the hungry (support food drives/ donate food, help at a soup kitchen)
- ◆ Give drink to the thirsty (show hospitality to those in need)
- ◆ Welcome the stranger (be courteous and welcoming to those you meet)
- ◆ Clothe the naked (donate clothing to a shelter)
- ◆ Visit the sick (visit the homebound)
- ◆ Visit the prisoner (join a prison ministry team or offer support to them)
- ◆ Bury the dead (visit a cemetery, pray for the dead)

pray fast give alms



The Emmaus Concert Experience

An encounter with the resurrected Christ

DATE OF EVENT:

Sat., March 7th 2026
7:00PM

LOCATION:

Our Lady of Fatima Auditorium
499 New Market Rd,
Piscataway, NJ 08854

COST:

\$10.00 Youth | \$20.00 Adults
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Mass for Family Healing

March 14, 2026 10:00am
St. John Neumann Pastoral Center

For all feeling alone or grieving due to divorce, severe marital difficulties, and for children of any age affected by these facets of family brokenness. Activities will be available for the children while parents investigate resources available.

To register, please visit: diometuchen.org/events/family-brokenness-mass.

Contact Rachele Hanna for details
at rachele.hanna@gmail.com.

*Have you arranged for a Mass
to be said for your loved ones?*

The Diocese of Metuchen's
Office on Human Life and Dignity
presents

“The 2026 Choices Matter Conference A Critical Life Issues Conference”

“Safeguarding Human Dignity...
Shining a Light on Human Trafficking”

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway
Saturday, March 21, 2026.
10:15am - 3:30pm

The conference will be follow Mass at 9:00am.
The conference features Eucharistic Adoration, exhibits and more. Several guest speakers will present.

General registration: \$35 /Student registration: \$15.
The fee includes lunch and handouts.

To register, visit:
<https://www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter>
Everyone is welcome!

For questions/information, call 732-562-1543
or email: magnese@diometuchen.org

2026 SPRING SEMESTER

The Catechism Lectures





WHAT EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD KNOW
A LECTURE SERIES FOR ADULTS BASED ON THE BALTIMORE CATECHISM WITH REV. FR. JOHN A. PERRICONE, NATIONALLY KNOWN PRIEST, THEOLOGIAN, AND AUTHOR.

TIME: 7PM	MARCH	APRIL	JUNE
MONDAY	16TH	13TH	15TH

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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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What a beautiful choice.

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- Financial Information
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