

St. Mary of Czestochowa Church

Established 1914

201 Vosseller Avenue

Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

REV. JOHN STEC, ADMINISTRATOR

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 1, 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
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Website: www.stmarys-boundbrook.com
e-mail: stmarybb1@verizon.net
Parish Secretary: Dawn Lanner



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

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

MONDAY, MARCH 2

8:30AM +Bro. Placid D. Cremonese r/o Paul New

TUESDAY, MARCH 3 - St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

8:30AM +Barbara Dabrowski
r/o Miroslaw Dabrowski

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 - St. Casimir

8:30AM +Saturnina & Jerzy Nasilowski
r/o Frank & Regina Grodzki

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

8:30AM +Robert T. New r/o Son Paul New

FIRST FRIDAY, MARCH 6

8:30AM +Theresa Kosinski
r/o Malgorzata Bogdanowicz

FIRST SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Ss. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

8:30AM Eternal Salvation for Carmella Hishmeh
r/o Joann & Dominick Cunder, Cynthia
and Family
5:00PM For Our Parishioners

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 8

9:00AM Living and Deceased Members of
St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society
11:00AM Health and God's Blessings for
Irena Zawrotna r/o Teresa Zawrotna

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 1, 2026

*"Do not tell the vision to anyone until
the Son of Man has been raised from
the dead."*

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

God calls Abraham to leave his family and people and go to a new land. God promises to make the people of this new nation great and to bless Abraham.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Paul, from his place of imprisonment in Rome, writes words of encouragement to Timothy, telling him that Christ is for them everlasting life.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Wishing to reveal His glory to Peter, James and John, Jesus takes them to a mountain where he is transfigured before them. When Peter exclaims that he will build three tabernacles here in honor of Jesus, Moses and Elijah, a voice from above proclaims: "This is My beloved Son on whom My favor rests. Listen to him."

Lent Obligations 2026

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.

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 21-22, 2026

5:00pm - \$ 1,168.00 11:00am - \$ 398.00
9:00am - \$ 925.00 Mail - \$ 200.00

Total \$ 2,554.00

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

Please remember to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

Pope's Universal Intention for March 2026

For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Lector Schedule February 28-March 1, 2026

Saturday
5:00pm

Stephanie DePass

Sunday
9:00am
11:00am

Janice Smith

Diane Litwinko

First Friday Devotions **March 6, 2026**



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 **March 7, 2026**



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 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.

(picture by rejijoseph.com)

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

Candles are 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.

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

Chrim Mass

Tuesday, March 31, 2026—4PM
*Cathedral of St. Frances of Assisi
Metuchen, NJ*

All are encouraged to join in-person (or watch via livestream), the ancient, grace-filled Chrim Mass at the Cathedral.

To watch the Chrim Mass livestream,
Visit

<https://diometuchen.org/chrim-mass>

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.*

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Instruct the Ignorant: share knowledge and help others learn about faith and God's teachings

Counsel the Doubtful: offer support and guidance to those who are struggling with questions or doubts about their faith

Admonish the Sinner: gently and lovingly confront wrongdoing to encourage repentance and Reconciliation

Bear Wrongs Patiently: forgive offenses and demonstrate patience in the face of adversity

Forgive Offenses Willingly: extend forgiveness to those who have wronged you, mirroring God's own forgiveness

Comfort the Afflicted: offer solace and support to those who are suffering, whether physically or emotionally

Pray for the Living and the Dead: intercede for the needs of others, both who are alive and those who have passed away

Pray

Fast

Give Alms



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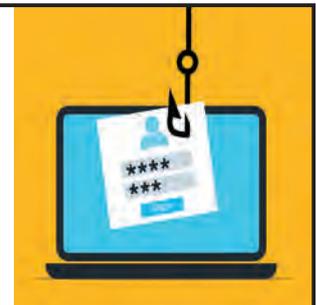
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www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts



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