

# St. Mary of Czestochowa Church

Established 1914

201 Vosseller Avenue

Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

REV. JOHN STEC, ADMINISTRATOR

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 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](http://www.stmarys-boundbrook.com)  
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Parish Secretary: Dawn Lanner



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
OF THE WEEK

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

8:30AM +Kazimierz Zawrotny  
r/o Teresa Zawrotna  
5:00PM +Petrona Monges r/o Mom Ana

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 22**

9:00AM +Michelle Gamatko  
r/o In-Laws Jim & Winnie Gamatko  
11:00AM +Reverend Monsignor Joseph Chacko  
r/o Parishioners

**MONDAY, MARCH 23**

**St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**

8:30AM For God's Blessings for Mateusz  
on His Birthday  
r/o Godmother Elizabeth Laskowski

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

8:30AM Health, Wisdom, and God's Blessings  
for Piotr & Anieszka Szczepanski &  
Children r/o Teresa Zawrotna

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26**

8:30AM +Mark W. Lanner r/o Sister Dawn

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

8:30AM God's Blessings for Our Grandchildren  
r/o Regina and Frank Grodzki

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**

8:30AM +Jacqueline C. Vesce r/o Mom and Dad  
5:00PM +Maureen Short  
r/o St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
**MARCH 29**

9:00AM +Giovanna Di Maggio r/o Sister Maria  
11:00AM For God's Blessings for Dawid (03/31)  
& Ilona (04/02) on Their Birthdays  
r/o Uncle Fr. John

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 22, 2026**

*And Jesus raised his eyes and said,  
"Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know  
that you always hear me; but because of the  
crowd here I have said this, that they may  
believe that you sent me."*

**First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14**

This reading is a loving promise that the Lord will put His spirit into his people and will let them live.

**Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11**

Paul reminds the Romans that they are not people of the flesh but people of the Spirit because the Spirit of God dwells in them.

**Gospel: John 11:1-45**

In great detail, John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus to life. Upon learning of the death of Lazarus, his dear friend, Jesus goes to comfort Martha and Mary. After proclaiming, "I am the Resurrection and the Life", Jesus goes to the tomb of Lazarus and restores him to life.

**Second Collection Next Weekend**

March 28-29

This collection will benefit the

**Retired Priests of our Diocese**

**Confession**

**Monday**  
**March 23rd**

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Multiple priests will be  
available to hear your  
Confession



*Five Steps  
to Making a Good Confession*

1. **Examination of Conscience:**  
Recall 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 assigns you

## 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, **Eleonora Pisowacki**

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

### Weekly Offering March 14-15, 2026

5:00pm - \$	523.00	11:00am - \$	645.00
9:00am - \$	1,085.00	Mail - \$	0.00

**Total \$ 2,253.00**

### **2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal** *ONE IN CHRIST: Called to Love and Serve*

\$1.7 million of the money raised by the Bishop's Annual Appeal is earmarked for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Last year, Catholic Charities served more than 70,000 individuals through over 100 programs. While the statistics are impressive, it is the love and care that Catholic Charities offers to our neighbors in need that is most meaningful.

Catholic Charities insures that individuals who turn to us in a crisis not only receive the immediate help they need but also are connected to longer-term support that aims to stabilize families and lead to self-sufficiency. The work of Catholic Charities is a tangible response to the Gospel call to care for the least among us.

### **2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal** **Summary Information**

To see the many ministries which benefit from this appeal, please visit  
[www.diometuchen.org](http://www.diometuchen.org)

<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 33,000.00</b>
<b>Amount received:</b>	<b>\$ 11,573.00</b>
<b>Over/Under Goal:</b>	<b>\$ (20,359.00)</b>
<b>Percent of Goal Received:</b>	<b>35.07%</b>

***Thank you for your generosity!***

### Lector Schedule March 21-22, 2026

#### Saturday

**5:00pm**

**Dawn Lanner**

#### Sunday

**9:00am**

**Martha Ptaszynski**

**11:00am**

**Arek Wojda**

### 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

### *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.

### 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.

## Annual Lenten *No-Bake* Bake Sale

### **This Weekend!!**

March 21-22- After Each Mass



**We will be accepting cash/check donations to support our Society.**

**50/50 Raffle Tickets** will also be available for purchase @ \$5 each.

A special **Thank You** to all who donated items and/or cash for our recent **Food Drive**. Two local organizations greatly benefitted from your generosity.

**Thank you so much!!!!**

## **Food Drive Donation Results**

As a result of your outstanding generosity, the following was donated to **SHIP** and the **Food Bank Network of Somerset County** to feed the needy in our community:



516 lbs.

150 lbs.



## Chrism Mass

**Tuesday, March 31, 2026—4PM**

*Cathedral of St. Frances of Assisi, Metuchen*

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

To watch the Chrism Mass livestream,  
Visit

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

## 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*

## *Loving God*

You are near to all who call upon You. Grant our diocese a new bishop who, in Your grace is a Shepherd after Your own heart: one who is filled with zeal for the Faith who is gentle and wise, merciful and just, and devoted in love for Your people. May he strive each day to be configured to Your Son, Jesus Christ, and unite your people to become stronger in faith, more earnest in our love of You, and generous with our care for others.

Grant we Your people the grace to accept our new bishop as Your own, and may he lead us toward Your Son, the unfailing light, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth,  
patroness of our diocese, pray for us.*

*Diocese of Metuchen*

A sincere Thank You to all who paid their respects with your prayers, by attending the wake service, Mass, and commitment services for our beloved Monsignor Joseph Chacko. Please keep him in your prayers.



### An Important Update Regarding Legislation in Trenton to Outlaw Pregnancy Resource Centers

This is an important update about what is happening in New Jersey that could affect pregnancy resource centers.

Recently, legislators introduced a bill that many believe was intended to restrict the work of pregnancy centers that provide free services and support to women facing unexpected pregnancies. Thousands of people across the state responded and sent messages to lawmakers. Just minutes before the committee hearing began, the bill was suddenly amended and rewritten after concerns were raised about serious constitutional issues.

Attorneys reviewing the revised language say the proposal still raises significant questions about free speech and the rights of nonprofit organizations like ours.

While this development slowed the effort, the broader conversation is not over, and other related legislation continues to move forward in Trenton.

The mission remains the same. Every day pregnancy resource centers stand beside women and families with compassion, practical support, and real options. We offer free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, baby supplies, mentoring, and continued care for moms who need someone to walk alongside them during difficult moments.

Please keep pregnancy centers across New Jersey, in your prayers as we continue serving women and protecting life in our communities.



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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.



**Life.**  
*What a beautiful choice.*

## BEWARE OF PHISHING EMAILS

Scammers are after your:

- Passwords
- Financial Information
- Identity • Money

For information on common scams, please visit

[www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts)



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