

St. Mary of Czestochowa Church

Established 1914

201 Vosseller Avenue

Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

REV. JOHN STEC, ADMINISTRATOR

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 23, 2026



SATURDAY EVE: 5:00 p.m. (English)

SUNDAY: 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 MASS: 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 a.m. Mass until 12:00pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues & Thurs: 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.

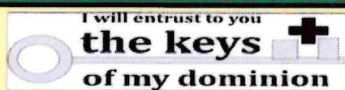
PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Arrangements for Communion Calls to the sick at home may be made by calling the Parish Office.

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



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30AM +Msgr. Joseph Chacko
r/o Frank Kolodzieski

5:00PM +Sophie Lewandowski
r/o Patricia O'Reilly

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 - 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM +Agnes Graebener
r/o Graebener Family

11:00AM Health and God's Blessings for
Frank & Regina Grodzki
on their 59th Wedding
Anniversary r/o Family

MONDAY, AUGUST 24 - SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

8:30AM +Walter Urbielewicz
r/o Theresa Rudnicki-Jones

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 - St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8:30AM +Dorothy Fogarty r/o Maureen Slater

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 - OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA (THE SOLEMNITY IN OUR PARISH)

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

7:00 PM Health and God's Blessings for
Anna & Lukasz Roszkowski on their
9th Wedding Anniversary

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 - St. Monica

8:30AM +Dorothy Cimino
r/o Domenica & Nicolo Accreditato

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 - St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8:30AM +Jacqueline Constance Vesce
r/o Parents Brenda & Vincent

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:30AM +Betty Froelich Graebener
r/o Graebener Family

5:00PM +Walter Urbielewicz
r/o Brian Reichle

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 - 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM +Nadine Strahs
r/o Antoinetta Colalillo

11:00AM +Bogdan Olszewski
r/o Siostra z Rodzina

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 23, 2026

"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

This passage refers to the use of authority and indicates the Key as the symbol of authority. The words "open" and "shut" refer to the power that will eventually be given to Peter.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Paul writes ecstatic and praise-filled words about God's plan for his people. In him, he writes, "all things are."

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter exclaims, "You are the Messiah!" Christ then declares that Peter is the "Rock" upon which he will build his Church, promising him the power "to bind" and "to loose."

Second Collection Next Weekend

August 29-30

THE CATHOLIC LEAGUE FOR RELIGIOUS ASSISTANCE TO POLAND AND POLONIA

The envelope for this collection was in last week's bulletin. Extra envelopes are available in the vestibules.

Thank you!!



American Martyr: The Stanley Rother Story

is

Coming to Theaters on

August 25 & 26 (English) & 27 (En Español).

The feature-length documentary follows the life, death and impact of Blessed Stanley Rother, an American priest, who served the indigenous Tzu'tujil people of Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala until his martyrdom.

PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

Michael Gacek, Michael Sikora, Deborah Vance, Mary Freligh, Frank Stock, Theresa Rudnicki-Jones

HOMEBOUND: Patricia D'Allesandro, Dolores Gumerlock, Millie Della Peruta, Lorraine Deleski, Marcella Spioch, Ann Knob, 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

August 15 - 16, 2026

5:00pm - \$ 858.00 11:00am - \$ 603.00

9:00am - \$ 1,753.00 Mail - \$ 280.00

Total - \$ 3,494.00

Solemnity of Our Lady of Czestochowa

August 26

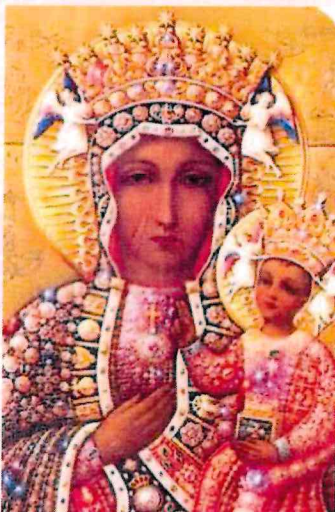
The Icon of **Our Lady of Czestochowa** is painted on three linden boards. The Icon depicts the Blessed Virgin Mary standing with the child Jesus in her arms. Both having expressions of thoughtfulness, Mary looks at the faithful, while the child directs His gaze toward the pilgrim and beyond.

The Child rests on Mary's left arm; in His left hand He holds a book, while He raises His right hand in a gesture characteristic of teaching or blessing. The right arm of Mary points to Jesus, who is the only Savior of the world.

From the beginning, the miraculous Icon became famous for its countless miracles. Over the centuries, these miracles have caused many pilgrims throughout Poland and from distant coasts of Europe to visit the Marian Shrine of Jasna Gora.

Signs of the pilgrims' devotion to the blessed Mother were countless votive offerings, which can be measured today by the value of the intentions of the faithful and not of their material worth. One

of the most moving and extraordinary votive offerings at the Shrine is the one left by St. John Paul II. Currently exposed in a special container on the altar of Our Lady is the belt of his cassock, shot through and bloodstained during his assassination attempt in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981.



Source: czestochowa.us

Lector Schedule

August 22-23, 2026

Saturday

5:00pm

Martha Ptaszynski

Sunday

9:00am

Dawn Lanner

11:00am

Diane Litwinko

The month of August is devoted to the
Immaculate Heart of Mary

*O Mary conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to thee.*



Pray the Rosary daily!!

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.

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 temperaments, family culture, strong marriage, and being an effective witness, among others. The group is intended for those with children in the home and new parents are particularly welcome as developmental stages will be





A very special thank you to

Frank and Regina Grodzki

for their offering of
altar flowers
this weekend in recognition
of their
wedding anniversary



**Happy
59th Anniversary**

Frank and Regina Grodzki

Wishing you God's blessings
for continued joy in
married life!!
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God's Blessings and Best Wishes
to

**Lukasz and Anna
Roszkowski**

on the occasion of their
Ninth Wedding Anniversary
August 26

Please pray for vocations to the
priesthood and religious life!

*"The harvest is good but laborers are scarce. Beg the harvest
master to send out laborers to gather his harvest."*

Pope's Universal Intention for August 2026

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity
and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel,
discovering creative paths to build community.



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OFFICE OF
ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

POPE LEO XIV

MAGNIFICENT HUMANITY

ON SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON
IN THE TIME OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

13 week Adult Faith Formation course
with Fr. Glenn Comandini, STD

Pope Leo's first encyclical examines how
digitalization, AI and robotics
challenge humanity.

The Holy Father proposes a path
which safeguards human dignity
and the common good.

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 AM

Sept. 10 - Dec. 10, 2026

omitting Nov. 26, for Thanksgiving

Registration is \$25

for all 13 classes and includes a
printed copy of *Magnificent
Humanity*. Books will be picked up
on the first day of class.

Learn more at www.diometuchen.org/events/magnificent-humanity

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854

For questions, contact magnese@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543

Scan QR Code
to Register



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

<https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

Thank you to all who have given so generously
to the 2026 Bishop's Annual appeal. If you have not
made a pledge, you can still participate.

Mail your gift to *Diocese of Metuchen Bishop's
Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000*
or give online at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

If you haven't made your pledge or gift yet,

Please help!

We need your support.

Thank you!

To see the many ministries which benefit from this ap-
peal, please visit : www.diometuchen.org

Our Parish Goal: \$ 33,000.00

Total Pledged: \$ 25,393.00

Amount received: \$ 25,393.00

Under Goal: \$ (7,607.00)

Percent of Goal Received: 76.95%



METUCHEN

Office of Multicultural Ministry
National Black Catholic History Month



"NO THROWAWAY PEOPLE" FAITH, RACE AND THE CALL TO JUSTICE"

Join six Zoom sessions to discuss Sacred Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching around the issues of immigration, policing and racial equity.

Sundays
(Virtual)

Oct. 11-
Nov. 15

7-8pm

Session 1:	Oct. 11	Neither Jew nor Greek
Session 2:	Oct. 18	What is race anyhow?
Session 3:	Oct. 25	The Legacy of America's Original Sin
Session 4:	Nov. 1	Is Immigration a Race Issue?
Session 5:	Nov. 8	Truth and Reconciliation
Session 6:	Nov. 15	Forward Together

FRIENDSGIVING GATHERING *In-Person*

Saturday, Nov. 21, 2026 10am- 2pm

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, NJ

Questions? Email magnese@diometuchen.org
or call 732.562.1543

Scan QR to Register.



Feminine Genius Brunch

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ 08854

Event Highlights:

- Fellowship & Music
- Hot Brunch
- Prayer & Reflection

Visit www.diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity for more information.



"Discovering God's Purpose in the
Different Seasons of a Woman's Life"

GUEST SPEAKER: Danielle Bean

Author, speaker, and host of the
Girlfriends podcast

COST: \$35 PER PERSON
Scan QR to register.



St. Stephen Church Annual TRICKY TRAY

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Saturday, October 24, 2026

Doors: 5pm / Drawing: 7pm

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609 Lane Ave, South Plainfield, NJ

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ststephenantiochianwomen@gmail.com
www.ststephenchurch.net/tricky-tray



*Women's
Book Study*



Each Sunday on Zoom at 2:30 P.M.

Beginning on September 13th

Contact Cristina at
cdaverso@diometuchen.org