

St. Mary of Czestochowa Church

Established 1914

201 Vosseller Avenue

Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

REV. LEON S. ANISZCZYK, PASTOR
Rev. John Stec, Parochial Vicar



SUNDAY MASSES: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Polish)
SATURDAY EVE: 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY Thru SATURDAY: 8:30 a.m.

NOVENAS WITH BENEDICTION:
Tuesday—after 8:30 a.m. Mass

HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m. (English)
Vigil Mass: 7:00 p.m. (Polish)

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE:
Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

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.

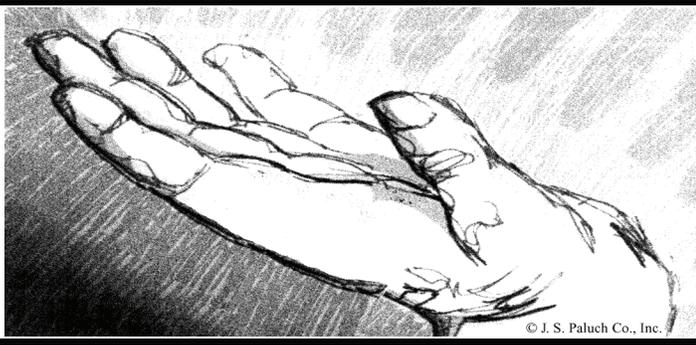
PARISH REGISTRATION: Our parish welcomes new members to our faith community. Catholic persons new to our area must complete a registration form and be interviewed by the pastor. Please call or stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form. We should also be notified if your address has changed 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

Rectory
732-384-5925



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



MONDAY, January 16

8:30 AM + Nhu Le

r/o LeFamily

TUESDAY, January 17 St. Anthony, Abbot

8:30 AM + Joseph Yefchak

r/o Wife Lottie

WEDNESDAY, January 18

8:30 AM + Parishioners

THURSDAY, January 19

8:30 AM + Skip Lyne

r/o Wife Donna

FRIDAY, January 20 St. Fabian

St. Sebastian, Martyr

8:30 AM + Ronald C. Jones -1st Anniversary

r/o Wife Theresa & Son Ron

SATURDAY, January 21

8:30 AM + Helen Sikora

r/o Grp 5 Rosary Society

5:00 PM + Vincenzo Oliveri

r/o Nicolo & Domenica Accreditato

SUNDAY, January 22

9:00 AM + Robert Bisler

r/o Anthony & Arlene Provenzano

11:00 AM + Olga & Miron Szustakowski

r/o Niece

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 15, 2017

*I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach
to the ends of the earth*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading- The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

Second Reading- All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy.

Gospel- John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God.

ALWAYS RESPONSIBLE

In the 1940s, Antoine de Saint Exupéry wrote a story for children, *The Little Prince*, that many adults appreciate. The Little Prince inhabits a small asteroid, where he spends his time caring for one beautiful rose. The Little Prince visits Earth, where he meets the Fox. The Fox asks the Little Prince to tame him, explaining that taming means being responsible, like the Prince is for his rose. The Little Prince says he understands taming because of the rose that he loves, cares for, and protects. The Fox says the rose must be special because of all that time devoted to it. The Fox also tells the Little Prince that the most significant things in life are seen only with the heart, and he warns him not to forget a key truth: You are responsible, forever, for what you have tamed. We have each established ties with our parish on some level, and whatever time and abilities we devote to God and to each other make those connections stronger. We obviously need our parish, or we wouldn't be here. Our parish is our spiritual home and a source of life through worship, friendships, and shared labor. The ties that we establish with our fellow parishioners form that essential connection that is invisible to the eye. The parish, in turn, needs our time, our devotion, care, and protection, and our monetary support to fulfill its mission. The good news is that God has "tamed" us and is responsible for us in the here and now and on into the future. It seems only right that all of us, in turn, are responsible for God's church, God's people, and God's world. *Are you doing your part?*

Let us pray for the soul of

Dorothy Goodwin

*May her soul and the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the mercy of*

God,

REST IN PEACE

PARISHIONER PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

Tony Guido, Bernadine Hnasko, Jim Kilcoyne, Stephanie Lazarczyk, Anthony Lazarczyk, Adeline Melesurgo, Henrietta Spieczny, Donna Rabke.

HOMEBOUND: Anna Civiletti, Richard Freligh, DeMonte Guido, Stasia Pavan, Anna Pizzo, Nora Specian, Florence Suk, Debbie Vance, Marge Zuchowski.

NOTE: Please call the Parish Office (732) 356-0358 with the names of homebound, nursing home / assisted living or hospitalized parishioners. Please also notify the Parish Office when the status of a parishioner changes.

Weekend Schedule - January 21-22, 2017

Saturday, January 21

5:00 pm Lector Joe Pizzo
Eucharistic Ministers Martha Ptaszynski*
Anthony Provenzano
Walt Urbielewicz

Sunday, January 22

9:00 am Lector Theresa Rudnicki-Jones
Eucharistic Ministers Jim DeMaio*
Ed Hagan
John Todaro
11:00 am Lector Joanna Maciorowski
Eucharistic Minister Mark Litwinko

GOD'S GIFT FOR GIVING

This past weekend, our Generous Stewards of St. Mary's Parish Contributed:

Saturday 5:00 pm \$ 557.00
Sunday 9:00 am \$ 1277 .00
Sunday 11:00 am \$ 752.00
Total \$2836.00

Next weekend, our Second Collection will be to support the Foundation for Catholic Education. This Foundation supports those who desire a Catholic Education but need assistance. Please be generous.

Do you go to church to *get*, or do you go to *give* ?

Offering envelopes for 2017 have arrived and are available in the Meeting Room on the first floor. If you cannot find your envelopes, please let the Parish office know - either stop in during the week, or call 732-356-0358.



Please pray for the soul of

Robert Krasnansky

May his soul and the souls of all the departed,

Through the mercy of God,

Rest In Peace



9 Days for Life:

The U.S. bishops' annual novena 9 Days for Life takes place Saturday, January 21 – Sunday, January 29.

Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day.

Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app.

Renewals for Memorial Wall Candles in the Chapel are due in January. Renewals are \$100, initial installation of the Memorial Candle is \$200. If we do not hear from you about your renewal, we can only assume that you do not wish to renew. We will then accommodate those on the waiting list. Please call the Parish Office (732) 356-0358 if you have any questions.

KOLENDA

We will continue the beautiful tradition of blessing homes in January. If you would like to have your home blessed, please provide the information below and place it in the collection basket.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Please call in the daytime _____

Please call in the evening _____

Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass and Pro-Vita Awards

All are welcome to attend the Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 12 Noon at the St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen. Bishop Checchio will present the 2017 Pro-Vita awards at this time. This year's recipients are **James and Deborah Vokral** who are being recognized for their service to women facing unplanned pregnancies at Life Choices Resource Center, Metuchen and **Robert L. Keeling, Jr.** of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Whitehouse Station for his dedication to promoting the sanctity of human life in the parish and beyond. Please plan to attend as a show of support for these pro-life champions! Immediately following the Mass, there will be a small reception in the Community Room downstairs. Please call 732-562-1990 ext. 1629 or 1543 for more information.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

For a truly meaningful New Year's Resolution, one that lasts long after the Champagne has lost its fizz, why not resolve to treat each other to a Marriage Encounter Weekend? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held April 28 - 30. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for registration and information.

History of Our Diocese's Beginnings On November 19, the Diocese of Metuchen celebrated the 35th Anniversary of its founding by Pope St. John Paul II.

Msgr. John Szymanski, who served then-Bishop McCarrick as chancellor and, later, as vicar general in the early years of the Diocese, has written a history of how the Diocese came to be established and a chronicle of its first five years. Entitled, *The Lighting of the Watch Fires*, it is available for purchase for \$25. Send your check to: Rev. Msgr. John B. Szymanski, The Maria Regina Residence, 5 Dellwood Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873.

The Diocese of Metuchen's Respect for Life Office will be running a bus trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ on Monday, January 23, 2017.

The bus ride is free of charge, but since space is limited all passengers must reserve their seats.

Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 9:30 AM. The Rally at the State House begins at 11:00 AM and ends at 1:00 PM. The bus will bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center between 2:00 - 2:30 PM.

If you have any questions or would like to reserve a seat please email:

***amarshall@diometuchen.org or
call 732-562-1990 exts. 1543 or 1629.***

A Helping Hand

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like." The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table with a pot of steaming hot stew in the middle. The people that were sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, "You have seen Hell."

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people had the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy man said, "I don't understand."

"It is simple," said the Lord. "It requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed one another."



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 14-15, 2017

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have embarked on a new year filled with exciting possibilities and bold, new ideas. With faith, we look ahead with hope and high expectations, and of all of our hopes and expectations, few are higher than those we have for our children and grandchildren, nieces or nephews, especially when it comes to their education.

That is because education is so important to our communities, our country and our world, and the reasons why it is so important underscore why a Catholic school education, in particular, is so valuable. Our schools teach more than civic responsibility – they teach daily what it takes to become Disciples of Christ. From our Youth Ministry programs, where high school students learn to live their faith, to the culture of service infused at all grade levels, to adding their voice to public discourse on policy matters such as abortion and physician assisted suicide, our students are actively engaged in the tenets of their faith.

Our test scores, high school graduation rates, college attendance and other data frequently outperform schools in both the public and private sectors. Our teachers are dedicated educators, and I can attest to the fact that our schools are a place where every child is loved and nurtured in an environment that is accepting and empowering.

Next Sunday our parishes will offer a special collection that supports the Foundation for Catholic Education's annual scholarship program, which offers need-based grants to children attending a Catholic elementary or high school in our Diocese. These scholarships, in combination with parish and school aid, make a Catholic school education possible for many children each year. Whether you have family in Catholic school or not, it is a great way to form the next generation of our Church.

I hope each of you will give consideration to our call for support of this critically important ministry of the Catholic Church, and I thank you for your faith and commitment to the good works of your parish community and our diocese.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, J.C.D., M.B.A.
Bishop of Metuchen

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