

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)

CONFESIONS:
Saturday: 8:00a.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..



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First Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2017

*"The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve."*

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, March 6

8:30 AM + Lucy Yannes

r/o Theresa Rudnicki-Jones

TUESDAY, March 7 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

8:30 AM + Sam Papa

r/o Daughters Chris and Vinnie

WEDNESDAY, March 8 St. John of God

8:30 AM + Parishioners

THURSDAY, March 9 St. Francis of Rome

8:30 AM + Frank & Helen Rudzik

r/o Barbara and George

FRIDAY, March 10

8:30 AM + Special Intention

r/o Fr. Leon

12:00 noon - Stations of the Cross (English)

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross (Polish)

SATURDAY, March 11

8:30 AM + Dawn Hague

r/o Mom and Dad

5:00 PM + Edmund Kuchnicki Sr.

r/o Sister-In-Law Ann

SUNDAY, March 12

9:00 AM + Rosary Society

11:00 AM + Albina & Ludwig Konieczny

r/o Niece

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them.

Second Reading - Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus.

Gospel - Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights .

STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.



Stations of
the Cross
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Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 12 noon in English and at 7:00 pm in Polish
Gorzkie Zale (Bitter Lamentations) will be sung every Sunday after the 11 am Mass.

DAYLIGHT



SAVING TIME
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Begins next Sunday,
March 12

Turn your clocks AHEAD
one hour to enjoy more
daylight!

PARISHIONER PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

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

HOMEBOUND: Anna Civiletti, Richard Frelich, 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.

GOD'S GIFT FOR GIVING

This past weekend, our Generous Stewards of

St. Mary's Parish Contributed:

Saturday 5:00 pm \$ 968.00

Sunday 9:00 am \$ 1232.00

Sunday 11:00 am \$ 732.00

Total \$ 2932.00

Next Sunday, St. Mary's Rosary Society will celebrate corporate communion at the 9 am Mass. All Rosarians are requested to attend.

All women of the parish are always welcome.

Lenten Retreat for Women

Join the Sisters of Jesus our Hope for a Lenten Retreat for Women: "Bearing Blessings and Burdens with a Grateful Heart."

Saturday, April 8, 2017

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

St. Magdalen de Pazzi Parish
105 Mine St.

Flemington, NJ

~For more information, please visit:
sistersofjesusourhope.org~



Please God...

Grant them courage, when times are bleak.

Grant them strength when they feel weak,

Grant them comfort, when they fell all alone.

And most of all, God,

Please bring them all home

Weekend Schedule - March 11-12, 2017

Saturday, March 11

5:00 pm Lector	Evelyn Dziedzic
Eucharistic Minister	Martha Ptaszynski

Sunday, March 12

9:00 am Lector	Barbara Mendel
Eucharistic Ministers	Ed Hagan

11:00 am Lector	Anna Grochocki
Eucharistic Minister	Frank Grodzki

Friday, March 10 is

Father Leon's Birthday

Let us wish Father Leon a very happy and healthy and blessed birthday -

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2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$ 11,838.00 and payments totaling \$ 9,959.50 from 36 parishioners. This represents 42.3% of our \$ 28,000.00 goal.

Thank you for your efforts.

THE PILLARS OF LENT

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three "pillars" of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

Coroczny Apel Biskupi 2017 Ambasadorzy dla Chrystusa

Do tego czasu, otrzymaliście list od Ksiedza Biskupa Checchio, zachęcający was do udziału w Corocznym Apelu Biskupim 2017. Diecezjalne przedsięwzięcia wspomagane przez Apel mają swój bezpośredni wpływ na wielu parafian tutaj w Św. Maria Częstochowa. Wasz podarzek zapewnia możliwości kształcenia naszych katechetów, diakonów i młodzieży. Ponadto, Wasza ofiara czyni możliwym, między innymi, duszpasterstwo kapelanów szpitalnych skierowane na tych, którzy ciepia na dolegliwości fizyczne oraz emocjonalne. Także, Wasz dar pomaga w przygotowaniu naszych kleryków do kapłaństwa.

Jezeli nadal zastanawiacie się nad złożeniem ofiary na cele Corocznego Apelu Biskupiego, bedziecie mieli ku temu sposobność pod koniec tygodnia 11 / 12 Marca. Bedzie to bowiem kampania zbiorów poprzez kopertki Apelu, które znajdziecie w lawkach swojego kościoła. Prosimy, abyście zastanowili się nad złożeniem ofiary na Coroczny Apel Biskupi, pomagając jednocześnie Waszej parafii osiągnąć swoją wcześniejszą wyznaczoną metę. Jesli ja przekroczymy, to 50% z sumy uzbieranej ponad metę powróci do nas w postaci rabatu parafialnego. Tak ważnym jak meta finansowa jest również nasz cel w uzyskaniu 100% uczestnictwa. Kazda ofiara, niezależnie od jej wysokości, jest ważna oraz głęboko ceniona.

Everyone has a cross.....

Only by close union with Christ, by devotion to Jesus can we bear our trials with endurance and patience.

Let us borrow some of the love of Jesus, let us partake of His spirit, let us pray often for His help and for an increase in faith.

From disappointments, annoyances and reversals, we learn that we must depend upon God.

Everyone has a cross; we please God in carrying it bravely. Jesus will not let it go beyond our endurance. Carrying our cross purifies our soul, teaches us compassion, make us gracious in victory and gives us humility.

Every day of your life persevere in prayer, for to neglect this duty is like a soldier going into battle without a weapon— a mere target for the enemy.

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal Ambassadors for Christ

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St. Mary of Częstochowa. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, deacons, youth and young adults. Among other important ministries, your sacrificial giving also allows our hospital chaplains to minister to those experiencing physical and emotional pain and helps to prepare our seminarians for a life in the priesthood.

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 11/12, which has been designated as ***Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend***. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching ***100% participation***. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Msgr. Richard A. Behl Memorial Pro-Life Leadership Award

With the sad passing of Msgr. Richard A. Behl this past November, a memorial pro-life leadership award has been established to honor his memory. Msgr. Behl served for many years as the Chairman of the Diocesan Commission for Pro-Life Action. His commitment to the sanctity of human life and his leadership in pro-life ministry were an inspiration to many.

Applications for the award are now being accepted. Applicants must be a Junior or Senior in High School and must be active in pro-life ministry in a leadership role. For additional eligibility requirements and application form, visit: <http://diometuchen.org/offices-and-ministries/pastoral-life/respect-for-life/events/>.

The Award in the amount of \$500. will be announced at our Annual Respect Life Contest Mass & Luncheon this May.

The deadline for all submissions is April 13, 2017.

An Interview With God

I dreamt I had an interview with God. "Come in," God said. "So, you would like to interview Me?" "If you have the time," I said.

God smiled and said: "My time is eternity and is enough to do everything; what questions do you have in mind to ask me?"

"What surprises you most about mankind?"

God answered:

- That they get bored of being children, are in a rush to grow up, and then long to be children again.
- That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health.
- That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present nor the future.
- That they live as if they will never die, and they die as if they had never lived..."

God's hands took mine and we were silent for a while and then I asked... "As a parent, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn?"

God replied with a smile:

- To learn that they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is to let themselves be loved.
- To learn that what is most valuable is not what they have in their lives, but who they have in their lives.
- To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others. All will be judged individually on their own merits, not as a group on a comparison basis!
- To learn that a rich person is not the one who has the most, but is one who needs the least.
- To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love, and that it takes many years to heal them.
- To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness.
- To learn that there are persons that love them dearly, but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings.
- To learn that money can buy everything but happiness.
- To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it totally differently.
- To learn that a true friend is someone who knows everything about them...and likes them any way.
- To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others, but that they have to forgive themselves."

I sat there for a while enjoying the moment. I thanked Him for his time and for all that He has done for me and my family, and He replied, "Anytime. I'm here 24 hours a day. All you have to do is ask for me, and I'll answer."

*People will forget what you said.
People will forget what you did,*

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