

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..



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First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017

*Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.*

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



MONDAY, December 4 St. John Damascene

8:30 AM + Helen Sikora

r/o Elaine Krzysztow

TUESDAY, December 5

8:30 AM + Skip Lyne

r/o Wife Donna

WEDNESDAY, December 6 St. Nicholas

8:30 AM + Parishioners

THURSDAY, December 7 St. Ambrose

8:30 AM + Czeslawa Markiewicz

r/o Brenda & Vince Vesce

7:00 PM + Kamila & Antoni Niemiec

r/o Granddaughter

**FRIDAY, December 8 The Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 AM + Tony Guido

r/o Dziedzic Family

7:00 PM + Czeslawa Markiewicz

r/o Rosary Society

SATURDAY, December 9

8:30 AM + Czeslawa Markiewicz

r/o Catherine McGuire

5:00 PM + Giovanni Bonello

r/o Wife & Family

SUNDAY, December 10

9:00AM + Rosary Society

11:00 AM + Matthew Bar

Wife & Children

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands.

Second Reading - God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son.

Gospel - Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.

ON GUARD

The author of Saint Mark's Gospel was what we call a straight shooter. His writing style is plain, with no elaboration or sophistication. In today's Gospel reading he gets right to the point: be on your guard; stay awake; the Lord must not find you asleep when he arrives. The season of Advent, then, is a time to think about and to reflect on three advents in particular: God's coming into the world as a human child, God's coming into our world today, and God's glorious coming at the end of time. These reflect three promises: God's promise to bring salvation to all people, Jesus' promise to be with those who follow him, and Jesus' further promise to return at the end of time. It is not enough simply to admire Jesus and be impressed by what he says. We are asked to take the extra step and follow the way of discipleship. We do not know where the path of discipleship will lead us, or when Christ himself will return. In the meantime we are the gatekeepers, the stewards, and the ones left in charge. Our responsibility is to stay alert and focused, even when others seem to be asleep or distracted, so that we are ready to welcome Christ into the world when he comes again. We are also asked to be attentive to the coming of God into our lives today: in the sacrament of Christ's Body; in the unlikely guise of the homeless, the hungry, the prisoner, the addict in whom Christ appears before us; and in the Spirit who is within us. We are urged to live with hope in our hearts for Christ's final return.



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PARISHIONER PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

Gen Helfin, Bernadine Hnasko, Sonia Karney, Jim Kilcoyne, Stephanie Lazarczyk, Anthony Lazarczyk, Adeline Melesurgo, Donna Rabke.

HOMEBOUND: Walter Figel, Richard Freligh, DeMonte & Rose Guido, Catherine McLaughlin, Nora Specian, Florence Suk, Debbie Vance, Vincent Yannetti, 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 \$921.00
Sunday, 9:00 am \$1490.00
Sunday, 11:00 am \$724.00
Total \$3135.00

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated on Friday, December 8. Masses will be held on Thursday evening at 7 pm in Polish, and on Friday at 9 am and 7 pm in English.

This weekend, our Second Collection will be for our **Retired Religious of the United States** who have served us unselfishly throughout their lives. Please be as generous as your means allow.

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Commencing in the new year, Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the chapel at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway. Volunteer adorers and intercessors are needed Monday through Friday during business hours to pray for the intentions of the diocese.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Metuchen is offering Counseling and Wellness Services.

If you or someone you know needs counseling or is impacted by addiction, we can help. Individual and family therapy for children and adults is available. For an appointment, call (800) 655-9491.

Weekend Schedule - December 9-10, 2017

Saturday, December 9

5:00 pm Lector Evelyn Dziedzic
Eucharistic Ministers Karen Graebener*
Martha Ptaszynski
Ed Hagan

Sunday, December 10

9:00 am Lector Theresa Richardson
Eucharistic Ministers Frank Kolodzieski*
John Todaro
Charles Ilsley
11:00 am Lector Dorota Sokolnicki
Eucharistic Minister Anna Grochocki

Marriage Encounter Weekend

January 26-28, 2018

Celebrate your marriage and its many blessings by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend. A Marriage Encounter weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

Space is limited. Early registration is advisable.

For cost and location, visit

www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org or call (732) 904-9636.

Please Mark Your Calendar

The Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities will host its 2017 Christmas Party for children and young adults with disabilities on :

Saturday, December 16 (1:30 pm - 3:30 pm)
at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center

146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ.

If you or someone you know would like to participate, please contact our Office for Persons with Disabilities at 732-765-6432 or e-mail: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com for more information.

Are you suffering after an Abortion?

Help is available!

If you or someone you know is suffering after an abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available! Experience God's merciful love and begin the journey of healing:

Call Project Rachel's local toll-free helpline number: 877-877-4300. or visit HopeAfterAbortion.org.

From the Pastor's desk,

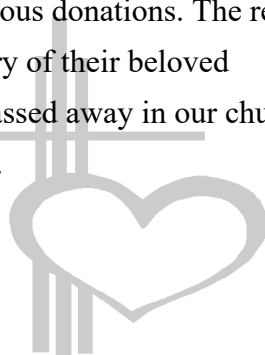
I would like to share with you some details about our chapel renovation. Yes, it took over two months to complete the renovation because our good parishioners were working on it after their regular work; usually from 5pm till 10pm. I thank Jacek Okurowski (J.O. Construction) and Peter Bar (P B Remodeling) for their dedicated and professional work. There was a lot of work to be done. Let me list the major ones for you: rebuild 4 windows; replace the old dropped ceiling with a new structure and drywall ceiling, rebuild the sanctuary floor and install new wood floor, take old carpet out and putting new vinyl panel floor 800 sq. feet; install all around crown moldings, install new lighting (eight chandeliers) and paint all the rooms. As you see there was a lot of work to be done and now we have a brand-new chapel where we can celebrate daily Mass and pray.

So, I thank Jacek and Peter again and I would highly recommend them if you have some remodeling work to be done at your homes. May God bless them.

All this will not be possible if it were not for the generosity of Brenda and Vincent Vesce who donated \$20,000 for the renovation. They also donated money \$ 11,000 for the new altar and other furniture for sanctuary.

I thank them for their generous donations. The renovation was done in memory of their beloved daughter Jacqueline who passed away in our church on Saturday, May 28, 2016.

May she rest in peace!



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Open Your Heart and Home to a Foster Child

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen is seeking loving families to foster children of all ages, who have been abused, neglected or have had multiple out of home placements, through its Treatment Family Homes Program, contracted by New Jersey's Department of Children and Families.

The goal for the children in this program is to leave foster care and achieve permanency through reunification with their families, adoption, or independent living.

Catholic Charities provides these resilient children with individual and family therapy, assistance with educational and medical needs, and independent living skills to help them reach their full potential.

Applicants must have adequate space for a child and complete a home study which includes background checks, references, interviews, and a home inspection.

All Catholic Charities licensed families receive initial and ongoing specialized training, 24 hour emergency access to staff, respite services, monthly reimbursement for the child's expenses and support from experienced families.

For more information about the program, please visit www.ccdom.org or contact Miguelina Nunez at 866-247-HOME (4663) or at mnunez@ccdom.org.



St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church Is Sponsoring Their Slavic Dinner Wednesday, December 13, 2017

The dinner will be held in the St. Mary Parish Center, 1900 Brooks Boulevard, Hillsborough, NJ. The cost is \$15.00 for adults (ages 9 and up) and \$5.00 for Children (8 and under) and includes all you can eat Pirohi, Stuffed Cabbage, Kielbasa and Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, salad, dessert and beverage.

The World is a Wonderful Place

A true story, happened in 1892 at Stanford University:

An 18-year-old student was struggling to pay his fees. He was an orphan, and not knowing where to turn for money, he came up with a bright idea. He and a friend decided to host a musical concert on campus to raise money for their education.

They reached out to the great pianist Ignacy J. Paderewski. His manager demanded a guaranteed fee of \$2000 for the piano recital. A deal was struck and the boys began to work to make the concert a success.

The big day arrived. But unfortunately, they had not managed to sell enough tickets. The total collection was only \$1600. Disappointed, they went to Paderewski and explained their plight. They gave him the entire \$1600, plus a cheque for the balance \$400. They promised to honour the cheque at the soonest possible.

“No,” said Paderewski. “This is not acceptable.” He tore up the cheque, returned the \$1600 and told the two boys: “Here’s the \$1600. Please deduct whatever expenses you have incurred. Keep the money you need for your fees. And just give me whatever is left”. The boys were surprised, and thanked him profusely.

It was a small act of kindness. But it clearly marked out Paderewski as a great human being.

Why should he help two people he did not even know? We all come across situations like these in our lives. And most of us only think “If I help them, what would happen to me?” The truly great people think, “If I don’t help them, what will happen to them?” They don’t do it expecting something in return. They do it because they feel it’s the right thing to do.

Paderewski later went on to become the Prime Minister of Poland. He was a great leader, but unfortunately when the World War began, Poland was ravaged. There were more than 1.5 million people starving in his country, and no money to feed them. Paderewski did not know where to turn for help. He reached out to the US Food and Relief Administration for help.

The head there was a man called Herbert Hoover — who later went on to become the US President. Hoover agreed to help and quickly shipped tons of foodgrains to feed the starving Polish people.

A calamity was averted. Paderewski was relieved. He decided to go across to meet Hoover and personally thank him. When Paderewski began to thank Hoover for his noble gesture, Hoover quickly interjected and said, “You shouldn’t be thanking me Mr. Prime Minister. You may not remember this, but several years ago, you helped two young students go through college. I was one of them.”

The world is a wonderful place. What goes around comes around!

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