

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.

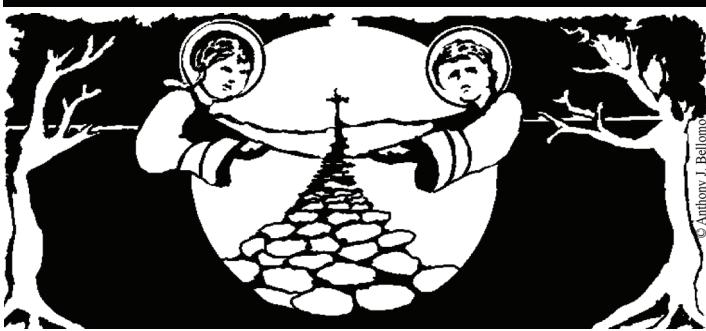
PARISH REGISTRATION: Our parish welcomes new members to our faith community. Catholic persons new to our area must complete a registration form and be interviewed by the pastor. Please call or stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form. We should also be notified if your address has changed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



Parish Office
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Rectory
732-384-5925



Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2017

*Prepare the way of the Lord,
Make straight his paths*

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, December 11 St. Damascus

8:30 AM + Alicja Wdowiak
r/o Sister and Family

TUESDAY, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 AM + Jennie Chaya
r/o Donna & Bob Allen

WEDNESDAY, December 13 St. Lucy

8:30 AM + Parishioners

THURSDAY, December 14

St. John of the Cross

8:30 AM + Tony Guido
r/o Lorraine Deleski

FRIDAY, December 15

8:30 AM + Helen Sikora
r/o Dolores Gumerlock

SATURDAY, December 16

8:30 AM + Robert Krasnansky
r/o Mr. & Mrs. John Denesevich

5:00 PM + Mark Lanner
r/o Mother Barbara & Sister Dawn

SUNDAY, December 17

9:00AM + Holy Name Society
11:00 AM + Alozy Laskowski
r/o Daughter Irena and
Grandchildren

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley.

Second Reading - Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God.

Gospel - I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

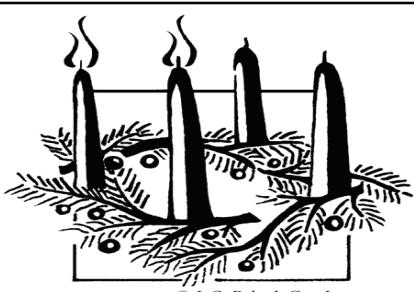
Reflecting on God's Word

How many towns do you suppose have a newspaper called *The Herald*? It's a good name for a newspaper because it refers to one who proclaims significant news. It also can refer to a person who comes before to announce what will follow, a forerunner like John. The angels who heralded the good news of Jesus' birth fit into a long line of heralds who proclaimed that God's promises would at last be fulfilled.

This week everyone seems to be announcing good news. Isaiah and the psalmist herald and describe others heralding glad tidings. Mark proclaims "the gospel [or 'good news'] of Jesus Christ" (Mark 1:1). He also depicts John as a herald in the tradition of Isaiah. And Peter speaks eloquently of God's promise and patience. Can we bring ourselves to hearken to their words and believe them? Do we have any good news of our own to proclaim?

Living God's Word

Unlike those who were baptized by John, we were baptized "with the Holy Spirit". If that is so, then "what sort of persons ought" we to be? Like Isaiah, John, and Peter, we ought to be both heralding and hastening the coming of the day of God!



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PARISHIONER PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

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

HOMEBOUND: Walter Figel, Richard Freiligh, 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 \$1516.00

Sunday, 9:00 am \$1395.00

Sunday, 11:00 am \$844.00

Total \$3755.00

Religious Retirement \$ 1468.00

Advent, from the Latin words *ad+veni* (to come) is the period of preparation for the birth of our Lord. Advent begins the Christmas season , lasting through the Baptism of our Lord in January. The first Sunday of Advent also marks the beginning of the liturgical year, at which time we change the cycle of the readings at Mass.

Advent is a time of joyous anticipation and also a time of penance. The Liturgical color of the season is purple, a sign of penance, which is also used during Lent. The Advent candle with 3 purple candles and one rose candle on a circle of greens, are lit one by one for each week of Advent. Purple reminds us to turn our hearts toward God; rose is a color of joy. On the third Sunday of Advent, also known as "Gaudete Sunday," the rose candle is lit as a reminder that we are called to rejoice. Consequently, the first words of the opening antiphon are "Gaudete in Domino semper" (Rejoice in the Lord always).

SUPPORT FOR OUR TROOPS

Your continued prayers are requested that God will protect and watch over our troops and return them home safely.



Weekend Schedule - December 17-18, 2017

Saturday, December 17

5:00 pm Lector	Florence Veglatte
Eucharistic Ministers	Martha Ptaszynski*
	Jim DeMaio
	Walt Urbielewicz

Sunday, December 18

9:00 am Lector	Anthony Provenzano
Eucharistic Ministers	Frank Kolodziecki*
	Karen Graebener
	Charles Ilsley
11:00 am Lector	Anna Grochocki
Eucharistic Minister	Frank Grodzki

Oplatki (Christmas wafers) are available in the Parish Office weekdays and in the Meeting Room on the Weekends.

Offerings for ***Christmas flowers*** are being accepted. Drop your request in the collection basket.

Please print the names of your loved ones to prevent misspelling. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

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.

We've Lost Sight of Christmas

During the frenzied pace of the Christmas season, we tend to lose sight of the message and promise that Christmas heralds. So often we're caught up in getting ready for this's and last minute that's. We rush here. We push there, and practically run over people seeking that special gift which we really cannot afford.

Could all this hurrying and scurrying be Satan's vengeance against God, or his revenge against the Incarnation – the birth of the Son of God? Satan blinds us all with the glitter and gloss, sounds of bells tinkling and cash registers jingling. We've lost sight of the meaning of Christmas – the message of peace among all men and women, the promise of joy to everyone of good will.

Christmas' true splendor is found more often in simplicity – simplicity rooted in awareness and listening. For as we listen more to the world around us, we become increasingly aware of the troubles and pain, the anger and strain that men and women suffer. It is the message and promise of *Christmas* which can bring hope to the little, the lost and the least; to the bruised, the battered and the broken.

Before You...

*"Before you speak, listen.
Before you write, think.
Before you spend, earn.
Before you invest, investigate.
Before you criticize, wait.
Before you pray, forgive.
Before you quit, try.
Before you retire, save.
Before you die, give."*



Thank You!

The Somerville Columbiettes thank the parishioners of St. Mary of Czestochowa for their generous donations to their "Pennies From Heaven" shake a can that we held in November.

The "Pennies From Heaven" program is run by the NJ State Council of Columbiettes and all proceeds are distributed to seminarians and postulants in New Jersey to help defray the cost of their studies.

Service?

It was a cold and misty Christmas morning in the very depth of winter after a heavy fall of snow and only Farmer Evans and the Reverend Joseph Lancaster managed to arrive at the church for the morning service.

'Well,' said the Vicar laconically, 'I guess there's no point in having a service today.'

'Well that's not how I see it.' said Farmer Evans smartly. 'If only one cow turns up at feeding time, I still feed it.'

A Warm Witty Short Christmas Story

It was the day after Christmas at St Peter and St Paul's church in Borden, Kent, England. Father John, the vicar, was looking at the nativity scene outside when he noticed the baby Jesus was missing from the figures.

Immediately, Father John's thoughts turned to calling in the local policeman but as he was about to do so, he saw little Nathan with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the little infant, Jesus.

Father John approached Nathan and asked him, 'Well, Nathan, where did you get the little infant?'

Nathan looked up, smiled and replied, 'I took him from the church.'

'And why did you take him?'

With a sheepish grin, Nathan said, 'Well, Father John, about a week before Christmas I prayed to Lord Jesus. I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give him a ride around the block in it.'





Penance Service and Confessions

Monday, December 18, 2017 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24, 2017

5:00 pm Mass (English)

11:30 pm Choir (Polish Carols)

12:00 Midnite Mass (Polish)

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 2017

9 am (English)

11:00 am (Polish)

New Year's Masses

New Year's Day, January 1, 2018

9:00 am (English)

11:00 am (Polish)

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