

St. Mary of Czestochowa Church

Established 1914

201 Vosseller Avenue

Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

REV. JOHN STEC, ADMINISTRATOR



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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IMITATE CHRIST

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11, 2018

*Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.
— 1 Corinthians 10:31*

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



MONDAY, February 12

8:30 AM +Virginia Moser
r/o Antoinette Colalillo

TUESDAY, February 13

8:30 AM +Rita Arias
r/o Vincent & Brenda Vesce

WEDNESDAY, February 14 - Ash Wednesday

8:30 AM +Parishioners
12:00 Noon +Service & Ashes
7:00 PM +Stefania Pawlicki

THURSDAY, February 15

8:30 AM Dec'd. Mem. of Muller & Dyleski
Families
r/o Madeline Deleski

FRIDAY, February 16

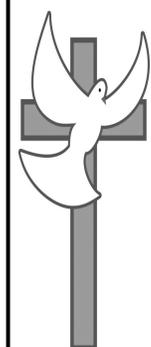
8:30 AM +Czeslawa Markiewicz
r/o Fr. Leon

SATURDAY, February 17

8:30 AM +Joanne Zolandz
5:00 PM +Anna Civiletti
r/o Madeline Wojciechowski & Fam

SUNDAY, February 18

9:00AM +Holy Name Society
11:00 AM +Lidia Trawinski
r/o Cousin Jolanta Gnap



Please pray for the soul of
Donna Rabke
who passed away November 11, 2017
Daughter of Catherine Mclaughlin
May her soul and the souls of all
the faithful departed,
Through the mercy of God,
Rest In Peace. Amen

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp.

Second Reading - Do everything for the glory of God.

Gospel - The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.

STIGMATIZED

In ancient times people with leprosy and mental illness were shunned and driven out of towns and villages to fend for themselves. The open sores of skin diseases and the strange behavior of mentally ill people identified them as blemished or morally polluted persons. Many of us today fear people with AIDS or someone who behaves strangely because of a mental illness. Those who endure such illnesses often suffer more from negative attitudes toward them than from the condition itself. In today's Gospel, Jesus meets a leper. He does not turn away, but walks toward him, has pity on him, and extends a healing hand. Today, the Catholic Church cares world-wide for people suffering with HIV/AIDS and mental illness, through Catholic hospitals, Catholic Charities, and the hospices of Blessed Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, to name a few. Step in and help. Let's be like Jesus and walk toward the ones in need.

Please pray for the soul of
Magdalene Zuchowski
May her soul and the souls of all the
faithful departed,
Through the mercy of God
REST IN PEACE. AMEN

PARISHIONER PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

Helen Chudy, Tony Cimino, Bernadine Hnasko, Sonia Karney, Jim Kilcoyne, Stephanie Lazarczyk, Anthony Lazarczyk, Adeline Melesurgo.

HOMEBOUND: Walter Figel, Richard Freligh, DeMonte & Rose Guido, Catherine McLaughlin, Nora Specian, Florence Suk, Debbie Vance.

NOTE: Please call the Parish Office (732) 356-0358 with the names of homebound, nursing home / assisted living or hospitalized parishioners. Please also let us know of any changes.

GOD'S GIFT FOR GIVING

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

Saturday, 5:00 pm	\$1169.00
Sunday, 9:00 am	\$1369.00
Sunday, 11:00 am	\$1026.00
Total	\$3564.00

Weekend Schedule - February 17-18, 2018

Saturday, February 17

5:00 pm Lector	Florence Veglatte
Eucharistic Minister	Ed Hagan

Sunday, February 18

9:00 am Lector	Anthony Provenzano
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Graebener
11:00 am Lector	Joanna Maciorowski
Eucharistic Minister	Anna Grochocki

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2018

Day of Fast and Abstinence

Ashes will be distributed:

At the 9:00 am Mass,

At the Liturgy of the Word at 12:00 noon,

At the 7:00 pm Mass (in Polish)

2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World

Twenty-four percent - \$1.7 million dollars - of the funds raised by the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal is earmarked for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Through more than 100 programs, Catholic Charities serves those most in need of our assistance. If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so the weekend of February 24-25, which has been designated as Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend. Help us reach our target of 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated.

World Marriage Day - February 11, 2018 **PRAY FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

According to Church teaching, marriage between a man and a woman - unlike any other relationship - makes a unique and irreplaceable contribution to the common good of society, especially through the loving acceptance and education of children. The union of husband and wife becomes, over a lifetime, a great good for themselves, their family, communities, and society. In short, marriage is a gift to be cherished and protected.

The sacrament of marriage is a commitment that calls forth the grace of God. As members of the human family, let us continually pray for all of our married couples and for the strengthening and protection of marriage.

Stations of the Cross During Lent

Every Friday

12:00 Noon in English

7:00 pm in Polish

Gorzkie Zale

Lenten Lamentations

Every Sunday during Lent

After the 11:00 AM Mass

National Marriage Week - February 7-14, 2018

Honor your marriage by following these simple tips to celebrate National Marriage Week!

1. Hug your spouse often...it helps relieve stress.
2. During the week call your spouse and say "I love you".
3. Take out your wedding pictures and share a memory with family and friends
4. Bring a gift to your spouse for no reason.
5. Fix his or her favorite meal this week.
6. Share your love for each other with your children one evening.
7. Ask your spouse for a date this week.
8. Tell each other how much your marriage means to you.
9. Share the joys and sacrifices that have made your marriage lasting with engaged couples!

*NOTE: This letter was published in the Feb. 8, 2018 edition of The Catholic Spirit,
the official newspaper of the Diocese of Metuchen.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On February 14, we enter the holy season of Lent while we also celebrate Valentine's Day throughout our country. I remember as a child exchanging Valentine Day cards with all the girls in our class, while we boys received them from all the girls. Later, of course, it was an important day to have a date to go to the movies, dinner, roller skating or such. Today, husbands and wives and those in love still exchange cards or gifts, particularly flowers and chocolates, and often dinner out.

Ash Wednesday is not a time for happy celebrations. Chocolates and flowers do not fit in well with the somber mood of the day. So how are we to celebrate Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day this year on the same day? It would be good to postpone dinner and save those chocolates for another day or give them on Mardi Gras the day before. But, we should all keep in mind that both days give us an opportunity to express our love. Valentine's Day is always associated with love. Ash Wednesday and Lent are a time that calls us to love of God and others, as we turn to the Lord anew with all our hearts, minds and strength.

At the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, I am so pleased that we will begin a new adventure in love February 14. On that day, we will begin offering daily Eucharistic Adoration in our chapel. Last year, we began daily Mass, and now we will extend the blessings the Lord offers us in the Eucharist through Adoration. The work of the pastoral center is to promote evangelization, which has to be rooted in prayer!

At each Mass, we climb Calvary anew to enter into the Lord's sacrifice for us. It was His greatest moment of love, a love that lasts until our day, and will endure forever. It is a great mystery for us to enter in to, and it is the love which feeds and sustains us in the other loves of our lives, even those of Valentine's Day.

At baptism, we each took on three lifelong disciplines, that of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These disciplines help us to return to or stay committed to our baptismal promises. Regularly communicating intensely with our Beloved, exercising self-control so as to emphasize the supreme importance of the spiritual over the material in our lives, and finally generously sharing with those in need. These disciplines are the marks of our Lent. Just as we are marked by ashes on Ash Wednesday, which call us to penance, a reminder of our sinfulness and the power of God to create holy people out of sinners, so these three disciplines should also be marked more clearly within us today.

As part of your efforts to spend more time in prayer this Lent, I encourage you to consider coming to the Pastoral Center for Eucharistic Adoration and Mass. On Ash Wednesday, I will celebrate Mass in the chapel at 9 a.m. Immediately afterwards, our Eucharistic Adoration will begin, ending at 11:45 a.m. On all other days the Pastoral Center is open, Adoration will be held in the chapel from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. followed by Mass.

For our almsgiving and fasting, perhaps consider participating in our Rice Bowl initiative, which combats hunger locally and around the globe (www.crsricebowl.org). Thanks to your efforts, our diocese has been a leader in our country with this worthy effort. Our Bishop's Annual Appeal, which takes place during Lent, is another way to help those in need and support so many good pastoral initiatives and charitable efforts in our diocese. Your parish will be sharing information on our appeal with you and you can also learn more about it on our website: www.diometuchen.org. Whatever you choose to do for Lent will no doubt help to unite us in loving God and neighbor more fully.

Indeed, may this Lent be a time of turning anew to the Lord for you, may it be a time of deepening your love. Know of my prayers and love for you, and I count on your prayers too, especially during this holy season of Lent. God bless you!

The Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA Bishop of Metuchen

Lenten Obligations

So that the Church of Metuchen may be spiritually one in a common observance of Lent, the following days of fast and abstinence are to be observed by all Catholics of the Diocese who enjoy the blessings of good health:

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. From the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until the celebration of the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, the Easter fast should be observed so that, with uplifted and welcoming hearts, we may be ready to celebrate the joys of the Resurrection. This ancient tradition, intimately connected with the Rites of Holy Week and the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, is encouraged, especially in those places baptizing catechumens at the Easter Vigil.

The obligation to fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. To fast in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger. The obligation of abstinence affects all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat. The obligation of fast and abstinence, as a whole, is a serious obligation. While failure to observe any penitential day in itself may not be considered serious, the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of them without good cause, would be considered a grave matter. Those unable to abstain for a valid reason on any given Friday of Lent are asked to perform some other penitential act, or to abstain on another day.

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