

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. (Polish)
Vigil Mass: 7:00 p.m. (English)

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.

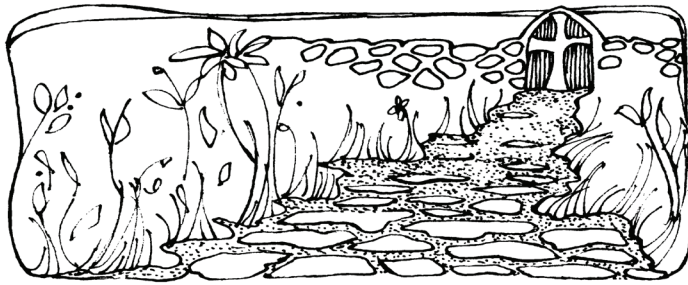
PARISH REGISTRATION: Our parish welcomes new members to our faith community. Catholic persons new to our area must complete a registration form and be interviewed by the pastor. Please call or stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form. We should also be notified if your address has changed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



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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, February 17

5:00 PM +Anna Civiletti
r/o Madeline Wojciechowski & Fam.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - February 18

9:00 AM Dec'd. Members of Holy Name Society
11:00 AM +Lidia Trawinski
r/o Cousin Jolanta Gnap

MONDAY, February 19

8:30 AM God's Blessings for Brenda Vesce
On her Birthday
r/o Lorraine & Madeline Deleski

TUESDAY, February 20

8:30 AM +Walter Belch
r/o Wife & Family

WEDNESDAY, February 21

St. Peter Damien, Bishop & Doctor

8:30 AM +Parishioners

THURSDAY, February 22

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:30 AM +Anna Civiletti
r/o Angela & Giuseppe Spilletti

FRIDAY, February 23

St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

8:30 AM +Francesco Accreditato
r/o Nicolo & Domenica Accreditato

SATURDAY, February 24

8:30 AM +Maeve Annette Behan
r/o Larry & Bernice Corsini
5:00 PM +Henrietta & Ernest DePass
r/o Son and Wife

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - February 25

9:00AM +Nonna Baumgarten
r/o Husband Nick
11:00 AM +Donna Rabke
r/o Mother Catherine McLaughlin

Pope's Universal Intention: Say 'NO' to Corruption. That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

*Your ways, O Lord, make known to me;
teach me your paths.*

— Psalm 25:4

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood.

Second Reading - The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now .

Gospel - This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand .

CLEAN SWEEP

Lent is a time for spiritual spring cleaning in preparation for Easter. The Church recommends three things for this season: fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. The purpose of these practices is to help us simplify our lives, to convert our hearts more closely to God, and to grow and develop as disciples of Jesus. Fasting may not only mean eating less, it could mean eating healthier foods. We can also fast from behaviors that damage others and ourselves, such as gossiping and anger, sexual immorality, misuse of alcohol and drugs, or smoking. Increasing or deepening our prayer during Lent is not just a matter of saying more prayers. If you are in the habit of prayer, try a different style of prayer: pray a psalm, try a new devotion, or silently sit in God's presence. Add morning and evening prayer to your day, pray with your family, be more mindful during Mass. Lent has been a traditional time of helping the poor and doing acts of charity and mercy. While we are supposed to be doing this year-round, Lent is a good time get involved and put ourselves to work. Giving alms can be done in more ways than just giving out money to people on the street. It can be done by helping family, friends, and neighbors out of tight situations or being more generous to employees. If you are able to give money at this time, increase what you give to your parish and to some of the many worthy Catholic charities .

St. Mary's Rosary Society would like to thank ALL parishioners for making our BAKE SALE a rousing success! Through your generosity, the Rosary Society totaled \$900 in profits.

A MILLION \$ THANK YOU FROM OUR HEARTS!!

PARISHIONER PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

Helen Chudy, Bernadine Hnasko, Sonia Karney, Jim Kilcoyne, Mario Lombardi, Stephanie Lazarczyk, Anthony Lazarczyk, Adeline Melesurgo.

HOMEBOUND: Tony Cimino, Walter Figel, Richard Freligh, DeMonte & Rose Guido, Catherine McLaughlin, Anna Pizzo, 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.

GOD’S GIFT FOR GIVING

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

Saturday, 5:00 pm \$726.00
Sunday, 9:00 am \$1,565.00
Sunday, 11:00 am \$895.00
Total \$3,186.00

2018 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners of St. Mary’s. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. Among other important ministries, your sacrificial gift supports our renewed efforts in Evangelization and Communication.

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, February 24-25, which has been designated as *Appeal in-Pew Weekend*. Please prayerfully consider a gift to help our parish to 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.

**To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$ 6,454.00 and payments totaling \$ 6,129.00 from 27 parishioners. This represents 19.6% of our \$33,000.00 goal.
Thank you for your efforts**

Monday, February 19 - President’s Day
The Parish Office will be closed!

Weekend Schedule - February 24-25, 2018

Saturday, February 24

5:00 pm Lector Brenda Vesce
Eucharistic Minister Frank Kolodzieski

Sunday, February 25

9:00 am Lector Theresa Rudnicki-Jones
Eucharistic Ministers John Todaro
11:00 am Lector Anna Grochocki
Eucharistic Minister Mark Litwinko

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**

Catholic Press Month

The annual drive to support our diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Spirit, is taking place during the month of February, National Catholic Press Month. Please support their good work by using the envelope in your packet. Any amount you contribute will show your support for the ministry of The Catholic Spirit and will be greatly appreciated.

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR PEACE

FEBRUARY 23, 2018

Pope Francis is calling for a Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace on Feb. 23, 2018 for war-torn nations, in particular for the Democratic Republic of Congo and for South Sudan which are suffering protracted conflict.

Our Holy Father invites all to join him. In addition to your own personal intentions that day, please consider including the Holy Father’s intention to be in solidarity with all who are suffering, as well, through prayer and fasting.

St. Joseph’s, Raritan is selling
Homemade Perogies

Available during the Lenten season at their Parish Office and after the Weekend Masses in the Lower Church Hall. Same great price just \$8.00 a dozen. Several varieties to choose from. Pick some up today for a great Lenten meal.

Polish-American College Student Scholarships

The Polish University Club of New Jersey takes great pride in supporting young adults who are striving for higher education. This year’s scholarship is open to all NJ high school seniors, college undergraduates, and graduate students.

**Applications are available online at:
www.pucofnj.org**

All applications are due by March 15, 2018

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