

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. (English), 11:00 a.m. (Polish)
SATURDAY EVE: 5:00 p.m. (English)

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:

Vigil Mass: 7:00 p.m. (English)
9:00 a.m. (English) and at 7:00 p.m. (Polish)

WEEKDAY MASSES - 8:30 a.m. (English)

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.; 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

HOLY ROSARY: Monday - Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: Mon. - Sat. , 9:00 a.m.

NOVENAS WITH BENEDICTION:

Tuesday after 8:30 a.m. Mass

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 18, 2018

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, March 17

5:00 PM +Giovanni Bonello
r/o Family

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, March 18

9:00AM +Edmund & Jadwiga Brzuskiwicz
r/o Daughter
11:00 AM +Bozena Kasprzak
r/o Maz Stanislaw i Dzieci

MONDAY, March 19, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM +Genowefa & Kazimierz Karwowski
r/o Daughter Helen

TUESDAY, March 20

8:30 AM +Connie Koterba
r/o Sister Theresa

WEDNESDAY, March 21

8:30 AM For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, March 22

8:30 AM +Evelyn Benson
r/o Lorraine Deleski

FRIDAY, March 23

8:30 AM +Angelino Sunga
r/o Wife Amelia

SATURDAY, March 24

8:30 AM +Jennie Yombrick
r/o Theresa Kosinski
5:00 PM +Wojciech Zolanz
r/o Family

PALM SUNDAY OF LENT - March 25

9:00 AM +Yombrick Family
r/o Jennie Yombrick
11:00 AM +Jan i Maria Stec
r/o Fr. John

Pope's Intention for Evangelization:

Formation in Spiritual Discernment. That the Church may appreciate the urgency formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

Bishop James F. Checchio
is coming to our church to celebrate
the Holy Eucharist on Palm Sunday,
March 25th, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

We are glad to have him again in our parish.

Please make every effort to attend
the 9:00 a.m. Mass

even if you come at a different time.

First Reading: I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts.

Second Reading: Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him.

Gospel: If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit.

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

One of the earliest pictures of Jesus I can remember portrayed him at prayer in the garden of Gethsemane. I still see his hands, clasped tight. They spoke to me of an inner struggle long before I knew about his words. "Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will". More than any other scene in the Gospels, this one brought home what it meant to say Jesus was truly man. Today's Gospel has been called John's version of the agony in the garden. The word agony (agonia in Greek) means struggle, and we can hear the struggle in Jesus' awareness that "the hour" he has spoken of before in John's Gospel, beginning at Cana, has finally arrived. It is the hour of his being lifted up - the hour of both his glory and his crucifixion. It is why he came into the world, and yet we hear him say, "I am troubled." We hear him wrestling with himself, asking for release from the hour, but then recognizing that it holds "the purpose for which I came". Hebrews affirms this when it says "he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one able to save him from death. And he was heard because of his reverence". He was able to bear suffering and become the source of eternal salvation for all who listen to him and follow in his steps.

There will be a meeting for all Lectors and Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist on Thursday, March 22nd at 7:00 PM in the church.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Friday
From 9 A.M. - 12 NOON

PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

Kasmier Blockus, 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	\$ 752.00
Sunday, 9:00 am	\$1,776.00
Sunday, 11:00 am	\$ 674.00
Total	\$3,202.00

Chrism Mass

Monday, March 26, 2018

**Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi,
Metuchen**

7:30 p.m.

On Monday, March 26, 2018 Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. Saint Ambrose (340-397) began this custom - which we now call the Chrism Mass - in his Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries! The **Oil of Catechumens** is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the **Oil of the Sick** is used on the forehead and hands of the infirmed in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and **Sacred Chrism** is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches. At the Mass, all priests make a **Renewal of Committee to Priestly Service**, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 7:30pm.

Weekend Schedule - March 24-25, 2018

Saturday, March 24

5:00 pm Lector 1st/2nd Reading - Brenda Vesce
Narrator - Madeline Deleski
ExM of the Eucharist Martha Ptaszynski

Sunday, March 25

9:00 am Lector 1st/2nd Reading -
Catherine McGuire
Narrator - Theresa Rudnicki-
Jones
ExM of the Eucharist - Frank Kolodzieski
11:00 am Lector 1st/2nd Reading - Jolanta Gnap
Narrator-Dorota Sokolnicki

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**

Lenten Obligations

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. The obligation of fast applies only to Catholic between ages of 18 and 59.
Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not equal to a full meal, so as to experience hunger.
4. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.
Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.

CONFESSIONS BEFORE EASTER

**Tuesday - March 20th
7:00 PM**

Easter Flowers Collection

**Please give generously for the collection
so we can make our church look beautiful.**

Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is 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. For information or to volunteer, call Laura (732) 529-7932 or evangelization@diometuchen.org.

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March 18, 2018

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

The Diocese of Metuchen currently has 30 retired diocesan priests. Just imagine how many people have heard them preach and teach over the years, and how many more have been the recipients of their sacramental and pastoral care. In their combined years of service, these men have ministered to literally hundreds of thousands of people.

For the majority of diocesan priests, retirement usually at 75, may end administrative responsibilities, but obviously not their priestly ministry. In a number of parishes, our retired priests celebrate Mass and assist with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They bring Christ's love to the sick and serve as spiritual leaders, counselors, and teachers, giving freely of their time to assist our active priests. The retired priests, who for health reasons cannot minister in the parishes, also continue to support the people of God and their brother priests through their prayers and example.

Next weekend, March 24-25, the faithful of our diocese will have the opportunity to gratefully acknowledge the life-long dedication of these priests by contributing to the *Annual Collection for our Retired Diocesan Priests*. Your generous response to next week's special collection is a practical way to convey your personal appreciation to our retired priests for their many years of service and helps to provide for their sustenance. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

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