

# *St. Mary of Czestochowa Church*

*Established 1914*

*201 Vosseller Avenue*

*Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805*

**REV. JOHN STEC, ADMINISTRATOR**



**SATURDAY EVE:** 5:00 p.m. (English)  
**SUNDAY MASSES:** 9:00 a.m. (English)  
11:00 a.m. (Polish)

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:**  
**Vigil Mass:** 7:00 p.m. (English)  
**Holy Day:** 9:00 a.m. (English)  
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.

**DEVOTIONS:**  
**HOLY ROSARY:** Monday - Saturday, 8:00 a.m.  
**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY:** Mon. - Sat., 9:00 a.m.  
**NOVENAS (To Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal,  
St. Joseph and St. Jude Thaddeus) 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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## *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time* *August 19, 2018*

*Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.*  
— John 6:53

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 18**

8:30AM +Joanne Zolandz

5:00PM +Elio DiRe

r/o Theresa Groppi

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 19**

9:00AM Deceased Members of St. Mary's  
Holy Name Society

11:00AM Deceased Members of Lubartowicz  
Family  
r/o Fr. Leon

#### **MONDAY, AUGUST 20 - St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church**

8:30AM +Rula & Adamski Families  
r/o Rosanne, Bea & Grandchildren

#### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 21 - St. Pius X, Pope**

8:30AM Deceased Members of  
Gwiazdowski Family  
r/o Lottie Yefchak

#### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30AM For our Parishioners

#### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 23 - St. Rose of Lima, Virgin**

8:30AM +Elio DiRe  
r/o Brian & Mary Carisone

#### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle**

8:30AM +Lorraine Valkos  
r/o Donlin Family

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 - St. Joseph Calzanz, Priest; St. Louis**

8:30AM +Elizabeth Kinney  
r/o Adrienne & Dan Lufkin

5:00PM +Joseph Paterno  
r/o Anthony & Arlene Provenzano

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 26**

9:00AM +Monica Gumerlock  
r/o Mother & Family

11:00AM +Lottie Coneff  
r/o Niece

**First Reading** - Wisdom has built her house; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table.

**Second Reading** - Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always and for everything.

**Gospel** - I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

### **Reflecting on God's Word**

Biblical scholars point out that the crowds would have been appalled at Jesus' words: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you" (John 6:53). The word used for "eat" is a very physical word, the equivalent of munching or chewing. To hear "eat my flesh" would have been repulsive. An invitation to cannibalism! The same with "drink my blood." Jewish law was very clear that no blood should remain in any animal slaughtered for eating. Blood was the "seat of life" and life belonged only to God.

But this is precisely the point. Behind this "sign" is God's wondrous life-giving plan: to bring us into intimate communion when we partake of the very life of the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ. We are not to get drunk on the wine of this world but on the divinized drink of everlasting life. Not mundane manna but the bread that mediates an encounter with the Lord of our salvation. This is truly Wisdom's house, where we eat both the bread of God's word and the bread that is the Lamb of God.

### **The Mass Book for 2019**

will be open on Thursday, August 16 after the 8:30 AM Mass. **Each person can schedule 1 Weekend Mass and 4 Weekday Masses.**

*For a Weekend Mass, you are expected to bring the offertory gifts to the altar.*

*Please respect our policy! - Fr. John*

**Pope's Universal Intention:  
The Treasure of Families.  
That any far-reaching decisions of economists and  
politicians may protect the family as one of the  
treasures of humanity.**

**PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST**

**NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:**

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

**HOMEBOUND:** Mary Casey, Walter Figel, Richard Freligh, Rose and DeMonte Guido, Catherine McLaughlin, Ann Pchola, 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:

5:00 pm - \$1,091.00	11:00 am - \$ 824.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,012.00	Mail - \$ 160.00
Total - \$ 3,087.00	

Weekend of August 5, 2018 \$3,185.00

*Please pray for the soul of  
**Anthony Provenzano**  
Who passed away August 9, 2018  
May his soul and the souls of all the  
Faithful departed, through the mercy of  
God,  
Rest In Peace ~*

In a world full of people who couldn't care less,  
be someone who cares more.

Treat everyone with politeness, even those who  
are rude to you, not because they are nice but  
because you are.~

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities  
has a Facebook page that provides daily up-  
dates with short inspirational reflections for  
people with disabilities, family members and  
care givers. The site also provides endless re-  
sources for those with physical, emotional, cog-  
nitive, visual, auditory and other special chal-  
lenges. To access our Facebook page (even if  
you are not a member of Facebook), type the  
following into your search engine:

Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with  
Disabilities

**Weekend Schedule - August 18-19, 2018**

**Saturday, August 18**

**5:00 pm** Lector Evelyn Dziedzic  
ExM of The Eucharist Ed Hagan\*  
Walt Urbielewicz  
Martha Ptaszynski

**Sunday, August 19**

**9:00 am** Lector John Todaro  
ExM of The Eucharist Charles Ilsley

**11:00 am** Lector Yolanta Gnap  
ExM of The Eucharist Frank Grodzki

There will be a discussion of Pope Francis' "Rejoice and be Glad" on the call to holiness in the modern world, led by Rev. Gregory Uhrig of the Diocesan office of Adult Formation.

There will be 4 sessions Sept. 13,20,27, and Oct. 4, 9:30-11:00 AM at St. Joseph's Church 34 Yorktown Rd. Hillsborough.

The cost is \$5. for the discussion booklet. No registra-  
tion necessary.

All things are possible for one who believes,  
more to one who hopes,  
even more to one who loves. -St. Lawrence

**"The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide"**  
The Family Life Office, Diocese of Metuchen, is  
pleased to announce the beginning of an exciting,  
NEW ministry to men and women who are suffering  
from the pain and loneliness of divorce. "The  
Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide" is a 12 week  
program featuring a thirty-minute DVD session  
each week that cover topics of shock, denial, an-  
ger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, children, the  
courts, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality,  
spirituality, re-marriage or staying single and much  
more.  
This program, based on the teachings of the Cath-  
olic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort,  
counsel and clarity after a divorce. Pre-registration  
is required. Space is limited.

**Wednesdays 7:00pm - 8:30pm**

October 3, 10, 17, 24  
November 7, 14, 28  
December 5, 12, 19  
January 9, 16

To register call 732.243.4573 during business  
hours. Credit card payments are available.  
DEADLINE TO REGISTER: September 25, 2018  
or when 12 participants are registered  
FOR INFORMATION: Ro Bersch 908-313-5947 |  
908-470-0678

## **Bishop gathers senior team to examine processes for reporting abuse**

Since becoming your bishop just over two years ago, I have been regularly uplifted – and affirmed in my own ministry – by so many faithful and committed priests, religious and lay people. I am constantly amazed to learn about new initiatives here which strive to deepen our friendship with Christ, and the numerous efforts that so many undertake to provide genuine responses to tragic situations that call upon us to show the mercy of God to those in need. I also feel strengthened by the examples of generosity that I have experienced when I have called upon you to help me respond to building up our local Church, in order that we can meet so many needs together. The people of the Diocese of Metuchen are an inspiration.

I continue to be saddened and ashamed, however, by reports of the abhorrent events we have been learning about in regard to Archbishop McCarrick – and I know you must be, too. Our efforts to evangelize, and spread the Good News of Christ, have been hobbled by these atrocities.

I am praying for all those who have been hurt and praying that God's mercy will bring healing and consolation. My heart also breaks for our faithful people, and the clergy and religious of our Diocese, as we face another tragic situation within the Church that we love. Nonetheless, I am grateful that the processes the Church has in place regarding child sexual abuse have been shown to work. The case of Archbishop McCarrick demonstrates that the culture of the Church is changing and that no one is exempt from its censure – regardless of a person's rank or status, or the number of years that have passed since an incident occurred. As I have done in the past, I continue to urge anyone who has been abused to bring the situation to the attention of law enforcement officials. Also, I want to reiterate that the Diocese stands poised and ready to help any who have been abused.

I am also working to address how we can ensure that similar abuses, especially of seminarians or young priests, would not happen again, particularly by those in positions of authority over them. I have begun to bring together a senior team of advisors to examine reporting processes. Clearly, the safety of an independent reporting structure that allows for anyone to bring an allegation forward without the fear of retribution of any kind is needed. Accountability on all levels helps to ensure that a healthy, wholesome environment prevails to form and train our future priests. I know that I do not have to reiterate to the people of this Diocese that proper priestly formation is central to renewal in the life of the Church.

In the Diocese of Metuchen, we are seeing a new springtime with men studying for the priesthood. We are blessed with the most seminarians we have had in 25 years. They are good men, striving to make over their hearts like the Good Shepherd's own caring heart. Of course, years ago it might have been relatively easy to enter the seminary, and receive the accolades of family, parish and society at large for deciding to become a priest. That is not the case now. Our young men seek to join in this life of service to God and His people at a time when it would be easy to ignore the call and choose another path. Yet, they choose to listen to the quiet call of the Lord, asking them to "follow me" just as our Lord asked the apostles two thousand years ago. I thank God for them, as I thank God as well for you, who support these dedicated young men in their response to God's call in these challenging times.

I ask for your prayers as the Church faces so many challenges in our world today. We know that the Holy Spirit protects the Church by insuring the truth of the presence of Christ who is its keystone, its heart and its foundation. The Holy Spirit wraps the Church in this protection in spite of our sinfulness — and, it must be said in candor, in spite of the sinfulness of some of its leaders. Despite the failings of the past, however, we remain steadfast in hope. This hope anchors our faith in the credibility of this sinful yet holy Assembly of Believers, a living paradox of unity in diversity, as we endeavor to build the Kingdom of God established through the incarnation, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ who is "the same yesterday, today and forever." (Heb. 13:8)

In the midst of the trials we currently face, I do not want to miss pointing out that Christ is still at work in His Church! This summer, in addition to my weekend visits to parishes for Mass, I have been taking advantage of the lighter weekday schedule to visit some vacation bible schools, religious communities of sisters, nursing homes, prisons and some parishes for daily Mass. It is an honor to be with you, and it is evident that people everywhere are still yearning to see Christ in us — a willingness to place their hope in the many ministries and initiatives through which the Lord Himself uses our humble humanity to touch us with His grace. We must never forget that, in every age, the antidote to the ills that beset the Church is for men and women everywhere to rise up in sanctity. Let us not lose our vision: to "keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who inspires and perfects our faith." (Heb 12:12) To Him be glory and praise forever.

Be assured of my prayers for you and know of my gratitude for you. Please remember to pray for me too. God bless you!

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