

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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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:30AM +Joanne Zolandz

5:00PM +Giovanni Bonello - r/o Family

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 16

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

11:00AM +Anthony & Wanda Wierzbicki

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:30AM +Magdalene Zuchowski
r/o Domenica Accreditato

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:30AM +Maria Figliano
r/o Theresa Rudnicki-Jones

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:30AM +Magdalene Zuchowski
r/o Ed & Eugenie Kowalenko

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21 - St. Peter Canisius,

Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30AM +Roy Han
r/o Mary & Douglas

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:30AM +Veronica Hector
r/o Big Babci

5:00PM +Jennie Yombrick - r/o Family

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 23

9:00AM +Estelle Rudnicki
r/o Daughter Theresa
& Grandson Ron

11:00AM +Wladyslaw & Wladyslawa Formus
r/o Frank & Regina

Third Sunday of Advent December 16, 2018

*The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.*

— *Zephaniah 3:15b*

First Reading - Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

Second Reading - Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!

Gospel - Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise.

Reflection

Today's readings seem to indicate that our final Advent preparations need not be anything out of the ordinary. Thus, for us, celebration is part of the ordinary. Unbridled joy is the ever-present emotion for those who recognize that the Messiah is present. We need not involve ourselves in some highfalutin' agenda to get ready for Emmanuel. Rather, our Advent task is to tend to what is at hand, to be in charge of our own souls, and also to be responsive to all who are near and dear.

And being responsive, by the way, is never something that is done in the abstract or in general. We can be responsive only in the concrete, in particular. Perhaps that's why the Baptizer in today's Gospel passage was so particular in his preparation advice. Clearly that's why we have to be particular in our preparations for the coming of the Lord. We have to be at attention and pay attention to our personal needs, and in so doing, recognize and respond to the very particular and personal needs of others.

2019 Calendars

Compliments of Bridgewater Funeral Home are available. They are in English, Polish and Italian and located in the front and back of the church.

Pope's Universal Intention for Evangelization
In the Service of the Transmission of Faith. That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

Helen Chudy, Tony Cimino, Eugenia DiGiovanni, Jim Kilcoyne, Stephanie Lazarczyk, Anthony Lazarczyk, Bea Mastrull, Adeline Melesurgo.

HOMEBOUND: Mary Casey, Walter Figel, Richard Freligh, Rose and DeMonte Guido, Marie Haberin, Helen Kielbasa, Catherine McLaughlin, Ann Pchola, Nora Specian, Florence Suk, Debbie Vance, Vivienne Zanesky.

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 - \$ 1,321.00	11:00 am - \$ 716.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,908.00	Mail - \$ 380.00
Total - \$ 4325.00.00	
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1427.00
Flowers	\$ 775.00

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

2019 Offering Envelope Packets

Are now available in the downstairs Meeting Room. Please come and pick up your envelopes. If you cannot find your envelopes, please notify the Parish Office at 732-356-0358. Thank you for your cooperation.

Christmas Flower Offerings



are being accepted. Place your request in the collection basket. Please carefully PRINT the names of the loved ones you wish to remember.

Christmas Gift



Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your spouse? Why not give yourselves a Marriage Encounter Weekend.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held January 25-27.

Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for registration and information.

Weekend Schedule - December 16-17, 2018

Saturday, December 16

5:00 pm Lector Ann Sikora
 ExM of The Eucharist Jim DeMaio*
 Walt Urbielewicz
 Martha Ptaszynski

Sunday, December 17

9:00 am Lector Stephanie DePass
 ExM of The Eucharist Frank Kolodzieski*
 John Todaro
 Charles Ilsley

11:00 am Lector Joanna Maciorowski
 ExM of The Eucharist Mark Litwinko

Congratulations and Best Wishes

Beata Nalesnik and Richard Helm

on their wedding day, December 14, 2018

May the Lord bless your marriage, enrich your lives and deepen your love

Decorating the Church for Christmas

On Sunday, December 23, after the 11:00 am Mass, decorating the Church for Christmas will take place. If you are interested in helping, please let Father John know. Decorating the Church takes time and much effort is needed.

Happy 100th Birthday

Julia Lusczek

May God bless you and keep you healthy!

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December 12, 2018



Somerset County 4-H

2018 Community Holiday Dinner

December 25, 2018 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Ted Blum 4H Center of Somerset County

310 Milltown Rd., Bridgewater, NJ

The dinner is at no cost but you must have a reservation to be seated.

There will also be a limited take-out after 3:30 pm.

**Call: 4-H office 908-526-6644 by December 20
 Seating is limited -- Call early!**

It's about Symbols

The Advent wreath is a central liturgical symbol of the Advent season. It integrates several elements that predate Christian faith. For ancient peoples, the wreath (the evergreens) was a hopeful sign of life in the midst of winter. The candles were in observance of the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year, but also the turning point when the sun's giving light begins to increase. Lighting one additional candle each week signifies the movement of both the sun and the Son of God. The Advent wreath reflects the key dimensions of Christian faith—the circular, eternal nature of God's love even in harsh times and the light of Christ that permeates the night that "the darkness could not overcome it." The purple candle signifies longing expectation and hope, while the pink candle, lit on the third week, represents joy.

It's about Attitudes

The shepherds in the Christmas story are a model of **holy vigilance**. They keep watch for threats to their flocks, but they are also alert to the possibility of good news, angels heralding the birth of Jesus. Nothing has made people understand the virtue of vigilance like the rise of global terrorism. "If you see something, say something" is the slogan of responsible citizens. The same philosophy applies to people of faith who possess the Advent spirit of vigilance for the presence of God. When they see it, they proclaim it to the world.



THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

Candles have long been a part of the tradition of the Church. At Baptism, the parents of the child are handed a small white candle and told, "Receive the Light of Christ, may you keep the flame of faith burning brightly in this child who is a new creation." The candles we burn brightly at Christmas remind us of our own Baptism and our own adoption as God's Children. They equally symbolize Christ who is our Light in the darkness.

"I am the light of the world. No follower of mine shall ever walk in darkness, but he shall possess the light of life." John 8:12

Prayer- O God, as we light the festive candles of Christmas, let them remind us of our own Baptism when we became your children. Let their light proclaim that faith in You still burns brightly in our hearts.

Czestochowa, Poland, (CNA/EWTN News) - When sexual abuse "appears among the clergy, it becomes the source of a particular scandal," the bishops said in their Nov. 19 statement, prepared during their plenary assembly at Jasna Gora.

"The disillusionment and the outrage are all the more painful because children, instead of receiving caring love and accompaniment as they seek the closeness of Jesus, experience violence and the brutal detachment from their dignity as children."

The bishops made frequent reference in their statement to the words of Pope Francis and Benedict XVI, as well as of St. John Paul II.

"For many believers, especially for young people who are sincerely looking for God, sexual scandals involving clergy are becoming a hard test of faith and a reason for great scandal," they said.

"The Church in Poland wants to be increasingly effective so that the safety of children and young people, according to the will of the Lord, will become a priority for all communities and families," they added.

The bishops said they have begun collecting data on sexual abuse of minors by clerics in Poland, and said that such an act is "an extremely grave sin."

"We ask God, the victims of abuse, their families and the Church community for forgiveness for all the harm done to children and young people and their relatives by clerics, consecrated persons and lay workers in the Church. We ask the Lord to give us light, strength, and courage to resolutely combat the moral and spiritual corruption that is the main source of sexual abuse against minors. We ask the Lord to make our efforts to create an open and child-friendly environment in the Church effective."

"We are also more attentive to the human and spiritual formation in the seminaries and to priestly formation. For this purpose, for several years, formation is given the educators in the seminaries so that they may work competently on the formation of future priests and avoid admitting immature people, unable to faithfully pronounce their vows and promises, to become members of the clergy."



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CONFESSION

Monday, December 17, 7:00pm - 8:00 pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24

5:00 pm (English)

11:30 pm Polish Carols (Choir)

12:00 Midnight Mass (Polish)

CHRISTMAS DAY,

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:00 am (English), 11:00 am (Polish)

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31st

5:00 pm Mass (English)

New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1st

9:00 am (English), 11:00 am (Polish)

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