

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.

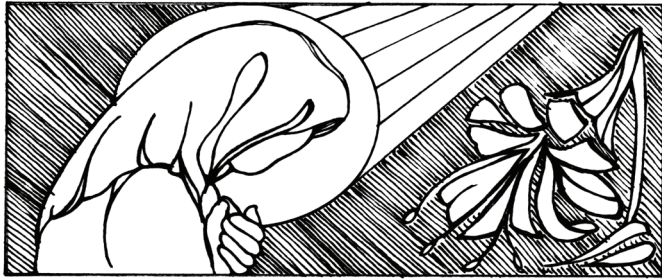
PARISH REGISTRATION: Our parish welcomes new members to our faith community. Catholic persons new to our area must complete a registration form and be interviewed by the pastor. Please call or stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form. We should also be notified if your address has changed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



Parish Office
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Rectory
732-384-5925



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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:30AM +Veronica Hector - r/o Big Babci
5:00PM For God's Blessing and Good Health
for Julia Lusczek on her
100th Birthday - r/o Parishioners

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

8:30AM +Edith Kuziola - r/o Family
5:00PM Special Intention
12:00PM O Zdrowie i Błogosławieństwo Boże
dla Frank Grodzki z okazji 80-tych
Urodzin (3 Grudzień)
r/o Wieslawa i Henryk Roszkowski

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9:00AM For Our Parishioners
11:00AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

St. Stephen, First Martyr

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27 - St. John,

Apostle and Evangelist

8:30AM +Veronica Hector r/o Natalie Buzby

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28 - The Holy Innocents,

Martyrs

8:30AM +Jacqueline Vesce
r/o Brenda & Vince Vesce

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

8:30AM +Alice Goczalk
r/o Barbara & George Hague
5:00PM +Marion Coolbaugh
r/o Lorraine Deleski

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

9:00AM +Chester Rozitzki
r/o Jennie Yombrick
11:00AM +Lucyna Roszkowski
r/o Son & Family

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23, 2018

*Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
— Luke 1:42*

First Reading - From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel.

Second Reading - We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all.

Gospel - Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled.

Reflection

Elizabeth asks how she can possibly be so blessed as to be part of such a great grace and privilege. If we read on in the Gospel of Luke, we see that Mary doesn't answer this question, because it is unanswerable. Rather, Mary joins in the song of praise. Can we imagine Bethlehem, that little town, also asking itself, "Who are we to receive the Son of Man?" Who indeed? Bethlehem, Elizabeth, Mary--all are the focus of God's attention and love.

And this is just the beginning. The very earth is the focus of God's attention. All people are invited to follow the will of God. "Will" is a hard word for us sometimes, for we frequently equate it with a kind of power that scares us. We tend to resist what we take to be the strong will of another. But the will of God is another matter entirely. God's will is God's desire, God's best wish for us. We see in the second reading that Jesus came to bring to fullness God's "will." And this will, is our peace and our joy.

It is no surprise that the responsorial psalm asks that our faces be turned to God and that we receive the salvation prophesied by Micah, anticipated by Elizabeth and Mary, and finally in the fullness of time, brought by Jesus, whose face most surely was turned toward his Father.

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, Eugenia DiGiovanni, Jim Kilcoyne, Stephanie Lazarczyk, Anthony Lazarczyk, Bea Mastrull, Adeline Melesurgo.

HOMEBOUND: Mary Casey, Tony Cimino, 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.

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.

Courage

Courage is a spiritual support group helping Catholic men and women live in accordance with the Catholic Church's teaching about same-sex-attraction and discipleship. Courage members strive to develop lives of interior chastity in union with Christ, through participation in the Sacraments, prayer, fellowship and moral support. Courage meets within the Diocese with a priest chaplain. EnCourage is a separate spiritual support group for family members and friends of loved ones with same-sex-attraction.

For information about locations and meeting times for each of these groups call: 732-562-2476 for

Courage (e mail: couragecnj@gmail.com) and 732-248-9460 for EnCourage.

Also visit the national website at Couragerc.org. All contacts are confidential.

Weekend Schedule - December 22-23, 2018

Saturday, December 22

5:00 pm Lector	Ann Sikora
ExM of The Eucharist	Karen Graebener*
	Frank Kolodzieski
	Martha Ptaszynski

Sunday, December 23

9:00 am Lector	Catherine McGuire
ExM of The Eucharist	John Todaro*
	Ed Hagan
	Jim DeMaio
11:00 am Lector	Yolanta Gnap
ExM of The Eucharist	Anna Grochocki

**The Parish office will be closed from
December 24 through January 1.
In case of an emergency, please call Fr.
John at 733-857-0542.**

**A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL
PARISHIONERS AND GUESTS.**



**ŚWIĘTOŚĆ ŚWIAT
BOŻEGO NARODZENIA DLA
WSZYSTKICH PARAFIAN I GOŚCI.**

Father John

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.

Bus Trips to the March for Life in Washington, DC Friday, January 18, 2019

Pro-Life advocates from around the country will gather in Washington, DC, to seek change for the right to human life on the 46th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision on Roe v. Wade.

Bus Trip registrations: Flemington – (908) 782-2922, Metuchen – (732) 754-3692, and Somerville – (908) 788-7736.

For more information please visit www.diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1990 ext. 1543 or 1629.

HOW MUCH TIME DOES GOD GET???

God has blessed each of us with 1440 minutes in every day and 10,080 minutes in every week. How many of those minutes do we give back to God each week? Studies show that the majority of our time goes to sleeping, working and watching TV. In fact, typically about 10% of our time goes to watching TV. In contrast, how much time does God get? Less than 100 minutes or 1% of our time is devoted to spiritual activities like prayer and worship. Don't you think God deserves more time from you???



**Vatican II and
the Church of the Third Millennium
St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Ln.
Piscataway, NJ
Wednesdays, Jan. 23, 30 and Feb. 6
10 to 11:30 a.m.**

Join Fr. Gregory Uhrig for an exploration of the enduring power of Vatican II's teachings in our day. The course will be held on three consecutive Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., beginning Jan. 23. Based on a video series entitled Vatican II and the Church of the Third Millennium with Dr. Richard R. Gaillardetz, Ph.D., this course will offer an opportunity to reflect on and discuss the challenges facing the Catholic Church today. There is no charge to attend and no registration is required.

For more information, please contact Fr. Gregory Uhrig at (732) 529-7933.

THANK YOU!

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St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society thanks all our parishioners who made our Bake Sale another success! From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you and bless you for your generosity and support.

Christmas Gift Suggestions

To your enemy, **forgiveness**
To an opponent, **tolerance**
To a friend, **your heart**
To all, **charity**



Memorial Wall Candles



Renewals for the Memorial Candles in the Chapel are due in January. Renewal each year is \$100; initial installation of the Memorial Candle is \$200. Please call the Parish Office if you wish to renew your candle and send your check payable to St. Mary's Church. If we do not hear from you, we can only assume that you do not wish to renew and we will then accommodate those on the waiting list. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the Parish Office.

KOLENDA

The Blessing of homes, a beautiful Polish tradition, will begin after Christmas. If you would like to have your home blessed, please provide the following information and drop it in the collection basket.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

Call in the daytime: _____

Call in the evening: _____



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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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