

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)

CONFESIONS:

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



The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 20, 2019

Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory.
— Isaiah 62:2

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

- 8:30AM +Adeline Melesurgo
r/o Marie Haberin
5:00PM +Francesco Accreditato
r/o Nicolo and Domenica

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

- 9:00AM Deceased Members of St. Mary's
Holy Name Society
11:00AM +Sophie Rohac
r/o St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

- St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
8:30AM +Ronald C. Jones
r/o Wife Theresa & Son Ronald

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

- 8:30AM Protection of Unborn
r/o Altar Rosary Society

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23 - St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr, St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

- 8:30AM For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24 - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 8:30AM +Tony Provenzano
r/o Elaine Krzysztow

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

- 8:30AM +Anthony Guarigila
r/o Karen Graebener

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

- 8:30AM Podziękowanie Panu Bogu za
szczesliwa operacje r/o Danuta
5:00PM +Edward Kosinski
r/o Daughter Flo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

- 9:00AM +Barbara Lanner
r/o Daughter Dawn
11:00AM +Zofia & Antoni Ziomek
r/o Daughter

First Reading - As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen ones.

Second Reading - All the varied gifts in the Christian community are from one Spirit.

Gospel - Rejoicing at a wedding celebration in Cana, Jesus replenishes the wine supply.

Reflecting on God's Word

"Do whatever he tells you," is what today's Gospel pointedly suggests (John 2:5). Perhaps too pointedly, because it just may turn out that none of what he tells us seems appealing. Be that as it may, life does serve up new wine.

Yet as always the question remains, how does anyone know what we're being told to do? How does one read the signs of personal times? A good marker, it would seem, is to pay attention to one's gifts. It may not be the only marker, but certainly one not to be ignored. St. Paul writes to the Corinthians that our strengths and talents come from the Spirit, and that each is given for some benefit. Other translations say they are given for the common good, which seems to be a better way of putting it, because it broadens our view and prevents us from understanding any gift in terms of personal benefit or preference. It may be that the old wine we just drained did quench our personal thirst, but that the new wine is for the common good.

So when the old wine runs out and we're offered new wine, it's worth considering whether we're being called to some new role in life. It may be that life is ratcheting up our degree of participation, calling us to make some new contribution we have not even considered. And we may be surprised. It may enrich the taste of life, calling us to make some new contribution we have not even considered. And we may be surprised. It may enrich the taste of life.

Pope's Universal Intention

Young People and the Example of Mary. That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

Helen Chudy, Eugenia DiGiovanni, Jim Kilcoyne, Stephanie Lazarczyk, Anthony Lazarczyk, Bea Mastrull.

HOMEBOUND: Mary Casey, Walter Figel, Richard Freiligh, Rose and DeMonte Guido, Marie Haberin, Helen Kielbasa, Jean and Ed Kowalenko, 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 - \$ 700.00	11:00 am - \$ 629.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,686.00	Mail - \$ 105.00
Total - \$ 3,120.00	
Together in Charity \$ 1,205.00	

Ecumenical Prayer Service to Celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

All are invited to join Bishop Checchio at the Ecumenical Prayer Service to Celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen. Bishop Checchio will be joined by representatives of the Episcopal, Lutheran and Orthodox communities in New Jersey for this service.

This year's theme for the Week of Prayer is "Justice, Only Justice, You shall Pursue" (cf. Deuteronomy 16:20) which was chosen for its powerful message of promoting truth, equality and unity which are recognized as common needs throughout the world. All are welcome to attend!



Our Lady of Guadalupe Visits our families

Please invite the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe into your home for a one week visit. To sign up, please call Theresa Rudnicki-Jones at 908-526-7687.

The Family of Adam & Maria Krawiec will be the host family for the week of **January 20, 2019.**

May God bless these families for their participation in this blessed event.

Weekend Schedule - January 19-20, 2019

Saturday, January 19

5:00 pm Lector
ExM of The Eucharist

Florence Veglatte
Jim DeMaio*
Martha Ptaszynski
Karen Graebener

Sunday, January 20

9:00 am Lector
ExM of The Eucharist

Barbara Mendel
Frank Kolodzieski*
Ed Hagan
Charles Ilsley
Anna Grochocki
Frank Grodzki

PRAYER SERVICE FOR THOSE TOUCHED BY THE

PAIN OF ADDICTION OR LOSS

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity and the Catholic Community of St. Anthony of Padua will host a Prayer Service for those touched by the pain of addiction or loss at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at St. Anthony of Padua Parish, 436 Port Reading Avenue, Port Reading, NJ 07064.

Any person or family whose life has been touched by the pain of addiction or loss, or who seeks the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the struggle to recovery is welcome. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

For more information, visit <https://diometuchen.org/opioid-epidemic>, email human-life.anddignity@diometuchen.org or call (732) 243-4574.



*Please pray for the soul of
Julia Patullo*

*May her soul and the souls of all the
faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
Rest in peace. Amen*

Contribution Statements

If you would like to receive a statement of your 2018 Church Contributions for tax purposes, please fill out the form below and return it in the collection basket.

NAME _____

ENVELOPE # _____

You must fill out this form to receive a statement. Contribution statements will not be sent out automatically.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Reverence in the Church

Not so long ago, you could enter any Catholic Church and find a place of hushed reverence. The sanctuary light reminded us that the Blessed Sacrament was with us. You spoke to God and to no one else, unless it was absolutely necessary - and then it was in a careful whisper. What was observed was the "sense of the Sacred," a term which describes the decorum, the reverence and the sense of awe of the **"Real Presence."**

Nowadays, there is talking and laughing upon entering and especially leaving Church - sometimes during Mass.

We need to remind ourselves that upon entering a Catholic Church, we are truly in the actual presence of God in the Blessed Sacrament. Feel the sense of the Almighty in the roar of SILENCE, and let the silence motivate your conversation with God intent only on Him as you silently pray.

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.

Catholic Charities is currently seeking volunteers for the Connections Program. This program provides positive adult role models for children who have suffered loss or who have special needs. If you have at least three hours per week that you can offer a child, you can make a difference in a child's life, by being a mentor.

Contact Jeanette Cullen (732) 738-1323 or jcullen@ccdom.org for more information.



The man whispered, "God, speak to me."

A meadowlark sang, but the man did not hear.

So the man yelled, "God, speak to me."

Thunder rolled across the sky, but he did not listen.

The man looked around and said, "God, let me see you."

A star shined brightly, but he did not notice.

The man shouted, "God show me a miracle."

A life was born, but the man was unaware.

So the man cried out in despair, "Touch me God, and let me know you are here."

Whereupon God reached down and touched the man; but the man brushed the butterfly away.

Moral: Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way you expect.

WORLD YOUTH DAY PANAMA 2019

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Youth Ministry invites all in 8th through 12th grade to attend

WORLD YOUTH DAY IN METUCHEN

January 26, 2019 3 pm - 9 pm
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
105 Summer Rd. ,Three Bridges, NJ

You're invited to spend the day with youth from our diocese, celebrating locally, as youth across the world observe World Youth Day in Panama. Bishop James F. Checchio will preside at Mass, where he will recognize the recipients of the St. Timothy and St. Teresa Service Awards.

Join them for a fun-filled day of food, music, prayer and reflection. Cost: \$20

Register - diometuchen.org/wyd-in-metuchen or call 732-243-4576



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 12, 2019

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A new year has begun, one of spiritual awakening in preparation of the consecration of our diocese to Jesus through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A time when we prayerfully work toward a renewed commitment to living the Gospel message to the full.

One beautiful example of the Gospel message being lived to its fullest may be seen in the work of our Catholic schools. I have been fortunate to have visited with the students, faculty and staff in each of them. They are a demonstration of God's kingdom at work - places where the Gospel is preached, missionary disciples are formed, community is built and confidence in the blessing of God's mercy and justice is instilled in our youth – all while they continue to outperform schools in the public and private sector in terms of test scores, high school graduation rates, and college attendance.

Next Sunday our parishes will offer a special collection that supports the Foundation for Catholic Education's annual scholarship program. This program provides need-based grants to children attending a Catholic elementary or high school in our Diocese. Your generous response last year sent over 100 children to school in September!

I have seen first-hand the impact of your purpose-filled gift, the joy of the children learning in a nurturing and challenging environment, and the great promise of those who will be graduating this June. What a beautiful way to make a difference in so many young lives. Thank you!

You, and others inspired by you, have the chance to change a child's life forever by giving them the gift of a Catholic school education. Please be as generous as your means allow.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

+ James F. Checchio

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

P.S. We celebrate the ministry of Catholic Education during Catholic Schools Week, which runs from January 27 – February 2, 2019. If you are interested in giving your children or grandchildren the advantage of a great Catholic education, please visit <https://diometuchen.org/csw>.

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