

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.

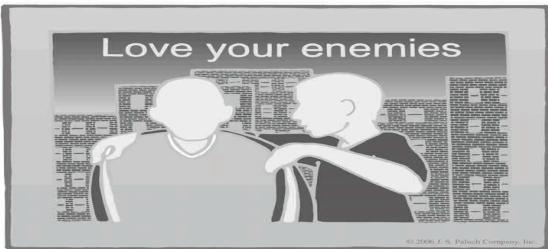
PARISH REGISTRATION: Our parish welcomes new members to our faith community. Catholic persons new to our area must complete a registration form and be interviewed by the pastor. Please call or stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form. We should also be notified if your address has changed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



Parish Office
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Rectory
732-384-5925



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

- 8:30AM +Agnes Kosierowski
r/o Granddaughter Theresa
5:00PM +Krystyna & Stefan Witych
r/o Daughter Beata

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 9:00AM +Arlene D'Alesandro
r/o Sister
11:00AM +Bozena Kasprzak
r/o Dorota & Adam Sokolnicki

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 8:30AM +Anna Cunder
r/o Dominick, Joann & Cynthia

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 8:30AM +Vincenzo Oliveri
r/o Nicolo & Domenica Accreditato

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 8:30AM For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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

FIRST FRIDAY, MARCH 1

- 8:30AM +Jan & Maria Stec
r/o Son Fr. John

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

- 8:30AM +Mary Zolandz Teresak
r/o Family
5:00PM +Rose Maria DeCicco
r/o Angela & Carmen DeCicco

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

- 9:00AM +Mieczyslaw Pisowacki
r/o Family
11:00AM +Jozef Karpinski
r/o Daughter Jolanta Gnap

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 24, 2019

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

— Psalm 103:8

First Reading - David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him.

Second Reading - We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam.

Gospel - Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back.

Reflection

When we make mistakes or even when we fail willfully and grievously, we tend to excuse ourselves and plead that we are "only human," by which we mean weak and fallible. Jesus knows we are only human. He also asks, in effect, that we try to be like God by imitating God's compassion. He does not command us to take things into our own hands, to even the playing field, to exact an eye for an eye or a tooth for a tooth. The God of Jesus does not keep books. God's business is kindness and mercy, and this is to be our business.

The responsorial psalm readies us for this good news proclaimed today. We sing of a God who pardons, heals, redeems, is slow to anger and rich in kindness. These are the true acts of God. And these are the very acts we are to imitate in our dealings with one another. The compassion and mercy that most perfectly describe God must also describe us. That is Jesus' command to us today: "Be merciful, as your Father is merciful."

Open Hearts

Do not judge, and you will not be judged: do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed, down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

- Luke 6:37-38

Pope's Universal Intention: Human Trafficking
For a generous welcome of the victims of
human trafficking, of enforced prostitution,
and of violence.



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 Cunder Family
will be the host family for the week of
February 24, 2019.

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

PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

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

HOMEBOUND: Walter Figel, Richard Frelich, Rose 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

5:00 pm - \$ 650.00	11:00 am - \$ 633.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,641.00	Mail - \$ 395.00
Total - \$ 3,319.00	

The Polish University Club of New Jersey was founded in 1928 by a small group of Polish-American college graduates. The club takes great pride in supporting young adults who are striving for higher education. This year's scholarships are open to all New Jersey high school seniors, college undergraduates, and graduate students. For more information on how you can apply, visit www.PUCofNJ.org.

Weekend Schedule - February 23-24, 2019

Saturday, February 23

5:00 pm Lector
ExM of The Eucharist
Sunday, February 24
9:00 am Lector
ExM of The Eucharist
11:00 am Lector
ExM of The Eucharist

Florence Veglatte
Martha Ptaszynski

Catherine McGuire
Charles Ilsley
Anna Grochocki
Frank Grodzki

Atlantic City Bus Trip to Resorts Casino

Sponsored by the Polish Falcons Nest #246

Saturday, March 23, 2019

\$25 /person + \$10 casino \$\$\$

**Leaves 12 noon from Polish Polanka in Hillsborough and returns about 10:30 pm
Tickets?? Call Lidia 908-625-7892**



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 Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held March 22-24.

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

The Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act (S1702) was voted out of the Senate Health Committee on

Thursday, February 7th. A vote is also expected in the full Assembly within the next few weeks. The bill would allow physicians to prescribe drugs to end the lives of terminally ill individuals considered to have six months to live. The facts are clear - in California, in Vermont and in Oregon - states that have passed assisted suicide bills - insurance companies have denied individuals expensive healthcare coverage but offered them low cost drugs to end their life. In an era of cost control and managed care, patients with lingering illnesses may be branded as a financial liability for the insurance company, and decisions to encourage death could be driven by reducing costs.

Please contact your state legislators today and tell them that you oppose A1504/S1702.

WE DO NOT WANT ASSISTED SUICIDE IN NEW JERSEY!

Visit: <https://njcatholic.org/faith-in-action> For more information visit:
www.diometuchen.org/physician-assisted-suicide

February 16, 2019

My diocesan brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is difficult to find the right and appropriate words to share with you after hearing the news this morning from the Holy See about the removal from the priesthood of our founding bishop, Theodore McCarrick (1981-1986). My first act was to turn to the Lord in prayer, and to hold all of you there, along with all those who are survivors of child sexual abuse or harassed or abused by those in positions of authority over them. Today I am praying particularly for those lay people and priests who are survivors of Theodore McCarrick. While the news does not take away the pain these survivors have experienced, it is hopefully a further step in their healing and a statement by the Church that these crimes and sins are certainly not to be tolerated, in any way.

Theodore McCarrick will always be associated with the history of our diocese and his legacy has become one of scandal and betrayal. However, I was reminded in prayer that our diocese is not founded on Theodore McCarrick, but Christ the Lord, who renews His Church in every age. The announcement of his removal from the priesthood by the Church is a just response to the hidden destructive life that he apparently led, and a signal to the Church throughout the world that everyone in the Church is called to the integrity of the Gospel. I am grateful for the leadership of Pope Francis in acting decisively, in expediting this process and coming to this appropriate conclusion.

It is true that we all have a range of emotions in hearing today's news and although these crimes and sins seem to be decades old, as so much of what we read and hear about these days is, they still require thoughtful and compassionate recognition. I believe God is calling us to work for healing together. We all agree that any form of abuse is wrong and has no place in the Christian community. As painful as it is to face these very tragic situations, it is far better that we face it now with transparency, faith and hope, trusting in the purifying and healing love of God. Living in the light is the only remedy to overcome the darkness of abuse. I ask you to join me in turning to our faith for strength and understanding, as did our Blessed Mother when the revelation of the angel seemed beyond her capacity and comprehension. As St. Paul tells us, "We know that God causes all things to work together for the good to those who love God." (Romans 8:28)

Let us remember too, our blessing of belonging to a Church with a view of 2,000 years. Since the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the first believers, up and down the ages, the Church has been beset by scandals and divisive betrayals. However, those failings do not define our Church, but rather testify to the truth that Christ continues to work through the failures by calling us all to a life of repentance and holiness; Yes, He calls all of us to reform our own lives and believe in the Gospel even while we work to prevent these failings from ever happening again. Now is a decisive time in the history of our diocese and our Church to hear His call for renewal and to be awakened in faith for sake of His mission. I am confident God, in His providence, is guiding us to a healthier new day. I recommit myself to being the Christian, priest and bishop He has called me to be, and I exhort our priests to renew their own commitment to Christ and His Church. Fidelity is life-giving in times of chaos.

I wish to state again my unwavering support and reiterate that I stand with all those who have been abused and victimized by members of the clergy. I also encourage anyone who has been harmed in any way, by any clergy in the Church, to reach out to local law enforcement and to our Victims Assistance Coordinator. I will continue to work with all my strength and all the grace God gives me to guide this local Church of Metuchen to be a thriving portion of God's Vineyard. May our work together produce a great harvest for the Kingdom of God. Know of my love and prayers for you and please – in your kindness – pray for me.

Sincerely in Christ,
The Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

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