

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.

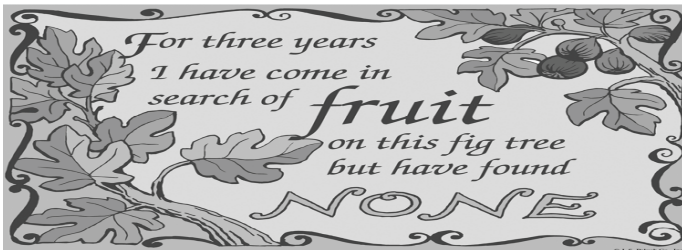
PARISH REGISTRATION: Our parish welcomes new members to our faith community. Catholic persons new to our area must complete a registration form and be interviewed by the pastor. Please call or stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form. We should also be notified if your address has changed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



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732-384-5925



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

8:30AM +Evelyn Benson
r/o Lorraine Deleski & Family
5:00PM +Julia Patullo
r/o Catherine & Tony Patullo

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 24

9:00AM +John & Mary Berni
r/o Daughter Jean Fenske
11:00AM +Barbara Kaczowka
r/o Daughter Urszula

MONDAY, MARCH 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30AM +Eugeniusz Jablonski r/o Mary Bar

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

8:30AM +Wojciech Zolandz
r/o Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

8:30AM +Rafael & Maria DiRe
r/o Daughter Antoinette Colalillo

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

8:30AM +Janina & Zygmunt Czech
r/o Jolanta Gnap & Cousins
5:00PM +Giuseppe Todaro
r/o Josephine & George Vadinsky

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 31

9:00AM +Giuseppe Todaro r/o Fr. Leon
11:00AM +Viktoria & Franciszek Pakosz
r/o Son



Stations of the Cross

every Friday during Lent

12 noon in English

7 pm in Polish

Gorzkie Zale (Bitter Lamentations)

every Sunday during Lent
after the 11 am Polish Mass.

The Third Sunday of Lent March 24, 2019

*The Lord secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.
— Psalm 103:6*

First Reading - "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them".

Second Reading - Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall.

Gospel - I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future.

Comment

God's middle name is Mercy. If we need proof, we don't have to look beyond today's readings. In the passage from Exodus, God sees the children of Abraham enslaved and afflicted in Egypt. God hears their cries, knows their suffering, and responds. God turns to them with mercy. Indeed, so merciful is God that God's very self is revealed to Moses and the Israelites. This is the God who is involved in life, who is interested in life, and who creates, sustains, and is life. This God calls Moses to a new vocation: to lead the people and to speak the mercy of God's name. The people have called on God for mercy. God is now responding and sending them someone who will lead them to mercy.

The second reading sounds a warning to all who are the beneficiaries of God's mercy. Blessed by God, we must not turn our backs on God's goodness and turn toward sin. Our gracious God cannot and will not save those who choose not to be saved. Mercy may be ours, but we may choose to reject it through sin.

The Gospel reading begins with a warning. Now is the time to change our lives. The Gospel tells a story about a fig tree, a tree prized in biblical Israel for its shade and tasty fruit. A landowner has planted and cared for the fig tree, but the tree hasn't responded to his nurturing. Why waste space? Cut it down. But the gardener asks the owner for a bit more time to offer more care. If the tree continues to remain fruitless, only then should it be cut down. Here again, we are reminded that although God is abounding in mercy, we must do our job by responding to mercy. If we refuse to produce such "fruit," even the all-merciful God will not save us.

Pope's Universal Intention: Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities

That Christian Communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.



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 Dawn Lanner Family
will be the host family for the week of
March 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, Bea Mastrull.

HOMEBOUND: Walter Figel, Richard Freligh, 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 - \$ 652.00	11:00 am - \$ 848.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,533.00	Mail - \$ 400.00
Total - \$ 3,433.00	

The U.S. Senate recently **failed** to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act-legislation that prohibits infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an attempted abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. What is greatly needed at this time is an effort of prayer and awareness. ***Jesus, Lord of life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life.***

Weekend Schedule - March 23-24, 2019

Saturday, March 23

5:00 pm Lector Florence Veglatte
ExM of The Eucharist Martha Ptaszynski

Sunday, March 24

9:00 am Lector Catherine McGuire
ExM of The Eucharist Charles Ilsley
11:00 am Lector Jolanta Gnap
ExM of The Eucharist Mark Litwinski

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal Help Build a Civilization of Love

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA.

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$ 8,510.00 and payments totaling \$ 6,697.50 from 64 parishioners.

This represents 25.8% of our \$ 33,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts.

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of **Rev. John L. Brundage**, a retired priest of the Diocese of Metuchen, who passed away Saturday, March 16. Fr. Brundage was ordained to the priesthood on May 23, 1970 and served as pastor of St. Bernard of Clairvaux in Bridgewater and Corpus Christi Parish in South River.

St. Joseph's Church, Raritan, NJ

Homemade Pierogi on Sale All During Lent

Our delicious homemade Pierogi are on sale after all Masses all weekends until Good Friday in the Lower Church Hall. Five great varieties are available for purchase: Potato, Potato & Cheese, Potato & Onion, Sweetened Kraut, Lekvar! Still only \$8.00 per dozen!! You may also purchase your Pierogi any weekday during office hours (9:00 am -1:00 pm Monday through Friday) at the Parish Office (908) 725- 0163 x10.

Kolach Holiday Filled Roll Sale

Order your holiday Kolach today. All orders must be placed no later than Monday, March 25. Six great varieties are available: Nut, Poppy Seed, Lekvar (prune), Apricot, Seedless Raspberry, and Coconut Cream. Please place order in an envelope with your check made out to St. Joseph Parish or simply stop by the Parish Office during business hours and place your order. Price per roll is still \$16.00. All orders must be picked up in the Lower Church Hall the weekend of April 13th & April 14th after Mass.

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