

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.

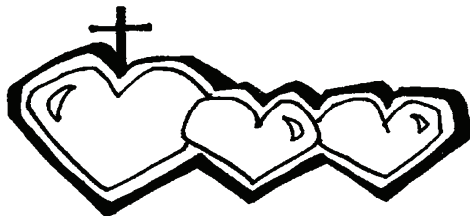
PARISH REGISTRATION: Our parish welcomes new members to our faith community. Catholic persons new to our area must complete a registration form and be interviewed by the pastor. Please call or stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form. We should also be notified if your address has changed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



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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

- 8:30AM For the Recovery of
Rush Limbaugh r/o Friends
5:00PM Deceased Members of Galgan Family
r/o Dan Galgan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 9:00AM +Agnes Kosierowski
r/o Granddaughter Theresa
11:00AM Blessings for Good Health for
Teresa Samczuk
r/o Teresa & Ziggy Kobylinski

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 8:30AM +Gennaro Pane
r/o Antoinette Colalillo

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 8:30AM +Kazimierz Zawrotny
r/o Sister Teresa

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 9:00AM For Our Parishioners
12:00PM The Liturgy of the Lord
7:00PM For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 8:30AM +Richard Cavelli
r/o Charles Ilsley & Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 8:30AM +Jacqueline Vesce
r/o Mom & Dad

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

- 8:30AM +Jan & Maria Stec
r/o Son Fr. John
5:00PM +Frances Balsano
r/o Donna Martino & Children

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 1

- 9:00AM +Edmund & Jadwiga Brzuskiwicz
r/o Daughter Myra & Family
11:00AM +Mieczyslaw Pisowacki
r/o Wife & Daughters

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23, 2020

*Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.
— Leviticus 19:2b*

First Reading - Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself.
Second Reading - You are the temple of God, and holy.

Gospel - Offer no resistance; love your enemies .

Living God's Word

We can pray for the Holy Spirit to open our minds to understand what is at the heart of Jesus' teachings, and that we both discern what God asks of us and respond wholeheartedly. Thus we witness to others what it means to walk in the law of the Lord.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 26, 2020

Day of Fast and Abstinence

Ashes will be distributed:

At the 9:00 am Mass,

At the Liturgy of the Word at 12:00 noon,

At the 7:00 pm Mass (in Polish)

Stations of the Cross During Lent

Every Friday

12:00 Noon in English

7:00 pm in Polish

Gorzkie Zale

Lenten Lamentations

Every Sunday during Lent

After the 11:00 AM Mass

Pope's Universal Intention:

Listen to the Migrant's Cries

That the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



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.

Lukasz & Anna Roszkowski Family
will be the host family for the week of
February 23, 2020.

Sign-up is available so all parishioners will have the opportunity to have Our Lady of Guadalupe visit their homes.

PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

Anthony and Eugenia DiGiovanni, Joanne Felegi, Jim Kilcoyne, Stephanie Lazarczyk, Julie Luszczek, Bea Mastrull, Deborah Vance.

HOMEBOUND: Patricia D'Allesandro, Richard Freligh, Rose Guido, Marie Haberin, Helen Kielbasa, Theresa Kosinski, Jean Kowalenko, Pat Musolino, Vinnie Papa, Millie Della Peruta, Ann Pchola, Nora Specian, Florence Suk, Vivienne Zanesky.

HOSPITALIZED: Mollie Rodomski

NOTE: Please call the Parish Office (732) 356-0358 with the names of homebound, nursing home /assisted living or hospitalized parishioners.

COLLECTION

Weekend of February 15-16 2020

5:00 pm - \$ 958.00	11:00 am - \$ 788.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,430.00	Mail - \$ 385.00
Total - \$ 3,561.00	

ST. MARY'S ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY WEDNESDAY AT THE GOLDEN CORNER

313 Union Ave., Bound Brook
Clip this coupon, present it to your
server and the Golden Corner will
Donate 10% of your check
to St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society
Thank you for your support!

Weekend Schedule - February 22-23, 2020

Saturday, February 22

5:00 pm Lector Madeline Deleski
ExM of the Eucharist Jim DeMaio

Sunday, February 23

9:00 am Lector Catherine McGuire
ExM of the Eucharist Frank Kolodzieski
11:00 am Lector Yolanta Gnap
ExM of the Eucharist Anna Grochocki

Adult Enrichment Classes

Matthew's Sermon on the Mount:

The Diocesan Office of Adult Faith Formation will be offering a four-week course, which will meet each Wednesday beginning March 11, 2020 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center from 10 to 11:15 a.m. The classes will explore and examine Chapters 5-7 of Matthew's gospel in which the Beatitudes are couched. Through the use of PowerPoint slides, Q & A and the "New American Bible," students will have a better grasp of what God is communicating through the pen of the second evangelist. This Adult Enrichment class is free of charge and open to anyone who is interested. Registration is required. To register please visit <https://diometuchen.org/faitth-formation> or call (732) 562-1543. Angela Marshall @diometuchen.org or call (732) 562-1543.

Lenten Obligations

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. The obligation of fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.

Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not equal to a full meal, so as to experience hunger.

4. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you have moved, changed your phone number, or have made any other changes to your family, please call or e-mail us your changes. Our Records need to be updated and we need your help. Thank you.



Bishop James Checchio

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Presenting the 2019 Financial Report and statistics about the life of our diocese in this edition of “The Catholic Spirit” obviously caused me to reflect upon the vast array of things that are taking place in service to the Kingdom of God here in our local Church of Metuchen. While the many blessings of the year easily came to mind, as you well know, the year also had serious challenges. Gratefully, God’s promise that He will be with us in all of our trials was equally true. I am truly grateful, too, for all who labor to build up the Kingdom of God in our diocese including our clergy, those in consecrated life and the talented lay faithful who assist me in shepherding my flock.

Providentially, the fresh graces received from this past Year of Awakening and Consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe have provided our whole local Church with inspiration, renewed energy and focus on our ultimate priorities as a Church. It has been my conviction that while we have prioritized addressing the past sins of clergy abuse, providing healing support to survivors and reworking structures to prevent future failings, we must also keep our focus on advancing the presence of Christ throughout our four counties with even greater boldness and courage. Our mission has to have a new urgency.

In order to advance our mission, it is true that financial resources are needed. No margin, no mission as the saying goes. It is also true that I take my responsibility to steward our financial gifts in such a way as to maximize their effectiveness for our mission. This includes examining our budgets and the ways that we use the financial gifts so generously given.

In the years since my arrival we have decreased spending and operate more effectively in our diocesan offices, which support our 90 parishes and 27 schools, and I am happy to report that we have had balanced budgets for three years in a row now. In addition to so many working to trim their budgets at the diocesan pastoral center, we also had increased revenue. As you might know, our pastoral center has been reorganized in such a way that we now rent the second floor of the center to Saint Peter’s University Hospital for administrative space. This has helped to provide income which offsets the operating costs of the building. I am grateful to our Vicariate for Administration, along with thoughtful and sound advice from the Diocesan Finance Council, which has helped to make our operations sound.

We have also restructured the pastoral offices to have evangelization and mission more central to all of their initiatives and support to our parishes and schools. The Vicariate for Communication and Evangelization is tasked with promoting the message of the Church in our times with honesty, integrity and the vision of Christ’s ultimate victory over the darkness of this world. As Christians there is always hope, always a brighter tomorrow, precisely because Christ redeems the deepest disorder of the human heart.

The role of Catholic communications is always to tell the story of any event through the lens of Jesus Christ. Social media and online presence cannot be underestimated in our day, especially if we are seeking to reach our younger generations, who do not always engage with us in our Church buildings and institutions as they did in times past. Now, we must be missionaries and go to them. This is why I have directed that we increase our technology and social media to reach out in creative, beautiful and effective ways.

Our “Catholic Spirit” remains a practical way to unite our four counties and so many tell me of your appreciation for it. We have a common story to tell in our Church here in central New Jersey that is ours to tell. The newspaper is now carrying stories of how the charitable mission of the Church is being accomplished so remarkably well through Catholic Charities, as well as the many local initiatives in which so many parishes and schools so generously participate. Even with cutting our budget in recent years to balance it, we have been able to maintain the subsidy to Catholic Charities, as gratefully the gala funds, which support its works, increased this past year, too.

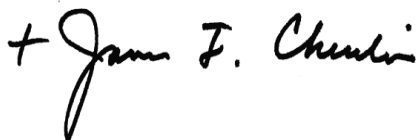
One of the greatest signs of life and hope in the Church is the presence of vocations; especially to the priesthood. We are blessed that 22 men have responded to God’s call and are currently studying to serve the Church of Metuchen. This is the largest group of men preparing for priesthood for our diocese in more than 25 years. This means that despite the many challenges of our days, these men are saying “yes,” but we need to support them. Currently, our budget to educate and care for our seminarians is a significant and increasing line item, but a great privilege for us to do so. Indeed, this puts a strain on balancing our budget but a strain we thank God for!

Our parishes, Catholic schools and religious education programs, our youth ministry programs and the Catholic Center for Campus ministry at Rutgers are all concrete places where our young people can encounter the living presence of Christ; your generosity makes this all happen. Our financial resources must be properly stewarded, in order to keep a vital presence for youth to know they are loved by Christ and His Church.

This report is only a snapshot of the various means and ways that we express our solidarity in Christ in our local Church. In the midst of our challenges, I have great hope and confidence that we are rising to the occasion, just as the many good and faithful people of past generations of Catholics have done for the love of Christ and His Church. You can be sure that I take none of our blessings for granted. I am fully aware of the sacrifices that you, our good people of our parishes, make in order to make Christ known and loved in our world, and for that you have my heartfelt thanks!

Please know of my ongoing gratitude, prayers and love for all of you. It remains one of the greatest blessings of my life to serve you, as your bishop, in this beautiful Church of Metuchen. May our efforts always be pleasing to God, may we always give our best and all to Him. May His Kingdom come through our cooperation with His graces.

May Mary, Our Mother of Guadalupe intercede for us and help us to Light a Fire of Faith in the Heart of our world.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James F. Checchio". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'J'.

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

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