

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.

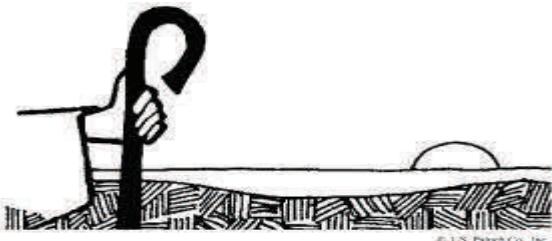
PARISH REGISTRATION: Our parish welcomes new members to our faith community. Catholic persons new to our area must complete a registration form and be interviewed by the pastor. Please call or stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form. We should also be notified if your address has changed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



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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

- 8:30AM +Mary Kosek
r/o Son and Wife
5:00PM +Joseph & Stasia Pavan
r/o Family

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 22

- 9:00AM +Giovanni Bonnello
r/o Wife & Family
11:00AM God's Blessings and Good Health
for Wieslaw Surtel
r/o Daughter Dorota & Family

MONDAY, MARCH 23

- St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
8:30AM +Dorothy Gaglia
r/o Bea and Rosanne

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

- St. Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr
8:30AM +Rafael and Maria DiRe
r/o Daughter Antoinette

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

- 8:30AM For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

- 8:30AM +Mark Lanner
r/o Sister Dawn

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

- 8:30AM +Gaetano Troia
r/o Barbara Lombardi

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

- 8:30AM +Helen Sikora
r/o Lorraine Kolodzieski & Sons
5:00PM +Jacqueline Vesce
r/o Mom & Dad

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 29

- 9:00AM +Martin & Bridget Dolly
r/o Arlene Dolly
11:00AM +Kazimierz & Lucyna Roszkowski
r/o Son & Family

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2020

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
— Psalm 23:1

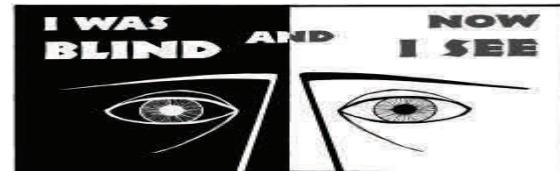
First Reading - As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

Second Reading - You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord.

Gospel - The man who had been blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash.

LIGHT

We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have "fallen asleep" along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today's Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim "Christ our Light" as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.



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: Catholics in China

That the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



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.

Fran Waller Family
will be the host family for the week of
March 22, 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, Bea Mastrull, Deborah Vance.

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

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

COLLECTION

Weekend of March 14 -15, 2020

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| 5:00 pm - \$ 416.00 | 11:00 am - \$ 438.00 |
| 9:00 am - \$ 1,041.00 | Mail - \$ 280.00 |
| Total - \$ 2,175.00 | |

UPDATE

The In-Pew Weekend of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, scheduled for this weekend, March 21-22, has been postponed.

A new date for the In-Pew Weekend has not been scheduled. The Diocesan Office will keep everyone updated when a new date is determined.

Weekend Schedule - March 21-22, 2020

Saturday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 22

9:00 am Lector Theresa Rudnicki-Jones
ExM of the Eucharist Frank Kolodzieski
11:00 am Lector Yolanta Gnap
ExM of the Eucharist Mark Litwinko

Bishop's Appeal status as of 03/10/20

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$ 8,932.50 and payments totaling \$ 6,807.50 from 50 parishioners. This represents 27.1% of our \$ 33,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts.

Directives issued by Bishop Checchio in response to COVID-19

Temporary Suspension of Public Masses

All public Masses throughout the Diocese of Metuchen will be temporarily suspended beginning no later than March 18 and resume no earlier than April 3, 2020, when the situation will be re-evaluated as circumstances unfold.

Adoration and Private Prayer

Churches should remain open for prayer, private devotion and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. St. Mary's will be open 8 am - 12 noon Pastors are asked to consider Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for a period of time during the day. Praying in large groups, however, should be avoided.

Temporary Suspension of Penance Services

The Sacrament of Penance should remain available according to need, but public Penance Services are not to be conducted.

Parish Offices

A pastor may decide to alter or limit his parish office staff during this time, however the faithful will still have needs that may need to be addressed right away, so parishioners should easily be able to reach the Pastor. The Church is not "closed," even though Masses are suspended.

Holy Week and Sacred Triduum

Any decisions in regard to the celebration of Holy Week, the Chrism Mass and the Sacred Triduum will be made as we monitor the situation. Pastors and parishes will be notified in due time.

Chrism Mass Monday, April 6, 2019

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen - 4:00 PM

On Monday, April 6, 2020, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless and consecrate the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing.

Saint Ambrose [340-397] began this custom –which we now call the Chrism Mass – in his Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries!

The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches.

At the Mass, all priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 PM.



THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

The Evangelist tells us that in the sixth month after the conception of St. John the Baptist by Elizabeth, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to the Virgin Mary, at Nazareth, a small town in the mountains of Galilee. Mary was of the house of David, and was espoused to Joseph, of the same royal family. She had, however, not yet entered the household of her spouse, but was still in her mother's house, working, perhaps, over her dowry. And the angel having taken the figure and the form of man, came into the house and said to her: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee." Mary having heard the greeting words did not speak; she was troubled in spirit, since she knew not the angel, nor the cause of his coming, nor the meaning of the salutation. And the angel continued and said: "Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his father; and he shall reign in the house of Jacob forever. And of his kingdom there shall be no end." The Virgin understood that there was question of the coming Redeemer. But, why should she be elected from amongst women for the splendid dignity of being the mother of the Messiah, having vowed her virginity to God? Therefore, not doubting the word of God like Zachary, but filled with fear and astonishment, she said: "How shall this be done, because I know not man?"

The angel, to remove Mary's anxiety and to assure her that her virginity would be spared, answered: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." In token of the truth of his word he made known to her the conception of St. John, the miraculous pregnancy of her relative now old and sterile: "And behold, thy cousin Elizabeth; she also has conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren: because no word shall be impossible with God." Mary may not yet have fully understood the meaning of the heavenly message and how the maternity might be reconciled with her vow of virginity, but clinging to the first words of the angel and trusting to the Omnipotence of God she said: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word."

The Annunciation is the beginning of Jesus in His human nature. Through His mother He is a member of the human race. If the virginity of Mary before, during, and after the conception of her Divine Son was always considered part of the deposit of faith, this was done only on account of the historical facts and testimonials. The Incarnation of the Son of God did not in itself necessitate this exception from the laws of nature. Only reasons of expediency are given for it, chiefly, the end of the Incarnation. About to found a new generation of the children of God, The Redeemer does not arrive in the way of earthly generations: the power of the Holy Spirit enters the chaste womb of the Virgin, forming the humanity of Christ. Many holy fathers (Sts. Jerome, Cyril, Ephrem, Augustine) say that the consent of Mary was essential to the redemption. It was the will of God, St. Thomas says that the redemption of mankind should depend upon the consent of the Virgin Mary. This does not mean that God in His plans was bound by the will of a creature, and that man would not have been redeemed, if Mary had not consented. It only means that the consent of Mary was foreseen from all eternity, and therefore was received as essential into the design of God.

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