

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..



Parish Office
Ph: 732-356-0358
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Website: www.stmarys-boundbrook.com
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Rectory
732-384-5925

There is
in my heart
a burning fire



22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time September 3, 2023

“Jesus said, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself take up his cross, and following me.”

MASS INTENTIONS

FIRST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- 8:30AM Reparation for offenses against the
Immaculate Heart of Mary and for peace
r/o Ann Knob
5:00PM +Amelia Zito r/o Joseph A. Bongiorno

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 9:00AM +Walter (Buddy) Borowski
r/o St. Marys Class of 1956
Richard Pavan
11:00AM +Barbara Dabrowski
r/o Husband Miroslaw

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 - LABOR DAY

- 8:30AM Fr. Jude Smith r/o Ken Yefchak

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 8:30AM For our Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 8:30AM +Katarzyna & Szczepan Kupczak
r/o Son & Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 - THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 8:30AM +Makowicz Family r/o Kenneth Yefchak

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

- 8:30AM +Leokadia Maslewicz r/o Dorota Surtel

- 5:00PM +Agnes Graebener r/o Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 9:00AM Living and Deceased members of the
Rosary Altar Society

- 11:00AM +Czeslawa Zakrzewski
r/o Frank & Regina

First Reading - In this particularly poetic passage, Jeremiah complains that while teaching the Lord's word, he is subjected to insults and derision. He determines to remain silent, but he cannot because the desire to speak the Lord's name is "like a fire burning in my heart."

Second Reading - Paul tells the Christians to make sacrifices to avoid the trappings of the times, and to do God's will.

Gospel - Jesus tries to make his disciples realize that by following him, they will endure suffering, degradation, and death. He tells them that they must deny themselves and take up the cross in order to be his disciples.

Reflection

Have you ever thought about how difficult it would be to be a prophet? Prophets often spoke bluntly, whether addressing the people or even God. Take Jeremiah today. He accuses God of seducing and overpowering him, making him speak a word that has led to his ridicule and persecution. He was even thrown down a cistern and left to die because of his preaching! Jeremiah confesses he has no choice. When he refuses to speak God's word, he experiences a fire burning in his heart, consuming his bones.

Most likely, each of us at some point in our lives has taken a stand against popular opinion and the cost of drawing near to the living God can take us down a path we would rather not go. Peter foresaw this coming when Jesus began to speak of the suffering that lay ahead. Jesus spoke about taking up the cross, losing one's life, or, in Paul's words to the Romans, becoming "a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God."

God's plan for us is the transformation and renewal of our minds and hearts according to the pattern of God's Son Jesus. This transformation comes about when we "offer ourselves as a living sacrifice," seeking to discern and do God's will as Jesus did. Self-offering may lead to our following Jesus on the way: finding life by losing it for the sake of others, and coming to know the living God as purifying fire, life-giving water, and nourishing food for spirit. Carrying our cross and denying ourselves the pleasures of the world often brings about sorrowful emotions. It is hard and harsh, depressing and negative. Perhaps the challenge of "carrying our cross" is more in how we view the obligation rather than the task itself.

Pope's Universal Intention:

For people living on the margins. We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

Joanne Felegi, Michael Gacek, Michael Sikora, Deborah Vance, Walt Urbielewicz .

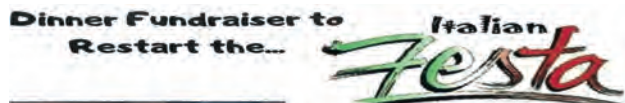
HOMEBOUND: Patricia D’Allesandro, Richard Freligh, Rose Guido, Dolores Gumerlock, Barbara Mendel, Millie Della Peruta, Lorraine Deleski, Frank Stock, Madeline Wojciechowski.

HOSPITALIZED: Marcella Spioch

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

Weekly Offerings August 26-27, 2023

5:00 pm - \$ 389.00	11:00 am - \$ 675.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,215.00	Mail - \$ 150.00
Total 2,429.00	
Catholic League for Poland \$ 479.00	



A Taste of Italian Favorites!

Date: Saturday, September 23rd

Time: 5:00PM—9:00PM

Location: Saint Ann’s School
40 Second Street, Raritan, NJ

Tickets: Sold in Saint Ann Rectory and online at:
<https://stannclassical.square.site/>

Ticket Cost: \$40 check / \$42 online

Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 10:30AM

Location:

[National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima](#)

Come celebrate the 106th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's fifth apparition at the National Blue Army Shrine with a very special guest – Sr. Angela de Fatima Coelho, the vice postulator of Sts. Francis & Jacinta's causes and now also Sr. Lucia's cause!

Schedule:

10:30am Confessions
12pm NOON Rosary Procession with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima
12:30pm Speaker – Sr. Angela de Fatima Coelho
1:15pm – Holy Mass; Celebrant: Most Rev. Frank J. Caggiagno Holy

Mass is followed by Exposition, Eucharistic Procession, Benediction, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Blessing of Religious Articles, Fatima Farewell and Enrollment in the Brown Scapular.

Please visit <https://bluearmyshrine.com/event/september-13-mary-thon-event/> for more information.

Lector Schedule - September 2-3, 2023

5:00pm Lector	Martha Ptaszynski
9:00 am Lector	Theresa Rudnicki-Jones
11:00 am Lector	Dorota Sokolnicki

Pray the Rosary daily

The Catholic Church celebrates the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8, nine months after the December 8 celebration



of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne.

The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents describing the circumstances of her birth are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers.

The “Protoevangelium of James,” describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. “He called to mind Abraham,” the early Christian writing says, “that in the last day God gave him a son Isaac.”

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves extensively and rigorously to prayer and fasting, initially wondering whether their inability to conceive a child might signify God's displeasure with them.

As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah, as an angel revealed to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: “The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world.”

After Mary's birth, according to the Protoevangelium of James, Anne “made a sanctuary” in the infant girl's room, on account of the special holiness of the child. The same writing records that when she was one year old, her father “made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel.”

“And Joachim brought the child to the priests and they blessed her, saying: 'O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations' .. And he brought her to the scribes, and they blessed her, saying: 'O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be for ever.'”

The protoevangelium goes on to describe how Mary's parents, along with the temple priests, subsequently decided that she would be offered to God as a consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life, and enter a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph.

Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of historic significance, and as a prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. “She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley.”



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THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who
trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.*



DOES IT WORK?

Survey by the University of Missouri

- 97%** of families surveyed take at least one bulletin home each week.
- 74%** of all family members surveyed read every bulletin.
- 70%** of all family members surveyed consciously look at the ad page of the bulletin.
- 68%** of the families surveyed are more inclined to patronize a business that does advertise in the bulletin rather than a non-advertiser.
- 62%** of the families surveyed keep the bulletin in their home for one week.
- 41%** of all family members surveyed patronize a business specifically because it advertises in the bulletin.
- 22%** of the families surveyed go out to lunch, brunch or dinner after church each week.



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