

# *St. Mary of Czestochowa Church*

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*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  
Fax: 732-356-5348

**Website:** [www.stmarys-boundbrook.com](http://www.stmarys-boundbrook.com)  
**e-mail:** [stmarybb1@verizon.net](mailto:stmarybb1@verizon.net)

**Rectory**  
732-384-5925

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is at work  
within us*



#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### FIRST SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

*St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop*

8:30AM Reparation for offenses against the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary and for peace  
r/o Ann Knob

5:00PM For the Souls in Purgatory

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:00AM +Agnes Graebener r/o Family

11:00AM For the Souls in Purgatory

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:30AM For the Souls in Purgatory

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:30AM For the Souls in Purgatory

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:00AM For the Souls in Purgatory

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

*THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA*

8:30AM For the Souls in Purgatory

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

*St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church*

8:30AM For the Souls in Purgatory

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

*St. Martin of Tours, Bishop*

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

5:00PM +Julian Allccaco

r/o Digna & Olga Allccaco

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:00AM Living & Deceased Members of  
Altar Rosary Society

11:00AM +Barbara Dabrowski  
r/o Husband Mirosław

#### **\*\*Reminder:**

**Please make every effort to attend  
Mass on the dates you placed your in-  
tentions.**



## 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time November 5, 2023

*"The greatest among you must be your servant."*

#### First Reading: Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10

This passage from Malachi denounces the laxity and unfaithfulness of the people and especially of the priests, who failed in their duties to God and their neighbors.

#### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Paul reminisces about his extremely happy and successful visit with the Thessalonians. He praises them once again for their immediate and open acceptance of his message as truly the word of God.

#### Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

In a strongly worded message, Jesus again rebukes the Pharisees for the hypocritical ostentation and love of honor and position. He reminds the people and the disciples that the truly greatest one is the one who serves others. He ends with the words, "Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled, but whoever humbles himself shall be exalted."

### Reflection

A friend told me she had been the last in her family to stop going to Mass on Sundays. Her siblings had long since given it up. The reasons had a great deal to do with the quality of the church leadership they experienced. Too much outward show of authority; living humbly and as a servant is the heart of ministry.

The harsh words of the prophet Malachi seem more relevant than ever in our day. When we priests fail to walk in the way of Christ and we fail to give glory to God's name by what we do, we become unworthy of our calling to serve God's people. Of course, this kind of behavior is not limited to clergy. Jesus is speaking to the crowds and disciples about the Pharisees, the lay leaders who saw themselves "separate" from the rest because of their outward signs of piety. He also calls them to authentic lives.

"The greatest among you must be your servant," Jesus says, a message he repeats again and again in the Gospels. His followers are resistant to it now as they were then. But the faithful follower is not about title, or ecclesiastical dress-up, or posturing in self-importance. Discipleship in the kingdom that Jesus came preaching is about being brothers and sisters who gather around Jesus Christ, the one Master, who humbled himself and waited for God to exalt him. May the same goal be ours.

### Pope's Universal Intention

For the Pope. We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him with the help of the Holy Spirit.

### PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST

#### **NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:**

Joanne Felegi, Michael Gacek, Michael Sikora, Deborah Vance,

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

**HOSPITALIZED:** Walt Urbielewicz

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

### Weekly Offerings October 28-29, 2023

5:00 pm - \$ 343.00	11:00 am - \$ 962.00
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9:00 am - \$ 1,208.00	Mail - \$ 309.00
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**Total 2,875.00**

### **This weekend November 4-5, our Second Collection is for the Works of Mercy Campaign**

The proceeds benefit the local needs of those within the Diocese of Metuchen community by addressing the social issues of poverty and hunger.



Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Zamorski, a retired priest of the Diocese of Metuchen, who passed away on October 28, 2023.

Msgr. Zamorski was ordained to the priesthood on May 27, 1972. He served as Pastor of St. Stephen Parish in Perth Amboy, Our Lady of Peace Parish in Fords, and most recently Rector of St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen before retiring in 2021.

### **Today begins NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK November 5-11, 2023**

Did you know that in our country, compared to 60 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 129,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has grown steadily.

During National Vocation Awareness Week, please pray that young people in today's society will hear and respond to God's call. And let us do our part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and consecrated life.

Kindly visit our website for more information.  
[www.vianneyvocations.com/nvaw](http://www.vianneyvocations.com/nvaw)

### Lector Schedule - November 4-5, 2023

5:00pm Lector	Stephanie DePass
9:00 am Lector	Frank Kolodzieski
11:00 am Lector	Anna Roszkowska

### Stewardship Scripture Reflections

*"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." - Matthew 23:12*

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions is the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety and depression than ever before. The key to a happy life is relationship. Relationship with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

### **"You're Amazing"**

### **Hard as Nails Ministry Breakthrough Event with Justin Fatica**

**Immaculata High School Gymnasium, Somerville, NJ**

**Saturday, November 4, 2023 at 6:30pm-9:00pm**

The ticketed event is an active and dynamic encounter for 7th-12th graders and families to experience a breakthrough that will (re) ignite their relationship with Christ and the Catholic church.

#### TICKETS

Student or Individual Admission \$10

Family Admission \$25

Visit our website for more information and registration: <https://www.diometuchen.org/youthministry>  
\*\*If cost is an issue, please reach out to Megan Callahan at [mcallahan@diometuchen.org](mailto:mcallahan@diometuchen.org)\*\*

### **PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY**

### The Mass Book for 2024

**is now open**



Please remember that each family may offer

**5 Weekday Masses and  
2 Weekend Masses**

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated

**SENIOR EVENT**  
**November 8, 2023**

Please save-the-date for our next event for Seniors Wednesday, November 8, 2023 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway.

This event includes Continental breakfast, guest speaker Msgr. John Fell, STD, Episcopal Vicar For Health Care Apostolate who will speak on “Health Care Considerations for Aging Catholics”, and Holy Mass.

Cost is \$10 per person. Call or email Angela Marshall to register 732-562-1543 or [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org)

**REBOOT!**

**Wednesday, November 29, 2023 7:00PM**

[St. Cecilia - Monmouth Junction](#)

St. Cecilia's in Monmouth Junction is proud to host Reboot!

Let internationally renowned speaker and author Chris Stefanick help you REDISCOVER God, and REDISCOVER the life you were made for.

REBOOT! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience for all (ages 12 and up), of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life, from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! It's time to start living the life you were made for. To purchase tickets -> [See Chris Live - Real Life Catholic](#)

**Registration for Catholic Heart Workcamp 2024 is open!**

Here's what you need to know:

**Key Information:**

- Camp Locations: Available on the [Unforgettable Youth Group Mission Trips - Catholic HEART Workcamp](#)

- Register online <https://heartworkcamp.com/register/>

**Camp Locations:**

Check the Catholic Heart Workcamp website for the list of camp locations. Please consider a backup choice in case your first preference fills up quickly. We are very excited about all of the new locations, as well as the increase in [Elevate](#) options.

**Registration Process:**

Prepare for registration day by reviewing our [step-by-step guide](#) on the registration process on our website and the waiting room procedure.



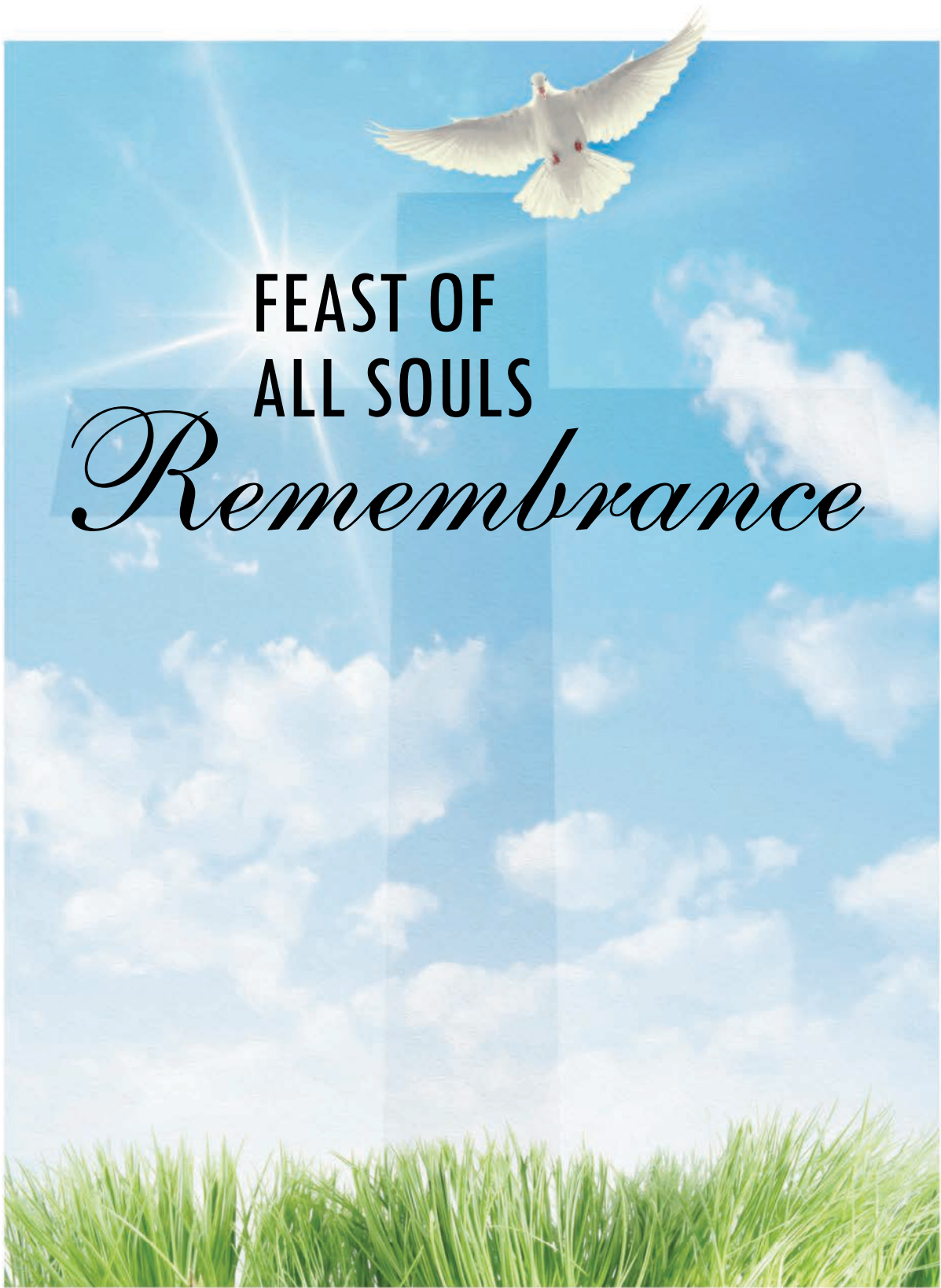
**2023 List Deceased Members of our Community**

1. Wanda Czarcinski
2. Jacqueline Casique Baez
3. Amelia Zito
4. Robert Baumgarten
5. Ronald Stanley Dobies
6. Kazmier Blockus
7. Sophie Mielnicki
8. Barbara Mary Flynn

*Eternal rest grant unto them  
O Lord and let perpetual light  
shine upon them. May they Rest  
in peace. Amen*



*May the Souls of All the faithful  
departed through the mercy of God.  
Rest In Peace. Amen*



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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.



**Life.**  
*What a beautiful choice.*

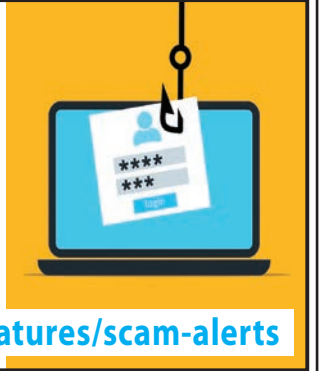
## BEWARE OF PHISHING EMAILS

Scammers are after your:

- Passwords
- Financial Information
- Identity • Money

For information on common scams, please visit

[www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts)



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