

# *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.

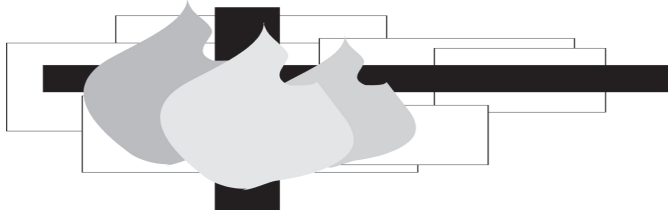
**PARISH REGISTRATION:** Our parish welcomes new members to our faith community. Catholic persons new to our area must complete a registration form and be interviewed by the pastor. Please call or stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form. We should also be notified if your address has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



Parish Office  
Ph: 732-356-0358  
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



## MASS INTENTIONS

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 13**

***St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church***

8:30AM Healing for Angelica Llarena r/o Mom  
r/o Ann Knob

5:00PM For someone who is very sick

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 14**

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

11:00AM For all members of the Kowalczuk  
Family r/o Maria & Jan

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 15**

8:30AM Birthday blessings for Janina Janczak  
r/o Brother Fr. John

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 16**

8:30AM +Ronald C. Jones  
r/o Theresa Rudnicki-Jones

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17**

***St. Anthony, Abbot***

8:30AM +Maria Krawiec  
r/o Michalina & John Schleckman

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 18**

8:30AM +Leonor Pangilinan r/o Mely

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 19**

8:30AM +Banasiak Family  
r/o Malgorzata Bogdanowicz

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 20**

***St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr***

8:30AM For our Parishioners

5:00PM +Jadwiga Roszkowski  
r/o Wieslawa Roszkowski

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

9:00AM Living & Deceased Members of the  
Holy Name Society

11:00AM For all members of the Jurczak Family  
r/o Maria & Jan

## ***2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time*** ***January 14, 2024***

*John and two disciples watched Jesus walk by, he said,  
"Behold, the Lamb of God."*

### **First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19**

This powerful story describes Samuel, who at the time was the servant of the high priest. The Lord called out to Samuel, who twice thought Eli had called him. They gradually realized that it was the Lord who called for him. So the third time Samuel answered and the Lord remained with Samuel as he grew.

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20**

Paul explains to the Corinthians that their body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. He tells them to avoid lewd conduct, and glorify God by keeping their bodies pure.

### **Gospel: John 1:35-42**

John told two of his disciples that Jesus is the Lamb of God. They turned and followed him, immediately curious and attracted to him. Andrew told his brother Simon about Jesus. Simon also came to meet Jesus, who renamed him Cephas, or Peter.

## **Reflection**

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist watches Jesus go by, and announces that Jesus is the promised Lamb of God.

Andrew and another man follow Jesus, who asks what they are looking for. Their answer is strange: they want to know where he lives. Jesus replies, "Come, and you will see."

The next day Andrew takes his brother, Simon, to meet the Messiah-the Anointed One. Jesus looks hard at Simon and, from what he perceives, renames him Peter ("the rock").

The two encounters are ordinary and yet life-changing. Jesus walks past John, and then offers Andrew and his friend hospitality and companionship.

Jesus meets Peter, looks at him, assesses his character, and accepts him as a friend.

The simplicity of Jesus' manner demonstrates his willingness to receive people "as they are" but also to see their potential. He does not offer explanations of who he is, but takes people to his home and lets them see for themselves.

**PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST**

**NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:**

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

**HOMEBOUND:** Patricia D’Allesandro, Richard Freligh, Rose Guido, Dolores Gumerlock, Barbara Mendel, Millie Della Peruta, Lorraine Deleski, Frank Stock, Madeline Wojciechowski, Marcella Spioch, Walt Urbielewicz, Donna Gardner

**HOSPITALIZED:** Carmela Hismeh

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

**Weekly Offerings**  
**January 1, 2024**

5:00 pm - \$ 356.00      11:00 am - \$ 734.00

9:00 am - \$ 828.00      Mail - \$ 0.00

**Total 1,918.00**

**Weekly Offerings**  
**January 6-7 2024**

5:00 pm - \$ 402.00      11:00 am - \$ 787.00

9:00 am - \$ 722.00      Mail - \$ 208.00

**Total \$2,119.00**

**Together In Charity Total \$296.00**

**Next weekend January 20-21, our Second Collection is for the Foundation for Catholic Education**

The entire proceeds benefit financial aid to students attending diocesan and parochial elementary and high schools in the Diocese of Metuchen.

**Stewardship Scripture Reflections**

*“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” - John 1:38*

When we recognize who we are, it’s easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

**Lector Schedule January 13-14, 2024**

**5:00pm Lector      Jazel Werner**  
**9:00 am Lector      Frank Kolodzieski**  
**11:00 am Lector      Dorota Sokolnicki**

**Pope’s Universal Intention**

For the gift of diversity in the Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

**Reminder! Parish Offering Envelopes**

If you have not picked up your envelopes. They are in the Meeting Room and are listed Alphabetically. If you cannot locate your envelope box, please call the Parish Office

**Memorial Wall Candles**

Reminder! Renewal for the Memorial Wall Candles located in the Chapel are due in January. Renewal each year is \$100. Initial installation of a Memorial Candle is \$200. Please call the Parish Office at 732 -356-0358 and let us know if you will be renewing your candle. If we do not hear from you, we can only assume that you do not wish to renew and we will then accommodate those on the waiting list.



**PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY**

**KOLENDA**

The Blessing of homes, a beautiful Polish tradition, will begin after Christmas. If you would like to have your home blessed, please provide the following information and drop it in the collection basket.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Call in the daytime: \_\_\_\_\_

Call in the evening: \_\_\_\_\_

## Rosary for Life – January 19, 2024

Come Pray a Rosary for Life (in solidarity with those at the March for Life in Washington, DC and across the country). Bishop Checchio is scheduled to attend! Friday, January 19, 2024 at 1:00 pm on Main Street in Woodbridge. Park and meet in the St. James Parish parking lot at 12:45 pm (369 Amboy Ave, Woodbridge, NJ) There is a 12:10 pm daily Mass at St. James for those who wish to attend. For more information, contact [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543.

## Family Ministry Fair Live Webinar January 25, 2024

All are welcome to join our Family Ministry Fair Live Webinar on Thursday, January 25, 2024 from 1:00 – 3:30 PM. Our four speakers will be: Dr. Gregory Popcak (Catholic HOM), Damon Owens (Communio), Enza Cerami (Living Stones, Inc.) and Patrick Metts, LPC (RESTORE Catholic Marriage Resource). This event presents a chance to learn and grow parish outreach to families and also minister to marriages. For more information and/or to RSVP for the Zoom link please contact [cdaverso@diometuchen.org](mailto:cdaverso@diometuchen.org)

## Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass & Pro-Vita Awards



Bishop Checchio will celebrate the Annual Respect Life Mass on Sunday, **January 21, 2024 at 12 noon at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen.**

**All are welcome!**

## Online Bereavement and Mental Health Facilitator Trainings (Archdiocese of Newark)

**Bereavement Facilitator Training Course:** <https://archdioceseofnewark.regfox.com/loss-transition>  
Wednesday evenings via Zoom from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM January 24 – March 6, 2024.

**Mental Health Facilitator Training Course:** [Mental Health Ministry Training \(regfox.com\)](https://mentalhealthministrytraining.regfox.com)  
Monday evenings via Zoom from 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM January 22 – March 18, 2024.  
For more information contact John Kalinowski at 973-497-4327 or [bereavement@rcan.org](mailto:bereavement@rcan.org).

## The Mass Book for 2024 is open!

Please note that you are allowed one (1) weekend Mass and four (4) weekday Masses ordered by the same person for different intention/person.  
**\*\* Not (5) Masses for the same person/intention. \*\***

***Please remember that we have (1) daily Mass and 3 Masses on the weekends (1-Vigil 5:00pm and 2-Sunday Masses (9:00am and 11:00am)***

## Adult Enrichment

The Office of Ongoing Faith Formation will be offering a 12-week Adult Enrichment Course entitled "Theology of the Eucharist" on twelve consecutive Thursdays starting January 4 through March 21, 2024 from 10:00AM – 11:30 AM. The course will be offered at the St. John Neuman Pastoral Center located at 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ. Admission is \$15 for all twelve classes. Please register at [www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation](http://www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation). For more information, please email [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543.

## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive a statement of your 2023 Church Contributions for tax purposes, please fill out the form below and return it in the collection basket.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**You must fill out this form to receive a statement. Contribution statements will not be sent out automatically.**



**“Come, follow me...”**

- Mark 1:17



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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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