



# 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  
**Adoration:** Friday after 8:30 am Mass until 12:00pm

**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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Rectory  
732-384-5925

**I am the Good Shepherd**



**I know my sheep and they know me**

**April 21, 2024**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*"I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me."*

**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

8:30AM Deceased Members of the  
Ackermann Family r/o Kenneth Yefchak

5:00PM +Donata Pirone r/o Theresa Cleary,  
Jennifer, Colleen & Family

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 21**

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

11:00AM +Janina Frendak r/o Maria & Jan

**MONDAY, APRIL 22**

8:30AM +Leonard & Izabela Misiak  
r/o Maria & Jan

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23**

**St. George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop, Martyr**

8:30AM +Benedetto Brusca r/o Julia Brusca

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24**

**St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr**

8:30AM +Halina Pajkowski r/o Regina Grodzki

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25**

**ST. MARK, EVANGELIST**

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26**

8:30AM Souls In Purgatory r/o Teresa Zawrotna

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**

8:30AM +Stanislawa & Albin Wiszowaty  
r/o Wieslawa Roszkowski

5:00PM +Joseph & Leona Yefchak  
r/o Kenneth Yefchak

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 28**

9:00AM +Jacqueline Vesce r/o Mom & Dad

11:00AM +Regina & Wladyslaw Kurkowski  
r/o Sister Eleonora

**Pope's Universal Intention**

For the role of women. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**First Reading: : Acts 4:8-12**

Peter explains to the elders that his healing of a cripple was done in the name of Jesus Christ. He reminds the elders that they crucified Jesus, but God rose him up so that all people could be saved in his name.

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2**

John expresses amazement at the fact that God allowed us to be called his children. Although we are unsure exactly what we will be after this life, we do know that we will see God as he is and be like him.

**Gospel: John 10:11-18**

Jesus speaks of a shepherd working only for pay, with no real concern for the sheep being well cared for. But Jesus is our shepherd and would lay down his own life for all those in his flock. God loves him for his willingness to sacrifice himself for the sake of all God's children.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

We are familiar with the image: Jesus, staff in hand, carrying a lamb across his shoulders. It's a beautiful image but it doesn't reflect the reality of shepherding as hard and sometimes risky work. In the passage prior to today's Gospel Jesus has healed a blind man on the Sabbath day and the Pharisees say he has broken the law, which forbids all work on the Lord's day-even healing! Jesus says that, as the Good Shepherd, he is not like hired hands who collect pay for watching the sheep, but abandon them in time of need.

Jewish scriptures frequently describe God as a shepherd. Such imagery was also used by Moses and the prophets as well as the psalmists: "Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,/you who lead Joseph like a flock!" (Psalm 80:1) and "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1). So the Pharisees know exactly what Jesus means: not only is he prepared to break the Sabbath law, but he is claiming to be God, an outrage in their eyes. They also know he is contrasting himself with them-the hired hands entrusted with the care of God's people, but caring more for rules they had lost sight of the living heart of Judaism (see Deuteronomy 10:12-20 and Micah 6:8). In addition, they lacked humility and judged as unworthy those who followed the rules less devotedly. Any time we say others as less worthy, less obedient, less devout than we are, trouble follows. Let's keep our eyes on the Shepherd and follow him.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations!**

God our Father,  
You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.  
We ask that You inspire young people whom  
you call to the priesthood and consecrated life  
to courageously follow Your will.  
Send workers into Your great harvest  
so that the Gospel is preached,  
the poor are served with love,  
the suffering are comforted,  
and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

### 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, Walt Urbielewicz, Dorothy Spioch

#### **HOSPITALIZED:**

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

### Weekly Offerings

April 13-14, 2024

5:00 pm - \$ 388.00	11:00 am - \$ 637.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,636.00	Mail - \$ 265.00

**Total 2,926.00**

Next weekend April 27 and 28 we will have a 2nd collection for Catholic Relief Services. The proceeds will benefit the Native & Black American Collection as well as Catholic Relief Service.

### **Diocese of Metuchen 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

#### **Summary Information as of 04.12.2024**

Goal	\$33,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$19,656.00
Recurring Gift:	\$ 0.00
Recurring Received:	\$ 0.00
Amount Received:	\$15,631.00
Over/(Under) Goal:	(\$13,344.00)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	59.56%
Percent of Goal Received:	47.37%
Average Gift Amount:	\$ 293.37

### **NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA**

St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society has resumed their annual visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pa.

Wednesday, May 15, 2024  
Bus will leave at 9:30 am  
Will Arrive at 11:15 am

Cost \$40 per person  
(\$15 meal - \$25 Bus)

Make Check payable to  
St. Mary's Altar Rosary  
Society with name and phone number

Must be received by May 7  
There will be NO REFUNDS!

#### Schedule

Mass at 11:30 am, followed by Rosary  
Lunch and free time to pray, go to Gift Shop  
Bus will leave at 3:00 pm - Arrive 4:30 pm  
Come join us for a day of prayer, good food, and good friends

Call Theresa for Tickets 908-526-7687



### Lector Schedule April 20-21, 2024

5:00 pm Lector	Joseph Pizzo
9:00 am Lector	Frank Kolodzieski
11:00 am Lector	Anna Roszkowska

### **Women's Inspirational Brunch**

**Sunday, April 21, 2024  
St. Francis Cathedral CYO  
Time - 1 PM**

**Keynote Speaker: Leah Darrow**

Women of all ages are invited to join for brunch and hear from Leah Darrow as our keynote speaker.

Leah Darrow was a fashion model in NYC and a reality TV contestant America's Next Top Model. She now travels the world sharing her unique experiences to tens of thousands of people each year. In this presentation, learn how the pursuit of pop culture's definition of love and happiness led to a moment of mercy and conversion in Leah's life.

### **Healing the Whole Person Retreat Weekend September 19-21, 2024 Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi**

Experience Jesus in His mission of healing! Physical, spiritual and emotional healing, central to the Church's life and 2,000 year tradition, come to life in this teaching. Led by renowned speakers and authors Dr. Bob Schuchts, Sr. Miriam James Heidland SOLT & Bart Schuchts, the uniquely engaging format will help you see and experience God's healing love through teaching, prayer, personal reflection, Adoration, worship, and the Sacraments.

Note: Registration opens on June 17th and it most likely will sell out within the first few days of registration opening.

**In-Person Registration  
\$165/person  
Livestream Registration**

**For those who cannot attend in-person  
\$119/person**

### **New Jersey Catholic Youth Rally at Six Flags Great Adventure May 19th 2024**

1 Six Flags Boulevard, Jackson, NJ

The NJ Catholic Youth Rally is a day-long event that gathers teens from across the state of NJ for a day of fun, fellowship, Mass, and more held at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ. The day starts with a dynamic opening ceremony. Teens then get the day to enjoy the park and all the rides. The day concludes in the Batman Stunt Arena with a Mass.

Open to all Jr. High, High School & Young Adult Ministry, Scouting Parish/School Athletic Programs, and families!

The registration DEADLINE is May 10th.  
More information and Registration: <https://www.diometuchen.org/youth-rally>