

# 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  
Fax: 732-356-5348

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Rectory  
732-384-5925



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in the name of Jesus*

**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK 

**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

**MONDAY, APRIL 29**

***St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church***

8:30AM +Maria Krawiec r/o Renee & Tom Beber

**TUESDAY, APRIL 30**

***St. Pius V, Pope***

8:30AM +Piotr & Lucja r/o Maria & Jan

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**

***ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER***

8:30AM +Stanley Rudnicki  
r/o Daughter Theresa Rudnicki-Jones

**THURSDAY, MAY 2**

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

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

**FIRST FRIDAY, MAY 3**

***STS. PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES***

8:30AM +Henryk Kowalczyk r/o Maria & Jan

**FIRST SATURDAY, MAY 4**

8:30AM Reparation for the offenses committed  
against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

5:00PM Intentions of the Blessed Mother  
r/o Malgorzata Bogdanowicz

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 5**

9:00AM +Walter & Jadwiga Kurkowski  
r/o Daughter-in-law Myra

11:00AM +Saturnina Nasilowska  
r/o Brother Frank & Regina Grodzki

**Pope's Universal Intention**

For the formation of religious and seminarians. We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

*April 28, 2024*

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*"Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit."*

**First Reading: Acts 9:26-31**

Paul the Apostle came to Jerusalem, where the other disciples were afraid of him. Then they learned that the Lord had spoken to Paul and he had preached openly in Damascus. When they learned that someone wanted to kill him, they protected him because they fully believed he had converted.

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24**

John clearly states that we must love one another. All people who believe in Jesus Christ can show their faith only through their actions. If people believe in Jesus and love one another as he commanded us, they prove that they are true believers in Christ.

**Gospel: John 15:1-8**

Jesus compares himself to a vine, and compares his father to the vine-grower. He explains how God prunes the barren branches so that the rest might yield more fruit. He reminds them that apart from himself, his followers could not bear fruit.

**First Friday Devotions  
May 3, 2024**



The First Friday devotion is different from the First Saturday devotion, which is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The First Friday devotion is a devotion to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** that originated from the apparitions of Jesus Christ to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17th century. The devotion involves attending Mass, receiving Holy Communion, and going to Confession on the First Friday of the month for 9 consecutive months. It is a way of showing Love, Penance, and Reparation to Jesus for our sins. Jesus promised to those who practice this devotion the grace of final repentance and a secure refuge in His Heart at the hour of death. (pictures by pinterest.com)



**PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY**

**First Saturday Devotions  
May 4, 2024**



In honor of the Blessed Mother's request to Sr. Lucia, whom she appeared to at Fatima, St. Mary of Czestochowa offers the opportunity to partake in the devotion of the Five First Saturdays.

On the first Saturday of each month, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered at 8:30 am, followed by the recitation of the rosary and 15 minutes of quiet meditation on the mysteries. The intention of this devotion is to make reparation for the offenses and blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Confession, which is a requirement, may be made within 8 days prior or after the first Saturday.

The promise to those who console the Virgin Mary through this devotion is the assistance at the hour of death with the graces necessary for their salvation. The Blessed Mother also promised that this devotion will result in the salvation of souls and peace in the world. (pictures by rejijoseph.com)



**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 20-21, 2024**

5:00 pm - \$ 286.00	11:00 am - \$ 685.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,611.00	Mail - \$ 375.00
<b>Total 2,957.00</b>	

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ’s love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection make grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. To learn more about the collection visit us at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

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

**Summary Information as of 04.19.2024**

Goal	\$33,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$20,606.00

**Lector Schedule April 27-28, 2024**

5:00 pm Lector	Dawn Lanner
9:00 am Lector	Stephanie DePass
11:00 am Lector	Bozena Owsieniuk

**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

These days the word “obedience” has fallen on hard times. To most people it means surrendering control over actions and behavior. However, the English word “obedience” comes from the Latin *obaudire*, which means “to listen well.” Let’s face it, many of us have an unconscious aversion to others. We want to be around them, but not get too familiar. We put up emotional fences because we fear we will be controlled or threatened by them, or that we will somehow be personally diminished. But is it true that committed relationships limit our growth and personalities when we live and work closely with other people in a marriage, a family, a parish, or community? God calls every one of us into being and created us to grow into our full potential only in communion with others. Yet how do we do this? How do we avoid the pitfalls of isolation on the one hand and abusive, destructive relationships on the other? Are we deprived when we sacrifice for the sake of others? We begin by learning to repent and obey. The English word “repent” in scripture translates the Greek word *metanoia*, or “change one’s mind (or heart).” In the scriptures, repentance and true obedience go hand in hand. We must “listen responsibly” to hear the word of repentance. Through repentance we learn our limitations as well as our strengths. Listening also requires responsible action. In a family or parish or other church organization, wonderful, blessed things can happen when each and every person listens and responds appropriately to what is asked of them. Truly, God is in the midst of such a place, and there are no limits to what can be done in love of God’s glory and for the salvation of all humankind. Hearing Jesus’ words, “I am the vine, you are the branches,” sounds comforting at first, but then comes “and my Father is the vine grower” (John 15:1). The task of the vine grower is to prune and pruning can be tricky. The danger is cutting the main vine and not the branches. But Jesus tells us that it is the Father who is out there with the pruning shears. He is cutting away the dead wood, and cutting back the good branches so they bear even more fruit. Nevertheless, you might think, who wants to be pruned, even metaphorically? Who wants God snipping away? It’s hard to be pruned. There is a dying in that. This is the ongoing story of Easter: dying and rising, pruning and bearing more fruit. God prunes us to bring out life, to make us life bearers and life givers. As the Father continues, he snips away our selfishness, our self-centeredness, and all things we hold on to that do not give us life: resentments, old grievances, desires and revenge. God is about life everlasting; he’s committed to an abundance of life-not just life today but eternal life. It’s God’s divine plan. Do you want to be part of it?

*Altar flowers for the month of May  
In Honor of the Blessed Mother Mary  
May 5*

Blessed Mother Altar

Nellie Mastrull

r/o Daughter Rosanne Granddaughters,  
Grandson

Main Altar

Gamatko & Scardino Families  
r/o Gamatko Family

Sacred Heart Altar

Barbara Lanner  
r/o Dawn Lanner

**Are you suffering after an abortion?**

If you or someone you know is suffering after an abortion, confidential, no-judgmental help is available!  
Call Project Rachel’s local toll-free number: 1-877-877-4300 or visit: [Hopeafterabortion.org](http://Hopeafterabortion.org). You may also call the Sisters of Life at : 1-866-575-0075 or email [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org)



## Statement of Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA, Bishop of Metuchen, for Passover 2024

In the spirit of this sacred time, as our Jewish brothers and sisters enter into the celebration of Passover, may we all reflect on the profound significance of God working in our midst.

Commemorating our shared history and journey from bondage to freedom, we are united this day in remembering those among us who may feel oppressed, burdened, or marginalized. Especially at this moment, marked by uncertainty and difficulty, let us unite in prayer, seeking the guidance and strength of the Almighty.

To our Jewish brothers and sisters, be assured my prayers and those of the Church of Metuchen. May He bless each of you abundantly with joy, peace, and the comfort of His presence. Pesach sameach!

## Knights of Columbus visiting Icon Program and Icon of St. Joseph



As part of the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program a very special icon of St. Joseph will be visiting the parish of Our Lady of Mt. Virgin, 600 Harris Avenue Middlesex, NJ 08846 from April 29 to May 5. They will have a special Mass in honor of St. Joseph Wednesday, May 1, at 7:00 pm.

Light refreshments to follow Mass

## ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

The Diocese of Metuchen has begun to hear word of round of fraudulent emails being sent to parishioners claiming to be from the pastors of their parishes. Please be aware that these emails, if responded to, will ask you to buy gift cards and send the card numbers and PINS to the fake email address. [Please inform your family members not to respond to these fraudulent emails.](#)

## 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**



## New Jersey Catholic Youth Rally at Six Flags Great Adventure May 19th 2024 1Six 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>



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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.*

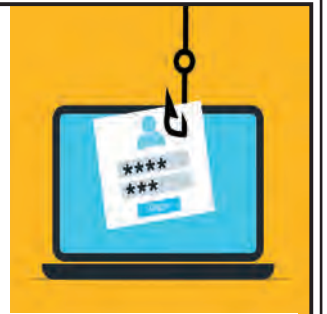
## BEWARE OF PHISHING EMAILS

Scammers are after your:

- Passwords
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For information on common scams, please visit

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