

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

Website: www.stmarys-boundbrook.com
e-mail: stmarybb1@verizon.net

Rectory
732-384-5925



**25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 22, 2024**

“God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**MASS INTENTIONS
OF THE WEEK**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

8:30AM +Janina & Kazimierz Losiewicz
r/o Malgorzata Bogdanowicz

5:00PM For Our Parishioners

**25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME,
SEPTEMBER 22**

9:00AM +Ferdinand Zito r/o Fred Zito

11:00AM +Adam Wierzba r/o Henry Pakosz

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

St. Pius of Pistorcina, Priest

8:30AM For Good Health & Blessings for
Agnieszka Szczepanski & Family
r/o Teresa Zawrotna

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:30AM +Kazimierz Losiewicz
r/o Malgorzata Bogdanowicz

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

8:30AM +Stephanie & Czeslaw Ropiak
r/o Teresa Zawrotna

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:30AM Living & Deceased Members of the
Banasiak Family
r/o Malgorzata Bogdanowicz

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs

8:30AM +Jacqueline Vesce r/o Mom & Dad

5:00PM +Adam Wierzba
r/o Joe & Stasia Olechowski

**26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME,
SEPTEMBER 29**

9:00AM 95th Birthday Blessings for Rose Ann
Short r/o Daughters & Grandson

11:00AM +Jan and Maria Stec r/o Son Fr. John

First Reading: First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Wicked people discuss their anger at the just one, because they do not like being reproached for their evil ways. They want to see if he is the Son of God, so they decide to torture him and see if God will come to defend him. They decide to condemn him to a shameful death and see if the claims are true that God will take care of him.

Second Reading: James 3:16—4:3

James discusses the importance of avoiding jealousy and strife. People should strive for peace and justice instead of concentrating on material pleasures which can tempt people to sin to obtain whatever they desire.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus again attempts to prepare his disciples for his death and resurrection, although they do not yet fully understand. They had been arguing over who was the most important one, but Jesus tells them whoever wants to rank first must be willing to remain a servant to all. He also tells them that anyone who welcomes a child in his name welcomes both him and God.

Reflecting on God's Word

Today's second reading is part of a letter from James the Apostle to a community of Christians who are living in conflict. James offers advice and counsel by contrasting human wisdom and heavenly wisdom. Human wisdom is limited and intertwined with our tendency to sinfulness; hence we fall into strife, jealousy, immorality, and worse, all resulting from our self-centered desires. Heavenly wisdom, on the other hand, originates with God, so it is pure, peaceable, merciful, and expressed in good deeds. Following heavenly wisdom can lead to the perfect happiness God desires for all of us. None of us—even Jesus' own disciples—are immune to the temptations of this world, such as status, wealth, and power. In today's Gospel, Jesus urgently tells them about his impending suffering and death; yet they ignore him and continue squabbling about who is the greatest among them! We are sometimes like the disciples and the early Christians James is writing to when we indulge in behavior that contradicts who we say we are. When we reproach the pastor, complain about the parish staff or ministries, bicker and gossip, or withhold money or service from our parish, we harm the community of faith. Yet every person in a parish who freely gives their time to a ministry, who regularly prays for fellow parishioners, who brings help and comfort in times of need, who welcomes the poor and forgotten, and who gives generously to the offertory collection, is responding to heavenly wisdom. It is these continuing and cumulative acts of generosity and goodness that build up faith and strengthen the community. To follow Christ is hard work, requiring commitment, perseverance, and courage. Success in the Christian life is achieved by becoming not the greatest, but the servant of all. The prize is life eternal.

Pope's Universal Intention

For the cry of the earth. We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

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, Walter Urbielewicz, Dorothy Spioch, Lorraine Deleski

HOSPITALIZED:

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

Weekly Offerings September 14-15, 2024

5:00 pm - \$ 698.00	11:00 am - \$ 575.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,051.00	Mail - \$1,165.00

Total 3,489.00

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Mark 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, when we sacrifice, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

The "*Prayer for the Conversion of Sinners*" is a heartfelt appeal to the Holy Spirit to enlighten the minds of unbelievers, inclining their hearts to love God's word and to believe the teachings of His Church.

Prayer: *O Holy Spirit of Truth, we beseech Thee to enlighten the minds of unbelievers in the midst of us, to incline their hearts to love Thy word, and to believe the teachings of Thy Church. Give them courage to accept the faith and openly profess it; that they may come into union with Thee and the Father, through Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth forever and ever. Amen.*

Pray one: Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be...



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. You may also call the Sisters of Life at: 1-866-575-0075 or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

Lector Schedule September 21-22, 2024

5:00 pm Lector	Stephanie DePass
9:00 am Lector	Theresa Rudnicki-Jones
11:00 am Lector	Anna Roszkowska

50/50 Raffle

Our 50/50 Raffle is back sponsored by St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and will be sold at the Bake Sale and then every second weekend of the month after all Masses.

The winning tickets will be drawn on December 15, 2024.

From all the monies collected, the First Place winner will receive 30%, the Second Place winner will receive 10% and the Third Place winner will receive 10%.

Any questions, please call Dawn Lanner at 908-541-1818.

Remember - **YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!**

CHRIST THE REDEEMER ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH, MANVILLE, NJ

2024-2025 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All classes will meet on Tuesdays from 5:30 - 6:45PM.

Starting October 1, 2024

Registration deadline: ASAP

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sacred Heart Church

First Sunday of the Month 10:00AM Sunday Liturgy

For information contact: **Christ the King School**

99 North 13th Ave. Manville, NJ

Tel: (908) 725-0772 Email: mtomasko@CTRManville.com

Registration: <https://www.ctrmanville.com/Home/ReligiousEducation>

Be a Champion for Catholic Charities

You are invited to join CHAMPIONS for CATHOLIC CHARITIES—a community of individual and corporate benefactors who support the vital services for our neighbors in need provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Over 60,000 people are helped each year through more than 100 programs in the New Jersey counties of Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Warren. Catholic Charities continues to work each day to renew hope and bring wholeness to those broken in body and spirit, and we invite you to join us in putting love into action by becoming a

CHAMPION for CATHOLIC CHARITIES.

Go to www.diometuchen.org/champions to make a gift or download a raffle form to purchase a ticket. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Champions for Catholic Charities and mailed to Champions for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, PO Box 191, Metuchen, NJ 08840-0191. Questions may be directed by email to champions@diometuchen.org or by phone to 732-562-2432.

Save-the-Date:

September 26, 2024, 9:30 am
Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, Trenton

Join the NJ Bishops for a

Mass for Life

followed by a Rally & March at the Trenton Statehouse

Concelebrating priests must register here:

<https://diometuchen.org/registration-priests-concelebration>

Surviving Divorce Program

For men and women seeking healing from separation or divorce. This 8-week program, while based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM beginning October 2, 2024 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ. For more information or to register contact Rachelle Hanna at rachelle.hanna@gmail.com.

Feminine Genius Brunch

Saturday, October 5, 2024

Come join us for a beautiful brunch where Catholic women communicate the deeper truths of their unique gifts and role in the Church.

Presentation:

“Responding to the World's Darkness: Inspiration from Women Saints” by Dianne M. Traflet, J.D., S.T.D.,

Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology at Seton Hall University. This event is for women of all ages and will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Cost is \$25 per person.

For more information and/or to register please visit:

www.diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity or call 732-562-1543 or email amarshall@diometuchen.org



Catholic Girl Scouts, GIRL SCOUTING IN FAITH!

Come join us!

A GATHERING Day is normally held each year for Catholic Junior, Cadette, Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts who would like to work on a Catholic scouting program. During that day, scouts accomplish several requirements towards their respective medals.

This year's Girl Scout GATHERING Day will be held on Saturday October 12, 2024 from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM at St. Bernard of Clairvaux, 500 Route 22 East, Bridgewater. Breakfast and lunch will be provided along with scouting activities and fellowship. The cost for the program is \$15.00

Catholic Girl Scout Medals are offered at each scout level with activities and requirements, just like with regular girl scout badge work. Daisy and Brownie programs are completed within the family. Junior, Cadette and Senior medal programs are completed largely in a group environment with adult advisors.

Daisy.....God is Love
Brownie.....God and Family
Juniors.....I Live My Faith
Cadettes.....Marian Medal
Seniors and ambassadors.....Spirit Alive
Contact domgirlscouts@gmail.com for further info.

Marriage Encounter

With summer winding down, why not treat yourself to a Marriage Encounter Weekend?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held October 18 - 20. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

Silver & Gold & 5 Year Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th or 5th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 3:00 PM. This year the Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service will include couples celebrating 5 years of marriage. Registration is required.

Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 11, 2024. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or calling 732-562-1543.

YOU ARE INVITED



Whether you are a 7th grader taking your first look at high schools or an 8th grader beginning the high school search, this event is for you.

OPEN HOUSE

MON., OCT. 7
6 – 8 PM

SUN., OCT. 20
1 – 5 PM

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AND SIGN UP!





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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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