

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
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Rectory
732-384-5925



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

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 Rosanne Short r/o Daughters & Grandson

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30AM For the Souls in Purgatory
r/o Teresa Zawrotna

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

St. Therese of the Child of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

8:30AM For the Living & Deceased Theresa's in our Parish r/o Theresa Rudnicki-Jones

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:30AM +Jozef Stec r/o Cousin Fr. John

FIRST FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

St. Francis of Assisi

8:30AM +Joseph Patrick Slater r/o Maureen Slater

FIRST SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

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

5:00PM +Katherine Anderson r/o Mary Fazan

27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 6

9:00AM +Skip Lyne r/o Wife Donna Lyne

11:00AM +Michal Gnap r/o Beata & George Gnap

26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

"Your word, O Lord, is truth; consecrate us in the truth."

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Two men not considered prophets by the people began to prophesize, and this offended those who did not feel they were true prophets. But Moses explained that prophets are chosen by God, not the people.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

James speaks out strongly against people who become rich by cheating their workers. He claims the wealth they have dishonestly collected will be a testimony against them on judgment day.

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Jesus explains to his disciples that it is acceptable for a person who is not part of their group to speak in his name, but he does warn them that anyone who tries to lead his followers astray will be severely punished. Jesus also discusses personal failing and the importance of taking whatever steps are necessary to avoid them.

Reflecting on God's Word

Focus on God's agenda, not your own. This message could be the link between the reading from the book of Numbers and the Gospel. When Joshua gets upset at the two men who are suddenly prophesying and wants Moses to stop them, Moses asks, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people . . . were prophets!" (Numbers 11:29). And Jesus responds to his disciple John, also upset that someone outside their group was casting out demons in Jesus' name, that "whoever is not against us is for us" (Mark 9:40).

Both Jesus and Moses recognized that God's spirit blows where it will. It sometimes ends up in the strangest places, working through very unexpected people. At the same time, no one can presume that the Spirit will always be working through a particular group or the proper channels. We must be careful of trying to box in or corral the spirit of God. Being on the inside is no guarantee. Thus, we get Jesus' hard words about cutting off a hand or a leg or plucking out an eye rather than letting it cause us to sin and be cast into hell. Most say this is hyperbole, Middle Eastern exaggeration. I think Jesus is calling his disciples to look honestly at their lives and face whatever it is that leads them away from God. "Deal with it," he says. We must always watch what we hold, the path we choose to walk, and the vision that guides us.

Those on the inside can lose sight of, lose touch with, go off the path that takes us to the kingdom. And they can take others with them. What matters is that God's work be done.

Pope's Universal Intention

For a shared mission. We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a synodal Lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

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 21-22, 2024

5:00 pm - \$ 449.00 11:00 am - \$ 294.00

9:00 am - \$ 1,340.00 Mail - \$ 240.00

Total 2,323.00

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." Mark 9:41

We are made in God's image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generously become easier. Why? Because that's the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.

HAPPY
95th Birthday

Rosanne Short

May your 95th year be a tapestry of wonderful moments & cherished memories. May God's grace be with you & may his love surround you always.

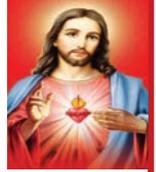
Fr. John and Parishioners

Thank you, for the beautiful flowers for our church.

Lector Schedule September 28-29, 2024

5:00 pm Lector Joseph Pizzo
9:00 am Lector Roberta Harman
11:00 am Lector Dorota Sokolnicki

First Friday Devotions October 5, 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.



First Saturday Devotions October 6, 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.

Please remember in your prayers the Bishop Paul Gregory Bootkoski. Recently he has had some health issues which have been tough for him and now hamper his mobility.

50/50 Raffle

We have added the weekend of 09/28 – 09/29 in addition to every second weekend of the month to sell Tickets after all the Masses.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and 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!**

The Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

Jesus, you came that we might have life-and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.



Our Lady of Fatima Candlelight Procession

All are invited to attend this annual event on Sunday, October 13, 2024, gathering at the Our Lady of Fatima Church, located at 501 New Market Road in Piscataway, NJ at 7:00pm. The

homilist for the program following the procession will be Reverend Luke Mary Fletcher CFR, chaplain of the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. The procession begins at 7:30pm. The Rosary will be recited in the church for those unable to walk in the procession. Rosaries, candles and handkerchiefs are available for a small donation. Please join us. For information call Roberta at 732-245-9124.

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.

Be a Champion for Catholic Charities and Put Mercy into Action 50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING ~ NOVEMBER 1, 2024

We might never know the recipients of our Works of Mercy or the impact our financial gift had on their lives. Consider the family that was helped by Catholic Charities during a period of unemployment and is now on the path to self-sufficiency or, the person whose struggle with addictions is being alleviated through our Catholic Charities' counseling services. Who would guess that becoming a Champion for Catholic Charities by purchasing a raffle ticket could have such far-reaching results. When a community responds in generosity, that is exactly what happens.

By entering our Champions 50/50 Raffle, you are helping our neighbors in need and you just may win one of the two grand prizes. *Over the years, the prize for this raffle has reached as high as \$40,000 each for two lucky winners!* With your participation, we are hoping for even greater success this year. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased by [downloading a raffle form at www.diometuchen.org/champions](http://www.diometuchen.org/champions) and mailing it in with your payment or by calling 732-562-2432. Thank you and good luck!

St. Thomas Aquinas High School 37th Annual AQUINAS STAR Spaghetti Dinner

for
ALLISON HENRY AND ROBERT MEADE
Thursday, October 10, 2024 4:00pm-6:30pm



Alison (Allie) is 4 years old. She has hydrocephalus, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, cortical vision impairment, and hip dysplasia. She lives in Bridgewater with her mom, dad, and big sister, Lillian. Robert (RJ) Meade is 1 year old and was diagnosed with leukemia in May. He is currently receiving treatments and has a long road ahead. He lives in Mt. Olive with his mom and dad, Robert Meade '10 and Caroline Langowski Meade '10, and big sister, Savannah. Order forms and payment for take-out are due by Friday, October 4th! Dine in tickets only can be ordered in advance or purchased at the door. Prices: Adults - \$12, Students - \$10, Children (under 12) - \$8, Children (under 3) - free

For information or to make a donation, please email Mrs. Diane Fucci at dfucci@stahs.net

Order tickets online on our website at: www.stahs.net

Mail ticket orders and payment to: St. Thomas Aquinas High School 1 Tingley Lane, Edison, NJ 08820
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Feast of the Guardian Angels

FOR HE WILL ORDER HIS ANGELS
TO PROTECT YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.



PSALM 91:11



