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

Parish Office Ph: 732-356-0358 Fax: 732-356-5348 Website: www.stmarys-boundbrook.com e-mail: stmarybb1@verizon.net

Rectory 732-384-5925

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.





Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 24, 2024

"To Jesus Christ be the glory and power forever and ever!



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest, Martyr

- 8:30AM +John Berni r/o Jean Fenske, Daughter
- 5:00PM For health of our secretary Jazel Werner r/o Fr. John and Parishioners

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE,

- 9:00AM For Living and Deceased Loved Ones, r/o Dominick & Joann Cunder and Cynthia
- 11:00AM For our sick Parishioners r/o Anonymous

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr

8:30AM Special Intention r/o Malgorzata Bogdanowicz

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:30AM Souls in Purgatory r/o Malgorzata Bogdanowicz

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 THANKSGIVING DAY

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:30AM Deceased members of the Oliveri Family r/o Domenica & Nicolo Accreditato

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE8:30AM+Jose Alvarado, Pedro Henao & JuliaAbrehu r/o Amparo
- 5:00PM +Richard Jannuzzi r/o Graebener Family

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 1

- 9:00AM +Basia Kurkowski r/o Mom Myra
- 11:00AM Living and deceased members of the Holy Name Society

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14; ;

Daniel describes the one who will appear on the clouds of heaven and receive glory. People of every language will serve this one, and his leadership and community will be his forever.

Second Reading: Revelations 1:5-8

Jesus is so powerful, he is the ruler of kings. He loved us enough to free us from sin, and so he will be glorified forever. He will appear again and be seen by all the people of the earth. God calls himself the first and last, "the One who is and who was and who is to come," reminding all people that God will remain with us always.

Gospel: John 18:33-37

Pilate asks Jesus if he is a king. Jesus explains that his kingdom is not of this world. Pilate asks again if Jesus is a king, to which he replies, "I came into the world to testify to the truth. Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice."

Reflecting on God's Word

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 24, 2024

Political power meets spiritual power in today's conversation between Jesus and Pilate. Are you King of the Jews?" Pilate asks Jesus (John 18:33) Pilate is concerned whether Jesus is a threat to Roman rule, just as the Jewish leaders see Jesus as a Threat to their authority. Jesus is thus either guilty of fomenting insurrection as a militant messiah or of spea king blasphemy by presenting himself as one who inaugurates the reign of God.

Jesus, however, speaks not about himself as a king but about a kingdom that "does not belong to this world" (John 18:36). This kingdom may not be of this world but it is in this world. God's kingdom is present in Jesus as oe who comes to bear witness to the truth. God's kingdom is present in Jesus as one who comes to bear witness to the truth. And what is this truth? That "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Jesus is the Word become flesh who made his dwelling among us, so that we might see his glory, "the glory of the Father's own Son, / full of grace and truth. John 1:14). The hour of glory was the hour of the cross, not the hour of political power, but God's power shining through human weakness, bringing light into darkness, revealing self-sacrificing love so that we might have life.

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

HOSPITÁLIZED:

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

<u>Weekly Offerings</u> <u>November 16-17, 2024</u>

5:00 pm - \$ 543.00	11:00 am - \$ 560.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,482.00	Mail - \$ 700.00

Total \$ 3,285.00

Holiday Support Group for Adult Children of Divorce

The Life-Giving Wounds Ministry for adult children of divorce is sponsoring a hybrid support group consisting of a series of virtual meetings and 2 in-person sessions. The first session will be held at St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on December 7th. Subsequent meetings will take place each Thursday evening on Zoom from 8 to 9:30 p.m. The final session will take place on February 8th. Cost is \$45 per person for materials.

To register, please visit: www.diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce

For questions, please contact Molly at: molly.moltane@gmail.com

Lector Schedule November 23-24, 2024

5:00 pm Lector Jazel Werner 9:00 am Lector Dawn Lanner 11:00 am Lector Anna Roszkowska

The Mass Book for 2025 is OPEN

Each family may request :

<u>1</u> Weekend Mass and **<u>4</u>** Weekday Masses

Your understanding is greatly appreciated! Please complete the *Mass Request Form* included in a previous bulletin or available in the Parish Office.

<u>Parish Office Hours:</u> Mon-Wed 9:00am-11:30am & Friday 3:30pm-5:30pm

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen" ... "Jesus answered 'My kingdom does not belong to this world...' Jesus answered 'You say I am a king, for this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who believes in the truth listens to my voice.'"

Did you pray the Lord's prayer yet today? In the opening words of praise did you think about what 'Thy kingdom come' means? By our baptism we became part of His kingdom the church. We were each given a mission, to build the kingdom of Jesus on earth. As we celebrate this final Sunday of the church year, may we rededicate ourselves to living actively in the kingdom of Jesus, by building His church, and making His presence felt and known. We recall the words of a great saint, as he spoke about the mission. He said each one of us was given a task to build the kingdom, and as long as I fail to do my part, it will always remain undone. 'Thy kingdom come.'

> HIS WORD TODAY BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

Invitation To Young Men For A Special Event

The Vocations Office of our Diocese of Methchen will be hosting a special event at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University. This event is a wonderful opportunity for young men from our parishwhether they are in high school, college, or older—to experience seminary life firsthand and discern their vocation. It will be held on **Tuesday, December 3rd, at 5 PM**, and gather to celebrate Evening Prayer, share a meal with the seminarians, and enjoy a guided tour of the seminary.

Please RSVP to TLanza@diometuchen.org



A special THANK YOU to our parishioners for their donations for flowers for our Forty Hours Devotions



Nicolo & Domenica Accreditato Magdalena Babula Wojciech & Helena Bajda Kathleen Bligh Kathleen Blockus Miroslaw & Malgorzata Bogdanowicz **Bogumilia Bojaruniec** Maria Bonello Anthony & Dorothy Cimino Dominick Cunder Ioann Cunder Miroslaw Dabrowski Ladislaw & Petronela Fidermak James C. Gamatko Mary Lou Gamatko Frank & Regina Grodzki Frank P. Kolodzieski II Anthony & Judy Kosek Adam Krawiec Nancy Krug Elaine Krzysztow Witold & Jolanta Ksiazek Dawn Lanner Nancy Lepionka Mark & Diane Litwinko **Catherine McGuire**

Jan & Bozena Owsieniuk Henry Pakosz Eleanor Pisowacki Joseph Pizzo Janusz & Malgorzata Plewinski Romuald & Maria Poplawski John & Romualda Prozor Martha Ptaszynski Emil Pucowski Jozef & Teresa Regula Henryk & Wieslawa Roszkowski Lukasz & Anna Roszkowski Ian & Maria Sadowski **Rosanne Short** Thomas Specian Veronica Tkach Giovanni & Margaret Todaro Walter & Diane Urbielewicz Florence Veglatte Boguslawa Wierzba Jan & Maria Wolak Kenneth Yefchak Zdzislaw & Teresa Zawrotna-Kobylinski **Yvonne Zemeikis**

Special Thank You to:

Bozena Owsieniuk & Elzbieta Niedbala for beautifully decorating the church with the flowers.



And to

Regina Grodzki for changing the altar linens.



Diocese of Metuchen

African American, African and Caribbean Apostolate

Diocesan **Black Catholic** Gathering

The Black Catholic Committee:

A multi-ethnic committee of passionate Catholics, working to implement the Pastoral Plan of Action recommended by the National Black Catholic

Congress last July.

The National BLACK CATHOLIC Congress

Saturday, November 23, 2024

9:00am - 12:00pm

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway

Register: www.diometuchen.org/multiculturalministry

Please RSVP by November 20th, 2024

For more information, please contact: Sr. Miriam Perez (mperez@diometuchen.org) or Deacon Rick Fortune (deaconrickfortune@gmail.com)



Pope Saint John Paul II

Evangelization Workshop

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 9:00AM Mass with Msgr. Joseph Celano Church of the Immaculate Conception

9:45AM-3:30PM **Evangelization Workshop** Immaculata High School 240 Mountain Avenue, So

online registration required

COST: \$25

eakfast, lunch, and all training materials are included





Questions? Please contact Adam Carlisle, Secretary for Evangelization and Communication at acarlisle@diometuchen.org.

UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP EXAM

Current 8th grade students are invited to participate in Union Catholic High School's Annual Scholarship Testing Program.

The Scholarship Exam for the Class of 2029 will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 12 noon. There is a \$35 fee to take the exam: there is no makeup date.

Over \$175,000 in scholarship monies will be awarded based on the results of this exam. To register for the Scholarship Exam, click on this QR Code:



For more info or questions, contact the Admissions Office at 908-889-1600, ext. 302 or email jbowman@unioncatholic.org Union Catholic High School 1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076

Study Theology at Georgian Court University!

All programs can be completed remotely. Master of Arts or a Graduate Certificate in Theology, with concentrations in Pastoral Ministry or Mercy Spirituality. Not sure? Take one or two classes on a non-matriculating basis to see if our programs are right for you. Generous financial aid available. New semester begins January 21, 2025. There is still time to apply. Contact department chair Johann M. Vento for more information: jvento@georgian.edu. We look forward to getting to know you and talking about your interest in studying theology.

Retrouvaille February 28 – March 2, 2025

Stress In Your Marriage?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? *
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? *
- Have you thought about separation or divorce? *
- Does talking about it only make it worse? *

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with four follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is February 28 - March 2, **2025**. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org.



Get involved www.stjude.org

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

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	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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