

# *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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Fax: 732-356-5348

Website: [www.stmarys-boundbrook.com](http://www.stmarys-boundbrook.com)  
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Rectory  
732-384-5925

# **STAY AWAKE ! STAY AWAKE ! WATCH!**

## **MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

#### **SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE**

8:30AM +Jose Alvarado, Pedro Henao &  
Julia Abrehu 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

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 2**

8:30AM Birthday Blessings and Good Health for  
Todd Werner r/o Wife and Children

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3**

#### **Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**

8:30AM +Barbara Dabrowski  
r/o Husband Miroslaw

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4**

#### **Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church**

8:30AM +Romeo Pagkatipunan r/o Daughter

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5**

8:30AM For our Parishioners

### **FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6**

#### **St. Nicholas, Bishop**

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

### **FIRST SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**

#### **Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

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

5:00PM Birthday Blessings for Victoria Werner  
r/o Mom and Dad

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 8**

9:00AM Living and Deceased Member of the  
Altar Rosary Society

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

#### **Pope's Universal Intention for December 2024**

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

## **First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2024**

*You... must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,  
The Son of Man will come."*

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The Lord tells of fulfilling the promise he had made to Israel. He will send a replacement for David, someone who "shall do what is right and just in the land," believed by most to mean Jesus.

### **Second Reading: : 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2**

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be ready for the coming of the Lord. He explains that although they are conducting themselves in a way that would please God, they should always strive to do even better.

### **Gospel: : Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should.

## **Reflecting on God's Word**

We need to pay close attention to the deeper challenge of this Sunday's Scriptures. Jesus does not address the end times in an attempt to frighten us or to pile on reasons to worry and fret over the salvation of our dear sweet souls.

Rather, we are reminded to pay close attention to the movement of God in our midst. We are given images of domesticity because this is precisely where we live. And this is precisely where the incarnation of God occurs. If God's presence is attended to here and now amid the subtle shifts and erosions of our private and shared lives as a people, we need not worry. If we are preoccupied with tinsel and over-consumption, then this is the critical time for us to change our attitudes and ways.





## 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

**November 23-24, 2024**

Pending—Will be posted in Next week's bulletin!

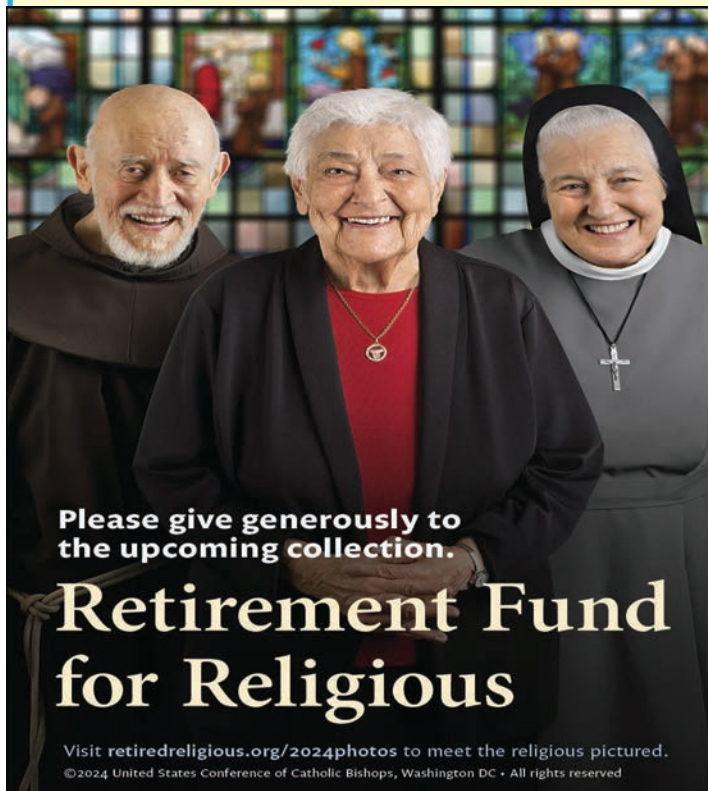
## Second Collection Next Week

Next weekend, December 7/8, there will be a second collection for the

### ***Retirement Fund for Religious***

Donate to help the more than 24,000 senior religious who have dedicated their lives to service retire with dignity.

Donations will provide for the essential care, medicine and daily needs of senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have served for decades— usually for little to no pay. Show your appreciation by supporting those who have given a lifetime.



**Please give generously to the upcoming collection.**

# Retirement Fund for Religious

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**PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY**

## Lector Schedule

**November 30-December 1, 2024**

**5:00 pm Lector** Stephanie DePass  
**9:00 am Lector** Martha Ptaszynski  
**11:00 am Lector** Dorota Sokolnicki

## **The Mass Book for 2025 is OPEN**

Each family may request :

**1 Weekend Mass and 4 Weekday Masses**

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

**Parish Office Hours:**

**Mon-Wed 9:00am-11:30am & Friday 3:30pm-5:30pm**

## **First Friday Devotions December 6, 2024**



The First Friday devotion differs 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 confessing your sins within 8 days before or after each First Friday, 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 December 7, 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, 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.

## *The Season of Advent*

What are we really waiting for during Advent?

The longstanding tradition of the Church is that the Advent season really marks not one but three comings of Christ:

1. His is coming into history two thousand years ago,
2. His coming in glory at the end of time, and
3. His coming into our hearts here and now.

Advent starts with a focus on the future coming of Christ so that we might see the big picture. If Christmas is to make any sense at all, we have to ask the question, "What are you doing to get ready for the (final) coming of Christ?" This perspective opens us up to the sense of anticipation experienced by the Jewish people on the eve of the first coming of Christ. This Advent, we will hear John the Baptist tell them (and us) how best to prepare. He urges repentance and an examination and reform of our way of life.

Then on the Fourth Sunday, we are drawn in to the history of Jesus' arrival as the child of Joseph and Mary. Our work of spiritual preparation brings us to the point of the whole season. What good is it that Christ comes into my heart if I don't then carry that presence out into the world, just as Mary did?

### **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](http://www.diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce)

For questions, please contact Molly at:  
[molly.moltane@gmail.com](mailto:molly.moltane@gmail.com)



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**Confessions**  
**Monday, December 16, 2024**  
**7:00 - 8:00 pm**



### **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](mailto: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](mailto:3024@helpourmarriage.org).

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## Gospel Today

First Sunday of Advent | Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus tells us to be on guard, and be watchful for His coming.

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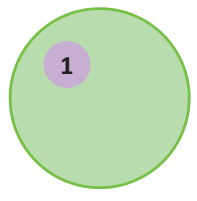
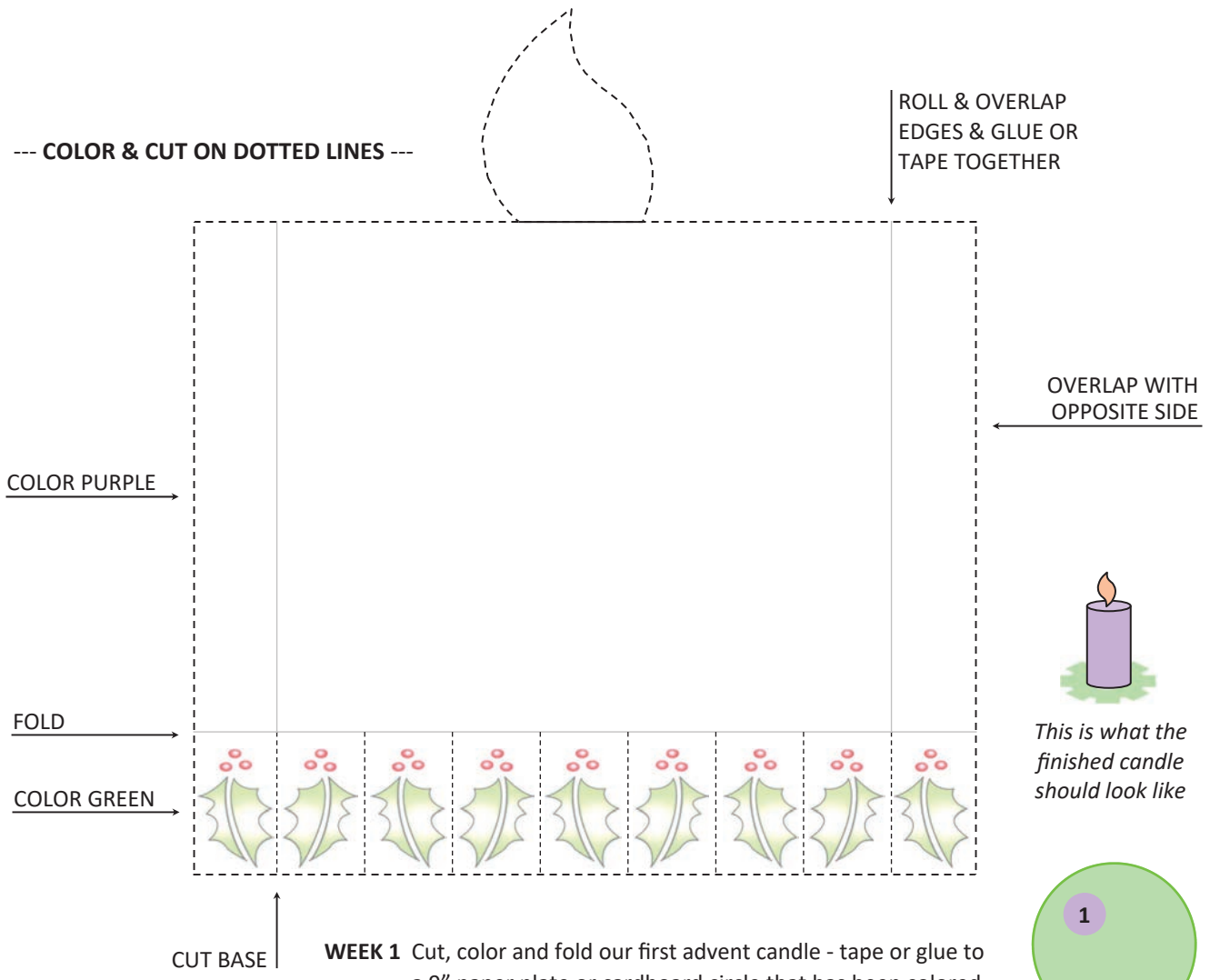
### WEEK 1, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

“O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord, Amen”.

Youngest child lights 1 purple candle.

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**WEEK 1** Cut, color and fold our first advent candle - tape or glue to a 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that has been colored green. Place as shown on the diagram at right.





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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.

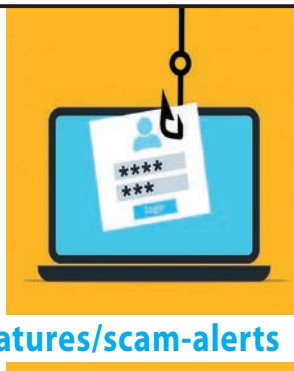
### BEWARE OF PHISHING EMAILS

Scammers are after your:

- Passwords
- Financial Information
- Identity • Money


For information on common scams, please visit

[www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts)



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