

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



*Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024*

*Let us make ready the way of the Lord by abounding in
love and in works of justice.*

MASS INTENTIONS
OF THE WEEK

FIRST SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop and 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 Members of the
Altar Rosary Society
- 11:00AM +Jozef Tomasz
r/o Beata and George Gnap

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

- 9:00AM +Michelle Camacho
r/o Domenica & Nicolo Accreditato
- 7:00PM +Jozef Pis r/o Aleksandra Wlodarczyk

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

OUR LADY OF LORETO

- 8:30AM +Maria Krawiec
r/o Diane & Marek Litwinko Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

St. Damascus 1, Pope

- 8:30AM Souls in Purgatory
r/o Teresa Zawrotra

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

- 8:30AM +Thomas J. Short
r/o Roseanne, Daughter & Grandson

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

- 8:30AM For Our Parishioners

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

- 8:30AM Michelle Lloyd & Family
r/o Amparo
- 5:00PM +Kenneth Cicero
r/o Nicolo & Domenica Accreditato

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 15

- 9:00AM Living and Deceased Members of the
Holy Name Society
- 11:00AM +Czeslawa Gnap

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Baruch tells Jerusalem to rejoice because of God's plan to bring his exiled people back to Jerusalem. He emphasizes God's power and describes his plan to lower mountains and fill gorges to make their journey easier.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Paul encourages the Philippians to love each other completely. He hopes that their love and understanding will continue to grow so that they are prepared for the return of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Luke describes the work John the Baptist carried out to help people prepare for the birth of Jesus. Luke also discusses who was in power at the time, which helped historians to figure out the exact dates of certain events, including Jesus' birth.

Reflecting on God's Word

Since late October, the students in the college residence in which I live have been eagerly and insistently listening to Christmas music. It began with occasional songs on the piano. A week later one of them came upon an old turntable and some Sinatra Christmas LPs. After they returned from Thanksgiving vacation, Christmas music played all day long. As a result, I've found myself wondering what it is that's driven these twenty-year olds toward such early visions of Christmas sugarplums.

I've come to believe that beneath all the glitter draped and swagger with ribbons and bows, over these days, deeper longings are at play, beyond the desire for the latest iPhone, longings for community or healed relationships, longings too for peace among nations and for some sort of equality among people.

Curiously, such deepened longings are never marketed by any hype. Yet like Christmas spirit, they just seem to sprout wherever the human spirit finds a niche. I suppose one could make the observation that a twenty-year-old's longing for Christmas is little more than leftover nostalgia for childhood Santas and once-upon-a-time daydreams. Maybe so. Paul once wrote to the Philippian community that such urgings all begin with God and that ultimately "the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6). In other words, these deeper longings, they seem to be God's doing, and where are we to put them on a timetable?

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 30 - December 1, 2024

5:00 pm - \$ 402.00 11:00 am - \$ 446.00

9:00 am - \$ 1,362.00 Mail - \$ 337.00

Total \$ 2,547.00

Weekly Offerings

November 23 - 24, 2024

5:00 pm - \$ 494.00 11:00 am - \$ 601.00

9:00 am - \$ 1,362.00 Mail - \$ 280.00

Total \$ 2,737.00

Stewardship Scriptural Reflections

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person? Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

The Mass Book for 2025 is OPEN

Each family may request :

1 Weekend Mass and 4 Weekday Masses

Your understanding is greatly appreciated!

Mass Request Forms are available in the Parish Office.

Parish Office Hours:

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

Lector Schedule December 14 - 15, 2024

5:00 pm Lector Joseph Pizzo

9:00 am Lector Martha Ptaszynski

11:00 am Lector Bozena Owsieniuk

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"My prayer is that your love may more and more abound, both in understanding and wealth of experience, so that with a clear conscience and blameless conduct you may learn to value the things that really matter, up to the very day of Christ. It is my wish that you may be found rich in the harvest of justice which Jesus Christ has ripened in you, to the glory and praise of God."

As I take the prayer of Paul, and apply it to my life today, may I learn to live what really matters. Try to ignore the commercials telling me what I need to buy for someone else, pray this prayer for them. Try to look deep into your heart and discover what really matters for you. What is my wish for my family, how grateful am I for the gift of health, faith, family and friends? How concerned am I for someone who is ill, who has real material or physical needs, who needs my welcoming hand? This is the real Christmas list.

Paul sent this greeting card to help and encourage. May you too be found richly endowed with real gifts that matter for others in your greetings for others.

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

Altar Rosary Society

50/50 Raffle

1st Place: 30% 2nd & 3rd Place: 10%

Saturday, December 14th after Mass is the last opportunity to purchase tickets.

You have to be in it, to win it!

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

Confessions

Monday, December 16, 2024

7:00 - 8:00 pm



5 steps to making a Good Confession



1. **Examination of Conscience** - Know your sins.
2. **Contrition**— Be sorry for your sins
3. **Decide** not to sin again.
4. **Confess** your sins to a priest.
5. **Penance** - Do the penance the priest gives you.



Oplatki
for Christmas Vigil Dinner
are now available
in the Meeting Room

Parish Offering Envelopes have arrived

They are in the Meeting Room and are listed
Alphabetically.

If you cannot locate your envelope box,
please call the Parish Office

Decorating our Church for Christmas

December 23, 2024 : 6:00 pm

Please join your fellow parishioners in
making St. Mary of Czestochowa the most
beautifully decorated church in the Diocese.

All are welcome and encouraged to come.



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.

Monday, December 9

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Masses :

9:00 AM (English)

7:00 PM (Polish)



The Immaculate Conception

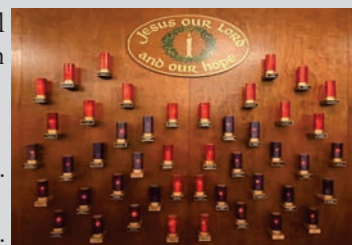
Mary was conceived in the natural human way by her parents, Joachim and Anne. But God had a plan and was eager to give Mary an utterly unique gift that could not wait until her childhood or adolescence to be unwrapped. As the author of creation, He crafted a pristine soul incapable of sin or moral disorder. Alone among all creation, Mary reaped the spiritual rewards of her Son's resurrection before its historical occurrence, saving her from death and bodily corruption, sin's cruelest punishments. Mary was simply flooded with God's grace in her very origins and has never ceased to be united with Him after that.

Memorial Wall Candles

Renewal for the Memorial
Wall Candles located in
the Chapel are due in
January.

Renewal each year is \$100.
Initial installation of a
Memorial Candle is \$200.
Please call the Parish

Office at 732-356-0358 and let us know if you will be
renewing your candle. If we do not hear from you, we
can only assume that you do not wish to renew and we
will then accommodate those on the waiting list.



< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today Second Sunday of Advent | Luke 3:1-6

As written in Isaiah, John the Baptist proclaimed, "Prepare the way of the Lord."
Luke 3:4

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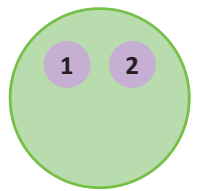
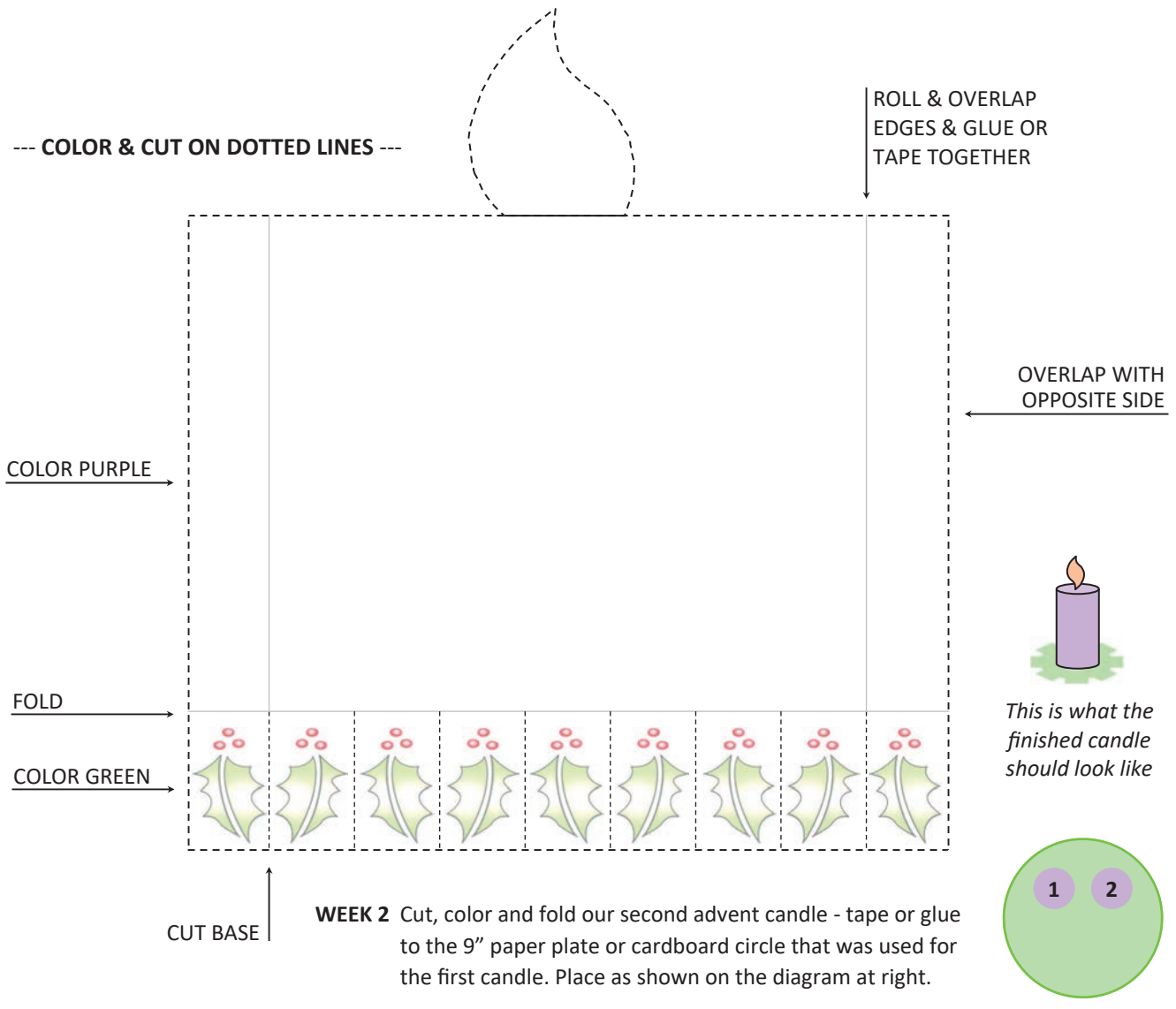
WEEK 2, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Oldest child lights 2 purple candles.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT





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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



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