

# *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)  
e-mail: [stmarybb1@verizon.net](mailto:stmarybb1@verizon.net)

Rectory  
732-384-5925



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
OF THE WEEK

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**

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  
r/o Beata & George Gnap

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16**

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

8:30AM +Patti Mock  
r/o Evelyn Murowski

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18**

8:30AM +Stanley Wasilewski  
r/o Fr. John

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19**

8:30AM +Giovanni Colalillo  
r/o Wife Antoinette Colalillo

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20**

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

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**

***St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church***

8:30AM +Lucia D’Lorenzo  
r/o Domenica & Nicolo Accreditato

5:00PM For Our Parishioners

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 22**

9:00AM God’s Blessings and Health for our  
Organist Paul DePass  
r/o Fr. John and Parishioners

11:00AM For God’s Blessings and Health for  
One of our Parishioners

**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.

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 15, 2024**

*With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.*  
— Isaiah 12:3

**First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a**

Zephaniah urges the people of Jerusalem to rejoice because the Lord is in their midst. He conveys the message that God will love and protect those who have remained faithful to him.

**Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7**

Paul encourages the Philippians to be ready for Christ. He tells them not to worry about their concerns, but to instead ask God’s help and allow his peace to fill their hearts and minds.

**Gospel: Luke 3:10-18**

John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by one so powerful that "I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap."

**An Advent Examination**

Advent is the perfect time to clear and prepare the Way.

It is a winter training camp for those who desire peace. By reflection and prayer, by reading and meditation, we can make our hearts a place where a blessing of peace would desire to abide and where the birth of the Prince of Peace would take place.

We can make a daily Advent examination—? Is there a lingering resentment, an unforgiven injury living in our hearts? Do we look down upon others of lesser social standing or educational achievement? Are we generous with the gifts that have been given to us?

These and other questions become Advent lights by which we may search the deep, dark corners of our hearts.

**December 15, 2024**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

*“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)*

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God’s image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

**The Parish Office will be closed:**  
**December 24th—January 2nd.**

## 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, Paul DePass, Anthony Cimino

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

### Weekly Offerings

**December 7-8, 2024**

5:00 pm - \$ 423.00	11:00 am - \$ 513.33
9:00 am - \$ 1,279.00	Mail - \$ 55.00

**Total \$ 2,270**

### Retirement Fund for Religious

**Total \$ 1,034**

### **Decorating our Church for Christmas**

**Monday, 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.



### **Opening Mass for the Holy Year 2025**

Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Holy Year of Jubilee for the Catholic Church, an event that takes place once every 25 years. Bishop James Checchio, in union with his brother Bishops around the world, will celebrate the diocesan Opening Mass for the Holy Year 2025 on Saturday, December 28 at 5 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi in Metuchen, NJ. All are welcome; no ticket required.

### **Congratulations and Best Wishes to the New Officers of the Altar Rosary Society of St. Mary's.**

**President:** Theresa Rudnicki-Jones  
**Vice-President:** Dawn Lanner  
**Secretary:** Veronica Tkach  
**Treasurer:** Elaine Krzyszto

## Lector Schedule December 14/15, 2024

**5:00 pm Lector Joseph Pizzo**  
**9:00 am Lector Martha Ptaszynski**  
**11:00 am Lector Elzbieta Ozog-Osewska**

### **REMINDER**

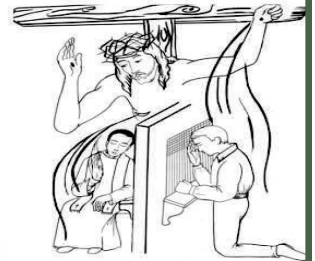
## **Confessions**

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



Multiple priests will be hearing confessions

## **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.

## **The Effects of a Good Confession**

- \*It is an exercise in Christian Humility:
  - Genuine self-knowledge grows
  - Bad habits are corrected
- \*Spiritual neglect and tepidity are resisted
  - Sins are forgiven
  - Conscience is purified
- \*Souls are washed clean in the Blood of Christ
  - The will is strengthened
- \*Sacramental grace is received to resist sins and temptations exposed in the sacrament
  - A healthy self-control is attained
- \*Grace increases in the soul because of the reception of the Sacrament
  - Temporal punishment in purgatory is reduced with every good/worthy Confession

These are the effects and graces we receive with the reception of the Sacrament of Penance.

**The shepherds in the silent pastures outside Bethlehem had a knack for paying attention.**

“As a shepherd, when it was your turn to keep the night watch, *you paid attention*.”

You paid attention:

To the rhythm of the sleeping sheep;

To the silence of the night;

To your surroundings and

Because shepherds spent so much of their lives in silence,

**You paid attention to what was within.**

Shepherds spent most of their lives in silence, living in harmony with nature.

They understood the rhythm of life. **Quiet, simple, and reflective**, shepherds paid attention to the world within them as much as they did the world without them.”

-Fr. Mark Toups in [\*Rejoice & Be Glad! A Journey Through Christmas with the Holy Family\*](#)

Most of us feel surrounded by so much noise and busyness that the description of the shepherds seems distant and unreachable.

*If we take the posture of quiet attentiveness the shepherds did long ago, we can find the peace that comes only from God and learn to pay attention to his promptings.*

This peace is one the secular world can never provide, for we know we have been found by a God who became man not only to redeem us but to be actively involved in each one of our lives.

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

Each family may request :

**1** Weekend Mass and **4** Weekday Masses

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Mass Request Forms are available in the Parish Office.



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

**Parish Offering Envelopes  
have arrived**

They are in the Meeting Room and are listed  
Alphabetically.

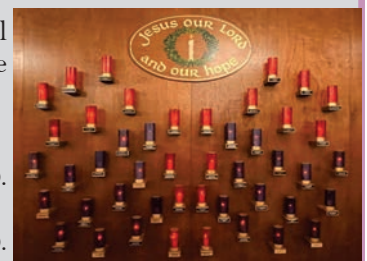


## **Memorial Wall Candles**

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.



**A Special Thank You**  
to

**Joseph and Joanna Kupczak**

For their generous donation for the  
Flowers in front of the Altar

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## Gospel Today

### Third Sunday of Advent | Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist was a powerful teacher, and led many to be baptized. When questioned if he were The Messiah, he answered, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of His sandals. He will baptize you with The Holy Spirit and Fire." *Luke 3:16*

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### WEEK 3, evening lighting prayer

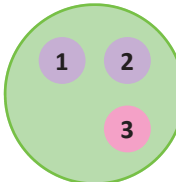
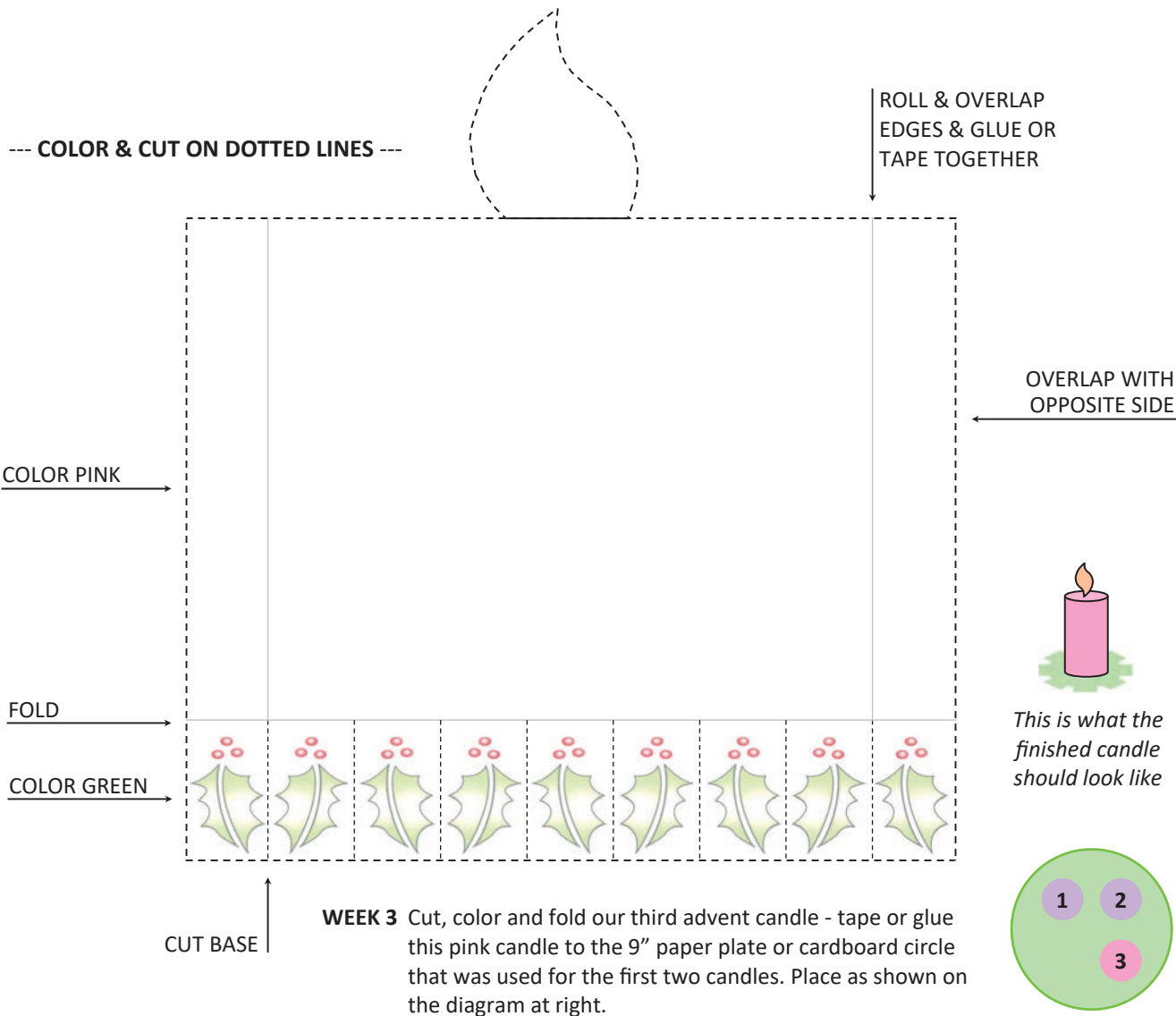
Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Mother lights the first & second purple and the rose/pink candle.

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

— GAUDETE SUNDAY —





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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.*

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