

# *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



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 5, 2025

### MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

#### FIRST SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

##### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:30AM Birthday Blessings for Marta Krawczyk  
r/o Brother Fr. John

5:00PM Birthday Blessings for Lorraine Deleski  
r/o Children

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

##### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:00AM For Health and God's Blessings for  
Anthony Cimino r/o Fr. John

11:00AM For Our Parishioners

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 6

##### St. Andre Bessette, Religious

8:30AM For conversion of Myriam Alvarado,  
Diana Bonilla, John Manrique and  
Marlene Borrero r/o Amparo

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

##### St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

8:30AM +Rev. Jan Skotnicki r/o Fr. John

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

8:30AM +Richard S. Colombaroni, Chief of Police  
in Bound Brook, NJ r/o Fr. John

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

8:30AM +Derrick Mollenhauer r/o Karen Graebener

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

8:30AM For all Deceased Parishioners in 2024

5:00PM For Good Health and God's Blessing for  
Theresa Rudnicki-Jones  
r/o Fr. John and Parishioners

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

##### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00AM 1. For Our Parishioners  
2. For Living and Deceased Members of  
the Altar Rosary Society

11:00AM For all our Sick Parishioners

#### Pope's Universal Intention for January 2025

For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



Our Bishop Most Reverend  
James F. Checchio,  
J.C.D., M.B.A.

Will celebrate Mass  
At our Church

Sunday, January 12, 2025 at  
9:00 AM

Please make every effort to  
attend this Mass and personally  
meet our Shepherd

#### First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah rejoices over the light and glory that will shine upon Jerusalem. He describes how the wealth of nations will be brought to Jerusalem, and travelers will arrive bearing gifts and praising God.

#### Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul explains to the Ephesians that the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews. Through Jesus, they became members of the same body. Therefore, they would receive everything God had promised the Jewish converts if they followed Christ's teachings.

#### Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Astrologers from the east came looking for the newborn king of the Jews, which greatly disturbed King Herod. Herod wanted to kill Jesus, and asked the astrologers to return and tell him where Jesus was. The astrologers found Jesus and brought him gifts, but received a message in a dream telling them not to return to Herod.



## Raffle Winners

Karen Graebener 30% \$723.00

Martha Ptaszynski 10% \$241.00

Diane Litwinko 10% \$241.00

### Congratulations

to all our winners.

Our heartfelt thanks to all who bought tickets for the raffle to support the Altar Rosary Society

## Lector Schedule January 4-5, 2025

5:00 pm Lector Joseph Pizzo  
9:00 am Lector Theresa Rudnicki-Jones  
11:00 am Lector Dorota Sokolnicki

## Thank you

**James-Michael DeMaio  
Bridgewater Funeral Home**

**for New Year 2025  
Calendars (English and Polish)  
are available in the vestibule of the  
church and Community Room**

**Weekend Offerings reports will be  
available Sunday, January 12 due to early  
bulletin deadlines**

## Stewardship Scriptural Reflections

*"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - MATTHEW 2:11*

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

## PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST

### **NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:**

Joanne Felegi, Michael Gacek, Michael Sikora, Deborah Vance  
**HOMEBOUND:** Patricia D'Allesandro, Mary Freligh, 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, Ann Knob

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

## 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.



## 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.

## 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





We are pleased to announce our pilgrimage to Washington DC for the Annual March for Life. We are blessed to be able to journey together again this year to be witnesses to God's precious gift of Life in all its stages.

The March is on Friday, January 24, 2025 rain or shine (or snow). There will be a Mass at 6:30am at the Cathedral. The bus will depart at 7:00 am from Library Place. Refreshments will be provided on the bus. We will make one rest stop each way. You are welcome to bring lunch or purchase something at the rest stop.

The cost this year will be \$25 per person. Contact Kara Kwiatkowski, [kkwiatkowski@stfranciscathedral.org](mailto:kkwiatkowski@stfranciscathedral.org). Reservations will be on a first come/first served basis.

## Bulletin Insert Eschatology Classes 2025

**Eschatology Part I: Vision of Hope** presented by Fr. Glenn J. Comandini, S.T.D.

\$20 - February 6 to March 13 - St. John Neumann Pastoral Center - 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

This introductory course will propose that the study of the last things, end times and creation of a new heaven and new earth pivots on the axis of hope. We will explore the major themes of eschatology: the Second Coming, Heaven, hell and purgatory and also examine the resurrection of the body, particular judgment and final judgment.

**Eschatology Part II: The Book of Revelation** presented by Fr. Glenn J. Comandini, S.T.D.

\$20 - March 20 to May 29 - St. John Neumann Pastoral Center - 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

In this continuation of the first course, we will examine this final book of the New Testament and the Apocalypse. We will dedicate extra attention, using Catholic exegesis, on The Seven Letters, The Seven Seals, The Seven Trumpets, The Woman Clothed with the Sun, The Dragon and the Lamb, The Seven Bowls, the Fate of Babylon and The Heavenly Rider. For more information or to register: [www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation](http://www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation) or call 732-562-1543

## 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).

## 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.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2025-2026 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2025**. **A signed Parish Verification Form is also required by the Diocese, and should be signed by your Pastor, and submitted to the school or schools your children attend. Eligibility requirements, instructions and forms can be found at <https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance>.** Applications are available in English and Spanish.

### CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive a statement of your 2023 Church Contributions for tax purposes, please fill out the form below and return it in the collection basket or place in the front office mailbox.

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## Gospel Today The Epiphany of the Lord | Matthew 2: 1-12

The Magi followed the star to where Jesus was and offered Him fine, expensive gifts. "And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way." *Matthew 2: 12*

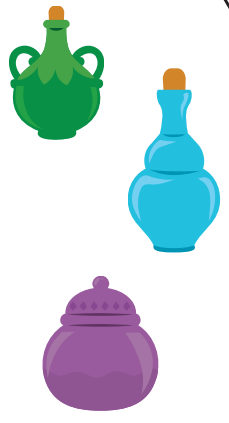
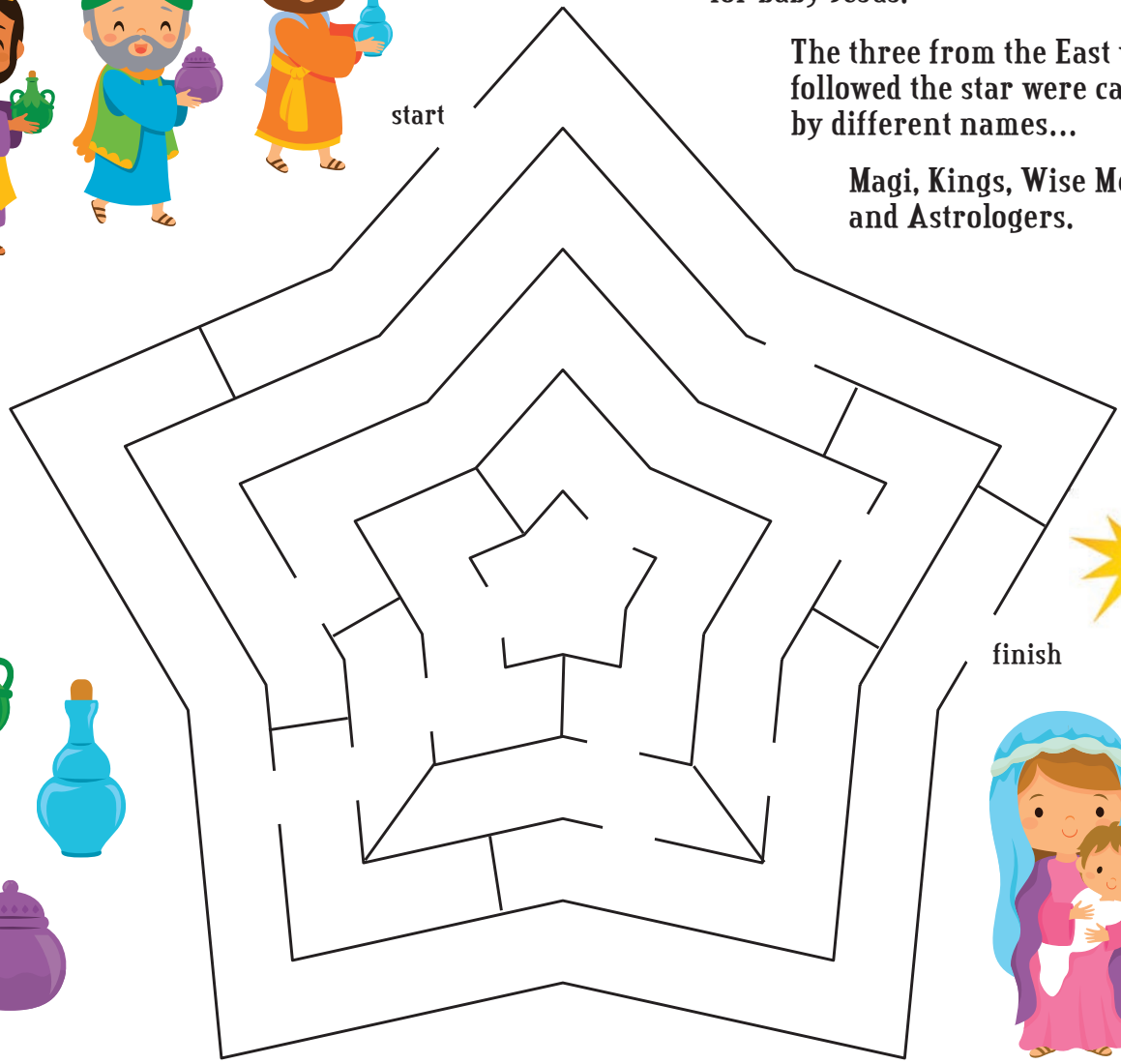
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Follow the Wise Men as they search for baby Jesus.

The three from the East who followed the star were called by different names...

**Magi, Kings, Wise Men and Astrologers.**



GIFTS: GOLD FRANKINCENSE MYRRH

## VISIT OF THE MAGI

Do you know what the gifts were? Unscramble the words to find out...

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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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## BEWARE OF PHISHING EMAILS

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- Passwords
- Financial Information
- Identity • Money


For information on common scams, please visit

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