

# *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.

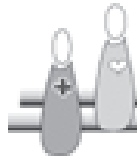
**PARISH REGISTRATION:** Our parish welcomes new members to our faith community. Catholic persons new to our area must complete a registration form and be interviewed by the pastor. Please call or stop by the Parish office to complete a registration form. We should also be notified if your address has changed or if you are leaving the parish..



**Parish Office**  
Ph: 732-356-0358  
Fax: 732-356-5348

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

**Rectory**  
732-384-5925



Blessed are those  
who hope in God

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
OF THE WEEK

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

8:30AM +Bernard Graebener r/o Karen Graebener

5:00PM For the Deceased Members of the  
Galgan Family r/o Daniel Galgan

**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**FEBRUARY 16**

9:00AM +Anna Karcz r/o Friend

11:00AM For Lukasz Roszkowski on His  
Birthday r/o Wife Anna

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

***The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order***

8:30AM +William Merrill  
r/o Luann & Paul New

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

8:30AM +Stephen Graebener  
r/o Cousin Karen Graebener

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

8:30AM For our Parishioners

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

8:30AM For Jan Paniak  
on the occasion of His Birthday  
r/o Uncle Fr. John

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

***Saint Peter Damian, Doctor of the Church***

8:30AM +Kelly Formus  
r/o Regina & Nephew Frank Grodzki

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

***THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE***

8:30AM +Fr. John Brundage r/o Karen Graebener

5:00PM +Jerry Zito r/o Nephew Fred Zito

**7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**FEBRUARY 23**

9:00AM +William Juniver r/o Patricia Reilly

11:00AM +Bozena Kasprzak  
r/o Dorota and Adam Sokolnicki

**Pope's Universal Intention for February 2025**

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

**6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2025**

*"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.  
Blessed are you who are now hungry,*

**First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8**

Jeremiah compares a man who seeks strength in flesh but abandons God to a bush in the desert, bereft of nourishment and unable to grow. Yet a man who trusts in God is like a tree beside a river, fed & strengthened by it even during times of drought.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20**

Paul addresses those who believe in Christ's teachings, but are not convinced that he rose from the dead. He calls their faith worthless, because they have not been freed from their sins. Paul then emphatically declares that Jesus did rise up again, as will all those who truly believe in him.

**Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26**

Jesus tells his followers that those who are insulted in this life because of him will be rewarded richly in heaven. Yet those well received by all will despair in heaven, since people had often respected false prophets and mistreated true prophets. Those who hunger, perhaps for spiritual knowledge, shall be filled. Yet those who are full in this life will be hungry.

**HIS WORD TODAY**

*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

*"Jesus said to his disciples: 'To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.'"*

We are familiar with the 'golden rule'. And it seems quite logical. BUT are you sure the Christian life is easy? The teaching of Jesus tells us otherwise. Maybe my task is to make sure I have no enemies, except the devil. Hate has no place in the heart of a Christian. I may disagree with someone, but no hate. I can find something positive to say about another person and always I can hold them in my prayer.

It is easy to fall, but when I listen carefully to the teaching today, I ask the grace I need, and take positive steps to put His words into practice. With Paul I can say 'I can do all things in him who strengthens me.'

***Special 2nd Collection for***

***Victims of the Wildfires in California***

***THIS WEEKEND: February 15 and 16***

Proceeds will go to **Catholic Charities USA** who are coordinating assistance throughout the country, and the **Archdiocese of Los Angeles** for their local use, particularly through their own **Catholic Charities**. Please be as generous as you can.

## 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.

### Weekly Offerings

**February 8-9, 2025**

5:00 pm - \$ 518.00	11:00 am - \$ 366.00
9:00 am - \$ 587.00	Mail - \$ 163.00

**Total \$ 1,634.00**

### **Comment**

Jesus comes down from the mountain heights to a wide, open place. Here, crowds are assembled, eager to hear him, to see him, to touch him. Those who are desperate long for healing.

They know they are needy, but they barely perceive the depth of their need. They know that their need causes physical pain and psychological stress. They are too thin; there is no cushion between their current situation and abject poverty. Their pockets are empty of coins, their stomachs of food; their hearts full of a sadness uniquely their own. They perceive themselves alone and excluded from the circles of wealth and influence.

They wait. Finally, Jesus looks up and utters a startling benediction: "Blessed are *you* ..."

Not once, but four times, he says this. They are shocked to learn that they are so blessed, they who feel so woeful.

Apparently, there is a poverty, hunger, sorrow, and exclusion that lies much, much deeper than the deprivations his listeners experience. A deeper fulfillment and inclusion are possible for such as listened to Jesus that day. Their experience of need is exactly the right kind, for it admits of fullness; it draws down God's blessing.

In contrast, Jesus sets forth four woes or curses. The most to be pitied, least to be emulated, are those who are already filled with themselves and their endless grasping, plundering desires. They are the losers. They are engaged in a futile pursuit.

## Lector Schedule February 15-16, 2025

**5:00 pm Lector Dawn Lanner**  
**9:00 am Lector Martha Ptaszynski**  
**11:00 am Lector Anna Roszkowska**

## **Stewardship Scriptural Reflections**

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" - ISAIAH 6:8*

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, "Here I am Lord."



### **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY**

St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society  
is seeking  
New Members.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please come join us for coffee on March 9, 2025 after 9:00 AM Mass.

### ***PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Journeying Together in Faith, Hope and Charity***

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio announcing the  
**2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal.**

Visit the website [www.diometuchen.org](http://www.diometuchen.org) to learn the many ways your gift touches the lives of the faithful throughout Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties. Thanks to your generosity to the Appeal, together we are serving as instruments of hope, bringing comfort and counsel to those in crisis. We are also providing the formation of our future priests and deacons, inspiring our children and young adults to embrace our Catholic faith, and so much more. Please be as generous as your means allow.

**Virtual Workshop for Marriage-Minded  
Catholic Singles  
February 22, 2025**

**UPDATE:**

**NOW A ONE-DAY VIRTUAL WORKSHOP**

Building Forever – A course for marriage-minded Catholic singles to discover healthy habits, build virtue, avoid common mistakes and so much more! February 22, 2025 at 10:00 AM on Zoom.

To register, visit:

<https://www.ihccnj.com/buildingforever>

For more information email:

[cdaverso@diometuchen.org](mailto:cdaverso@diometuchen.org)

**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.factsmgt.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.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
AT THE ST. FRANCIS LADY CHAPEL  
“COME TO ME”**

**The best way to fall in love with a person  
is to spend time with them.**

**The best way to fall in love with Jesus is  
to spend time with him.**

***You are His beloved.***

**Jesus waits for *you* in the Holy Eucharist.**

**How will you respond?**

Adoration hours: Monday, Tuesday,

Wednesday, Friday

8:30-5:00 p.m. **Thursday 8:30 –10:00 p.m.**

For information or to schedule an hour contact:

Marie D’Amico: [dghmad@aol.com](mailto:dghmad@aol.com)

**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).

**Eschatology Classes 2025**

**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](http://www.diometuchen.org/faith)

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## Gospel Today

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 6:17, 20-26

In the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus tells His listeners, all who are mistreated on earth for believing in Him will find reward in Heaven. But woe to you who mistreat others.

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### Jesus wants us to love others the way He loves us.



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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

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