

St. Mary of Czestochowa Church

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201 Vosseller Avenue

Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

REV. JOHN STEC, ADMINISTRATOR

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 16, 2025



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:
Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00am - 12:00noon & 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Wednesday: 2:00pm - 5:00pm

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
e-mail: stmarybb1@verizon.net

Rectory
732-384-5925

God
is my Light
and my salvation



Second Sunday of Lent March 16, 2025

*"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him."*

MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

- 8:30AM Deceased Members of the Farrell and
Graebener Families
r/o Karen Graebener
- 5:00PM +Giovanni Bonello
r/o Maria Bonello

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 16

- 9:00AM +Theodore Lepionka r/o Daughter Nancy
- 11:00AM +Maria Krawiec
r/o Husband Adam & Daughters

MONDAY, MARCH 17 *Saint Patrick, Bishop*

- 8:30AM +Saturnina & Jerzy Nasilowski
r/o Sister Regina & Frank Grodzki

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

- 8:30AM Special Intention
r/o Malgorzata Bogdanowicz

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 8:30AM For our Parishioners

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

- 8:30AM +Angelino Sunga
r/o Wife Mely Sunga

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

- 8:30AM Special Intention
r/o Malgorzata Bogdanowicz

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

- 8:30AM +Patricia Huber Guazzelli
r/o Classmate

- 5:00PM For our Sick Parishioners

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 23

- 9:00AM +George & Katarzyna Zolanz
r/o Ptaszynski Family
- 11:00AM +Jadwiga Pawlikowska-Komorowska
r/o Son Sergiusz Basak

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

God told Abram that he would give him the land of Egypt and his descendants would become a great people. Abram then made sacrifices to God, cutting them in half. A torch passed between the pieces, as a visible sign to Abram of God's promise.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1

Paul urges the Philippians to avoid becoming too interested in material possessions. He reminds them that their most important wealth is their faith in Jesus, which will lead them to eternal life.

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. They spoke of the scripture he was to fulfill. Then a cloud came down and a voice said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." The disciples who had seen Jesus' glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.

New Days and Hours of Our Parish Office

Tuesday

9:00am - 12:00noon & 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Wednesday

2:00pm - 5:00pm

Thursday

9:00am -12:00noon & 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Our New Secretary is **Dawn Lanner**
We welcome her and wish her the best!

Stations of the Cross During Lent

Fridays ~ 12:00 noon ~ English
7:00 pm ~ Polish

Gorzkie Zale

(Lenten Lamentations)

Every Sunday during Lent after the 11:00 am Mass

Confessions

Monday April 7th at 7:00 PM

Pope's Universal Intentions for March 2025

For families in crisis, let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Lector Schedule March 15-16, 2025

5:00 pm Lector Joseph Pizzo
9:00 am Lector Stephanie DePass
11:00 am Lector Anna Roszkowska

PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

Joanne Felegi, Michael Gacek, Michael Sikora, Deborah Vance, Mary Freligh, Richard Freligh, Frank Stock, Barbara Mendel

HOMEBOUND: Patricia D'Allesandro, Rose Guido, Dolores Gumerlock, Millie Della Peruta, Lorraine Deleski, Madeline Wojciechowski, Marcella Spioch, Walter Urbielewicz, Dorothy Spioch, 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 March 01 - 02, 2025

5:00 pm - \$ 422.00 11:00 am - \$ 521.00
9:00 am - \$ 1,248.00 Mail - \$ 570.00

Total \$2,761.00

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Instruct the Ignorant:

Sharing knowledge and helping others learn about faith and God's teachings.

Counsel the doubtful:

Offering guidance and support to those who are struggling with questions or doubts about their faith.

Admonish the sinner:

Gently and lovingly confronting wrongdoing to encourage repentance and reconciliation.

Bear wrongs patiently:

Forgiving offenses and demonstrating patience in the face of adversity.

Forgive offenses willingly:

Extending forgiveness to those who have wronged you, mirroring God's own forgiveness.

Comfort the afflicted:

Offering solace and support to those who are suffering, whether physically or emotionally.

Pray for the living and the dead:

Interceding for the needs of others, both those who are alive and those who have passed away.

Stewardship Scriptural Reflections

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." - GENESIS 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

Wherever you find yourself during this season of Lent, Jesus' call to you remains what it's always been:

"Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

(Matthew 11:28-31)

PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

Journeying Together in Faith, Hope and Charity

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 22/23, which has been designated as *Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend*.

Please prayerfully consider a gift to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Diocese of Metuchen

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Summary Information as of 03.07.2025

Goal	\$ 33,000.00
Total Pledged & Received:	\$ 5,987.70
Amount Received:	\$ 5,107.70

ST FRANCIS CATHEDRAL PRESENTS

Women's Lenten Retreat

Drawing Closer to the Heart of Christ

MARCH 22, 2025 | 8AM - 12PM
 BEGINS WITH 8AM MASS
 IN THE CATHEDRAL

COST: \$15
 TO REGISTER EMAIL TINA ROSSI
TROSSI@STFRANCISCATHEDRAL.ORG

Retreat includes:
 A continental breakfast
 Guest speaker - Very Rev. Timothy A. Christy, Rector
 A personal testimony by Anne Yamakaitis
 Time for reflection

YOU ARE INVITED



CHRISTIAN ANTHROPOLOGY

Responding to Modern Challenges



Are trans people sinful? Is sex a spectrum? Are sex and "gender" two different things? At this workshop, we'll unpack both theology and science to answer these questions and more.

Topics include:

- Defining the Human Person
- The Contrast between the Secular Culture Worldview and the Catholic Worldview
- The Super Powers of Men and Women
- Scientific and Medical considerations
- A Pastoral Response

THURSDAY, MARCH 20
 8:30am - 3:00pm

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway
 11:45 Mass, breakfast and lunch included
 offered at **no cost**

Questions?? contact Jill Kerekes: jkerekes@diometuchen.org, 732-529-7930

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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-formation
 or call 732-562-1543

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Celebrating THE HOLY YEAR

2025

COME JOIN US AT A PARISH NEAR YOU
 EVERY LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

THIS MONTH FEBRUARY 28, 2025
 MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Holy Trinity
 315 Lawrie St.
 Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
 7:30pm - 9:30pm

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2025-2026 TUITION ASSISTANCE

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, signed by your Pastor, and submitted to the school(s) your children attend. Eligibility requirements, instructions and forms can be found at



PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY

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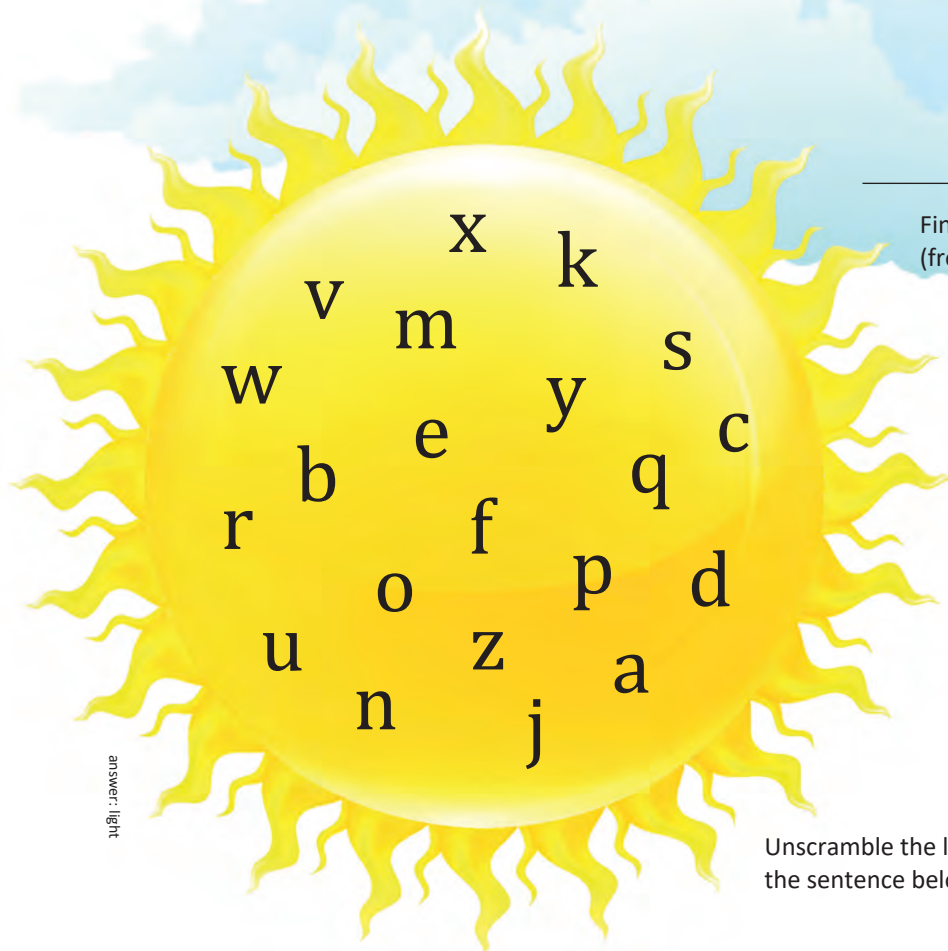
Gospel Today
Second Sunday of Lent | Luke 9:28b-36

On the mountain, Simon-Peter, James and John saw Jesus transform to a dazzling bright light, like the rays of the sun!

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Upon seeing Jesus,
Moses and Elijah,
the apostles were
filled with the light
of faith.

Let our eyes be
open to the light
of God's power
and love as we:



Find and write here the missing letters
(from A to Z) not found in the sun...

answer: light

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete
the sentence below.

God is my _____ and salvation!



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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.



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