

# St. Mary of Czestochowa Church

Established 1914

201 Vosseller Avenue

Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

REV. JOHN STEC, ADMINISTRATOR

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 8, 2026



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  
Ph: 732-356-0358  
Fax: 732-356-5348

Website: [www.stmarys-boundbrook.com](http://www.stmarys-boundbrook.com)  
e-mail: [stmarybb1@verizon.net](mailto:stmarybb1@verizon.net)  
Parish Secretary: Dawn Lanner

Do not light a lamp and hide it. Set it on a stand where it gives light.



## MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

### FIRST SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 8:30AM +Kucharski Family  
r/o Malgorzata Bogdanowicz
- 5:00PM +Elena Carole r/o Patricia O'Reilly

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 9:00AM Living and Deceased Members of  
St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society
- 11:00AM For the Conversion of the Young  
Generation in our Parish

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 8:30AM +George Marish r/o Parishioners

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - St. Scholastica, Virgin

- 8:30AM +George Marish  
r/o Malgorzata Bogdanowicz

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 OUR LADY OF LOURDES

- 8:30AM +Jan Stec r/o Son Fr. John

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 8:30AM +John Krzyszto  
r/o Sister Elaine Krzyszto

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 SS. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

- 8:30AM For Our Parishioners
- 5:00PM +Antonio Ciminelli r/o Family

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 9:00AM Health and God's Blessings for  
Jeanne Sage r/o Yvonne Zemeikis
- 11:00AM +Bozena Kasprzak  
r/o Daughter Dorota Sokolnicki

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 8, 2026

*"You are the salt of the earth."*

### First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

This reading is a vigorous exhortation from the prophet Isaiah to lead lives of active charity and generosity. He promises that the Lord will be our "dawn," our "rear guard," our "light" if we share our bread, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul tells the Corinthians that he and they must not rely on the so-called "wisdom" of secular teaching and philosophy but on the power of the Spirit.

### Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus reminds the disciples and all Christians that they carry special responsibilities to be "the salt of the earth." They must not hide their light but show their goodness to all.

## *Our Lady of Lourdes*

On **February 11, 1858**, a beautiful woman first appeared to 14 year old Bernadette Soubirous, a poor French girl. Clothed in a dazzling white dress girded in blue, the woman appeared in a dirty, dank hole, a stone grotto known to locals as the "pig's shelter."



On March 25, she revealed her name: "***I am the Immaculate Conception.***" Only four years earlier, Pius IX had declared the dogma that Mary had been immaculately conceived in the womb of her mother, receiving saving graces of her Son in anticipation of her divine motherhood. Today, the grotto at Lourdes receives six million visitors each year. Source: Magnificat

**Pope John Paul II** designated **February 11**  
as  
***World Day of the Sick,***

"a special time of prayers and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding us to see in our sick brothers and sisters the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind."

## PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST

### NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

Michael Gacek, Michael Sikora, Deborah Vance, Mary Frelich, Richard Frelich, Frank Stock, Barbara Mendel, Theresa Rudnicki-Jones

**HOMEBOUND:** Patricia D'Allesandro, Rose Guido, Dolores Gumerlock, Millie Della Peruta, Lorraine Deleski, Marcella Spioch, Ann Knob, Walter Urbielewicz, Anthony Cimino, Joann Cunder

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

### Weekly Offering January 24 - 25, 2026



5:00pm - \$ 845.00	11:00am - Mass Cancelled
9:00am - \$ 530.00	Mail - \$ 0.00

**Total \$ 1,375.00**

Catholic Education Foundation Collection

**Total \$ 303.00**

### Weekly Offering January 31 - February 1, 2026

5:00pm - \$ 423.00	11:00am - \$ 628.00
9:00am - \$ 1,473.00	Mail - \$ 295.00

**Total \$ 2,819.00**

Collection for *The Catholic Spirit*

**Total \$ 493.00**

Fuel Offering

**Total \$ 765.00**

### Offering Envelopes have arrived

**Available for pick-up in the Meeting Room  
They are set up alphabetically & clockwise.  
Please pick up your box today.**

### Pope's Universal Intention for February 2026

*For children with incurable diseases*

**Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.**

### Lector Schedule

February 7- 8, 2026

Saturday  
5:00pm

Joseph Pizzo

Sunday  
9:00am  
11:00am

Mary Fazan

Arek Wojda

### Prayer for a New Bishop

*Almighty and all loving God,  
Eternal Shepherd and Guide,  
during this time of transition, we trust in  
Your love,  
Confident that You will once again give to  
the Diocese of Metuchen a shepherd who  
will inspire us to be  
Christ's heart of mercy,  
His voice of hope and hands of justice.  
Guide our new bishop to enlighten  
our hearts and minds with the truth of the  
Gospel,  
the power of the sacraments,  
and the desire to serve you in all things.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

Adapted from the Diocese of St. Petersburg

### Lent 2026

#### **Obligations:**

1. The days of both fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (February 18) and Good Friday (April 3)
2. The other Fridays of Lent (Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27) are days of abstinence.
3. Fasting in the Roman Catholic tradition means to limit yourself to one full meal with two smaller meals which together do not equal the size of your full meal. The obligation of fasting applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.
4. Abstinence in the Roman Catholic tradition means to abstain from eating meat (beef, chicken, pork, turkey, etc.). The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

# IN THE SHADOW OF WAR, WE TURN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD:

A PRAYERFUL GATHERING BEFORE THE ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD  
**"THE TENDER HEART"**  
 ON THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INVASION OF UKRAINE

SATURDAY  
**FEBRUARY 21**  
 2026

**6:00 PM**

Saint Andrew Ukrainian  
 Orthodox Memorial Church  
 South Bound Brook  
 Somerset, New Jersey



As the world marks the fourth anniversary of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA gathers in solemn prayer and hope before the myrrh-streaming icon of the Most Holy Theotokos, known as Kardiotissa "the Tender Heart."

On this sacred evening, the faithful will unite in prayer for peace, healing, and consolation for the suffering people of Ukraine and for the softening of hearts hardened by violence, and war.

As the world marks the fourth anniversary of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA will gather together in prayer, lifting up our hearts to God for peace, healing, and consolation - for the suffering yet sovereign people of Ukraine, and for the softening of hearts hardened by war and violence.

I warmly invite you to join us on

**Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 6:00 pm**

At Saint Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Memorial Church  
 Main Street, Sound Bound Brook/Somerset, NJ

During this prayer service, we will stand together before the miracle-working myrrh-streaming icon of the Most Holy Theotokos, seeking her maternal intercession for Ukraine, for the victims of war, and for the conversion of hearts toward peace and repentance.

**This invitation is extended to all of your parishioners** who are able to attend, so that together we may be prayerfully touched by the grace of God through the presence of this holy icon and united supplication.

I look forward to seeing you and praying together on Saturday, February 21, as we entrust Ukraine and the world into the merciful hands of our Lord.

With prayers,

Archbishop Daniel

# Family Series

VIA ZOOM WITH  
**Dr. Stella Jeffrey**



SCAN TO REGISTER



*Families should initiate their children at an early age into the mysteries of the faith of which they are the "first heralds" for their children - CCC2225*

February  
 12

7pm - 8pm

INVOLVING FAMILY IN FIRST  
 PENANCE AND FIRST  
 EUCHARIST PREPARATION

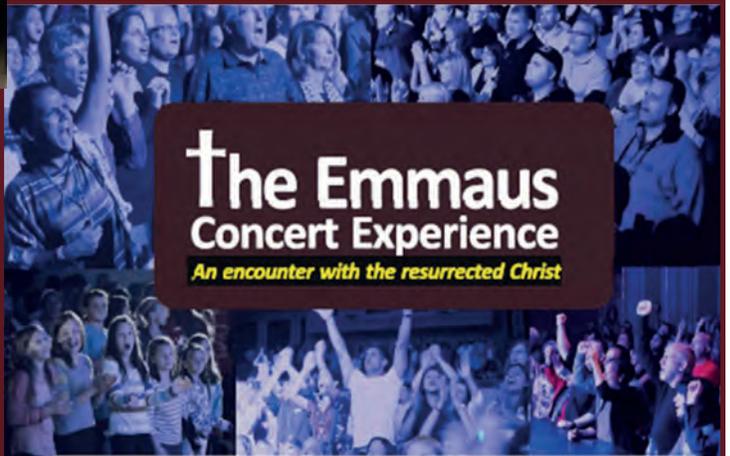
March  
 12

7pm - 8pm

INVOLVING FAMILY IN  
 CONFIRMATION  
 PREPARATION

# The Emmaus Concert Experience

*An encounter with the resurrected Christ*



DATE OF EVENT:  
**Sat., March 7th 2026**  
 7:00PM

LOCATION:  
**Our Lady of Fatima Auditorium**

499 New Market Rd.  
 Piscataway, NJ 08854

COST:  
**\$10.00 Youth | \$20.00 Adults**  
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*"Our hearts were burning", Luke (24:13-35).*

**THIS IS A PERFECT FAMILY EVENT.**

### Valentine's Day

No reason why **Valentine's Day** should be just one day each year.

Why not give your spouse a gift that lasts every day?

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** will be held **February 13 – 15**.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited.

**Phone 1-732-904-9636** for application and information (Dan & Jeannette Soto).

Visit us at: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) for more information



### National Marriage Week

*February 7-14, 2026*

*Theme: Man and Woman,  
He Created Them: Together  
with Purpose*

The Secretariat on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth is offering resources for persons discerning marriage, engaged individuals, and those already living the vocation to marriage. Please visit USCCB National Marriage Week for more information and resources.

**Offering Statements** are available; please call the church office.

732-356-0358

Thank you to all who donated warm winter clothing items for those in need!! Your generosity is so appreciated.



See the Story of Joseph  
LIVE at  
Museum of the Bible  
from Feb 6 - March 22nd

Museum of the Bible is in Washington, D.C.  
Use promo code **JOSEPHLIVE40**  
For **40% Off** Tickets

### St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society

will meet **THIS** Sunday  
**February 8**



after the 9am Mass  
New members  
are always welcome!!



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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](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts)



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