

St. Mary of Czestochowa Church

Established 1914

201 Vosseller Avenue

Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

REV. JOHN STEC, ADMINISTRATOR

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 15, 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
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Parish Secretary: Dawn Lanner



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 15, 2026

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.”

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 8:30AM +Madeline Wojciechowski r/o Madeline Deleski

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

- 8:30AM +Waclaw Kobylinski r/o Zdzislaw Kobylinski & Teresa Zawrotna

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 9:00AM God’s Blessings upon Elzbieta Sasko on Her Birthday r/o Elizabeth Laskowski
- 12:00PM +Maureen Short r/o Mother Roseann and Sister Nancy Thompson; nephew Glenn
- 7:00PM God’s Blessings for Elzbieta Niedbala on Her Birthday r/o Friends

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 8:30AM +For Our Parishioners

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 8:30AM +Dorothy Spioch r/o Frank Kolodzieski II

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

- 8:30AM +Joseph O’Reilly r/o Patricia O’Reilly
- 5:00PM +Galgan Family Members r/o Son Daniel

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- 9:00AM +Mary Mariani r/o Nancy Lepionka
- 11:00AM Special Intention r/o Malgorzata Bogdanowicz

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

This passage from Sirach gives strong, unequivocal emphasis to free will in every person. Before each of us is set, sin or virtue, life or death, and each of us are free to choose the one or the other.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Paul explains to the Corinthians that there are two different kinds of wisdom — the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world. The wisdom of God is mysterious, but this wisdom has been revealed “to those who love him” through the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the people he has come to fulfill the law. He speaks strongly against murder and anger, against adultery and lust, and against false oaths and lies. He warns the people that unless their virtue exceeds that of the Pharisees, they “will not enter the kingdom of God.”

Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2026

A day of Fasting and Abstinence

Ashes will be distributed at:

- 9:00 am Mass - English
- 12:00 pm Mass - English
- 7:00 pm Mass - Polish

Stations of the Cross

During Lent

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

Gorzkie Zale

(Lenten Lamentations)

Every Sunday during Lent
After the 11:00am Mass



PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

Michael Gacek, Michael Sikora, Deborah Vance, Mary Freligh, Richard Freligh, 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 February 7-8, 2026

5:00pm - \$	761.00	11:00am - \$	475.00
9:00am - \$	951.00	Mail - \$	170.00

Total \$ 2,357.00

Offering Statements for 2025 are available

Please phone the church office or you may pick yours up during office business hours.
732-356-0358



Singers Needed

Larry Lasko, organist for the English Masses here at St. Mary's is seeking singers for **Weekend Masses** and **Holy Day Masses**. Please see him in the choir loft after Mass or stop by or call the office to get more information.

Offering Envelopes have arrived

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

Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

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 14-15, 2026

Saturday
5:00pm

Stephanie DePass

Sunday
9:00am
11:00am

Janice Smith

Dorota Sokolnicki

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, South 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

Memorial Wall Candles Available

We have candles available in the chapel in memory of loved ones. The initial installation fee is \$200 and renewal each January is \$100. Please contact the office, either by phone or email, if you are interested.

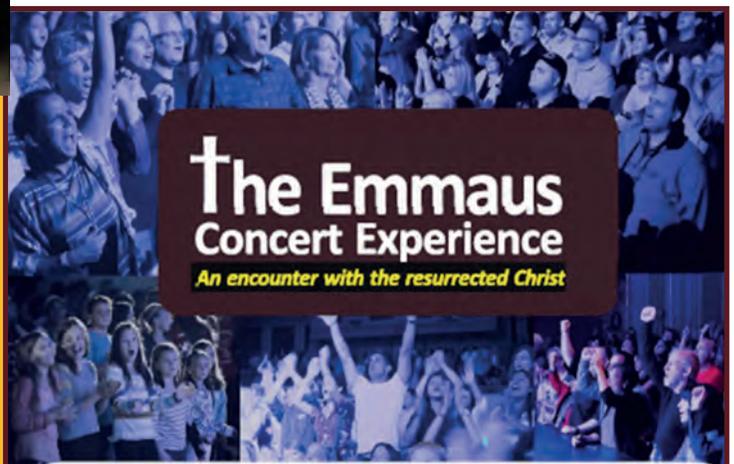
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One in Christ: Called to Love and Serve

By now you should have received a letter from the Diocese announcing the **2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal**. To see the many ministries which benefit from this appeal, please visit www.diometuchen.org and learn the myriad ways your gift touches the lives of the faithful throughout our Diocese.

Please be as generous as your means allow.



The Emmaus Concert Experience

An encounter with the resurrected Christ

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

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

THIS IS A PERFECT FAMILY EVENT.



Please pray for the soul of

Maureen Short

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine
upon her.

May she rest in peace. Amen.

May her soul and the souls of all
the faithful departed, through the
Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Lenten Food Drive

St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society is sponsoring a food drive to support local food banks. Please bring **non-expired non-perishable** food items **between now and March 8**. Items can be placed in the baskets at the front and back of the church. Call the church office if you have any questions.

Thank you!!!

The Corporal Works of Mercy call us to *feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty.*

Join St. Mary's for a Holy Hour for Peace

Saturday, February 28, 2026
2pm-3pm

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Rosary for Peace

“ May this be a moment of renewal for our hearts and for our nation. Entrusting our fears and hopes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus , let us ask the Lord to make us instruments of his peace .” Archbishop Coakley



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2nd Prize (\$3,014): Mark V, Ticket #1265

10 x 3rd Prizes (\$301.40):

Jess S, Ticket #2273	Arlene H, Ticket #1183
Thelma M, Ticket # 1487	Bill A, Ticket #0448
Helena J, Ticket # 0560	Trinity LLC, Ticket #1205
Alejandra, Ticket #0210	Leann R, Ticket #2010
Elwin, Ticket #0489	Patty K, Ticket #0453

Total Raised: \$30,140

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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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