

St. Mary of Czestochowa Church

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201 Vosseller Avenue

Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

REV. JOHN STEC, ADMINISTRATOR

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 8, 2026



MONSIGNOR JOSEPH CHACKO

NOVEMBER 27, 1940 - FEBRUARY 26, 2026

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

SATURDAY EVE: 5:00 p.m. (English)

SUNDAY MASSES: 9:00 a.m. (English)
11:00 a.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

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:

Vigil Mass: 7:00 p.m. (English)

Holy Day: 9:00 a.m. (English)
7:00 p.m. (Polish)

Parish Office
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Parish Secretary: Dawn Lanner



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

FIRST SATURDAY, MARCH 7

- 8:30AM Eternal Salvation for Carmella Hishmeh
r/o Joann & Dominick Cunder, Cynthia
and Family
- 5:00PM For Our Parishioners

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 8

- 9:00AM Living and Deceased Members of
St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society
- 11:00AM Health and God's Blessings for
Irena Zawrotna r/o Teresa Zawrotna

MONDAY, MARCH 9 - St. Frances of Rome, Religious

- 8:30AM +Ann Zarnowski
r/o John & Margie Todaro

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

- 8:30AM +Maureen Short
r/o Mom Rosanne and Sister Nancy

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

- 8:30AM +Janina Krystyna Losiewicz
r/o Daughter Malgorzata Bogdanowicz

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

- 8:30AM For Our Parishioners

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

- 8:30AM +Dorothy Spioch
r/o Frank Kolodzieski
- 5:00PM +Maria Alvarado (mom),
Luz Abrehu (sister), & aunts
Guillermina Ferrer & Argemira
r/o Amparo Lloyd

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 15

- 9:00AM +Myra Kurkowski r/o Grandsons
- 11:00AM +Eugeniusz Jablonski
r/o Mary Bar

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 8, 2026

The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one (who is) speaking with you."

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir...". Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.

Lent Obligations 2026

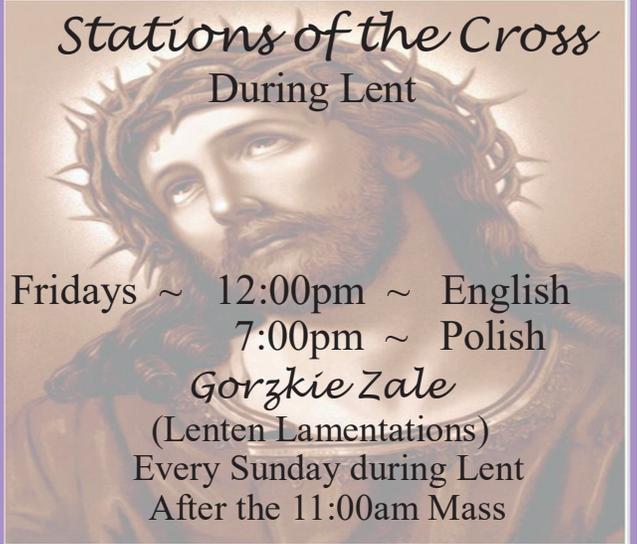
1. The days of both fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (February 18) and Good Friday (April 3).
2. The other Fridays of Lent (Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27) are days of abstinence.
3. Fasting in the Roman Catholic tradition means to limit yourself to one full meal with two smaller meals which together 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.

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, 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 28-March 1, 2026

5:00pm - \$ 628.00 11:00am - \$ 679.00

9:00am - \$ 907.00 Mail - \$ 140.00

Total \$ 2,534.00

Offering Statements for 2025

are available

Please phone the church office or you may pick yours up during office business hours.

732-356-0358

Offering Envelopes

Available for pick-up in the Meeting Room

One in Christ, Called to Love and Serve **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.

Goal: \$ 33,000.00

Amount received: \$ 5,417.00

Over/Under Goal: \$ (27,583.00)

Percent of Goal Received: 15.28%

Thank you for your generosity!

Please remember to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Lector Schedule

March 7-8, 2026

Saturday

5:00pm

Dawn Lanner

Sunday

9:00am

Frank Kolodzieski

11:00am

Bozena Owsieniuk

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.

Loving God

You are near to all who call upon You. Grant our diocese a new bishop who, in Your grace is a Shepherd after Your own heart: one who is filled with zeal for the Faith who is gentle and wise, merciful and just, and devoted in love for Your people. May he strive each day to be configured to Your Son, Jesus Christ, and unite your people to become stronger in faith, more earnest in our love of You, and generous with our care for others.

Grant we Your people the grace to accept our new bishop as Your own, and may he lead us toward Your Son, the unfailing light, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth,
patroness of our diocese, pray for us.*

Diocese of Metuchen

Pope's Universal Intention for March 2026

For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



Please pray for the souls of
Rev. Monsignor Joseph Chacko
Nancy Paduch

Leonard Wastack

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
 and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*

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

Please remember in your prayers the repose
 of the soul of

Reverend Monsignor Richard J. Lyons,
 a retired priest of the Diocese of Metuchen,
 who passed away on February 25, 2026.
 Monsignor Lyons was ordained to the priest-
 hood on May 18, 1974. He served for many
 years as Pastor of St. John the Evangelist in
 Dunellen as well as Judicial Vicar of the Tri-
 bunal of the Diocese of Metuchen. He retired
 in 2020.

St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society

50/50 Raffle is back!!

Tickets will be sold this weekend after all Masses.
 \$5.00 per ticket

Drawing date: May 10, 2026

Prizes: 1st winner: 30% of the prize pool
 2nd winner: 10% of the prize pool
 3rd winner: 10% of the prize pool

Tickets can also be purchased in the church office dur-
 ing operating hours.

Corporal Works of Mercy

- ◆ Feed the hungry (support food drives/
 donate food, help at a soup kitchen)
- ◆ Give drink to the thirsty (show hospital-
 ity to those in need)
- ◆ Welcome the stranger (be courteous
 and welcoming to those you meet)
- ◆ Clothe the naked (donate clothing to a
 shelter)
- ◆ Visit the sick (visit the homebound)
- ◆ Visit the prisoner (join a prison ministry
 team or offer support to them)
- ◆ Bury the dead (visit a cemetery, pray
 for the dead)

pray fast give alms

Chrism Mass

Tuesday, March 31, 2026—4PM
*Cathedral of St. Frances of Assisi
 Metuchen, NJ*

All are encouraged to join in-person (or
 watch via livestream), the ancient, grace-
 filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.

To watch the Chrism Mass livestream,
 Visit

<https://diometuchen.org/chrism-mass>

Memorial Wall Candles Available

Candles are 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.



2026 SPRING SEMESTER

The Catechism Lectures



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Spiritual Works of Mercy

Instruct the Ignorant: share knowledge and help others learn about faith and God's teachings

Counsel the Doubtful: offer support and guidance to those who are struggling with questions or doubts about their faith

Admonish the Sinner: gently and lovingly confront wrongdoing to encourage repentance and Reconciliation

Bear Wrongs Patiently; forgive offenses and demonstrate patience in the face of adversity

Forgive Offenses Willingly: extend forgiveness to those who have wronged you, mirroring God's own forgiveness

Comfort the Afflicted: offer solace and support to those who are suffering, whether physically or emotionally

Pray for the Living and the Dead; intercede for the needs of others, both who are alive and those who have passed away

Pray

Fast

Give Alms

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“The 2026 Choices Matter Conference A Critical Life Issues Conference”

“Safeguarding Human Dignity...
 Shining a Light on Human Trafficking”

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway
Saturday, March 21, 2026.
10:15am - 3:30pm

The conference will be follow Mass at 9:00am.
 The conference features Eucharistic Adoration, exhibits and more. Several guest speakers will present.

General registration: \$35 /Student registration: \$15.
 The fee includes lunch and handouts.

To register, visit:
<https://www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter>
 Everyone is welcome!

For questions/information, call 732-562-1543
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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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