

# St. Mary of Czestochowa Church

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201 Vosseller Avenue

Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

REV. JOHN STEC, ADMINISTRATOR

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 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

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



## MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

### SATURDAY, MARCH 14

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

### MONDAY, MARCH 16

- 8:30AM +Teresa Zito r/o Nephew Fred Zito

### TUESDAY, MARCH 17 - St. Patrick, Bishop

- 8:30AM +Bridget Collins r/o Patricia O'Reilly

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

- 8:30AM For Our Parishioners

### THURSDAY, MARCH 19

#### St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:30AM +Jozef Pis  
r/o Daughter Aleksandra Wlodarczyk

### FRIDAY, MARCH 20

- 8:30AM +Karol & Edmund Plewinski  
r/o Nephew Janusz & Family

### SATURDAY, MARCH 21

- 8:30AM +Kazimierz Zawrotny  
r/o Teresa Zawrotna
- 5:00PM +Petrona Monges r/o Mom Ana

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 22

- 9:00AM +Michelle Gamatko  
r/o In-Laws Jim & Winnie Gamatko
- 11:00AM +Reverend Monsignor Joseph Chacko  
r/o Parishioners

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 15, 2026

Jesus said to him, *"You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he."* He said, *"I do believe, Lord,"* and he worshiped him.

#### First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

In seeking a King for the Israelites, Samuel traveled to Jesse of Bethlehem, who had seven sons. Commanded by God to ignore the elder sons, Samuel anointed the youngest, David.

#### Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live as "children of light" in goodness and truth and to avoid evil deeds "done in darkness."

#### Gospel: John 9:1-41

Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a "sinner," but the blind man said, "He is a prophet." Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.

#### 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 March 7-8, 2026

5:00pm - \$ 658.00    11:00am - \$ 526.00  
9:00am - \$ 1,226.00    Mail - \$ 320.00

**Total \$ 2,766.00**

### **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](http://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: \$ 5,492.00  
Over/Under Goal: \$ (27,133.00)  
Percent of Goal Received: 16.64%

**Thank you for your generosity!**

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

## Lector Schedule March 14-15, 2026

Saturday  
5:00pm

Joseph Pizzo

Sunday  
9:00am  
11:00am

Stephanie DePass

Elzbieta Ozog-Osewska

## 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.

## Annual Lenten *No-Bake* Bake Sale

**Next Weekend!!**

March 21-22- After Each Mass



**We will be accepting cash/check donations to support our Society.**

**50/50 Raffle Tickets** will also be available for purchase @ \$5 each.

A special **Thank You** to all who donated items and/or cash for our recent **Food Drive**. Two local organizations greatly benefitted from your generosity.

**Thank you so much!!!!**



Please pray for the soul of

**Phyllis Krasnansky**

*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.*

## Chrism Mass

**Tuesday, March 31, 2026—4PM**

*Cathedral of St. Frances of Assisi, Metuchen*

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>

## Corporal Works of Mercy

- ◆ Feed the hungry (support food drives/ donate food, help at a soup kitchen)
- ◆ Give drink to the thirsty (show hospitality 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*

## **Job Seekers**

The New Jersey Coalition of Treatment Providers (NJCTP), in partnership with A Better Life Ministry and Healing US Communities, is proud to invite you to attend our upcoming Community Job Fair.

This event will connect job seekers with over **50 employers offering more than 200 career opportunities**. Full-time and part-time opportunities for both entry-level and experienced workers are available across a wide range of key industries, including: healthcare, construction, office & administrative, retail, food service, logistics, security, and many more. Whether you are looking for a new career path, returning to the workforce, or exploring new opportunities, we welcome you to join us.

This event is open to everyone in the community. We strongly believe in second chances and encourage individuals from all backgrounds to attend and explore the opportunities available.

### **Event Details:**

Date: **Thursday, March 19th**

Time: **10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

### **Location:**

A Better Life Ministry  
129 Linden Avenue  
Jersey City, NJ 07305



2026 SPRING SEMESTER

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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*

The Diocese of Metuchen's  
**Office on Human Life and Dignity**  
*presents*

**“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 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!

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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
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