

# St. Mary of Czestochowa Church

Established 1914

201 Vosseller Avenue

Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

REV. JOHN STEC, ADMINISTRATOR

**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY  
APRIL 26, 2026**



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

**SUNDAY:** 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 MASS:** 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 a.m. Mass until 12:00pm

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Tues & Thurs: 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, APRIL 25 - ST. MARK, EVANGELIST**

8:30AM +Maureen Short r/o Theresa Penrose  
5:00PM +Benedetto Brusca r/o Wife Julia

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 26**

9:00AM Health and God's Blessings for Cunder, Lynch, Melesurgo, Giagnacovo, Costantino, and Lawrence Families  
r/o Joann & Dominick Cunder, Cynthia & Family  
11:00AM +Wiktorija & Franciszek Pakosz  
r/o Son Henry Pakosz and Grandchildren

**MONDAY, APRIL 27**

8:30AM +Jose Alvarado and Julio Abrehu  
r/o Amparo Lloyd

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28 - St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr;  
St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest**

8:30AM +Jacqueline C. Vesce r/o Mom and Dad

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29**

**St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church**

8:30AM For Our Parishioners

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30 - St. Pius V, Pope**

8:30AM +Armida Zelada r/o Patricia O'Reilly

**FIRST FRIDAY, MAY 1 - St. Joseph the Worker**

8:30AM +Stanley Rudnicki  
r/o Daughter Theresa and  
Grandson Ronald Jones, Jr.

**FIRST SATURDAY, MAY 2**

**St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

8:30AM +John Krzyszto  
r/o St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society  
5:00PM +Dorothy Cimino r/o Family

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 3**

9:00AM Living and Deceased Member of St. Mary's  
Altar Rosary Society  
11:00AM +Barbara Dabrowski r/o Miroslaw Dabrowski

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
(GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)  
APRIL 26, 2026**

*"But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them and they follow, because they recognize his voice."*

**First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

With great authority, Peter proclaims to the people that the Christ who was crucified is indeed the Messiah. Urging them to reform and be baptized in the name of Christ, three thousand responded to his words and were baptized.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25**

This is a strong exhortation from Peter to the people to endure suffering for Christ as he did for them. Healed by his wounds, they have "returned to the shepherd."

**Gospel: John 10:1-10**

Christ uses the beautiful image of the shepherd to describe his care for his sheep. He also says he is the sheepgate and promises that "Whoever enters through me will be safe."

Today is **Good Shepherd Sunday** and a  
**"World Day of Prayer for Vocations"**

*Prayer for Vocations  
to the Priesthood*

O Lord Jesus Christ, great High-Priest, we ask You to call many worthy souls to Your Holy priesthood. Enlighten the superiors in the choice of candidates, the spiritual directors in guiding them. Lead the seminarians daily in unerring footsteps, so that they may become priests who are models of purity, possessors of wisdom and heroes of sacrifice; steeped in humility and aflame with divine love; apostles of your glory and sanctifiers of souls. Amen.

Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us; obtain for us many Holy priests.

St. Vincent de Paul, protector of the clergy, pray that God will bless us with many good priests.



*He said to them:  
"The harvest is rich but  
the workers are few;  
therefore ask the harvest-  
master to send workers to  
his harvest."*

Luke 10:2

## PARISHIONERS PRAYER LIST

### NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

Michael Gacek, Michael Sikora, Deborah Vance, Mary 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, Eleonora Pisowacki

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

### Weekly Offering April 18-19, 2026

5:00pm - \$ 287.00	11:00am - \$ 597.00
9:00am - \$ 1,361.00	Mail - \$ 310.00

**Total - \$ 2,555.00**

**Second Collection  
THIS Weekend!  
April 25-26**



## 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal *ONE IN CHRIST: Called to Love and Serve*

While serving at the altar and preaching are their most visible roles, our **Permanent Deacons** do so much more. To name just a few ways: they are the sign of Christ the Servant among us, they are baptizing infants, presiding at wake services, teaching faith formation classes, serving meals to the poor and bringing the Eucharist to the sick. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeals helps defray tuition costs for the formation and continuing education of our permanent deacons.

***Please prayerfully consider helping us reach our goal by making your pledge soon!***

***Thank you!***

To see the many ministries which benefit from this appeal, please visit

[www.diometuchen.org](http://www.diometuchen.org)

<b>Our Parish Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 33,000.00</b>
<b>Total Pledged:</b>	<b>\$ 20,971.00</b>
<b>Amount received:</b>	<b>\$ 15,128.00</b>
<b>Over/Under Goal:</b>	<b>\$ (12,029.00)</b>
<b>Percent of Goal Received:</b>	<b>45.84%</b>

## Lector Schedule April 25-26, 2026

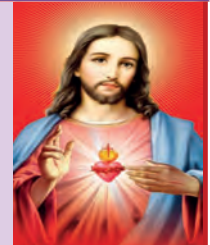
### Saturday

**5:00pm Dawn Lanner**

### Sunday

**9:00am Dawn Lanner**  
**11:00am Anna Roszkowska**

## **First Friday Devotions** **May 1, 2026**



The First Friday devotion is a devotion to the

### **Sacred Heart of Jesus**

that originated from the apparitions of Jesus Christ to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17th century.

The devotion involves attending Mass, receiving Holy Communion, and going to Confession on the First Friday of the month for 9 consecutive months.

It is a way of showing Love, Penance, and Reparation to Jesus for our sins. Jesus promised to those who practice this devotion the grace of final repentance and a secure refuge in His Heart at the hour of death.

## **First Saturday Devotions** **May 2, 2026**



In honor of the Blessed Mother's request to Sr. Lucia, whom she appeared to at Fatima, St. Mary of Czestochowa offers the opportunity to partake in the devotion of the *Five First Saturdays*.

On the first Saturday of each month, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered at 8:30 am, followed by the recitation of the Rosary and 15 minutes of quiet meditation on the mysteries.

The intention of this devotion is to make reparation for the offenses and blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Confession, which is a requirement, may be made within 8 days prior or after the first Saturday.

The promise to those who console the Virgin Mary through this devotion is the assistance at the hour of death with the graces necessary for their salvation. The Blessed Mother also promised that this devotion will result in the salvation of souls and peace in the world.

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ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL

# 16TH ANNUAL ANNUAL AQUINAS GOLF CLASSIC

**MAY 4, 2026**

Metuchen Golf & Country Club, Edison NJ

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- 18 Holes of Championship Golf
- Breakfast & Lunch Served
- Raffle & Silent Auction



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## JUBILEE OF ST. FRANCIS

### Franciscan Lecture Series

Commemorating the 800th Anniversary of His Death  
Come visit our Cathedral for this special lecture series exploring the beauty and depth of Franciscan spirituality.



April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

A Saint Who Changed the World: The Historical Impact of St. Francis  
by Fr. Luke Mary Fletcher, CFR | Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

How St. Francis Shaped Catholic Devotion:  
Crèche, Stations of the Cross, and Eucharistic Adoration  
by Rev. David M. Friel, S.T.D. | Director of Liturgy & Chair of the Department of Pastoral Theology

May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

The Practical Wisdom of St. Francis  
by Msgr. William Bemwell, JCL | Diocese of Metuchen

Can't make it? Watch on 'Live Stream' at [stfranciscathedral.org](http://stfranciscathedral.org)

For more information on this year's Jubilee celebrations and activities, visit [www.stfranciscathedral.org](http://www.stfranciscathedral.org)

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi  
548 Main Street | Metuchen, NJ 08840



## Pope's Universal Intention for May 2026

*That everyone might have food.*

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Our  
**May Crowning**  
will take place next weekend  
**May 3rd**  
following the 9 am Mass homily



**Regina Grodzki**  
will be crowning  
The statue of Our Lady

### Mary and May

There have long been devotions to our Blessed Mother, but the dedication of the month of May to Mary is a more recent development in the long history of the Church. And so May, the lovely month of nature's motherhood, came to be dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary. With Mary, the apostles and first disciples kept prayerful vigil for the Spirit's coming, the culmination of Mary's faith-filled lifetime. Mary's faith was shown forth in her acceptance of the angel's word at the Annunciation, her charity in the Visitation to Elizabeth, her trust in Joseph during the flight into Egypt, her steadfast vigil beneath her Son's cross. Throughout these joyful and sorrowful mysteries of her life, Mary's faith-filled heart embraced God's will, making her an instrument for the accomplishment of God's plan for our salvation, and a living model for us of trust and perseverance. For Mary's undaunted faith and the selfless love it inspired, *all* generations shall call her Blessed.



### Mother's Day Gift

With Mother's Day fast approaching, why not give your wife and yourself the special gift of a **Marriage Encounter Weekend?**

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 **July 17 – 19**.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited.  
Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco).

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

## NEW JERSEY Catholic Mental Health CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE  
**SATURDAY  
MAY 2, 2026**  
8:30AM - 3:15PM

### From Isolation to Belonging: Mental Health and the Catholic Church

A statewide gathering to strengthen understanding, compassion, and pastoral support for those facing mental health struggles.

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Most Reverend Bishop John P. Dolan**, Bishop of the Diocese of Phoenix is well known for his leadership in mental health initiatives, his commitment to education and advocacy, and his efforts to integrate mental health support into the fabric of the Catholic Church on a local and global scale.



#### ADDITIONAL PRESENTERS



**CARDINAL JOSEPH TOBIN**

C.S.A., D.D.  
Principal Cardinal and Homilist for Mass



**BETH HLARSE**

Program Director  
Nurses Home  
Fut. Program on Faith & Mental Health



**BEN WORTHAM**

VP Behavioral Health Integration  
Catholic Charities USA



**DEACON ED SHOGENER**

Founder  
International Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- CLERGY/RELIGIOUS
- PARISH LEADERS
- MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS
- EDUCATORS
- MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
- AND ALL seeking deeper understanding of mental health and how the Church can respond.



**SATURDAY MAY 2, 2026**

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146 METLARS LANE, PISCATAWAY, NJ 08854

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Diocese of Metuchen | Office of Evangelization

## FORMATION EVENT FOR POLICE OFFICERS

A statewide Resiliency Conference for active and inactive (retired) police officers to support the emotional, psychological, and spiritual well-being of our men and women in uniform.

*"Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point." - C.S. Lewis*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**

8:00 A.M. TO 12:45 P.M.

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, New Jersey

Priests, Deacons, and Police Chaplains Are Welcome



**Fr. Larry Richards**

Best selling author of *Be A Man!*  
Founder of *The Reason for Our Hope Foundation*

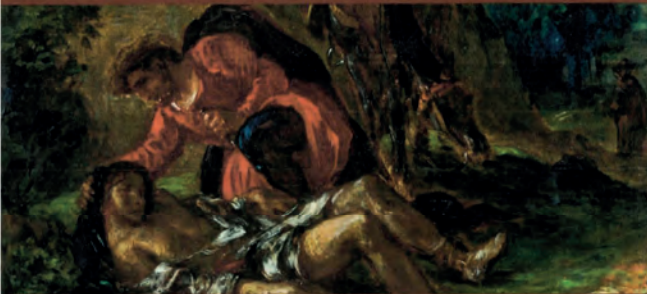


**Dcn. Harold Burke-Sivers**

Internationally renowned Author and Preacher  
Host of *Beacon of Truth* on EWTN Radio

## LIFE-GIVING Wounds RETREAT

A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce or Separation



Saturday,  
July 11, 2026

St. John Neumann  
Pastoral Center  
146 Metlars Lane  
Piscataway, NJ 08854



Registration is  
only \$40

Come for a greater understanding of the wounds left by your parents' divorce or separation, for advice concerning love and trust of others, and for an experience of Christ and community that will lead to deeper self-understanding and healing.

The retreat price includes a light breakfast, boxed lunches, and all retreat materials.

To register, go to  
[https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/Kr\\_vlg?vid=iowdrh](https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/Kr_vlg?vid=iowdrh)  
or scan the QR code to the right.  
Questions? Email Maria Agnese at [magnese@diometuchen.org](mailto:magnese@diometuchen.org)



For More Information:  
Contact Adam Carlisle, Secretary  
for Evangelization and Communication





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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.*

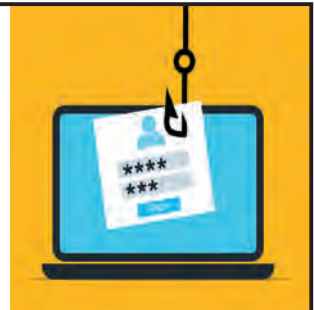
## BEWARE OF PHISHING EMAILS

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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