

St. Mary of Czestochowa Church

Established 1914

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Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

REV. LEON S. ANISZCZYK, PASTOR
Rev. John Stec, Parochial Vicar



SUNDAY MASSES: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Polish)
SATURDAY EVE: 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY Thru SATURDAY: 8:30 a.m.

NOVENAS WITH BENEDICTION:
Tuesday—after 8:30 a.m. Mass

HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m. and at 7:00 p.m. (English)
Vigil Mass: 7:00 p.m. (Polish)

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE:
Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

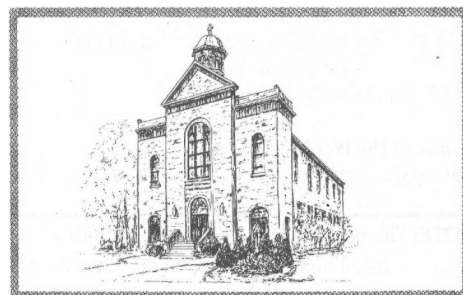
BAPTISMS: Every third Sunday of the month at 12:00. Parents are expected to attend Pre-Baptismal Classes. Arrangements to be made at the Parish Office. **Only practicing Catholics may act as Godparents.**

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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Website: www.stmarys-boundbrook.org
e-mail: stmarybb1@verizon.net

Rectory
732-667-3660



First Sunday of Lent
February 14, 2016

*The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart.*

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



MONDAY, February 15

8:30 AM + Franciszek Zawrotny
r/o Family

TUESDAY, February 16

8:30 AM + Edward Gabrielski
r/o Kosinski Cousins

WEDNESDAY, February 17

8:30 AM + Parishioners

THURSDAY, February 18

8:30 AM Good Health for David Roman
r/o Nalesnik Family

FRIDAY, February 19

8:30 AM + Joanne Zolandz
12:00 PM Stations of the Cross (English)
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Polish)

SATURDAY, February 20

8:30 AM + Edward Gabrielski
r/o Marge Zuchowski
5:00 PM + Fred Matuszkiewicz
r/o Niece Donna & Family

SUNDAY, February 21

9:00 AM + Holy Name Society
11:00 AM + Antoni Lapinski
r/o Wieslawa & Henryk Roszkowski

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The Israelites show their faith by offering the Lord first fruits of the products of their new land.

Second Reading - All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved.

Gospel - Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted.

JESUS AND THE DEVIL

The devil tempted Jesus by quoting scripture, as today's Gospel reminds us. Try a self-serving miracle. Try selling out. Try dazzling the audience; people are gullible, after all. Try all these easy ways. The tempter tries to urge Jesus onto the slippery slope, attempts the old soft-soap, the snake-oil solutions that are always readily at hand. The devil knows better, but is powerless to do better, much less be better. The devil is evil personified, who senses in Jesus the stronger, truly attractive presence of holiness.

Evil is exposed and engaged, we are reminded in this Sunday's Gospel. Evil knows the jig is up. The undoing of lies begins with Jesus, who takes up the work of soul-healing and world-healing. This Lent, the Church invites us to enter into this renewing, re-creative work and be made whole again.

During Lent

*Stations of the Cross will be every
Friday 12 noon in English
7 pm in Polish*



Gorskie Zale (Bitter Lamentations)

Will be sung after the Polish Mass on Sundays during Lent. This is a prayerful meditation on the Passion of our Lord in song followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Please pray for the soul of

William DeSantis

May his soul and the souls of all the departed,



Through the mercy of God

REST IN PEACE



PARISHIONER PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:

Helen Consalvo, Bernadine Hnasko, Jim Kilcoyne, Stephanie Lazarczyk, Anthony Lazarczyk, Adeline Melesurgo, Donna Rabke, Helen Sikora.

HOMEBOUND: Jennie Chaya, Richard Freligh, Stasia Pavan, Nora Specian, Florence Suk, Debbie Vance.

NOTE: Please call the Parish Office (732) 356-0358 with the names of homebound, nursing home /assisted living or hospitalized parishioners. Please also notify the Parish Office when the status of a parishioner changes.

GOD'S GIFT FOR GIVING

On Sunday, our Generous Stewards of St. Mary's Parish Contributed:

Saturday 5:00 pm - \$1059.00

Sunday 9 am- \$1333.00 Sunday 11 am-\$793.00

Total—\$3185.00

Catholic Spirit \$ 660.00

**2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Grace, Mercy and Peace**

The Office for Catechesis works to train and nourish parish leaders and catechists who teach and echo the faith, build up the life of the worshipping community, and lead others to commit themselves to living our Christian values in everyday life, according to age and ability.

Your gift strengthens and grows a family of faith.



Holy Savior Academy, a pre-kindergarten through 8th Grade Catholic School will open its doors to prospective new families to tour the facility and learn about their programs.

Open House will be held:

Holy Savior Academy
149 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield
Tuesday, March 15 6—8 pm
Monday, April 18 6—8 pm
Thursday, June 2 6—8 pm

For more information on registration or to schedule a tour, visit www.holysavioracademy.com
Or call: 908-822-5890

Weekend Schedule - February 20-21, 2016

Saturday, February 20

5:00 pm Lector Madeline Deleski
Eucharistic Minister Karen Graebener

Sunday, February 21

9:00 am Lector Anthony Provenzano
Eucharistic Minister Jim DeMaio
11:00 am Lector Dorota Sokolnicki
Eucharistic Minister Anna Grochocki

St. Mary's Holy Name Society will celebrate corporate communion next Sunday at the 9 am Mass, followed by their monthly meeting in the downstairs Meeting Room. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are acts of compassion by which we help our neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs.

The Corporal Works of Mercy are kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs.

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

Our mission is to find healing, comfort and peace. Our hearts are broken and the simplest things become enormous challenges that need to be satisfied.

Place: Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Petra House
(next door to the Church)
630 Harris Ave., Middlesex

Date: April 7 - May 26, 2016

Time: 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Contact: Monique 732-356-9001
Pat 732-356-8886





Dear Friends in Christ,

This Lent 2016 finds our Metuchen Diocese connecting more powerfully to the world, as we prepare to launch a refugee resettlement program, under the guidance of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

We continue to be enriched by the vibrant Hispanic and Asian populations who are new arrivals to our country and our diocese, and we are active pastorally in caring for those from a variety of lands.

And yet each Lent, the Catholic community in the Metuchen Diocese does something amazing. Through prayers, fasting and almsgiving, we give families around the world the tools they need to rise above poverty and provide for themselves—and their communities. We might call it the “CRS Rice Bowl effect.” And this year, we’re at it again.

CRS Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families and parish and school communities, while continuing to connect Catholics in our diocese with our brothers and sisters in need around the world. In light of our anticipated refugee program, those we welcome here may likely be from countries served by CRS.

I encourage all of the parishes and institutions in our diocese to participate in CRS Rice Bowl for Lent 2016, especially in this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

While almsgiving is only one element of the CRS Rice Bowl experience, I remind you that last year nearly \$50,000 in food security grants were given to 17 organizations in our diocese, representing the 25% portion of the Rice Bowl collection that remains locally in the Metuchen Diocese.

As we find new expression for global solidarity through our refugee resettlement program, CRS Rice Bowl remains a time-tested way to practice that solidarity for the faithful. Thank you for inviting families in your parish to an enriched Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl.

Sincerely in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul G. Bootkoski".

Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski
Bishop of Metuchen

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Lent 2016

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

When Pope Francis announced in April 2015 there would be an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy beginning December 8, he called Catholics across the globe to embark on “a journey that starts with a spiritual conversion.” As our Lenten journey begins, we, the baptized faithful, have a special opportunity to accept this personal invitation to join our Holy Father in responding to this constant call to conversion in our own lives.

Fortunately, there are many simple but impactful ways to foster this inner conversion, to draw nearer to the gift of our Catholic faith, to experience the infinite love and mercy of Christ and, in turn, to share his love and mercy with others whom we encounter. As we, the Church, enter into this most sacred time of penance, reflection and fasting, I offer the following suggestions for consideration:

Set aside time to pray. A good rule of thumb is to take fifteen minutes each day for prayer in a place free of technology and distraction. During that time, try to be open to the presence of the Risen Christ. Meditate on the gift of the breath of God’s life in all of creation and offer God your thanks. Consider the depth of God’s love. He became one of us, suffered, died, and rose from the dead so that we may live!

Plan a pilgrimage to a shrine or significant place that may lead to spiritual conversion. During this Year of Mercy, I have designated ten worship sites in the diocese as places of pilgrimage; each location has designated a Holy Door. Pilgrims who travel to these places will find a welcoming community and have prayerful opportunities to experience God’s extravagant merciful love.

Acknowledge sins and seek forgiveness through the Sacrament of Penance. Whether you are a regular penitent or have been away from the Church or the Sacrament for a while, Lent is a perfect time to experience this very intimate encounter with God’s mercy that is intended to lead to one’s spiritual conversion. Every time we sin, we hurt ourselves, other people, and God. In the Sacrament of Penance, we acknowledge our sins, express our sorrow, receive the forgiveness of Christ and his Church and resolve to do better in the future.

Welcome the stranger. We are living at a time when many are fearful of the stranger. This very human response to world events is understandable; however, I encourage you, “Do not be afraid!” During Lent, let us consider the many strangers in our midst, locally and afar, and take time to reflect on how the Gospel calls each of us to respond to protect the life and dignity of the human person. This is an ideal time to find ways to advocate for refugees, migrants, unaccompanied children, and victims of human trafficking with a welcoming spirit, in unity with our Holy Father.

Demonstrate compassion for the outcast. Many are lonely, homeless and rejected. Do you know anyone who may be considered an outcast by society? How does the Gospel call you to respond to these individuals with compassion?

Bring hope to the poor. So many among us are not able to afford basic shelter, basic health services, and good nutrition. Where are the poor near you? How can you assist them?

And so, as we begin this season of Lent, I urge you to consider entering more deeply into the Jubilee of Mercy by opening your heart to experience the infinite love and mercy of Christ and by finding ways to express the same unconditional love and mercy toward others. Then, with spiritual conversion, your celebration of Easter will be filled with the joy of the Risen Christ.

Jesus Christ yesterday, today and forever!

Sincerely in the Lord,

Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski
Bishop of Metuchen

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