

OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

120 Kosciusko Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080
December 9, 2018 The Second Sunday of Advent



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Parish Office

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m.
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Mass Schedule

Daily: Monday-Saturday 8:00a.m.
Friday 8:00p.m. (Vietnamese)
Weekend: Saturday 4:30p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday 8:00a.m.
10:30a.m.
1:00p.m. (Vietnamese)

Baptisms

By prior arrangement with the priest. Baptism classes are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Confessions

Saturday at 4:00p.m. (or anytime upon request)

Marriage

Contact the parish office one year ahead.

Pastoral Visits to the Sick

Please contact the parish office if anyone from your family would like to receive Holy Communion on the First Friday

Parish Mission Statement

Our Lady of Czestochowa Church is a Catholic multi-cultural, multi-ethnic parish dedicated to Our Lady of Czestochowa and La Vang. We are a living and loving community of believers seeking a deep and abiding faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. We depend on His love to guide and nourish us in our quest for holiness. Gathered around the Word of God and His holy sacraments, we are called to be witnesses of Him by our service to our people, our families, our neighborhoods and our world. We strive to provide a warm welcoming home for all the People of God.



Mass Intentions

WEEK OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Monday, December 10
Advent Weekday

8:00am +**Carmen Molina** req. by Jeannette Aparicio

Tuesday, December 11
Advent Weekday

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Mass

8:00am +**Nicolena Carlucci** req. by Betty Muglia

Wednesday, December 12
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

8:00am +**Restituto Paitan** req. by Lerma P. Oringer

Thursday, December 13
Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

8:00am +**Joseph J. Archutowski** req. by Irene Krajewski

Friday, December 14
Saint John of the Cross Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:00am +**Jeanette Merrick** req. by Her Family & Friends

8:00pm +**Cardinal Francis Nguyen Van Thuan**

Saturday, December 15
Advent Weekday

8:00am **Myrna J. Demegillo, In Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life** req. by Myrna

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Vigil Mass, December 15

4:30pm **Roseanne Pielhau, For God's Blessings on Her Birthday** req. by A Friend

Sunday, December 16

8:00am +**Irence Majcher** req. by Joanne & Ken Haus

10:30am +**Teofil M. Malecki, Sr.** req. by His Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

1:00pm +**Cardinal Francis Nguyen Van Thuan**

Eucharistic Ministers

SAT. Dec. 15 4:30pm Body – Tim Morgan
Blood – Bill & Tracey Hartmann

SUN. Dec. 16 8:00am Body – Joe Bielinski
Blood – Nancy Smith & Rose Marie Pelton

SUN. Dec. 16 10:30am Body – John Bush
Blood – Encarlita Lutaos & Rosanna Roman



Lectors

SAT. Dec. 15 4:30pm – Barbara Rhoads

SUN. Dec. 16 8:00am – Ellen Decker-Lorys

SUN. Dec. 16 10:30am – Robert Bengivenga



Let Pray for the Sick



Your continued prayers are needed for the chronically or seriously ill who are sick at home, in the hospital or in nursing homes.

Karen Costantino, Myrna Demegillo, Max Deshner, Tom Ferro, Ryan Langan, Takara Kaczowski, Wayne Kaczowski, Dylan Magalong, Nancy Marshall, Faith McGowan, Al Musmanno, Virginia O'Brien, Dale Painton, Tanner Painton, Heather Roberts, Maggie Simmonds, Deb Vokral, Faith Vokral, Anthony Wolosowski

"Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servant (N...) for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen." www.Catholic.org

Please contact the Parish Office if anyone from your family would like to be added or removed from our list, or would like to receive Holy Communion either on the First Friday of each month or on other occasions (908.756-1333).



Church Sanctuary Lamp Burning This Week For:

+**Gliceria Villavieja**

Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Homer Bayona

Divine Mercy Chapel Candles Burning This Week For:

1. **Sharon Strack For Her Needs and Intentions**

Req. by Joanne Haus

2.



We would like to extend our gratitude to Mr. & Mrs. Din and Han Dao who donated the bread for our Thanksgiving Mass.

Our parish also extends our appreciation and gratitude to the McCriskin-Gustafson Family of Funeral Homes for their most generous sponsorship of our 2019 calendars.

We thank Mr. & Mrs. Dinh and Han Dao and the McCriskin-Gustafson Family of Funeral Homes for their stewardship and continued support of our parish. May they be truly blessed as they give of themselves to others.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Collection Report

The Collection Report of 12/1 & 2, The Immaculate Conception, and 12/8 & 9 will appear in next week's bulletin.

THANK YOU for your kindness, fidelity and generosity to Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, especially during these difficult financial times. We are grateful to each and every person who helps ease the burden of caring for this parish, as well as our Diocesan Assessments and special collections. And, we thank you for your care and concern for your parish family. We pray that God will bless all of you for the gifts that you share with us.

If you are going to be away, don't forget about your parish. You can mail in your weekly envelopes or drop them in the collection basket before leaving or when you return.

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Please remember - Requests to YOUR Parish are tax deductible.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

TO REGISTER: Please complete the CENSUS UPDATE/REGISTRATION FORM that can be found in the magazine rack in the vestibule of the church or pick one up at the parish office. You can drop the completed CENSUS UPDATE/REGISTRATION FORM in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office.

NEED A CERTIFICATE TO BE A SPONSOR/GODPARENT????

We will be happy to provide a certificate form to complete if you are a registered parishioner (registered means active, that you belong - you have your own unique envelope number, you are taking part in the parish life). If you are not receiving envelopes with your name on them - you are not a registered parishioner exceptions are the elderly sick, or those in nursing homes.

EVERYONE OVER THE AGE OF 18 IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER SEPARATELY PER CANON LAW.

You must be an active parishioner for at least 6 MONTHS before you can qualify for any certificate, Baptism, Marriage, Sponsorship, etc. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING IN THIS MATTER!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptisms are held by previous arrangement with the priest. Registered parishioners may begin arrangements by calling the Parish Office during normal business hours for information.

Baptism preparation classes are mandatory. Parents and godparents must attend this class. Pre-registration is required. Call the Parish Office to register. (A date is set for the Baptism during the preparation class.)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements should be made with the Pastor at least one year in advance and at least one member of the couple must be a registered parishioner for six months. All couples planning marriage must attend a Marriage Preparation Program.



LIGHTING HEARTS ON FIRE
DIOCESAN MARIAN CONSECRATION PREPARATION YEAR

Bishop Checchio has announced his plan to consecrate the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe in 2019. There will be a year-long preparation process launching Wed. Dec. 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, with Evening Prayer at the Cathedral of St. Francis in Metuchen at 7:30pm. All of the faithful are invited to attend. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas and was also given the title, The Star of the New Evangelization, by St. John Paul II. The purpose of this consecration is to invoke her aid for our diocese so that we can be spiritually renewed and equipped to live out our call to evangelize more faithfully. For more info: www.LightingHeartsOnFire.com



ADVENT GIVING TREE

This year, like previous years, we are having a special Advent Giving Tree. Since St. Joseph's Nursing Home requested that all of the gifts should be the same, the Social Concerns Committee is going to buy all of them. Therefore, we will be asking for your monetary donations to subsidize all the expenses. All you have to do is pick one of the envelopes from the tree and return it in the Collection Basket. We are hoping for donations of about \$10 in each envelope (or more if your means allow). Envelopes can be placed in the Collection basket.

PARISH MEMORIAL GIFT PROGRAM

On December 2nd, the First Sunday of Advent, our parish began to use the 2019 edition of our current worship program. These books will be financed through gifts and memorials on an annual basis. We ask that you consider gifting booklets in your name, or memorializing them in the name of a loved one.

A donation of \$10.00, will memorialize one book. A book plate will be placed in each missal that will read:



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Forms are available at the exits of the church. Please complete one and place it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office.



December 18, 2018

Mark Your Calendars!

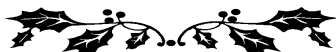
Our parish will have an Advent Reconciliation Service at 7:30PM on Tues. Dec. 18. Priests from area churches will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Come and experience God's mercy, healing and forgiveness.

Around the Diocese

COUNSELING AND WELLNESS SERVICES are offered by Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Metuchen. If you or someone you know needs counseling or is impacted by addiction, we can help. Individual and family therapy for children and adults is available. For an appointment, call (800) 655-9491.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA at Holy Savior Academy on **Sun. Dec. 16 2018** from 9 am to 11 am. Families can have breakfast (bagels, munchkins, orange juice, and coffee/tea will be served), take pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus (a volunteer can take pictures for you, but please bring your own phone/camera), and do Christmas crafts and games! Free parking, and the cost is \$10 per adult; \$5 per child (age 3 and above); Children 2 and under are free. Please write a check payable to Holy Savior Academy and mail the check to Holy Savior Academy (149 South Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080) with your name and the number of guests. Please reach out to Melodie at hsbreakfastwithsanta@gmail.com

SPECIAL NEEDS AWARENESS MASS on **Sun. Dec. 16** 6pm at Immaculate Conception Church, 35 Mountain Ave. Somerville.



ADVENT: EXERCISING GOOD STEWARDSHIP OF OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES

How can we keep Advent in such a way that it is a time to focus on the fundamentals of stewardship; of spiritual growth and preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ? Here are a few suggestions, not meant to be another to-do list, but rather a way to remind ourselves daily of our call to prepare a way for the Lord in our lives.

- Begin with a list to prioritize what you really want spiritually, and in relation to friends and family, from Advent. Discard all the "extras" and the fantasy of the perfect Hallmark Christmas. List clear goals that bring growth and peace and quality time.
- Take time to read the daily readings each day of Advent. The beautiful words of Isaiah are guaranteed to inspire, and the commitment will guarantee you a bit of quiet and reflective time.
- Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This will encourage you to reflect on your life, your gifts and where you fail to utilize them for the good of others. It's a beautiful preparation for the coming of Jesus and the beginning of a new year.
- Pray for patience. As you drive over icy streets or navigate through a crowded store, take time to pray for those around you and for those who struggle with much less. Become aware of people around you and lift them in prayer rather than see them as obstacles to your goals.
- In the midst of a season of abundance, do not forget the poor in your community. Christ is calling us to be good stewards of all that we have and all that we are.



All Voices Welcome

Praise the Lord in song by joining the Adult Choir for our Christmas Liturgies. Come and join our rehearsals on Sunday mornings at 9:45am. Prayerfully consider adding your voice to enhance our liturgies. Remember— when we sing, we pray twice!

OLC CALENDAR

Dec. 12 5:15-6:15pm	CCD
Dec. 14 10am-1:30pm 6:00pm	Drop of cookies (in the Parish Office) Drop off cookies and plating of cookies (in the Parish Hall)
Dec. 15&16	Annual Holiday Cookie Sale After Masses
Dec. 18 7:30pm	Advent Penance Service
Dec. 19 5:15-6:15pm	CCD



COOKIE SALE—BAKERS NEEDED

Our Annual Cookie Sale, sponsored by the OLC Rosary Altar Society, will take place **next weekend**. Please bring a batch of your favorite Christmas Cookies to the Church Office on Fri. 12/14 between 10AM & 1:30PM or to the Church Hall at 6PM.



Raffle Basket Donations Needed

The Rosary Altar Society is now collecting items to be used in the raffle baskets for the Wafer Supper in January of 2019. Please bring your donations, to the church. All donations, including full baskets, gift cards to stores or restaurants, lottery tickets, etc. are very much appreciated. Any questions can be directed to Kathy at 908- 868-8812.



PRAY FOR THE SICK LIST UPDATE

It is time to update our "Pray for the Sick" list in our bulletin. If you would like to remain on the list, please e-mail the parish office ASAP. The list will be updated at the end of the month.



OPLATKI

Throughout Advent, Oplatki will be available in the Church Sacristy following the daily and Sunday Masses, or at the Parish Office, Mon.—Wed., & Fri. 10am-2pm. The cost is \$3.00 per package.

Our Annual Wafer Supper, sponsored by OLC Rosary Altar Society, will be held on Sunday, January 6th from 3-6pm. The tickets are limited and go fast. No sales at the door. Tickets are now on sale after the weekend Masses. \$10 adults, Children 12 and under \$5.00. Children 5 and under are free. Thank you in advance for your kindness, generosity and support. We know everyone will have a great time at the Wafer Supper.

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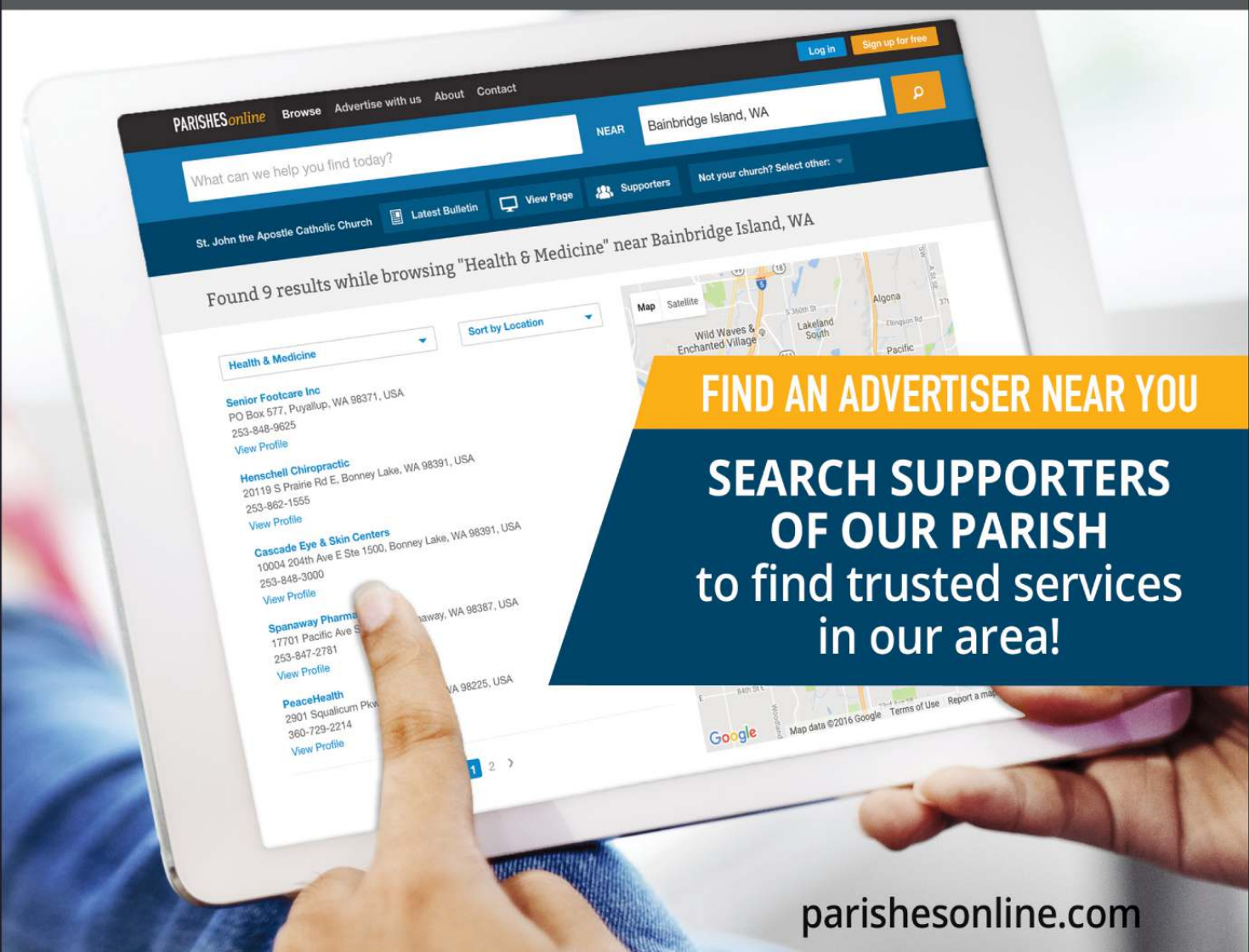
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