

Welcome

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF CZĘSTOCHOWA PARISH
National Catholic Church

*We offer each person
of every nationality and race
a voice, a vote,
and most importantly our
Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ.*



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

Vigil Mass 5:00pm

Sunday

Holy Mass 9:00am

Wednesday 6:30pm



PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Rev. Mark A. Gnidzinski,
Pastor

"I believe in One God the Father, the Almighty..;

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God..;

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the Giver of life..;

I believe in One Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church..."

These are the beliefs of our faith. This is our confession of Christ's Church, to which we belong. We are the parish family of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Czestochowa and to our parish family we invite all who believe in the One God. We open our hearts to all who want to meet with us, pray with us, and adore God. We invite everyone – children, teenagers and adults from every walk of life who want to journey with us to experience the love of God and to get to know better the path of God. We're glad you chose to visit us! We hope to provide you with information and resources to aid you in your relationship with Christ. We would love to have you to worship with us, we all live for the glory of God and for the good of others. May the Almighty God, bless all those who come here and will continue to come. May He bless your families and bestow on you His grace.

TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC LITURGY-CONTEMPORARY BELIEFS

- We have Seven Sacraments
- We confess sins directly and privately to God during the Penance Rite at the beginning of every Mass. We receive penance and general absolution.
- Individual confession is also another option.
- Our Deacons, Priests, and Bishops are permitted to marry.
- Divorced people may participate in Mass, receive Holy Communion and be remarried in the Church.
- We are accountable to our Parishioners, personally and financially.
- Birth control and parenthood are personal decisions.
- Our Parishioners have a democratic voice throughout the parish, the Diocese, and in the whole Church.

PARISH COMMITTEE

The Parish Committee is made of the elected representatives of the congregation. It consists of the parish Pastor, Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, and not less than three Directors. All parishioners who are in good standing for at least one year may be nominated and hold any position on the Parish Committee. The Parish Committee meets on a monthly basis, and acts on behalf of the parish in areas that deal with parish property and financial responsibility.



MUSIC MINISTRY

The "Lutnia" Choir provides music at the 9:00am Holy Mass each Sunday throughout the year, as well as additional special services. Each singer brings his or her own style and talents to the ministry. The Children's Choir consists of the youth in our parish, ages 15 and under.



A visit to the Eddy Nursing Home

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT (ANS SOCIETY)



The Women's Society of the Most Blessed Sacrament conducts a special ministry honoring Jesus, the Sacrament of Communion, and the altar. They hold candles during Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation to honor Jesus' Sacrifice.



Winners of our annual Chopin Competition

YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY OF RESURRECTION (YMSOFR)

The mission of the YMS of R is to unite men of the National Catholic Church in the endeavor of the perfection of a Christian life. The organization promotes fellowship and helps its members in time of need.



PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)



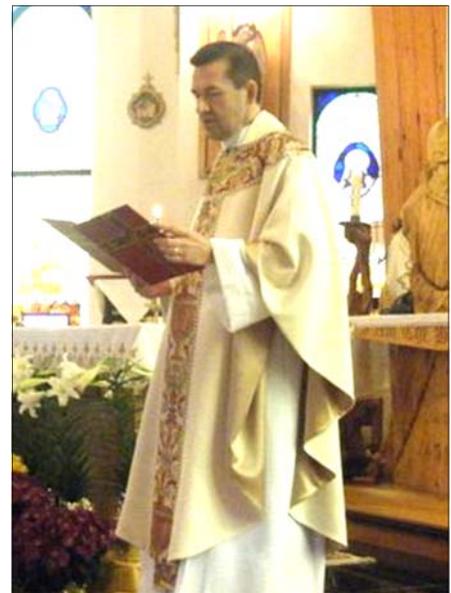
The PTO is comprised of teachers, parents and parishioners who are interested in the development of an enriching and rewarding Sunday school curriculum for children of our parish.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING (SOCL)

The School of Christian Living is a family focused Sunday school program based on Scripture, prayer, and the traditions and doctrines of the Church, with a particular emphasis on how they relate to children's lives. Classes are held on Sundays from September to June and are taught through well-planned lessons, prayer, classroom activities and special projects. The SOCL program is administered under the direction of the Church's pastor.

SOCIAL – COFFEE HOUR

After 9:00 AM Mass each Sunday, the congregation gathers in our hall for a cup of coffee or tea, baked goods, and conversation. During the school year, Sunday School classes coincide with coffee hour. This is a wonderful time to get to know parishioners and our pastor in a leisurely setting. Meetings of parish organizations are typically announced during coffee hour, so this is also a great time to learn more about our organizations and ministries.



PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES

KURS SUMMER CAMP (pronounced "Course")

The national YMSR sponsors an annual 10-day youth camp each summer called Kurs. It is held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, which is a year-round, modern camp facility nestled in the beautiful Pocono Mountains of northeastern Pennsylvania. Children of our parish, ages 8 through 18, attend this camp at no cost, thanks to the generous support of our local YMSR branch.

CONVO

The PNCC holds bi-annual national youth convocations (Convos) to teach older children about growing up in faith. Children 12 and older are encouraged to attend. The location of Convo rotates among college campuses located around the USA in the different Church's dioceses.



Family bocce night at the Italian American Community Center

JOINING OUR PARISH FAMILY

To become a parishioner of BVMC, one only needs to bring to the attention of Fr. Mark or any Parish Committee member the desire to join the parish. A candidate must be at least 18 years old and a believer of this Church who enrolls and unites him/herself with others in a visible society called a parish, contributes his offerings, labor and life to fulfill the goals of the parish and the entire Church, believes and receives the Holy Sacraments, believes in the ideals, principles and aims of this church, complies with the Church's Constitution and Laws thereof, and by personal charity and active cooperation with the bishops, pastor and lay members of his parish help realize the aims and mission of this Church.



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