

# ***The Parish Family of Saint Mary of Czestochowa Church***

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**Our Church is equipped with an personal PA system for the hearing impaired. Please ask an usher for assistance.**

**We extend a warm welcome to visitors, and hope that you find our community a place to nourish your faith. Please introduce yourself to the Pastor and call the rectory to register.**

**Holy Mass Schedule**

Monday, Thursday & Friday at 7:30 am

Wednesday at 6:30 pm (September 1-June 30)

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm

Sunday at 8:30 am (Polish) & 10:30 am

**Confessions**

3:15 pm Saturday or by appointment

**Anointing of the Sick**

Please contact the rectory office

**Baptism**

By appointment

**Wedding**

Arrangements must be made six months in advance



# Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 15, 2022

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



<b>Saturday</b> 3:15 pm 4:00 pm	<b><u>May 14</u></b> <b>Confessions</b> +Cecilia S. and Walter J. Smoloski +Dian E. Smoloski & +Dr. Walter J, Smoloski Jr.
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am (polish) 10:30 am	<b><u>May 15</u></b> +Kazimierz Trzcinski Offered by Teresy & Josef Mroczek +Rosemary, Frank & Sophia Cichon
<b>Monday</b> 7:30 am	<b><u>May 16</u></b> <b>Deceased Members of the Guzior Family</b> Offered by the family
<b>Wednesday</b> 6:30pm	<b><u>May 18</u></b> +Ted Nowakowski Offered by his loving family
<b>Thursday</b> 7:30 am	<b><u>May 19</u></b> +Evelyn Santostefano Offered by her friends
<b>Friday</b> 7:30 am	<b><u>May 20</u></b> <b>Deceased Members of the Margas Family</b> Offered by the family
<b>Saturday</b> 3:15 pm 4:00 pm	<b><u>May 21</u></b> <b>Confessions</b> +Antoinette Strycharz Offered by the Strycharz Family
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am (polish) 10:30 am	<b><u>May 22</u></b> +Mieczyskaw & Janina Szczygiel Offered by their son and his family +Lena & Edward Kalita Offered by their loving daughters

## *May Devotions* (Litania Loretanska)



Recited in Polish  
every Wednesday  
during the  
Month of May  
following the  
6:30 pm Mass  
(rectory chapel)

## *CALVARY CEMETERY REMINDERS*

Planting season will begin soon. Planting and decorating rules are posted at the cemetery and on our website, [www.stmarymiddletown.com](http://www.stmarymiddletown.com).

We want to have a respectful, Catholic cemetery that is clean and maintained appropriately. We also need to be aware that the mowers cannot get off their equipment to move flowers and decorations. Thank you for your cooperation. Water will be turned on by the State soon.

Help us keep Calvary Cemetery the best in Connecticut

## *Weekly Collections*

### May 8-15

Offertory ~ \$2596.00  
Air Conditioning~ \$286.00  
Support for Ukrainian Refugees~\$290.00  
April Online Giving~\$2070.04

**Thank you for your generosity!**  
Visit [www.stmarymiddletown.com](http://www.stmarymiddletown.com)

## *Tabernacle Lamp*

### May 15-21

*Is Lit in Love for All Our Mothers and Grandmothers Both Living and Deceased*



# Baptism

We Welcome to Our Parish

**Sebastian Jankowski**

Son of

**Malgorzata (Leniart) & Rafal Jankowski**

Who Will Be Baptized In Our Church

*Take this little one dear Father into your loving arms,  
Cover and protect them, guide them from all harm.*



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**Do you have any laptops or tablets!**



Thank you to all who have donated. To date we have collected 10 laptops and 3 tablets. We are still collecting used (or new) laptops and tablets for the Ukrainian refugee children studying in Poland. Please disable the password feature and include the charging cord if possible. Bring them to the church or parish office and we will get them where they're needed.



We received a thank you letter from the seminarians at Mt. St. Mary Seminary. They are very grateful for the gift cards our parish donated at Christmas.

Your generosity helps them to continue their studies for the priesthood.

## Mother's Day Remembrance Addendum



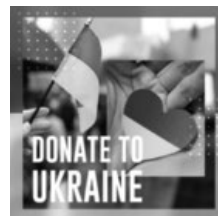
Mary & Ruth Connie  
Elaine Styles  
Aldona Gorynska  
Adela Szczerbicki

## Support for Ukrainian Refugees

We continue to accept monetary donations for the Ukrainian refugees. Please use the **blue Special Collections** envelopes and drop in any collection basket. Please do not use the weekly church envelopes for this purpose. There are also two boxes in the church for donations. One is in the foyer and the other is in the back of the church. Both are labeled. Checks may be made out to St. Mary Church, ("Ukraine" in the memo).

You may also donate securely online at  
[www.stmarymiddletown.com/donate](http://www.stmarymiddletown.com/donate).

**The need is great, please be as generous as you can.**





“It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God.” Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It’s no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God’s wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, “a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships.” What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what’s important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it’s authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that’s why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.

## Prayer to Our Lady of Czestochowa

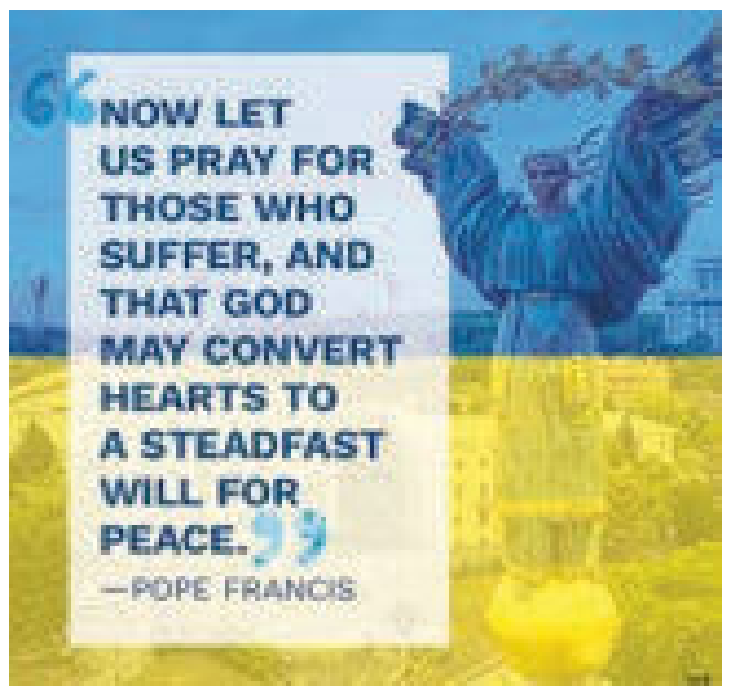
**Our Lady of Czestochowa is a strong woman, and encourages us to keep the faith, no matter what might happen to us throughout the day. Here is a morning offering prayer to her, consecrating the entire day to her who has helped so many people during their darkest of trials.**

Holy Mother of Czestochowa, Thou art full of grace, goodness and mercy. I consecrate to Thee all my thoughts, words and actions, my soul and body. I beseech Thy blessings and especially prayers for my salvation. Today, I consecrate myself to Thee, Good Mother, totally with body and soul amid joy and sufferings to obtain for myself and others Thy blessings on this earth and eternal life in Heaven.

Amen.

## *May is for Mary*

**May is a month of new life and rebirth. It is set aside to honor Mary, the mother of Jesus who gave him and us all life.**





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