

**“The Holy Spirit brings forth a rich variety of gifts and creates a unity which is never uniformity but a multifaceted and inviting harmony” (Joy of the Gospel 117)**

**Thank you  
for your  
support  
to our  
ministries!**



On September 27<sup>th</sup>, around 600 people gathered at St. Bartholomew's church, East Brunswick to celebrate the first mass of the Indian Sri-Lankan Apostolate. The event had been planned and orchestrated by representatives from the Indian communities of Tamil Nadu, Goa, Mangalore, Gujarat, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, and Maharashtra and from their neighboring country, Sri Lanka.

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The Office for Multi-Cultural Ministry facilitates and provides pastoral care to immigrants and people of different cultures so that they may be able to fully participate in the life of the Church by means of worship, catechesis and social outreach. It also seeks to promote understanding and appreciation for the rich cultural diversity and ethnic religious traditions in the Diocese of Metuchen.

The celebration began with the recitation of the rosary. Mass commenced with a colorful procession and as the statue of Our Lady of Vailankanni came down the aisle, children showered the path with flowers. "I loved the Marian procession. It transported me to my hometown." said Brenda Rebello of the NJ Goan Association.



"Our communities in this country are very educated and successful people. Let us celebrate all that makes us proud of ourselves as Indians, Sri Lankans, Pakistanis, and Bangladeshis!...there are deep differences along the lines of "caste, language, state, religion and church which we need to eliminate in order to be of service to the church. Only God can unify all of us" Fr. Antony



**“I liked the multicultural mass because I got to see Catholics from all over India who spoke different languages. The best part was during the start of mass when so many priests walked into church behind a beautiful procession led by kids carrying flowers.”**  
**Sheryl D'Mello, 10, of Immaculate Conception Parish, Spotswood**



**“The best part of the mass was the procession of the Eucharist and the singing of Tantum Ergo. It has been about 30 years since I’ve attended such a prayerful benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.”**  
**Shantilal Parmar of the Gujarati Catholic**

# Celebrating cultural diversity around the Diocese of Metuchen

**St. Matthias – Somerset  
September 14, 2014**



**Celebrating with  
music, dance, song...  
and food**

**San Lorenzo Ruiz  
September 28 Cathedral  
of St. Francis**



**Immaculate Conception, Somerville  
International Family Day  
September 28**



**Hungarians keep heritage alive!**

**Celebrating 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
October 18<sup>th</sup>  
Holy Family Parish, St. Ladislaus  
worship Site**



***Our God-given human diversity challenges all Catholics to  
achieve ecclesial integration, to discover ways in which we, as  
Catholic communities, can be one Church yet come from  
diverse cultures and ethnicities.***

*Many Faces in God's House, p. 4*

## FROM WAR TO VICTORY: Polish History 1939-1989

40:1

So silent before the storm,  
awaiting command  
A few has been chosen to stand  
as one outnumbered by far  
The orders from high command  
"fight back hold your ground"  
In early September it came  
a war unknown to the world

No army may enter that land  
that is protected by polish hand  
Unless you are 40 to 1  
your force will soon be undone undone

Baptised in fire of fire 40 to 1  
Spirit of Spartans death and glory  
Soldiers of Poland second to none  
Wrath of the Wehrmacht brought to a halt

[tekst / lyrics: Joakim Brodén, Pär Sundström, www.sabaton.net]

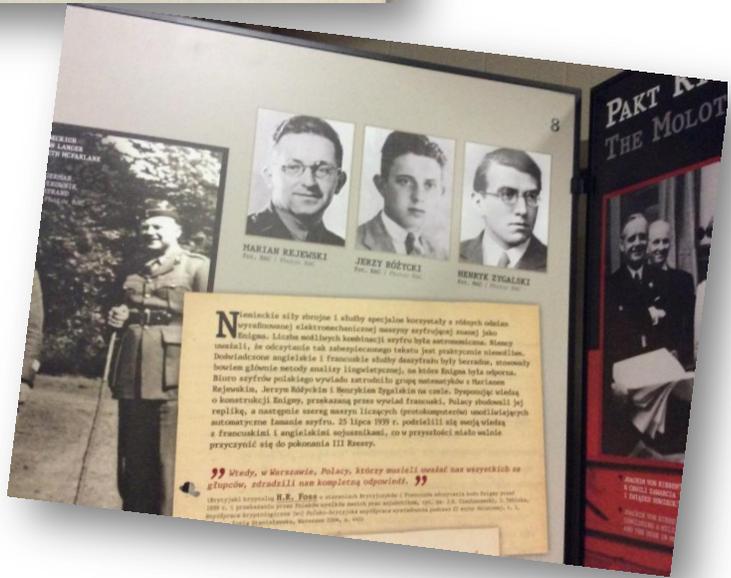


A traveling exhibit detailing the history of Poland from the beginning of World War II to the end of the Cold War and the country's role in international affairs during the 20th century took place at St. John Paul II, Perth Amboy November 21-23.

“ [On September 1, 1939] at 13:30 we have survived the most dangerous, and for us, lethal, enemy air raid [...] I saw a bomb falling off one aeroplane. I thought it was coming straight at me. [...] it smashed into the deck, more less between the first and the second cannon [...] water started pouring in through the hole in the hull, and the ship went down like an axe breaking off the mooring lines behind it [...] I am looking at Lieutenant [Jacenty] Dehnel, a combat officer. He keeps shooting without respite from a Vickers gun, perfectly aware of the fact that the ship is sinking, and despite this, he keeps on shooting, wading through the water, which is up to his knees. ”

(Account of the bombing of Port Oksywie and the last battle of the torpedo boat ORP Mazur, quoted in: J. Pertek, *Mała flota wielka duchem*, Poznań, 1989, pp. 13-17)

Without my story, I have no identity. I do not know who I am, or what I am about. If you have no story, how do you know where you're going; and if you're going somewhere, how will you know when you get there? A story tells about struggle, without which life is boring. My Personal story tells of zigzags in my life—the transitions and transformations.” (Tom Downs)



Poles lived to

“ Poland’s example has inspired others in Eastern Europe to cast off the communist system and establish democracy, freedom and a rule of law. Our dream of a Europe in which the barriers are torn down is coming true. Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and others too will take their place once more in the European family of free and democratic nations. ”

(From the toast made by the British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on February 13, 1990, addressed to the Polish Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki, www.Margareththacher.org)

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish  
Heritage Day Mass  
November 23, 2014**



**“Grace supposes  
culture, and God’s gifts  
becomes flesh in the  
culture of those who  
receive it”** Joy of the Gospel 115



**We implore her maternal intercession that the Church may become a home for many peoples, a mother for all peoples and that they may be opened to the birth of a new world. Joy of the Gospel 288**

## SOME EVENTS

**SIMBANG GABI FESTIVAL (EVENING NOVENA MASSES IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS)  
DIOCESE OF METUCHEN**




# Simbang Gabi

December 15, 2014 Monday	7:30 pm	<b>ST. MAGDALEN DE PAZZI CHURCH</b> 105 Mine St., Flemington, NJ 08822	
December 16, 2014 Tuesday	7:30 pm	<b>OUR LADY OF VICTORIES CHURCH</b> 42 Main St., Sayreville, NJ 08872	7:30 pm <b>CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION</b> 80 Main St., Bloomsbury, NJ 08804
December 17, 2014 Wednesday	7:30 pm	<b>ST. MATTHEW CHURCH</b> 81 Seymour Ave., Edison, NJ 08817	7:30 pm <b>ST. MATTHIAS CHURCH</b> 168 JFK Blvd., Somerset, NJ 08873
December 18, 2014 Thursday	7:30 pm	<b>ST. AMBROSE CHURCH</b> 81 Throckmorton Ln., Old Bridge, NJ 08857	7:30 pm <b>ST. JAMES CHURCH</b> 184 So Finley Ave., Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
December 19, 2014 Friday	7:30 pm	<b>ST. HELENA CHURCH</b> 950 Grove Ave., Edison, NJ 08820	7:30 pm <b>CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART</b> 149 So Plainfield Ave., So Plainfield, NJ 07080
December 20, 2014 Saturday	7:30 pm	<b>ST. CECELIA CHURCH</b> 45 Wilus Way, Iselin, NJ 08830	7:30 pm <b>ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH</b> 460 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick, NJ 08816
December 21, 2014 Sunday	7:00 pm	<b>OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH</b> 501 New Market Rd., Piscataway, NJ 08854	4:00 pm <b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH</b> 35 Mountain Ave., Somerville, NJ 08876
December 22, 2014 Monday	7:30 pm	<b>CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH</b> 100 James St., South River, NJ 08892	7:30 pm <b>SACRED HEART CHURCH</b> 56 Throop Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 08901
December 23, 2014 Tuesday	7:00 pm	<b>ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHEDRAL</b> 32 Elm Ave., Metuchen, NJ 08840 Most Rev. Paul Gregory Bootkoski, D.D. Bishop of Metuchen <i>Celebrant and Homilist</i>	

**MISA de GALLO : 5:30 AM • Dec. 16 - 22 • St. Ladislau Church • 40 Plum St., New Brunswick, NJ 08901**

COORDINATED BY THE FILIPINO APOSTOLATE • DIOCESE OF METUCHEN  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

Filipino Apostolate Coordinator:  
Rev. Roberto Coruña

Rev. Fr. Hung Tran

**Đêm Thánh Nhạc**  
Chủ Đề  
**Tạ ơn Chúa**  
Với Những Sáng Tác Của Linh Mục Nhạc Sĩ  
**Nguyễn Hùng Cường, M.M**



**Vào lúc:**  
7 giờ 30 tối Thứ Bảy Ngày 6 Tháng 12 Năm 2014

**Địa điểm:**  
**Hội Trường Nhà Thờ Our Lady of Czestochowa**  
909 Hamilton Blvd.,  
South Plainfield NJ 07080

**Giá vé ủng hộ:**  
\$25.00 (Có phục vụ ăn tối)

Vé sẽ được bán ra sau mỗi Thánh Lễ Chúa Nhật  
Vi số lượng vé có hạn, xin Quý Vị đặt vé trước Ngày 30 tháng 11 năm 2014  
Vé không bán tại cửa

**Mọi Chi Tiết Xin Liên Lạc : Anh Tôn Thắng (908)400-3090**

### Religious Songs night to praise God

7:30PM Saturday, December 6, 2014  
At the Hall of Our Lady of Czestochowa  
Church - 909 Hamilton Blvd - South  
Plainfield, 07080 NJ.

All the Religious Songs for the Program  
are composed by Fr. Cuong H., Nguyen, a  
Maryknoll priest. This is also an  
opportunity to celebrate his 16th  
Priesthood Anniversary and 15th  
Priesthood Anniversary of our Community  
Priest Fr. Hung, Tran.

Please come to join us in this religious and fun  
night. Light Dinner will be served before the  
presentation

## EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE & GIFT OF HEALING

### Eucharistic Celebration & Healing Service



Sponsored by the African American & Caribbean Apostolate of the Diocese of Metuchen  
Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.  
St. Matthew the Apostle Parish  
81 Seymour Avenue, Edison, NJ 08817

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

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"The Church of the twenty-first century will be, as it has always been, a Church of many cultures, languages and traditions, yet simultaneously one, as God is one—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—unity in diversity."

*(Welcoming the Stranger Among Us)*

## Some Christmas Celebrations

- **Tamil:** December 14<sup>th</sup> 2 p.m - Christmas Mass followed by gathering – St. Bartholomew Church, East Brunswick
- **Sri Lankan:** December 21<sup>st</sup> 4:00 p.m. Christmas Gathering –St. James, Woodbridge
- **Vietnamese:** December 25<sup>th</sup> Noon Christmas Choir – Mass 12:30 followed by Christmas Gathering – Our Lady of Czestochowa
- **Korean:** December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Mass 1:30 p.m. followed by gathering – Transfiguration, Edison
- **Indonesian:** December 27<sup>th</sup> 5 p.m. Christmas Mass followed by gathering – St. Francis Cabrini, Piscataway

For current events and resources visit:  
<http://diometuchen.org/offices-and-ministries/pastoral-life/multi-cultural-ministries/>