



OLC

Our Lady of Czestochowa Catholic Church

120 Sussex Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Our Mission

The mission of our Parish is to reach out to all people and encourage them to join us in joyfully giving praise and glory to God; to build a Christian community that, with trust in God, embraces the future, and in doing so, is a beacon of faith, hope and love on the Jersey City waterfront.

Our History

Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, or OLC, was founded in 1911 to serve Polish immigrants in Jersey City. Today, OLC is growing and changing as it seeks to serve all those who now live in our neighborhood. The Church takes its name from a city in Poland that houses a cherished icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A copy of that icon is centrally located in our historic Church.

1911 – 2016

Very Rev. Thomas J. Ciba, V.F.

Pastor

Rev. Gerard J. Sudol

In Residence

Rev. Anthony Azzarto, S.J.

Weekend Assistant

Rev. Michael Braden, S.J.

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Rev. David Stump, S.J.

Weekend Assistant

Mrs. Anna Mae Stefanelli

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Mr. Jonathan Blevis

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Mr. Ben Rauch

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Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday: 12:30 pm (Church open from 12:00 noon to 1:15 pm)

Saturday: 5:00 pm, Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday: 10:00 am, 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm

Note:

St. Anthony of Padua, 330 Sixth Street, Jersey City, the Center for Polish Ministry in Jersey City, offers a Polish Language Mass at OLC, Sundays at 8:00 am.

Faith Formation during 10:00 am Mass

We provide a Faith Formation program called “Children’s Liturgy of the Word” for children 2½ years of age on up during the Sunday Mass. We dismiss the children from Mass after the Opening Prayer to the church hall, returning before the Offertory. Parents are welcome to accompany their child if they wish.

Confessions/Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm in the church and at other times by appointment with the pastor.

Weddings

Those interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the parish office **one year** in advance of their proposed date of marriage.

Infant Baptisms

Preparation for Baptism should ideally begin before the birth of the child. Expectant parents should visit the parish website for more information.

The OLC School – Quality Education on the Waterfront

248 Luis Marin Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07302

Grades 1 - 8

Accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary and Secondary Schools

The Little Harbor Academy – The Early Childhood Division of the OLC School

186 Grand Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Programs: Kindergarten; Pre-Kindergarten Program for 3- & 4-year-olds; Montessori Toddler Program for 2-year-olds

To Register and Be Part of OLC

We welcome you to register and to be part of our parish family. Please contact the parish office to arrange an informal appointment with the pastor.

Saints Peter and Paul Church, Hoboken and OLC Church, Jersey City

We work together to proclaim and live the Gospel on the Hudson River Waterfront by sharing our time, energy, and resources, and in doing so, we more powerfully witness the presence of Christ.

Third Sunday of Easter – April 10, 2016

HOLY WEEK AT OLC CHURCH



(Photos courtesy of Adam Ligeralde)

2016 AND 2017 MASS BOOKS



Both the 2016 and 2017 Mass Books are currently open for mass intentions. Please call 201-434-0798 or stop by the rectory Monday-Friday from 9:30 am-5:00 pm to arrange a mass intention.

MUSICAL EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

If you are seeking an experienced piano and/or voice teacher, OLC Director of Music, Ben Rauch, currently has some availability for music lessons for your children. They will have the opportunity to play on a professional Yamaha baby grand piano and sometimes the organ at the church. Recital performance opportunities will happen on a yearly basis. Lesson availability is for children ages five and up, and the lessons are 30 minutes each. Please contact Ben to inquire about rates at: directorofmusic@olcjc.org.



generously donated their time to help out in the office, and decorate and ready the church for Holy Week. Thank you to all the helpers who assisted the Easter Bunny in reading the field for the March 26 Easter Egg Hunt. Special thanks to the OLC School Girl Scout Troop 10094 for filling the eggs in record time!

We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you for all of your help! God bless you!

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING INTENTIONS

An Easter flower donation was made in memory of: Weronika and Eugeniusz Sowul.

RCIA CLASS 2016

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Four RCIA candidates received the sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation on Holy Saturday, March 26. Shown with their sponsors (from left to right) are Mariloly Orozco, George Sebastian Garcia, Sandra Sung and Alissa Buckingham. We offer them our heartfelt congratulations. Welcome to the OLC community and may God bless them always.



THANK YOU FISH FRY, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER EGG HUNT VOLUNTEERS!

We would like to express our gratitude to the many wonderful people who have offered much-needed assistance at the parish these past few weeks. We couldn't have accomplished so much without the help of our parishioners at the March 19 Fish Fry. Other volunteers

MASS INTENTIONS

whoever
eats this
bread
will live
forever



It is a long-standing tradition in many different faiths and cultures to remember, and even venerate, someone's deceased relatives and friends. We keep alive the memory of our deceased relatives and friends by remembering them in our prayers. Through our prayers, we can also continue that spiritual and loving connection we had when they walked this earth.

Remembering someone in our prayers (whether alive or deceased) is particularly important to us as Catholics. Because the celebration of the Mass is the highest form of worship, the practice of having a Mass "offered" for an individual, deceased or living, or for a particular intention, is an excellent way of bringing our intentions to God. This is a long-standing tradition in the church. It is also a devotional practice whereby we keep alive the memory of our loved ones. Through this practice we can maintain that loving bond between ourselves and those whom we love. A Mass can be offered on the anniversary of death or on a person's birthday, or at any time. You may also have a Mass celebrated for someone who is ill, in thanksgiving and for special intentions for family and/or friends.

Take the time to have a Mass celebrated for your loved-ones. Simply stop by the rectory, call us at **201-434-0798** or send an e-mail to: secretary@olcjc.org.

2016 EVENTS AT OLC

Drawing Rooms: New exhibit "The Nature of Things" begins April 8-May 15, 2016. Galleries are located at 180 Grand Street, Jersey City. Call 201-823-9393 or email victoryhall1msn.com for more information.

OLC Seniors: Eastern Caribbean cruise April 11-21. Final payment for June trip to see "Samson" at Sight and Sound Theater is due on April 27. For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

The OLC Adult Choir: The regular choir rehearsal will take place Sundays, 11:15 am. The choir will sing at the 12:30 pm Mass on Sundays. Please contact our music director Ben Rauch at: Directorofmusic@olcjc.org.

Children's Liturgy: Every Sunday during 10:00 am Mass for 20 minutes. Ages 2 and older. Parents are welcome. No registration required – join in!

Coffee & Donuts: Every Sunday after the 10:00 am Mass. This event may be held in the church hall. Please call the rectory if you wish to volunteer.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings. Prepare for next Sunday.

Sunday, April 3, 2016

Acts 5:12-16; Rev. 1:9-19; Jn. 20:19-31

Sunday, April 10, 2016

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Rev. 5:11-14; Jn. 21:1-19

WEEKLY OFFERING

Thank you so much for your financial support and for living your financial commitment to your parish. We are grateful for those who generously support the parish. **We need your support** to achieve our weekly collection goal of \$6,000 per Sunday which is essential to the financial health of your parish.

OLC is facing a financial crisis. This past year many families have relocated out of Jersey City. This has adversely effected our Sunday collections. Collections are down and ParishPay contributions have dropped by 30% to an average of less than \$1,900 per week. A very important way in which you can support your parish is to enroll in ParishPay and by being more generous in the Sunday collection. To sign up, go to www.parishpay.com and follow the prompts.

For Easter weekend of March 26-27, 1,060 people attended Mass; the collection in church amounted to \$21,699. For the weekend of April 2-3, 362 people attended Mass; the collection in church amounted to \$3,191. ParishPay information has not been available for the past four weeks, we apologize.

If you have been away from church traveling for any reason, we encourage you to "make up" your contributions.

BAPTISM

GATHERING TO REJOICE is the first component of our Baptism Program for those preparing for the birth of their child. You must **pre-register** for this program. Register online at www.olcjc.org and reference "Formation and Sacraments." Follow the link to "Baptism of Children," or call the rectory. Upcoming dates are:

May 1, 2016; July 3, 2016

GATHERING TO UNDERSTAND is the second part of our Baptism program. If you are preparing for the baptism of your child, this program is **required**. It addresses theology, the responsibilities and requirements of parents and Godparents, etc.

You can register online, by phone, or you can just walk in (**however, preregistration is extremely helpful**). Upcoming dates are:

June 5, 2016; August 7, 2016

Please register as parishioners before attending the baptism classes. You can register in the rectory Monday through Friday from 9:30 am until 5:00 pm.

ANNUAL DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

The 11th Annual Divine Mercy Conference will be held on April 16, 2016 at Cardinal Spellman High School in the Bronx, New York. Join them during this Jubilee year! Featuring speakers, sacred music, Adoration, Confession, Mass, and bookstore. This powerful event is co-sponsored by the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception and the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR). Fee is \$60 per person; register online at www.thedivinemercy.org. For more information, please call 201-446-9653 or email Edbogeypar@aol.com.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Saturday 5:00 pm | April 9, 2016 William and Edward John Bromirski From <i>Arlene and Larry Macierowski</i> |
| Sunday 10:00 am | April 10, 2016 Pablo Ramon Perdomo Alfonso From <i>Perdomo and Curiel Families</i> |
| 12:30 pm | Andrew Carvalho (1 st Ann.) From <i>Mascarendas and Carvalho Families</i> |
| 7:00 pm | People of the Parish |
| Monday 12:30 pm | April 11, 2016 Chester Rydwin From <i>Doris Emden</i> |
| Tuesday 12:30 pm | April 12, 2016 Health and Blessings for Father Tom Ciba From <i>Michael Burke</i> |
| Wednesday 12:30 pm | April 13, 2016 Communion Service |
| Thursday 12:30 pm | April 14, 2016 Chester Rydwin From <i>Kim Mom</i> |
| Friday 12:30 pm | April 15, 2016 Seamus Buckley From <i>Nancy Bennett</i> |
| Saturday 5:00 pm | April 16, 2016 Julianna (52 nd Ann.) and Stanislaw Stapinski From <i>Children Terri and Ted</i> |
| Sunday 10:00 am | April 17, 2016 Deceased Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i> |
| 12:30 pm | Theodore Gradowski From <i>Maggie and Lenny Englese</i> |
| 7:00 pm | People of the Parish |
| Attend daily Mass. It will make a difference in your life! | |

STEWARDSHIP

"Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'"

— John 21:17



All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus by "feeding His sheep." Through prayer ask God how you should best use your time, talent and treasure to

assist those who are in need. Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps advance the mission of our parish and greater Church.

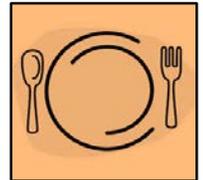
HARVEST COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA)



Our CSA, Downtown Harvest is now preparing for their upcoming season. Enjoy fresh, organic produce while helping to support sustainable agriculture. During the 24-week season, the farmer brings the members' weekly share to the OLC Church garage. Members share in the risks and rewards of the farmer. For membership information, please go to their website <http://www.downtownharvest.org> or email: downtownharvest@yahoo.com.

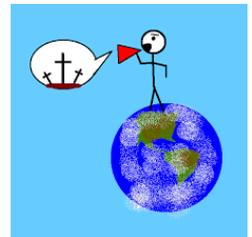
OLC SCHOOL'S FOURTH ANNUAL A TASTE OF JERSEY CITY 2016

Join us on April 22 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Upper Victory Hall for an exciting evening to taste the best cuisines of Jersey City, drink local craft beer, sample varieties of wines, all while enjoying live entertainment and dancing with the best DJ in town! Tickets for this adults-only event are \$60 per person. You may purchase tickets online at: www.olcschool.org. All proceeds will benefit the school.

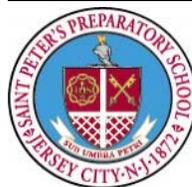


COMMUNICATING GOD'S WORD APPEAL

Our next special collection is the Catholic Communication Campaign on May 14-15. This annual fund makes possible local Catholic communication projects. The CCC helps connect the world with God's word. Half of the funds collected remain in each diocese to support local communication projects. The other half supports the development and production of a wide range of media nationally and worldwide.



ST. PETER'S PREP OPEN HOUSE



Saint Peter's Preparatory School will be holding its 2016 Spring Open House on Sunday, April 17, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students and parents, will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. Founded in 1872, Saint Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. For more information on the Spring Open House, please call **201-547-6389**.

**PROGRAMS AT THE
MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER**

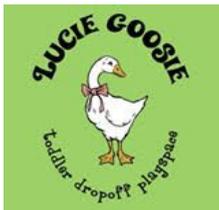


Make a New Friend for Life (April 29-May 1, 2016). High school students ages 14-18 will have an opportunity to enhance their human and spiritual development. In addition to Mass, prayer and reconciliation, there will be time for personal and group reflection, as well as creative, fun activities. Cost is \$125 per person.

Mother/Adult Daughter Weekend (May 6-8, 2016). Here is a wonderful opportunity to nurture your special relationship! Walk on common ground while celebrating your differences. Eucharist, small group sharing, socials and fun! Cost is \$130 per person.

Accommodations, meals and all activities are included. Financial aid is available for these programs. For more information on these retreats, please call 609-884-3829 or visit their website at: www.capemary-marianists.org.

LUCIE GOOSIE TODDLER ENRICHMENT



Lucie Goosie Toddler Enrichment is now at OLC Church! Lucie Goosie is a toddler drop-off for children 18 months to 3½ years old. Drop off your little ones in a safe and nurturing environment Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 12 noon.

They offer play-based learning, featuring creative movement, music, and literacy development in a social environment. Please check us out on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/luciegoosieplayspace>. To register, please email us at: info@luciegoosie.com.

**ANNUAL MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY
RECOGNITION BY ARCHDIOCESE**

The Archdiocese is preparing for the annual tradition of honoring couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2016. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:



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| April 24, 2016 | 3:00 pm | 5 and 25 years (All counties) |
| May 1, 2016 | 3:00 pm | 50 years (All counties) |

If you wish to participate in these liturgies, please contact the rectory to register.

ANNUAL EASTER GIFT APPEAL

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your continued financial support of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish. Your contributions to the Christmas Appeal and other previous appeals, have helped the Parish fund important projects and we appreciate your generosity.



As we celebrate Easter, the Parish Finance Committee asks parishioners to make a special contribution to help the Parish meet its "ordinary operating expenses." This is our traditional "Easter Gift Appeal."

As a Parish, we are facing significant challenges. In addition to paying for the Parish's rising expenses, the Parish was also faced with the unexpected expense of repairing the church boiler again, as well as chimney repairs and the installation of a new stainless steel liner in the chimney. There is never a good time for heating-related expenses, especially the middle of winter. We appreciated everyone's understanding during this emergency.

To help us meet these challenges, we are asking you to make a one-time donation as part of the Easter Appeal. We are hoping to raise at least \$30,000. To achieve our goal, we are suggesting an offering of at least \$200 per family. This amount is not to be taken as a floor or a ceiling. No gift is too large or too small. We also welcome families to make a pledge making their donations over a series of payments.

Lastly, we ask each of you to seriously consider either signing-up for ParishPay, or reviewing your Parish Pay account. Parish Pay is a service that allows Parishioners to make regular, tax-deductible contributions to the Parish from your credit card or checking account. If you have any questions about Parish Pay, please inquire with the rectory.

Thank you for your support. Although our Parish faces challenges, we can never forget that we are blessed with a historic church and a vibrant church community.

May you have a Blessed Easter Season!

Sincerely in Christ,

Parish Finance Committee
Rev. Thomas J. Ciba, Pastor