



OLC

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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.

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.

Second Sunday of Easter – April 12, 2015

EASTER EGG HUNT



Photos by Adam

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 olcjc.org and reference "Formation and Sacraments." Follow the link to "Baptism of Children," or call the rectory. Upcoming dates are:

May 3, 2015, July 5, 2015

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 7, 2015, August 2

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.

RCIA



RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is a program for you if you are an adult or teenager who is not baptized (or was baptized in another Christian community) and are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church. The program is also for baptized Catholics needing to receive First

Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. If you are interested, please contact the rectory at **201-434-0798** or by email: olc@olcjc.org. You may also feel free to speak to Fr. Tom after Mass.

SPRING BLOOMS

Alas, we have escaped the last of the snow covered streets and byways of Jersey City. To celebrate Spring and the chance to be out and about, let's come together for breakfast, on Sunday, April 19, between the 10 o'clock and 12:30 Masses. With some evidence of new blooms to decorate our tables, join us for "coffee and..." to share parish, family and community news. It's been a long winter! See you there.

Best wishes,
The Parish Council



THANK YOU FISH FRY AND EASTER EGG HUNT VOLUNTEERS!

We would like to express our gratitude to the many wonderful people who made the OLC Fish Fry on March 21 such a resounding success. Parishioners cheerfully served food, collected tickets, took photographs and sold raffles for the 50/50.

Thank you to all the helpers who assisted the Easter Bunny in readying the field for the April 4 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!

MASS INTENTIONS



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@olcj.org.

2015 EVENTS AT OLC

The Drawing Rooms: Paper Constructions exhibit through May 3rd. Ten artists create abstract and narrative works out of paper in sculpture, installation, drawing and collage. Come visit us at 180 Grand Street, Thurs.-Fri. 4-7 pm and Sat.-Sun. 2-6 pm. Website: www.drawingrooms.org.

OLC Seniors: April 20 trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see "Abie's Irish Rose"; \$55 per person fee due by April 13. For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski, (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. If you have musical ability, please contact our music director Ben Rauch at: Directorofmusic@olcj.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 12, 2015

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn. 5:1-6; Jn. 20:19-31

Sunday, April 19, 2015

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn. 2:1-5a; Lk. 24:35-48

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.

For the weekends of March 29, 555 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$5,302. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,507, contributing to a weekend collection of \$7,809. This is \$1,809 above our weekly goal of \$6,000.

Easter Sunday, 419 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$23,510. ParishPay donations for Easter were \$5,069, contributing to an Easter collection of \$28,579. This is only \$1,421 short of our Easter gift appeal goal.

If you have been away from church traveling for Easter, there is still time to make you Easter Gift. If you use ParishPay, but have not contributed, you can still give through ParishPay or make your contribution in church using an Easter Envelope. Thank you.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING: INTENTIONS

Easter flower donations were made in memory of:
Eugenio and Nieves Arboleda; Edward and Wanda Bromirski, John and Theresa Zazula, William L. Bromirski, Edward John and Alexandra; Victoria Costa and Theresa Delurski; Chester Brozowski Sr., Sophie Brozowski and Chester Brozowski Jr.; Charles and Mary Czysz & Families and Friends; Dwulet and Zaklukiewicz Families; Nora and Felix Feehan; Deceased members of the Gardullo, Ufferfilge, Nue and Torro Families; Shirley and Robert Gernsheimer, Gloria and Bernardino Guerrero, Paciencia Guerrero and Mercedes Peregrino; Deceased members of the Gradowski and Stapinski Families; Helen and John Hyjek; Alfred and Lillian Julewicz; Karczewski and Grego Family; Robert Kazmierski and Brothers, Sharlene Jackman, Kevin Jackman and Theresa Kamierski; Koch and Englese Families; Stanley and Anna Kuklasinski; Angela Luzano and Lona Martin; Irene Nelson, William Reinemann, Rose Reinemann and Richard Reinemann Sr.; Anne Niemira and Florence Perino; Dennis J. Piatkowski; Joseph Przyblinski, Stasia Bonczek, Anne Mikula and Gadzowicz Family, Donald Puckey and Maria Zandalasini; Petra and Victoria Rivera, Gregoria Custodio, Ramona Rosado and Ricky Ramos; Vitus Rodricks and Sylvie Menezes; Rubino Family; Sophia and Stanley Rzczkowski, Julia Adam and Alan Sokolowski, Larry Seronicco and Harriet Atkins; David M. Sas; Mario Scipione, Liam Booth, Dora & Jerry Brienza & Richard, Rory Godsey, Esterina & S. Ivio Scipione; Strasz and Ross Families; John and Veronica Tuzinkiewicz; Javier Vidal, Marcos Gonzalez, Amalia Garduño and Lupita Davila; Geneva Whitaker.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	April 11, 2015 Frances (23 rd Ann.) and Michael Krupa Sr. From <i>Children and Grandchildren</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	April 12, 2015 Henry Dwulet From <i>Wife and Children</i>
12:30 pm	Henry and Margaret Heiser From <i>Laura Czysz and Ken Heiser</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	April 13, 2015 William Bromirski From <i>Cesar and Michele Hernandez</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	April 14, 2015 Intentions of Mr. and Mrs. James Howell From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	April 15, 2015 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	April 16, 2015 Deceased Members of Siwik Family From <i>Donna and Mark Simon</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	April 17, 2015 William Bromirski From <i>Noreen Feehan</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	April 18, 2015 Julianna (51 st Ann.) and Stanislaw Stapinski From <i>Terri and Ted, Children</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	April 19, 2015 Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Pat Rubino</i>
12:30 pm	William Bromirski From <i>Monica Donnelly</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

Attend daily Mass. It will make a difference in your life!

STEWARDSHIP



“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘peace be with you.’” – John 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, a new neighbor, a new work colleague, a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are

included instead of being excluded. A simple “hello” and a smile goes a long way.

JOIN A PARISH MINISTRY IN 2015!



Please consider joining one of our parish ministries, which are always in need of new members. Schedules for Masses are flexible and take your preferences and availability into account. For information, call the rectory, speak to Fr. Tom after Mass, or contact one of the following persons:

Altar Servers or Eucharistic Ministers – Fr. Tom, OLC rectory, 201-434-0798

Choir – Ben Rauch, email:

Directorofmusic@olcj.org.

Lectors – Pat Duemig, 201-955-1495

Serve Donuts After 10:00 am Mass – call OLC rectory, 201-434-0798.

NEW EXHIBIT AT THE DRAWING ROOMS

The new Paper Constructions exhibit is now open through May 3rd. Using hand-made and recycled paper, ten artists create abstract and narrative works in sculpture, installation, drawing and collage. Come visit us at 180 Grand Street, Thurs.-Fri. 4-7 pm and Sat.-Sun. 2-6 pm at: www.drawingrooms.org.



National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God – our children. As part of the Archdiocese of Newark’s continuing commitment to protect children and young people, this past year, the Office of Child and Youth Protection conducted over 400 Protecting God’s Children training programs. Since 2003, over 52,000 employees, volunteers, and clergy have been trained to help prevent child abuse. In addition, all those who continue to work with children must recertify their training every three years.



TALENTED MUSICIANS!



Can you play a musical instrument or are blessed with a wonderful singing voice? If so, we are in need of your musical ability here at our parish. Please contact Ben Rauch, the OLC Music Director, at: Directorofmusic@olcj.org.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Easter is all about renewal and new beginnings. How about a new beginning with your spouse? Attend a Marriage Encounter; it’s a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away. For more information call Mike and Eileen Morgan at **973-827-9606** or email njwwme@peoplepc.com.



ANNUAL EASTER GIFT APPEAL

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your continued financial support of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish. Your contributions have helped the Parish get started on 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 replacing the church boiler which cost north of \$32,000; and additional work remains as a result of frozen pipes. 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

LECTURE SERIES



Our ten-part lecture/study group program came to an end Monday, March 23. However, there is a second component to this program which I am offering. The second component is entitled "50 Theological and Spiritual Questions about the Catholic Faith." Topics in part 1 entitled "God" include:

Why do we believe in God? How do we know we are

encountering God? What images of God are present in the Old Testament? So what about God? Why is there so much disorder in the universe? What are the most common views of God?

Topics in part 2 entitled "The Trinity" include: What is the Trinity? Is the truth of the Trinity found in Scripture? Can we completely understand the Trinity? How else is the mystery of the Trinity revealed to us? How does the Church fit into and serve the Trinity? Can God really be both one and many? How can Jesus be both God and human?

This program is designed for both Catholics and non-Catholics wishing to learn more about Catholicism. This program will offer new insights into our faith and a deeper understanding about theology and spirituality.

Please follow the bulletin for the exact start date of this program. We anticipate it to start Monday, April 13, 7:30 pm, in the rectory.

Dear Parishioner,

I am truly appreciative of everyone who contributed to the beautiful celebration of the Triduum. We have wonderful parishioners who gave of themselves so generously to make this week so beautiful.

Without mentioning names, we had those who decorated the church for the three days. Others contributed to the liturgical celebrations as Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Good Friday readers. Without a doubt, our ceremonies would not have been so beautiful without our choir and instrumentalist under the direction of Ben Rauch.

While all of the ceremonies were beautiful, the Easter Vigil was outstanding, up lifting and inspirational. While some stay away from this ceremony because of its length, it is well worth attending because it is an inspirational celebration of the Lord's resurrection. This year we did not celebrate any baptisms, but we have RCIA candidates who will be baptized next Easter.

Parishioners were also very generous contributing to our Easter Gift appeal. Any number donated more than the suggested \$200 gift. Additionally, our Easter flower collection was also successful. I thank you.

I always enjoy doing good things for the children. My first two Easter Egg hunts were poorly attended. It's good to see that the attendance has picked up. I anticipate having more than a thousand eggs next year.

While these events have past, we now look forward to some up-coming events. We are planning a breakfast, on Sunday, April 19, between the 10 o'clock and 12:30 Masses. Come and enjoy, and bring the kids.

After our breakfast, get geared up for our parish picnic. Set the date, Sunday, June 10, at the Prep court yard in front of their gym. More details will follow.

May God bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. J. Ciba".