



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 – 2017

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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.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – April 16, 2017

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the most important feast in Christianity, the Resurrection of Jesus. Of this event St. Paul will write to the Corinthians, "and if Christ has not been raised from the dead, your faith is in vain." (1 Cor. 15:17a) St. Paul wrote those words as he explained the implications of Jesus' resurrection, that the resurrection of the dead comes through Jesus' own resurrection. Paul will write, "For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life." (1 Cor. 15:22)

All of the apostles, including the faithful followers of Jesus, and St. Paul gave witness to the fact of Jesus' resurrection. They saw him beginning on Easter Sunday and they ate with him on any number of occasions until his ascension. Even after His ascension to the Father, they continued to experience his presence in their ministries. These early witnesses came to realize that, "if we grow into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection." (Romans 6:3-4)

When we understand the ramifications of Jesus' resurrection we come to know that the reality of the Paschal Mystery is an evolving and ongoing experience that takes place in the events of our lives. It is a power that affords us new life and resurrection each day in the Lord and not only at some future time after our death. As we celebrate Easter and the Easter Season together, I pray that you come to know and experience not just the joy of Easter, but more so, the empowerment that the Lord's Paschal mystery has to offer you.

With love,



EASTER WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Holy Saturday, April 15, 2017

Blessing of Food: 1:00 pm

Holy Saturday Night, April 15, 2017

Mass of Vigil: 8:00 pm (Service of Light, Liturgies of the Word, Celebration of Sacraments of Initiation, Eucharist and Confirmation).

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

Masses: 10:00 am and 12:30 pm

THERE IS NO 7:00 pm Mass



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and Margarita Restrepo; Eugenio Arboleda, Nieves Arboleda and Mimi Elbarody; Karczewski and Grego Family; Mary Lee McCabe; Stanley and Sophia, Mr. and Mrs. S. Rzczkowski; Adam, Julia and Alan Sokolowski; Joe Spino and Walter Lubin; Charles and Mary Czysz & Families & Friends; Ted Gradowski, All Deceased Gradowski Family Members and All Deceased Stapinski Family Members; Francis Michael Flannery; Weronika Sowul and Eugeniusz Sowul; Joseph Przyblinski, Sophie and Chester Sr., and Chester Brozowski Jr.; Alfred and Lillian Julewicz.

THANKS TO OUR CHURCH VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers for helping in so many ways during Easter season. Parishioners helped to decorate the church with the many flowers that were purchased.

Others helped the Easter Bunny ready the field on Sussex Street for the many children eagerly waiting to fill up their baskets with Easter eggs.

The OLC School Girl Scout Troop 10094 helped fill more than 1,000 eggs for the Easter egg hunt.

All of this would not have been possible without the assistance of the volunteers who took time off from their busy lives to assist.

Thank you also for your generosity during the Easter Flower Collection. God bless you all!

EASTER FLOWER INTENTIONS



Easter flower donations are made in memory of: Steve C. and Anna Guban; Barbara Rubino and Richard Rubino; Rosette Vaz, Vitus Rodricks, Hector D'Souza, Sharon De Souza, Evelyn De Souza, Lyra D'Lima and Denis D'Souza; Maria Angela Colaco, Colin Colaco and Oscar Gomes; Koch and Englese Families; William Bromirski, Michael and

Rose Piccarillo and Auline Platt; John and Veronica Tuzinkiewicz; Edward W., Wanda, William and Barbara Bromirski; Edward John Bromirski, Alexandra Camille Sarno, John and Cherisa Zazula; Dennis J. Piatkowski; Helen and John Hyjek; Kelly Family; Rosario Tuason Flores; Elizabeth Halstead, Herbert Halstead, Eleanor Kelly, Thomas Kelly and Sam Singer; Gloria and Bernardino Guerrero, Shirley and Robert Gernsheimer, Mercedes Peregrino, Paciencia Guerrero and Dominador Peregrino; Nena Toro, Ofelia Villegas, Hugo Botero

2017 and 2018 MASS BOOKS

The 2017 Mass Book is currently open for mass intentions. The 2018 Mass Book is now open for 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.



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.

2017 EVENTS AT OLC

OLC Seniors: The next meeting will be May 10. For more information, please contact Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

The OLC Adult Choir: The choir rehearsal takes place on Sundays, 11:15 am and then sing at the 12:30 pm Mass. 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.

First Holy Communion: Sunday after Mother's Day (May 21).

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Sunday, April 16, 2017
Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col. 3:1-4;
Jn. 20:1-9

Sunday, April 23, 2017
Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt. 1:3-9;
Jn. 20:19-31

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.

OLC is facing a financial crisis. Even though Sunday collections were up during the holiday season, because of bad weather this past weekend and the end of the holiday season, our collections have dropped again below our \$6,000 weekly goal. Therefore, we still expect financial difficulties as we go forward. We ask a few things of you:

1. Use parishpay if you cannot attend Mass each weekend.
2. Increase your weekly donation. We really need people to be as generous as possible each week to support the parish.
3. If you do not use Parishpay, please "make up" your regular donation the next time you attend Mass.

Collection information for the weekend of April 8/9 is unavailable due to the early bulletin publication date.

If you have been away from church traveling for any reason, we encourage you to "make up" your contributions. Remember that although it is important to support your parish financially, your donation is ultimately a gift back to God for his blessings.

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAM

The Hudson County Schools of Technology (HCST) is offering a free high school diploma through the TASC (formerly GED) Preparation Program. TASC is for out-of-school youth ages 17 to 24 (16-year-olds reviewed on an individual case basis). This is an alternative high school diploma program for students struggling in a traditional school environment. Graduates receive a New Jersey State issued high school diploma (not a high school equivalency diploma).

For students over the age of 25, HCST will offer TASC testing for a fee of \$92. After successfully passing the test, participants will also receive a New Jersey State issued high school diploma.

For more information, please call the office at 201-631-6348/201-631-6338, or email: ksullivan@hcstonline.org (TASC Prep Program), or hcsttasc@hcstonline.org (TASC Testing).

FREE COMMUNITY MONTHLY DIABETES EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Diabetes Foundation, Inc. (DFI) will provide monthly seminars beginning April 20, 2017 at the Mary Bethune Center, 140 Martin Luther King Drive, Jersey City. A light dinner will be provided, as well free giveaways. Caring professionals in the field will provide free assessments and screenings, answer questions, as well as address individual concerns. Free sessions will be from 5:30-7:00 pm; registration is required. For more information, please call 1-800-633-3160 or 201-858-5219.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 8:00 pm	April 15, 2017 Vigil Mass, People of the Parish
Sunday 10:00 am	April 16, 2017 Angelina D. Ruiz From <i>Jessica Garita and Family</i> Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
12:30 pm	No Mass
7:00 pm	April 17, 2017 Teresita N. Deleon From <i>Leticia Nery</i>
Monday 12:30 pm	April 18, 2017 Godofredo Cabida From <i>Leticia Nery</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	April 19, 2017 Communion Service
Wednesday 12:30 pm	April 20, 2017 Marlene Sweidel From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	April 21, 2017 Theodore Rakowski From <i>Maggie and Lennie Englese</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	April 22, 2017 Crescenciano Deleon From <i>Leticia Nery</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	April 23, 2017 Walter Chowanec From <i>Walter and Michele Piatkowski</i> Theodore Koslowski From <i>Hennessey Family</i> People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP



*“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”
- Colossians 3:2*

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God

at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL



SUPPORT



Strengthening the Church at Home

Launched in 1998, this Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 87 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses. The Subcommittee on the Catholic Home Missions funds a wide range of

pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, and the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups. OLC will take up this collection next weekend (April 22/23).

ANNUAL MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION BY ARCHDIOCESE

The Archdiocese will celebrate 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 2017. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:



April 30, 2017 3:00 pm 5 & 25 years, (All counties)
May 7, 2017 3:00 pm 50 years, (All counties)

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

SERVICES FOR ALL MIGRANTS

The Scalabrini Center in Greenwich Village in nearby New York City provides low-cost services for all migrants. The non-profit organization provides Immigration Status consultations, forms and filing, language translations, social agency referrals, ESOL instruction, citizenship classes, and immigration advocacy.

They are located at 25 Carmine Street in Manhattan. For more information, please call 646-678-4097, email info@scalabrinicenternyc.org or go to their website: www.scalabrinicenternyc.org.



SECOND ANNUAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RESOURCE FAIR

The county-wide fair will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm at the Hudson County Schools of Technology (County Prep) at 525 Montgomery Street in Jersey City. Come and learn about all the different services available in Hudson county for youth, veterans, seniors, special-needs individuals, and more! Event is free but registration is required. If you need transportation to the fair, please call JoAnn Northgrave at 201-369-5280 ext. 4258. For more information, contact Gail Verdi at 201-369-5280 ext. 4232.

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 7, 2017; July 2, 2017

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 4, 2017; August 6, 2017

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. The application is free and only takes a few minutes.

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

This year's Appeal, *Sharing God's Blessings* is a perfect opportunity for us to reflect on God's generosity to us and to share the blessings we have been given with those around us.

This year's Appeal will continue to support the many good works of the ministries throughout the Archdiocese. We are often reminded by our Holy Father Pope Francis and sacred scripture that in order to love one another we must share the blessings which God has provided to us. In Acts 4:32-33, we learn that the early church shared all possessions with one another so that the Apostles and early Christian communities could fully proclaim "the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them."

We are called to similarly share what is granted to us by God and return it to Him so that not one of our brothers and sisters goes without; without the gift of faith, without the essential human needs, and without a personal relationship with Our Lord.

The Annual Appeal provides the poor with food, shelter and clothing; makes religious education, spiritual guidance and CYO programs available for our youth; insures the future leadership of the Church with seminary education and training; and most important, brings Christ's Good News to the people of the Archdiocese. **Our parish also benefits by receiving a rebate from the appeal if it exceeds its goal.**

Please make as generous of a pledge as you are able. Thank you in advance for your support of the Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal.

To learn more about the ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark, please visit www.rcan.org/sharing or like them on face book at 'Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark' or tweet us at @NwkArchdiocese!

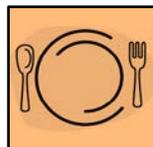
ST. PETER'S PREP OPEN HOUSE

Saint Peter's Preparatory School will be holding its 2017 Spring Open House on Sunday, May 7, 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**.



OLC SCHOOL'S FIFTH ANNUAL A TASTE OF JERSEY CITY 2017

Join us on May 12 from 7:00 pm to 11:00 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. All proceeds will benefit the school. You may purchase tickets online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taste-of-jersey-city-tickets-33396230023>.



PROGRAMS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



Widowed in Community (April 28-30, 2017).

When one is first widowed, one feels like no one has ever felt such grief before and no one will understand. Being in the company of others who are willing to share their stories of loss and eventual hope is a step toward becoming whole again. This year will have a new theme. New and returning attendees are welcome. Cost is \$130 per person.

Make a New Friend for Life (May 5-7, 2017).

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 \$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.capemay-marianists.org.