



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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 2, 2017

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. With over two billion people online today, it is imperative that we protect our children from online predation. At any given moment there are an estimated 50,000 predators online looking for potential victims. 1 in 5 teens has reported that they have been sexually solicited while online. Computers are not baby sitters and nothing can replace a parent's supervision and active participation when it comes to keeping their children safe. Here are some safety tips to help keep your child's online experience safer:

Do not allow your child to have a computer with Internet access in their bedroom or any area that is private. Move it into the family room or someplace where you can easily see the activity. Set time restraints. Do not allow your child to spend hour after hour online. Check history and consider installing tracking software as well as parental controls. If your child is "wiping" the history every time, then you should find out why. Spend time with your child online. This does so many things including giving you quality time with your child. Explore together! Teach your kids that when they come across any material that makes them feel uncomfortable, scared, or confused to immediately tell you or another trusted adult. Teach your kids to never open emails from people they do not know in person. Teach kids to never reveal any personal information and to immediately tell you or a trusted adult if someone ever makes them feel uncomfortable or starts communicating in a sexually explicit manner. On social networks like Facebook, make sure the privacy settings are on to limit contact to only those on your child's "friends" list and those should be people the child actually knows in person. Make sure your child understands that anything that gets posted online will always be out there and can NEVER be completely deleted. A suggestive picture to a girlfriend or boyfriend could end up anywhere and everywhere. All pictures should be cleared by you before posting. Make sure your child understands that he or she should, under no circumstances, ever meet in person someone they met online without you being present. (Information courtesy of the Child Rescue Network)

With love,

ANNUAL FISH & CHIPS NIGHT



With the coming of Lent we will have our annual "Fish & Chips" night. Tickets are available for purchase after mass or at the rectory. We will have it on Saturday, April 8, after the 5 pm Vigil Mass.

The location remains the same, St. Peter's Prep dining hall on the corner of Van Vorst and Grand.

EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION



We will conduct our Easter Flower Collection the weekend of April 8/9. Your generosity will enable us to decorate the church in a manner worthy of its beauty for our Easter Celebration. Please be generous when we take up this collection.

OLC CHURCH'S 8TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

We will have our Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday morning, April 15 at 10:00 am. The location is on the parish field at the end of Sussex Street. Children from the earliest ages to age 10 are invited. Bring your Easter baskets or bags. Rain-date is Saturday, April 22. Bring your cameras and make certain that you arrive ahead of time. Even though we put out about a thousand eggs, the stampede of children usually collects all of them within about five minutes.



We will need some volunteers to help the Easter Bunny put out the eggs on the field. If you are able to assist, please call the rectory at 201-434-0798.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses: 10:00 am, 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Parish Penance Service: 7:00 pm

Holy Thursday, April 13, 2017

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 14, 2017

Stations of the Cross: 3:00 pm
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 7:00 pm
(Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion).

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



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 April 12. 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.

Fish & Chips Dinner: Saturday, April 8, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, St. Peter's Cafeteria, Van Vorst & Grand.

Easter Egg Hunt: Holy Saturday, April 15, 10:00 am, Sussex Street Field.

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

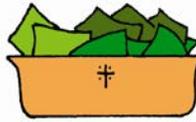
Sunday, April 2, 2017

Ez. 37:12-14; Rom. 8:8-11; Jn. 11:1-45

Sunday, April 9, 2017

Mt. 21:1-11; Is. 50:4-7; Phil. 2:6-11; Mt. 26:14-27:66

WEEKLY OFFERING



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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.

For the weekend of March 25/26, 378 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,262. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,519, contributing to a weekend collection of \$5,581. This is \$419 below our weekly goal of \$6,000.

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.

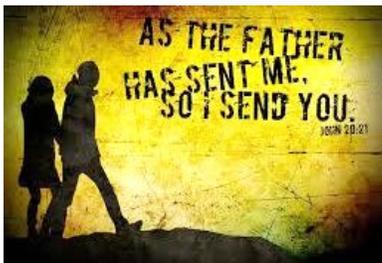
For more information, please call the office at 201-631-6348/201-631-6338, or email: ksullivan@hcstonline.org (TASC Prep Program), or hcsttasc@hcstonline.org (TASC Testing).

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	April 1, 2017 Edward Donovan From <i>Barbara Rzaski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	April 2, 2017 Birthday Intention for Fr. Marius Koch From <i>cousins Margie and Lenny Englese</i>
12:30 pm	Marjanna Kopec (39 th Ann.) From <i>Grandson</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	April 3, 2017 Francis Kyc (14 th Ann.) From <i>Family</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	April 4, 2017 Nieves Arboleda From <i>Virginia</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	April 5, 2017 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	April 6, 2017 Deceased Members of the Polish Women's Alliance of America From <i>Polish Women's Alliance of America</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	April 7, 2017 Intention of Melanie J. Fajardo From <i>Kim Mom</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	April 8, 2017 Julianna (52 nd Ann.) & Stanislaw Stapinski From <i>daughter Terri Gradowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	April 9, 2017 Diane Wisniewski From <i>Brajczewski family</i>
12:30 pm	Kathleen Zylinsky Morse From <i>Barbara Rzaski</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP



"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" - John 20:21

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord.

Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world to share His peace and Good News, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. We should look for opportunities to share His peace with our brothers and sisters not only within

our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, you will receive the peace of Christ.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL



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 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.

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.



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 seminarian 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!

REPORTING ABUSE BY CLERGY, RELIGIOUS AND LAY STAFF OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office.

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**.



ST. DOMINIC ACADEMY (SDA) DROP-IN WEDNESDAYS

Come see St. Dominic Academy in action! Visit SDA every Wednesday between the hours of 10:00 am and 1:30 pm. Tours will take place while classes are being taught and visitors will have the chance to speak with faculty, staff, students and members of the administrative team. There is no appointment necessary; just stop by on any Wednesday that school is in session. SDA is an independent, Catholic college preparatory high school for girls. The school is located at 2572 Kennedy Boulevard in Jersey City. For more information, please call 201-434-5938 or visit their website: www.stdominicacad.com.



"BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL" - EXHIBIT AT THE DRAWING ROOMS

Nine artists come together to be bold and beautiful in their work, ideas and outlook. This exhibit is their initial 2017 response to the current challenges we face in this country. Drawing, painting, sculpture and installation will be featured. The exhibit is open through April 8. The Drawing Rooms are located at 180 Grand Street. Gallery hours are Friday from 4:00-7:00 pm and Saturday/Sunday from 12:00-6:00 pm.