



OLC

1911 – 2017

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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 23, 2017

EASTER SACRAMENTS AT OLC



Marli Vodofski was baptized and confirmed during the Easter Vigil Mass. With her is her sponsor Dan Kelleher,



Kyle Andrew Lobaugh was welcomed into the Catholic Church on Easter Sunday and received Confirmation. Seen with him is his sponsor Fidencio Saenz, Jr.



Christopher Linn received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Easter Sunday. His sponsor was Teddy Karcz



Matthew Brian Montagna received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Easter Sunday. His sponsor was Michael Montagna, his dad

OLC'S 7TH ANNUAL FISH FRY

OLC had its seventh annual Fish & Chips Saturday Night, April 8, 2017. It was very well attended and everyone, young and old had a great time. The delicious meal was provided by Thistle's of Lyndhurst. Many thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped with set-up, clean-up, serving and the raffle! We can't wait for next year!



Photos by Adam Ligeralde

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.

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 23, 2017

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt. 1:3-9;
Jn. 20:19-31

Sunday, April 30, 2017

Acts 2:14, 22-23; 1 Pt. 1:17-21;
Lk. 24:13-35

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. To sign up for ParishPay, go to www.parishpay.com and follow the prompts.

For the weekend of April 8/9, 575 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$5,335. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,430, contributing to a weekend collection of \$7,7650. With so many people attending Mass on Palm Sunday, our collection was \$1,790 above our weekly goal of \$6,000.

For the Easter weekend, 783 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$20,035. ParishPay donations for the Easter were \$1,995, contributing to a weekend collection of \$22,030. Our Easter collection was \$2,970 below our goal of \$25,000. Nevertheless, there is still time to contribute to the Easter appeal. If you have not done so, please contribute. For those of you who already have, thank you so very much.

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.

FREE COMMUNITY MONTHLY DIABETES EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Diabetes Foundation, Inc. (DFI) are providing monthly seminars 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.

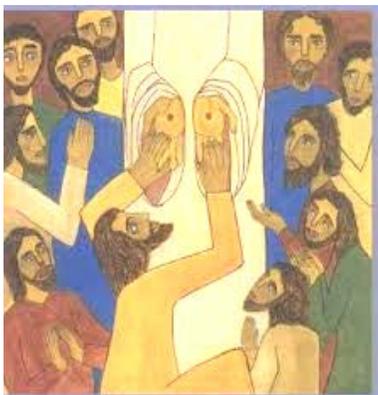


MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	April 22, 2017 Crescenciano Deleon From <i>Leticia Nery</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	April 23, 2017 Walter Chowanec From <i>Walter and Michele Piatkowski</i>
12:30 pm	Theodore Koslowski From <i>Hennessey Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	April 24, 2017 Juan Deveza From <i>Kevin Collins</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	April 25, 2017 Ydia Garcia Puente From <i>The Burke Family</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	April 26, 2017 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	April 27, 2017 Godofredo Cabida From <i>Lulu Santa Rosa</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	April 28, 2017 Diane Wisniewski From <i>Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Englese</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	April 29, 2017 Douglas Kohlschmidt From <i>Diane Strasz</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	April 30, 2017 Walter Chowanec From <i>Denise and Bill Orlando</i>
12:30 pm	Christina Burke 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 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.

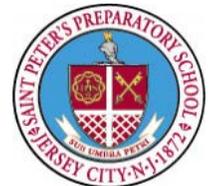
ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

St. Mary High School will be holding its 2017 Spring Open House on Tuesday, April 25 beginning at 7:00 pm at the school’s campus in Rutherford. All sixth, seventh and eighth graders are welcome! 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 1929, St. Mary’s is a co-educational Catholic secondary school. For more information on the Spring Open House, please call **201-933-5220**.



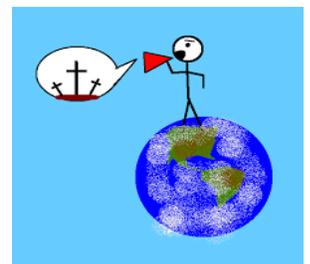
ST. PETER’S PREP OPEN HOUSE

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**.



COMMUNICATING GOD’S WORD APPEAL

Our next special collection is the Catholic Communication Campaign on May 13/14. This annual fund makes possible local Catholic communication and evangelization 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, including the Catholic University and the Church in Latin America.

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.



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!

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>.

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.

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.

EASTER FLOWER INTENTIONS

Easter flower donations are made in memory of: All Deceased Members of the Przyblinski and Brojowski Families; Andy Ciba, Catherine Hiller, Nora and Felix Feehan; Letizia and John Gardullo, Catherine and James Uffer, James Uffer Jr.; Anthony and Fannie Messina, Victor and Erminia Fenice, Judy Lloyd and Rocky Corozza; Strasz Family and Ross Family; Alfred and Lillian Julewicz; Geneva Whitaker; Edward Bauch and George Koch.



FAITH WORKS

"Food for Those in Need." We ask parishioners to remember those in need. Throughout the year we collect non-perishable foods for a local food pantry. Suggested donations include: canned coffee, tea, jelly, peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned and dried soups, cereals, pastas and noodles, brown gravies, Italian gravies, toiletries (soaps, shampoos, body washes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.), canned meats and canned fish, and condiments (mayo, mustard, ketchup, salt, pepper, sugar, etc.). Leave your donations on the table in the rear of the church next weekend. Thanks again for your generosity to the neediest of our community.

