



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.

Third Sunday of Easter – April 30, 2017

HOLY WEEK AT OLC CHURCH



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

FAITH WORKS

Food for Those in Need

We continue to 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 this weekend. Thanks again for your generosity to the neediest of our community.



REGISTER WITH YOUR PARISH/ UPDATE PARISHIONER INFORMATION

All Catholics should register with a parish. If you have been attending OLC, come to the OLC Rectory any time between the hours of 9:30 am – 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday, and fill out a registration card. If you are currently a parishioner and have changed your address or name within the past year, please notify the office.

Proof of parish registration is necessary should you require a "sponsor certificate" to be a godparent.

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 30, 2017

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

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt. 2:20b-25;
Jn. 10:1-10

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. Our collections have dropped 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 22/23, 373 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$4,206. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,230, contributing to a weekend collection of \$6,436. This is \$436 above 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.

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.



BEREAVED PARENTS RETREAT

There is no other loss like that of one's child, and the needs of those who have suffered this loss are special. One of those needs is to share the loss with others who have experienced this very unique grief. This one-day retreat on June 3 will allow participants to learn about specific aspects of their grief and meet other parents who have walked –and still walk- this very difficult road. Retreat is from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. It will be held at the Parish Center of Notre Dame Church in North Caldwell, NJ. Fee is \$25 per person and includes breakfast and lunch. For more information, please call the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark at 973-497-4327 or email eganlau@rcan.org.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday 12:30 pm	May 1, 2017 Lucy Furka From <i>Maggie and Lenny Englese</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	May 2, 2017 Walter Tuzeneu From <i>Joe Flynn</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	May 3, 2017 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	May 4, 2017 Marie Garbarini, mother of Linda DePalermo From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	May 5, 2017 Helen Boyle From <i>Liz Mendez</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	May 6, 2017 Mary and Stanley Plewan, Jr. From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	May 7, 2017 Diane Wisniewski From <i>Sandra and Lee Cohen</i>
12:30 pm	Rev. James Czarnogorski, 3 rd Pastor (68 th Ann.) From <i>People of the Parish</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP



"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?"
- Luke 24:32

How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

ST. DOMINIC ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

St. Dominic Academy (SDA), a college preparatory school for girls, will host an Open House on Wednesday, May 3 from 6:00-8:00 pm at 2572 Kennedy Boulevard in Jersey City. The event will feature club and athletic demos, academic presentations, tours and complete details about the application process for grades 9-12. Additionally, SDA announces "Walk Through Wednesdays" when parents (and students, if they are available) will be able to visit SDA every Wednesday that school is in session, between the hours of 10:00-11:30 am. No appointment is necessary. Information about SDA, and its application and admission processes can be found on the website: www.stdominicacad.com. Questions can be directed at any time to Andrea Apruzzese, Director of Admissions at 201-4343-5938, ext. 14 or to aapruzzese@stdominicacad.com.



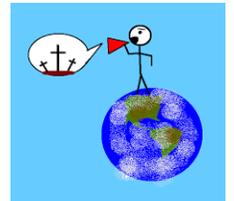
ST. PETER'S PREP OPEN HOUSE



Saint Peter's Preparatory School will be holding its 2017 Spring Open House next 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.



Please make out checks to "Our Lady of Czestochowa Church."

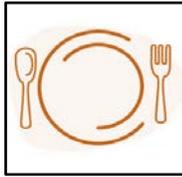
2017 and 2018 MASS BOOKS



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.

**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>.



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 them out on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/luciegoosieplayspace>. To register, please email them at: info@luciegoosie.com.

**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!

**PROGRAMS AT THE
MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER**



Mother/Adult Daughter Weekend (May 12-14, 2017). 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 \$135 per person.

Spiritual Getaway (May 16-18 and June 13-15, 2017). Give yourself a special gift by "re"-treating with a spring getaway from your hectic schedule. There is no required program to follow. You're invited to join in the Eucharist, morning and evening prayer, and meals with the Marianist Community members. Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or spiritual direction are usually available. You may also want to stroll the nearly empty beaches, read a book, or reflect on Scripture. Cost is \$125 per person.

Families with Young Children Retreat Weekend (May 19-21, 2017). This retreat is primarily for parents with children 7 years of age and younger. Reflection, support, sharing with other parents and spiritual refreshment. Children will be cared for and involved in age-appropriate activities. Cost is \$125 per person (8 years-adult)/\$85 per person (2-7 years)/Free (under 2).

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.

**NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURES
SATURDAY, MAY 6TH**

The 14th Annual Riker Danzig Newport 10K will take place on Saturday, May 6th to benefit the Jersey City Medical Center – RWJ Barnabas Health. **Please note that vehicle access to and from the Paulus Hook neighborhood across Jersey Avenue, Grand Avenue and Hudson Street, will be restricted between the hours of 8:45 AM and 10:00 AM.**