



# 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.

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – April 9, 2017**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today we begin Holy Week, the most sacred and solemn time of the Church Year. As we enter Holy Week, the Lord asks us to unite ourselves with Him through His passion and death so as to rise with Him on Easter. This week's liturgical celebrations help to make us one with the Lord as He makes His journey through betrayal, suffering unto death and to His glorious resurrection. The Holy Week ceremonies recall the great events of our salvation, but they are more than rituals. The Church helps us to realize that, if we immerse ourselves in what we celebrate, we can truly unite ourselves with the Lord just as if we were with Him every step of the way.

I urge you to participate in all of the Holy Week ceremonies. These days present tremendous opportunities for grace, spiritual uplifting and renewal. They present us with an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to Christ. As we participate in the Holy Week ceremonies, we can come to understand what St. Paul says in his letter to the Romans, "Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were indeed buried with Him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with Him through a death like His, we shall also be united with Him in the resurrection." (Romans 6:3-4)

Understanding "Romans" in the context of the Paschal Mystery helps us to understand that death and resurrection are evolving experiences occurring as the daily events of our lives unfold. It is a process of renewal each day in the Lord. As we celebrate Holy Week together, I pray that your Holy Week experience makes the joy of Easter ever more meaningful for you and your loved ones.

With love,



### CHURCH-DECORATING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Easter flowers will be delivered on Wednesday April 12. Volunteers will be needed to help decorate the church at 9:30 am on Holy Thursday April 13 and Holy Saturday April 15. Please call the rectory at **201-434-0798** if you wish to assist. Thank you!

### OLC CHURCH'S 8<sup>TH</sup> 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. Raindate 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**



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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

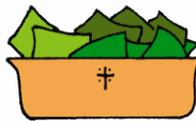
**Sunday, April 9, 2017**

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

**Sunday, April 16, 2017**

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

## 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 April 1/2, 368 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$4,326. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,455, contributing to a weekend collection of \$6,781. This is \$781 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.

## 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](mailto:ksullivan@hcstonline.org) (TASC Prep Program), or [hcsttasc@hcstonline.org](mailto:hcsttasc@hcstonline.org) (TASC Testing).

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>April 8, 2017</b> Julianna (52 <sup>nd</sup> Ann.) & Stanislaw Stapinski From <i>daughter Terri Gradowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>April 9, 2017</b> 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
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>April 10, 2017</b> Teresita N. Deleon From <i>Leticia Nery</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>April 11, 2017</b> Intentions of Fred "Skip" Fuller and Family From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>April 12, 2017</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00 pm	<b>April 13, 2017</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper Antonia Penaga From <i>Vangie Penaga Campomanes</i>
<b>Friday</b> 3:00 pm	<b>April 14, 2017</b> Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
<b>Saturday</b> 1:00 pm	<b>April 15, 2017</b> Blessing of Food
8:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>April 16, 2017</b> Angelina D. Ruiz From <i>Jessica Garita and Family</i>
12:30 pm	Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
7:00 pm	<b>No Mass</b>

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

## STEWARDSHIP



*"I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me."*  
- Luke 22:34

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or the Catholic faith? How do you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance or worst yet, because you don't want your friends or family to think negatively about you? Pray for the

courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue.

## 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](mailto:info@scalabrinicenternyc.org) or go to their



website: [www.scalabrinicenternyc.org](http://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](http://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](http://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**.



## FINAL WEEKEND FOR THE "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 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.



## 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.capemarymarianists.org](http://www.capemarymarianists.org).