



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.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 13, 2017

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus walking on water is one of the best known stories in the Bible. His disciples, whom he sent ahead in the boat, found themselves far from land struggling in fear due to strong winds and frightening waves. Undeterred, Jesus walks on the water towards them. His followers are relieved to see that it was Jesus and not a ghost. Peter then asks the Lord if he may go to him and Jesus obliges. The men in the boat are amazed to see Peter walk on water. Suddenly, Peter flounders. Panicked, he calls out to Jesus for help. The Lord saves him saying, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:22-33)

Why did Peter sink? He did not focus upon the Lord allowing himself to be distracted by the wind and waves, and became afraid. But Peter should have remembered that nothing is more powerful than Jesus! While he was focused on Jesus, the threats around him were of no danger. Keep your eye on the Lord. Do not allow external distractions to take your eye off of Jesus, lest you too, get caught up in rough, dangerous waters.

As Greg Laurie said, "Where fear reigns, faith is driven away. But where faith reigns, fear has no place. Faith and fear don't mix. As you bring in faith, fear will walk out the back door. But if you invite fear as a resident in your life, then you will drive faith away."

"Peter had faith. He had his eyes on Jesus. He was doing the impossible. But then he started to sink, because he took his eyes off Jesus. In his case, he looked at the wind. In our case, it might be something else. But when we forget God, we will start to sink." (www.crosswalk.com, "No Place for Fear," May 19, 2011.)

With Love,



VISIT FROM CONGREGATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (SPIRITANS) PRIEST ON AUGUST 12/13

Father Honest Munishi, CSSp, will be visiting the OLC Parish this weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the Spiritans. The Spiritans are an international community engaged in a wide range of missionary activity in over 60 countries throughout the world.



Fr. Honest is from Tanzania and has served in pastoral ministry in Zimbabwe. He presently serves as parish priest of a Spiritan parish in Baltimore, MD.

To learn more about the Spiritans, please visit their website at <http://spiritans.org>.

If your child is receiving Confirmation in 8th grade, 7th graders must register for our two-year program. Should you have any questions, please call the rectory at **201-434-0798**.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Our RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is now beginning. This program is intended for adults who desire to become Catholic. It is also intended for adults who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

If you wish to join in the program, please contact the rectory. Completing the program, an unbaptized candidate will be baptized during the Easter Vigil, 2018. All others will receive their appropriate sacraments during the Easter season 2018.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. We celebrate this day as a solemnity that marks Mary's end on Earth and her acceptance into Heaven. Pius XII writes of "Mary's death and subsequent Assumption where her soul is reunited with her body as she is led by Christ to join God in Heaven."



The Solemnity of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation. Attending Mass for this feast is required. Our Masses will be 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



We are enrolling children for the reception of their sacraments (First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) for 2018.

Registration will take

place in the rectory between 10:00 am and 4:45 pm.

When you register, we will require a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. The offering for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is \$120. The offering for Confirmation is \$60.



MASS INTENTIONS



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

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin: Masses will be on Tuesday, August 15 at 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

OLC Seniors: Next meeting is on September 13 at 1 pm with a guest speaker (lunch will be served). 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.

Newport Half Marathon: On Sunday, September 17, street closures: 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM. See map www.newporthalfmarathon.com/race-info/course-map/

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Sunday, August 13, 2017

1 Kgs. 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom. 9:1-5; Mt. 14:22-33

Sunday, August 20, 2017

Is. 56:1, 6-7; Rom. 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt. 15:21-28

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 continues to face a financial crisis. While our collections were up during the Easter Season, they have been dropping below our \$6,000 weekly goal again. 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 August 5/6, 390 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,492. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$1,809 contributing to a weekend collection of \$5,301. This is \$699 **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.

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER JERSEY CITY KICKOFF

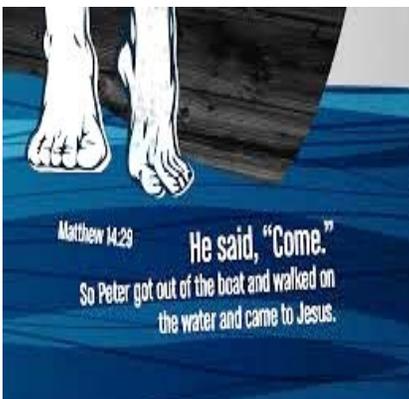
The American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk unites communities to support each other by honoring those touched by the disease and raising awareness and funds to fight for a world without breast cancer. There will be a kickoff event Thursday, August 17 at the Best Western-Robert Treat Hotel at 50 Park Place, Newark, N.J. As the largest network of breast cancer events across the nation, more than one million passionate participants support Making Strides events each year. Dollars raised by Making Strides supporters help the American Cancer Society ensure no one faces breast cancer alone by funding innovative breast cancer research; promoting education and risk reduction; and providing comprehensive patient support to those who need it most. To attend the kickoff event, please RSVP via email Theodore.Eldracher@cancer.org or phone 973-232-2566 no later than August 3. If you can't attend the kickoff but would like to be involved, please contact Theodore Eldracher at the information above. This year's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer will take place on Sunday, October 22, 2017.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	August 12, 2017 George A. Zandalasini, Jr. From <i>Diane Strasz</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	August 13, 2017 Edward Bauch From <i>Mr. and Mrs. Jason Englese</i>
12:30 pm	Daniel Peters From <i>Matty and Ed</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	August 14, 2017 Intentions of Bill Barry and Family From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	August 15, 2017 Laura and Joseph Jasinski From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Wednesday 12:30 pm	August 16, 2017 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	August 17, 2017 Asuncion Salcedo From <i>Children and Family</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	August 18, 2017 Bridget Cleary From <i>Sisters and Family</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	August 19, 2017 Frank DeNicola From <i>Dorothy Bromirski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	August 20, 2017 Edward Bauch From <i>Pat and Tom Duemig</i>
12:30 pm	Attracta Gallagher and Deceased Members of Cafferty Family From <i>Caroline Kornutik</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP



"He said, 'Come'. Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus."

— Matthew 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so,

you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has in mind for you.

BE A BLOOD OR PLATELETS DONOR

Thanks to the commitment and generosity of its donors, Community Blood Services has been serving our community's transfusion medicine needs for more than 60 years. They provide life-saving blood and blood products to hospitals in New Jersey and New York, bone marrow registration and donor services, and public and private umbilical cord blood collection and storage. The New Jersey Cord Blood Bank is the only public cord blood bank for the State of New Jersey. Community Blood Services needs donors to help seriously ill patients in our community hospitals. Anyone interested in scheduling an appointment to become a donor can call 201-444-3900, or visit their website at www.communitybloodservices.org for times and locations.



OLC SENIORS - UPCOMING EVENTS

The OLC Seniors have organized several trips for this fall (open to all seniors 50 and over):

Baltimore and Annapolis, Maryland (September 19-21, 2017). Cost is \$375 per person/double occupancy and \$500 per person/single occupancy. Package includes motor-coach transportation, lodging, breakfasts and dinners, guided tours of Baltimore, Annapolis and the Naval Academy, harbor cruise, taxes, driver and guide gratuities. Payment is due ASAP.

Oktoberfest at the Mansion at Mountain Lakes (October 24, 2017). Fee will cover transportation, lunch and entertainment.

"Miracle of Christmas" at the Millennium Theater in Pennsylvania (November 15, 2017). Package includes motor coach transportation, meal at Shady Maple, taxes and meal gratuities.

Virginia Beach, Virginia (December 4-6, 2017). Cost is \$355 per person/double occupancy and \$455 per person/single occupancy. Package includes motorcoach transportation, lodging, breakfasts and dinners, Christmas lights at Newport News Park and Virginia Beach, museums, Imax movie, guided tour of Colonial Williamsburg, and much more. A \$25 deposit is due by September 1st. Final payment is due by October 1.

The next meeting is Wednesday, September 13, 2017 in the Church Hall at 1 pm. There will be a guest speaker. Lunch will be served. **New members are welcome!** For more information, please call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

KEYS FOUND!



If you lost your keys in the church, call the Rectory at 201-434-0798 and we'll work to confirm if they are the missing keys.

RETREATS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



Summer Family Retreat Weeks (One-Week Sessions available now through August 26, 2017). Join other families (grandparents welcome) for a week of liturgies, presentations, peer group discussions, family sharing, fun activities and swimming in Cape May, NJ. All join in community tasks such as meal clean-up. Cost is \$215 per person (8 years to adults) and \$140 per person (2-7 years). Maximum family fee is \$1,250 per family/\$950 per single-parent family.

Spirituality of Knitting Retreat (September 12-15, 2017). Come explore how the work of your hands is also the work of our Creator's hands! Through shared prayer services, presentations, daily Mass and plenty of time to craft in community, we will explore the Spirituality of Knitting. All who knit, crochet or needlecraft with some experience are welcome! Cost is \$150 per person.

Fall Spiritual Getaway Days (September 19-21 and October 3-5, 2017). Get away from the stresses of every day life! There's no required program to follow. You're invited to join in the daily Eucharist, morning and evening prayer, and meals with the Marianist Community members. Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or spiritual direction are usually available.

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.

JERSEY CITY MOMS MEETUP

Have kids? New in town? Want to meet other families? Check out Jersey City Moms Meetup at: www.meetup.com/jerseycitymoms.



The group's overall goal is to foster friendships for moms and their families. They host a variety of family-friendly events that include husbands, partners and extended family members. They help many families connect to the greater JC

community by providing opportunities to get together with other moms and families in the neighborhood by setting up play dates, exchanging information, sharing experiences and providing support, as well as connecting to other moms on their message boards.

KATYN FOREST MASSACRE MEMORIAL

The Katyn Forest Massacre Memorial Committee, Inc., Polish Army Veterans Association and Polish

American Congress cordially invites all of Polonia and general community to participate in a memorial service to be held on Sunday, September 17 at 4:00 pm at the Katyn 1940 Monument in Exchange Place, Jersey City NJ. The service will commemorate the 78th anniversary of World War II, 77th anniversary of the Katyn Forest Massacre of 1940, and the 16th anniversary of the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks. There is no charge for this event. For more information, please contact the Katyn Forest Massacre Memorial Committee at 609-580-0232.



PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE IN MEXICO

St. Cecilia Parish is hosting a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico this December 9-14, 2017, over the feast day, as well as the beautiful Mass of Roses on December 12th. Cost is \$2,049 per person including air from Newark. Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Mass every day. For a flyer or more information, please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

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:

September 10, 2017; November 5, 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, pre-registration is extremely helpful**). Upcoming dates are:

October 1, 2017; December 3, 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.

12-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

Planning ahead for 2018, you can participate in a European Pilgrimage that will visit sites around Poland, the Czech Republic, Austria, and Hungary from June 4 to June 15. The twelve-day tour departs from New York and goes to Warsaw. Additional information is available through Estela Austria, 32-11 55th Street, Apt 1, Woodside, NY 11377, or by calling 347-605-8625.