

# OLC

## 1911 – 2016

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*Pastor*

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*In Residence*

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*Weekend Assistant*

**Rev. Michael Braden, S.J.**

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**Rev. David Stump, S.J.**

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*Principal*

**Mr. Jonathan Blevis**

*Pastoral Associate*

**Mr. Ben Rauch**

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[www.olcschool.org](http://www.olcschool.org)

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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.

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 14, 2016**

## FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Parishioners,

On Monday, we will mark the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This year it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, but don't let this reason keep you from honoring Mary in your daily life.

The Assumption is a very special event in the Church calendar as it foreshadows our own journey to be with God. According to tradition, the Assumption of Mary has also been called the "Dormition of Mary," which is more of a falling asleep than what we call passing away in this life. As Mary joins Jesus and God (pictured on left in OLC's left side transept window) she is whole and complete as we believe we too shall answer God's call and return to God when our time on earth is complete.

Mary's position of honor within our faith is certainly earned by her willingness to answer God's call and for being Jesus' mother. As the mother of Christ, we honor Mary by praying the Hail Mary, which in turn asks her to pray for us and on our behalf with her son. Take some time to honor Mary for her devotion to God, and follow her example of love and prayer for our faith family.

With love,

## RCIA

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We are currently registering individuals for our **RCIA** program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). This program is intended for adults or teenagers who were not baptized (or for those baptized in another Christian community) and are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church. **RCIA** is also a program

for baptized Catholics, adults or teens, needing to receive First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

We invite you to become part of a process of spiritual growth and development known as **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). If you are interested, please contact the rectory, **201-434-0798**, or send an email to the rectory, [olc@olcjc.org](mailto:olc@olcjc.org), [pastor@olcjc.org](mailto:pastor@olcjc.org) or feel free to speak Fr. Tom after Mass.

Please share this information with anyone who wishes to become Catholic or anyone who needs to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Those enrolled in the program will be baptized during the 2017 Easter Vigil. Those received into the faith or who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will do so during the 2017 Easter Season.

## PARISH PICNIC

As mentioned in previous bulletins and announced at last week's masses, I have scheduled our parish picnic for the third Sunday in October, October 16. The location is at the Prep court yard in front of their gym on Warren St., just a short walk from the church.

Because a number of parishioners are traveling in the summer, we will continue to run this article announcing our need for volunteers. Therefore, check your calendar. If you are available, sign up to help. We already have some volunteers, but we will need more.



In order to make the picnic successful, we need to recruit new volunteers. After the Labor Day weekend we will make a concerted effort to enlist more help. Listed below are some areas where help is needed, and we will distribute volunteer sign-up forms so you can choose where you would like to help. You may also call the rectory, 201-434-0798 or email [secretary@olcjc.org](mailto:secretary@olcjc.org), to volunteer or if you have questions. Leave your name and contact information.

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- Food preparation the day before (October 15, Saturday morning)
- Setting up
- People to transport supplies to the picnic grounds
- Cooks and Servers
- Children's activities set-up and supervision
- Clean-up
- Entertainment

The parish supplies hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, kielbasa, etc. We welcome donations of all types of food (Filipino, Indian, Polish, Korean, etc.) as well as desserts.

This can be an excellent way to get involved in the parish, make new acquaintances and feel connected to the community

## MASS INTENTIONS

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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@olcj.org](mailto:secretary@olcj.org).

## 2016 EVENTS AT OLC

**Drawing Rooms:** Last weekend for exhibit "The Art of Refuse." Galleries are located at 180 Grand Street, Jersey City. Call 201-823-9393 or email [victoryhall1@msn.com](mailto:victoryhall1@msn.com) for more information.

**The OLC Adult Choir:** The choir rehearsal takes place on Sundays at 11:15 am and then sings at the following 12:30 pm Mass. Please contact our music director Ben Rauch at: [Directorofmusic@olcj.org](mailto:Directorofmusic@olcj.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.

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

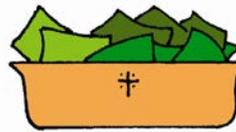
**Sunday, August 14, 2016**

Jer 38:4-6,8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

**Sunday, August 21, 2016**

Is 66: 18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

## 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 which is essential to the financial health of your parish.

**OLC is facing a financial crisis.** This past year many families have relocated out of Jersey City. This has adversely effected our Sunday collections. Collections are down and ParishPay contributions have dropped by 30% to an average of less than \$1,900 per week. A very important way in which you can support your parish is to enroll in ParishPay and by being more generous in the Sunday collection. To sign up, go to [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) and follow the prompts.

For the weekend of August 7/8, 359 people attended Mass; the collection in church amounted to \$2,538. The average ParishPay donations for the past 30 days averaged \$2,058 per week. Last week's Sunday collection amounts to \$4,596. This is **\$1,404 below** the \$6,000 collection goal we have each week. Please be extra generous. If you have been away from church traveling for any reason, we encourage you to "make up" your contributions.

## CATHOLIC ADVOCATE ONLINE



Read the latest issue of *The Catholic Advocate* at: [http://www.editions.us.com/catholicadvocate\\_072016/](http://www.editions.us.com/catholicadvocate_072016/).

## ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE CAREGIVERS CONFERENCE

Alzheimer's New Jersey, in coordination with the Englewood Hospital and Medical Center, and Bergen County Division of Senior Services, will be offering a half-day conference for caregivers who have a loved one with Alzheimer's disease or other form of dementia. "Alzheimer's Disease: Approaches to Care" will be offered on Saturday, September 10, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. The session will provide practical information about how to cope with the unique challenges of caring for someone with Alzheimer's. An overview of the disease, including medication and care considerations, legal and financial planning, community support services, as well as tips on how to communicate more effectively and manage challenging behaviors in a loved one who has dementia. Program is free but pre-registration is required. A light breakfast will be provided. For more information or to register, please call 1-888-280-6055.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

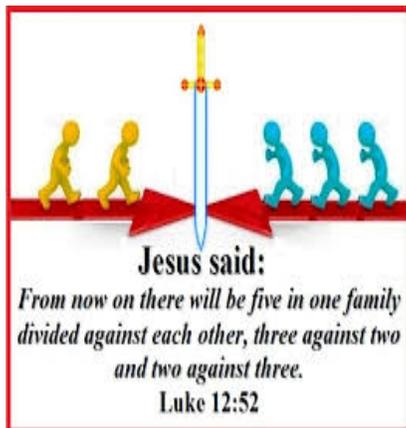
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>August 13, 2016</b> Charles & Mary Czysz and Family From <i>Laura Czysz, Cathy, Fred, &amp; Allie Savage</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>August 14, 2016</b> Roy Buckman From <i>Maggie &amp; Lenny Englese</i>
12:30 pm	Pauline Sosulska & Karol Petrow From <i>Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 15, 2016</b> Patricia Leitgeb From <i>Joan, Rachel, and Mauro</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 16, 2016</b> Frank and Cheryl Spillane From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 17, 2016</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm0	<b>August 18, 2016</b> Intention of Vic Guarnera From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 19, 2016</b> Rosette Vaz From <i>the D'Souza Family</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>August 20, 2016</b> Laura & Joseph Jasinski From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>August 21, 2016</b> Attracta Gallagher From <i>Daughter Caroline Kornutik</i>
12:30 pm	Barbara Bromirski From <i>Omaro &amp; Gilma Andara</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

## STEWARDSHIP

*"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."*

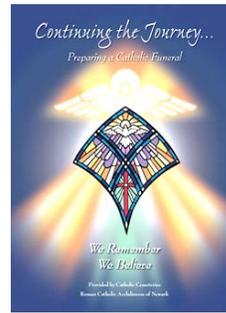
– Luke 12:51



Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for

life, marriage and religious liberty.

## END OF LIFE ISSUES



It appears that so many people do not make plans for when their time on earth is done. Understandably, talking about death and last wishes can be upsetting, but planning now, and keeping your wishes up to date can bring you and your loved ones peace of mind when that time arrives.

Writing your will is the first step in the process and making sure it stays up to date with your wishes is essential. You can also appoint a funeral agent as you work with a lawyer. Write down hymns and readings that have special meaning for you. You can also start a pre-paid funeral plan that builds interest over time should the cost of the service increase. Talking with loved ones or close, trusted friends about your wishes can help them understand your wishes and helps keep things updated in case you need to amend your will.

Regarding the church services and other aspects of funeral planning, the Archdiocese has information online that can help you understand the various parts of Christian Burial. They include a very nice video. Also included is an explanation of the following topics: Understanding Catholic Funerals, Order of Christian Funerals, the Vigil Service, the Church Service, the Committal Service and a copy of a *Continuing the Journey Booklet* (this booklet is available in church or at the rectory). To check out these resources, please visit: [www.rcan.org/ocf](http://www.rcan.org/ocf).

## FINAL WEEKEND TO SEE REUSE, REDUCE, REPURPOSE: THE ART OF REFUSE EXHIBIT

This is your last chance to see The Art of Refuse exhibit! It features artists Thammakit Thamboon's sculpture outdoors on the front lawn, and April Ford, Barbara Lubliner, Jodie Fink, Kate Dodd, Laura Petrovich Cheney, Linda Byrne, Maggie Ens, Robert Lach and Tyrome Tripoli in 9 gallery rooms, curated by Anne Trauben. Galleries are located at 180 Grand Street, Jersey City. Call 201-823-9393 or email [victoryhall1@msn.com](mailto:victoryhall1@msn.com) for more information.

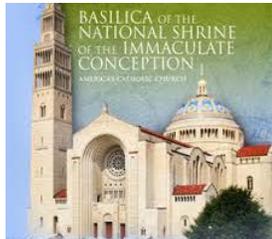
## REGISTER WITH YOUR PARISH/ REQUEST FOR PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE

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 by calling 201-434-0798 or email: [bulletin@olcj.org](mailto:bulletin@olcj.org).

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

## PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Newark has designated its triennial pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, a major Archdiocesan Jubilee of Mercy observance. The one-day Archdiocesan Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday, October 22, 2016.



Past pilgrimages to the Basilica of the National Shrine have been tremendously successful. They have been a source of great inspiration and edification for those who have participated. During the final

days of this 'Jubilee Year of Mercy' let us invite the faithful to come with particular devotion to Mary, Queen and Mother of Mercy. Let us encourage every initiative that helps the faithful to recognize the special role of Mary in the mystery of salvation. As the faithful of the Archdiocese of Newark fill Mary's Shrine with prayers and devotion, may she "never tire of turning her merciful eyes toward us, and make us worthy to contemplate the face of mercy, her Son Jesus." (Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction)

**OLC Church would like to sponsor a group to join the Pilgrimage this year. Please contact the rectory at 201-434-0798 for more information and to receive the registration form.**

## SUPPORT GROUPS FOR GRIEVING PARENTS



There is no loss like that of one's child. Parents whose children have died will never again be the same. Their grief is longer, harder and more complicated than that of other bereaved people. The needs of those who have suffered

the loss of a child are special. One of these needs is to share the pain with others who have experienced this very difficult kind of grief.

The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark sponsors support groups for Parents Grieving the Death of a Child. Meetings are free and pre-registration is not required. Groups are led by trained facilitators - parents who have personally experienced the death of a child. For more information, please call the Office of Family Life Ministries at 973-497-4327 or email [eganlaur@rcan.org](mailto:eganlaur@rcan.org). Groups meet at:

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Parish Center  
60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ  
First Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm  
(July and August)

St. Peter the Apostle Church, Rectory Basement  
445 Fifth Avenue, River Edge, NJ  
Third Monday of each month at 7:30 pm

## 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.olcj.org](http://www.olcj.org) and reference "Formation and Sacraments." Follow the link to "Baptism of Children," or call

the rectory. Upcoming dates are:

**September 4, 2016; November 6, 2016**

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:

**October 2, 2016; December 4, 2016**

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 will take no more than a few minutes.

## WE ARE LIVING STONES CAMPAIGN

As an update, our Works of Mercy goal for the campaign is \$38,000. To date, we have received pledges in the amount of \$31,550. The Archdiocese has received \$12,580 toward these pledges. The average gift was \$1,971.88 and there were only 16 donors.



We are still requesting that more parishioners make a pledge. All we need is another \$6,500 in pledges and the parish will start to receive 50% of the monies raised above the parish goal of \$38,000.

We know that there are any number of additional parishioners who are able to make a pledge and fulfill the pledge over the next four years. Remember, half of all monies above the goal will be given back to our parish. Thank you.

## HOUSING COUNSELING SERVICES

If you have lived, worked or attended school in Hudson, Essex or Union Counties for the past four years, you may be eligible for free Housing Counseling Services. Assistance is available for foreclosure/homelessness prevention, fair housing education, pre- and post-purchase counseling and more. Translators versed in several languages are available to assist. Sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark and the DCA of ReNew Jersey. For more information, please call the following:

Hudson County 1-973-424-7616  
Essex County 1-862-229-4464  
Union County 1-862-229-4468