

# 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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*Pastor*

**Rev. Gerard J. Sudol**  
*In Residence*

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*Weekend Assistant*

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

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 20, 2017**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Wherever Jesus went, He granted grace, wisdom and healing. When Jesus traveled to the district of Tyre and Sidon, we expected to see more of the same. However, when the Lord is approached by a Canaanite woman whose daughter was possessed by a demon, he doesn't even acknowledge her. (His followers were no doubt relieved as they had urged Jesus to send her away for continually shouting after them.) To make matters worse, Jesus appears to insult her when He says, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel...It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." (Matthew 15:21-26) Can this be the same Jesus whom everyone was talking about? The Jesus who showed compassion for even the most lowly outcasts in society? The Jesus who healed many people? What's going on here?

Jesus chose this moment to teach His disciples a vital lesson about persistence and faith. It should be noted that during the century leading up to this incident, there was much spiritual and military conflict between the Israelites and the Canaanites. The Canaanites were gentiles and generally regarded Jews as no better than dogs. This desperate mother realizes that Jesus is not insulting her but rather, testing her faith. Is she prepared to seek and accept help from Him, though He is a lowly Jew? Her answer was "yes". The Canaanite woman recognized Jesus as the son of God and knew that He was the only one who could save her beloved daughter. Her reply to Christ that "...even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table..." is proof of this. (Matthew 15:27) The Bread of Life being offered by God is great and she would be grateful for even one crumb. Undeterred by Jesus' initial rebuff, she refuses to give up--and Jesus, after praising her great faith, heals her daughter.

It appears so often in the Gospels that faith comes easy for so many. Quite the contrary is true. This Gospel illustrates that faith never comes easy. We are often tested to see just how strong and persistent we are in faith.

With Love,

### 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:

**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.

### 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. After 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.

### 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.

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

### MEMORIAL MASS FOR BROTHER LOUIS N. MAURO, S.J.

Brother Louis N. Mauro entered into eternal life on July 28, 2017. A Memorial Mass will be offered at St. Mary Church, 254 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Jersey City, Saturday, August 26, 10:00 a.m. Brother Lou was a Jesuit for 56 years. He served the communities of St. Peter's Prep and Resurrection Parish in Jersey City, upstate New York, as well as the Archdioceses of Newark and Buffalo.



## 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](mailto:secretary@olcjc.org).

## 2017 EVENTS AT OLC

**OLC Seniors:** Next meeting is on September 13, 1 pm with a guest speaker (lunch will be served). For more information, please contact Dorothy Bromirski: 201-333-4888.

**The OLC Adult Choir:** The choir rehearsal takes place Sundays, 11:15 am and then sing at the 12:30 pm Mass. For additional information 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 is usually outside church, but may be held in the church hall depending on weather. Please call the rectory if you wish to volunteer to bring donuts.

**Newport Half Marathon:** On Sunday, September 17, street closures: 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM. Refer to web-site below for details of street closures. [www.newporthalfmarathon.com/race-info/course-map/](http://www.newporthalfmarathon.com/race-info/course-map/)

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

**Sunday, August 20, 2017**

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

**Sunday, August 27, 2017**

Is. 22:19-23; Rom. 11:33-36; Mt. 16:13-20

## 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](http://www.parishpay.com) and follow the prompts.

For the weekend of August 12/13, 330 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$2,417. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,156 contributing to a weekend collection of \$4,573. This is \$1,427 **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.

## 38<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PADRE PIO DAY

Come honor St. Padre Pio, Spiritual Father of Our Lady's Blue Army, Saturday, August 26. The event will take place at the World Apostolate of Fatima, Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine located, 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ 08802. Confessions are 11:00 a.m., 12:00 Angelus and Announcements, 12:15 p.m. Blessed Sacrament Procession, 12:30 p.m. Holy Hour, 1:30 p.m. Holy Mass. Main Celebrant will be the Most Rev. Gerald Walsh, D.D., Auxilliary Bishop Diocese of New York. For more information, please contact the Event Chairman, Mario Bruschi, 908-689-1700 ext. 210 or email: [rferanec@bluearmy.com](mailto:rferanec@bluearmy.com).

## 2017 COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

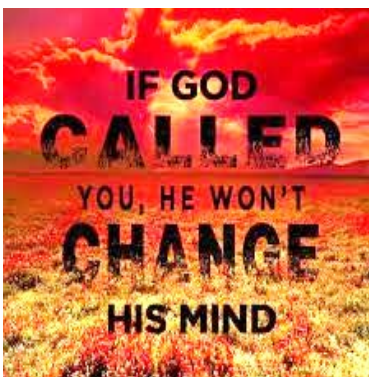
On September 2 and 3, OLC will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and train seminarians in a region that still struggles from the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help to restore the Church and build the future in the region. Visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (search "Church in Central and Eastern Europe") to learn more.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>August 19, 2017</b> Frank DeNicola From <i>Dorothy Bromirski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>August 20, 2017</b> 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
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 21, 2017</b> Intentions of Bill and Helen Haughey From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 22, 2017</b> Asuncion Salcedo From <i>Children and Family</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 23, 2017</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 24, 2017</b> Intention of Beverly Bligh From <i>Kim Mom</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 25, 2017</b> Graciela Bosques From <i>Margarita Ortiz</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>August 26, 2017</b> Charles and Mary Czysz & Family From <i>Laura Czysz; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>August 27, 2017</b> Chester J. Sienkiewicz From <i>Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Englese</i>
12:30 pm	Celebration of the 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Paul & Mary Donnelly From <i>Monica Donnelly</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

## STEWARDSHIP



*"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."  
- Romans 11:29*

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

## RETREATS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



**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 needle-craft with some experience are welcome! Cost is \$150 per person.

**Widows Butterfly Retreat (September 19-21, 2017).** You are invited to renew and relax at our mid-week retreat with our community of widows. For more information on this program, please call Madge Hempsey at 856-848-5346. Cost is \$125 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.capemary-marianists.org](http://www.capemary-marianists.org).

## 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](http://www.communitybloodservices.org) for times and locations.

## 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 55<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt 1, Woodside, NY 11377, or by calling 347-605-8625.

## 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.

## OLC SENIORS - UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

## 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](http://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 op-

portunities 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 78<sup>th</sup> anniversary of

World War II, 77<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Katyn Forest Massacre of 1940, and the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## ST. PETER'S PREP FALL OPEN HOUSE



Saint Peter's Preparatory School is holding its 2017 Fall Open House on Sunday, October 1 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. at the school's campus, 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 Fall Open House, please call 201-547-6389.

## FAITH WORKS

Please remember to make a donation of non-perishable food items next weekend to support our "Faith Works Program." This is a very important work of charity that has benefited many in our community. We accept all canned and jarred non-perishable foods (vegetables, soups, tuna, canned meats, gravies, etc.). We also accept toiletries. Thank you for your contributions! **However, we must ask that only food be left on the back table as we cannot accept clothing at this time.**



## BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS



Bethlehem Handicrafts will be at OLC the weekend of September 16-17 after each mass. The company sells handcrafted religious articles made in Jerusalem and Bethlehem to support the Catholic Community in the Holy Land. This is the perfect opportunity to purchase one-of-a-kind religious items to give as special gifts or at Christmas.