



OLC

1911 – 2016

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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.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 21, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,



Have you ever hear of the “Murphy’s Laws?” One states that when waiting on line, you will always be on the slowest moving line. If you have ever had to wait on line, on the phone for support or in a long line of traffic, you might wish some way to get ahead of the others. We can think of this in our own terms that the problem we face is something that needs to be addressed

immediately but we need to remember that God does not operate on our time scale.

In this week’s Gospel, we hear that the first shall be last and the last shall be first. This does not mean jumping the line to get ahead of the others but it is important that we understand what puts people first in God’s view. When people take every opportunity to get ahead of others, it really shows disregard for the others around them (driving in and around NJ/NY, you’ll likely meet a few of these people). We all must deal with the issues of traffic or using available resources responsibly and those who seek to jump the line appear selfish at best.

By Christ’s example, God (the alpha and omega) demonstrated that being last is the ultimate sign of devotion. By putting others before himself, Jesus taught us how to love and honor each other. By doing for others, loving others and following Jesus’ example, God will bring us first to the Kingdom of Heaven when he calls us home. Those who spent their lives on earth thinking only of themselves will have a lot of waiting to do.

By God’s loving example, let us work to put others before us, loving and respecting their journey and needs. God does not forget the care that we show our brothers and sisters. If we all try to help others, think of the possibilities of how that improves life for everyone. Thinking of others is the reverent sign of our Christian faith and when we do this as God shows us in Christ we bring God’s Kingdom to earth. Let others know us by our love and our works, that all people will grow and be fulfilled as we all work to help each other. If we succeed, it won’t matter where we are on the line because we’ll all thrive together.

With love,

RCIA



RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. This is a program for you if you are an adult or teenager who is not baptized (or was baptized in another Christian community) and you 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, 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. We are presently enrolling people so they can receive their Sacraments during the Easter Season of 2017.

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 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 only takes a few minutes.

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@olcj.org.

CATHOLIC ADVOCATE

Read the Catholic Advocate online. The Catholic Advocate is the Archdiocesan newspaper. The August edition is at http://www.editions.us.com/catholicadvocate_072016. Feel free to share this link with others.

2016 EVENTS AT OLC

OLC Seniors: The first fall meeting will be on September 7 at the New Kellogg Restaurant on Route 440. Fee for lunch is \$10. Call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888 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.

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 21, 2016

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

Sunday, August 28, 2016

Sir 3:17-29; Heb 12:18-24; Lk 14:1, 7-14

WEEKLY OFFERING

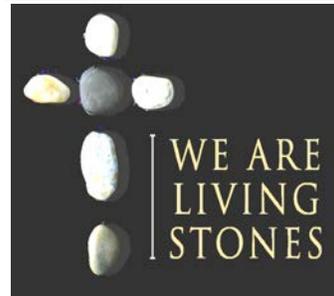


Thank you so much for your financial support and for living your financial commitment to your parish. We are grateful for those who generously support the parish. **We need your support** to achieve our weekly collection goal of \$6,000 per Sunday which is essential to the financial health of your parish.

OLC is facing a financial crisis. This past year many families have relocated out of Jersey City. This has adversely affected 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 and follow the prompts.

For the weekend of August 13/14, 374 people attended Mass; the collection in church amounted to \$3,334. The average ParishPay donations for the past 30 days averaged \$1,974 per week. Last week's Sunday collection amounts to \$5,308. This is \$692 below the weekly collection goal of \$6000 for 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.

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 ask that more parishioners make a pledge. When we exceed our goal of \$38,000, half of all monies above that amount will be given back to the parish. Thank you.

2016 COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

On September 3 and 4, 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. Please give generously to the collection next month. Visit www.usccb.org (search "Church in Central and Eastern Europe") to learn more.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	August 20, 2016 Laura and Joseph Jasinski From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	August 21, 2016 Attracta Gallagher From <i>daughter Caroline Kornutik</i>
12:30 pm	Barbara Bromirski From <i>Omaro and Gilma Andara</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 am	August 22, 2016 Intention of Christine Tan From <i>Kim Mom</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	August 23, 2016 Intention of Don Rogers From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	August 24, 2016 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	August 25, 2016 John Reinert From <i>Regina Goskow</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	August 26, 2016 Ricky Ramos From <i>Ana Galarza</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	August 27, 2016 Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Dorothy Mlynarski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	August 28, 2016 Deceased Siwik Family (Grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
12:30 pm	Patrick Mangosing From <i>Mark and Valerie Bartolome</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

Attend daily Mass.

It will make a difference in your life!

STEWARDSHIP



*"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last."
- Luke 13:30*

Our standards in our society are so different from God's standards. We often rate or rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards.

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.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Pope Francis writes in his recent Post-Synodal Exhortation entitled, *Amoris Laetitia*, of "the need to prepare engaged couples for marriage to enable them to understand and accept the joys and obligations of marriage and of the responsibility of pastors to accompany married couples in continuing formation of their life together, especially as their circumstances change and the bloom of 'first love' fades." This concern echoes the USCCB Pastoral Letter *Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan* where the bishops call on parishes to provide resources to support couples as they prepare for and live their commitment to one another.

There is a way to provide this needed pastoral support for marriage. For nearly fifty years, WorldWide Marriage Encounter (WWME) has been providing couples with an experience that supports and strengthens their relationship with each other and with the Church. Experience has shown that couples who attend a WWME weekend often become more involved in the life and ministries of their parish; couples in "irregular" situations often seek to rectify their status and many non-Catholics have joined the Church. While the Weekend is the primary expression of Marriage Encounter, other options are available. There are also a number of enrichment programs that WWME can present in your parish. For more information, contact Janet and Mike Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880, email: njwwme@peoplepc.com or go to www.njwwme.org.

**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 and have been a source of great inspiration and edification for those who have participated.

For us to have a successful pilgrimage, we are attempting to fill a bus with about 50 people. So far, we have only about 14 who wish to go. If there is any cost, it will be nominal. **If you are thinking of going or want more information, please contact Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.**

During the final days of this 'Jubilee Year of Mercy' the Archdiocese invites us to come with particular devotion to Mary, Queen and Mother of Mercy. The Archdiocese encourages this pilgrimage to help us to recognize the special role of Mary in the mystery of salvation. As the faithful of the Archdiocese of Newark fills 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).

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. 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. Our coat drive will return later this year.**

**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@olcjc.org.

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

PARISH PICNIC



As mentioned in previous bulletins and announced the last few weeks at mass, I want to have our parish picnic in October. The date we have is Sunday, October 16. The location is the Prep courtyard in front of their gym. We are aware that many parishioners travel in the summer and I will continue to run this article and distribute volunteer sign-up forms. You may also call the rectory at 201-434-0798 or email olc@olcjc.org and secretary@olcjc.org to volunteer or if you have questions. Leave your name and contact information. You can also indicate in what capacity you would like to help.

In order to make the picnic successful, we need to recruit new volunteers. If you are new to the parish, this can be an excellent way to meet new people, make new friends and feel welcome at OLC. Below is a list indicating what type of help we require:

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

The parish supplies hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, kielbasa, etc. We welcome donations any food & desserts (Filipino, Indian, Polish, Korean, etc.).

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

SUPPORT GROUP 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, including current times and meeting locations, please call the Office of Family Life Ministries at 973-497-4327 or email eganlaur@rcan.org.