



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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 28, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In this week's gospel reading, Jesus seems overly concerned with the guest's behavior during a banquet. Namely, how the guests chose the places of honor. Etiquette dictates that the more important guests sit closer to the host. Why is Jesus so concerned? Is it not it only natural to desire respect and esteem from others? On closer inspection, it is clear that Jesus is not concerned with his fellow guests' table manners; He is concerned with their lack of humility and subsequently, how they treat others.

Sometimes, our need for recognition leads us to ingratiate ourselves at the expense of others. Implicitly, we are looking down on others to bolster our own self-importance. It is not uncommon that such individuals can have their own hidden and inner insecurities. They need to compensate for what they perceive as their personal self-doubts, ego issues or some other psychological factor in their life. They judge their own self-esteem in terms of their accomplishments, wealth, power, popularity, etc. This can drive some to get ahead at the expense of others.

On the other hand, a mature Christian seeks first for the "Other," not for themselves. Within this framework, we actually build ourselves up by building up the "Other." Reflecting upon those important people in my life, it has been those who thought of me, gave me time, confidence, encouragement, etc. who were most important to me. They were "other-centered" and not "self-centered." They had a humility about themselves that promoted the well-being of others and they drew self-confidence in that.

In the business world, we consider employees to be "Human Resources." As such, an employer or supervisor gets the most from his employees by working to develop their strengths and by building up their skills. An employer or supervisor looks good when those under him work well and are productive. Such an employer or supervisor is secure in themselves and needs not build himself up at the expense of his subordinates.

Jesus teaches us the way we need to treat others, especially those among us who are unable to "pay us back." The "pay back" comes in having the satisfaction that we made a positive contribution in the life of the "Other." This is a form of humility. May we find true growth and self-importance in this type of humility by building up others and consequently building ourselves, thus "earning" respect and esteem.

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.

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.



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@olcj.org.

2016 EVENTS AT OLC

OLC Seniors: The first fall meeting will be on September 7 at the Hibachi Grill on 701 Route 440 in Hudson Mall. 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 28, 2016

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

Sunday, September 4, 2016

Wis. 9:13-18; Phlm. 9-10, 12-17; Lk. 14:25-33

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 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 20/21, 325 people attended Mass; the collection in church amounted to \$4,220. The average ParishPay donations for the past 30 days averaged \$1,898 per week. Last week's Sunday collection amounts to \$6,118. This is \$118 above weekly collection goal of \$6000. We thank those who were away but "made-up" their donations from previous weeks. If you have been away from church traveling for any reason, we encourage you to "make up" your contributions.

FAITH WORKS

Please remember to make a donation of non-perishable food items this 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.**



HOUSING COUNSELING SERVICES



Housing Counseling Services, Inc.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday 12:30 pm	August 29, 2016 Mallon and Stiller Family From <i>Cheryl Mallon</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	August 30, 2016 Intention of Van Scribner From <i>Kim Mom</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	August 31, 2016 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	September 1, 2016 Intention of Noreen Feehan From <i>Kim Mom</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	September 2, 2016 All Souls in Purgatory From <i>Marie Hettiarachchi</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	September 3, 2016 William Bromirski From <i>Kowal Family</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	September 4, 2016 Deceased Siwik Family (Grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
12:30 pm	Rosette Vaz From <i>Dsouza Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

Attend daily Mass.

It will make a difference in your life!

STEWARDSHIP

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."

- Luke 14:13-14



We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, or a chance to

play golf. Yet, as Christian stewards we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

PROGRAMS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

Weekday Getaways (September 20-22 and October 4-6). Get away from the stresses of everyday life! Join other like-minded adults in daily Eucharist, prayers and meals with the Marianist Community Members. Cost is \$120 per person.

Widows Butterfly Retreat (September 20-22). 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 \$120 per person.

Celebration of Marriage Retreat (September 23-25). This weekend is intended for couples married at least 10 years. Join other couples in Eucharist, prayer, relaxation, socials and "couple time." Cost is \$130 per person.

Accommodations, meals and all activities are included. Financial aid available. For more information on any of these programs, please call 609-884-3829 or visit their website at: www.capemaymarianists.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



In his recent Post-Synodal Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis writes 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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

We are now starting to enroll children for the reception of their sacraments (First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) for 2016. 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 8th grade, 7th graders must register for our two-year program.

Should you have any questions, please call the rectory at **201-434-0798**.



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 Dorothy Bromirski, 201-333-4888 for more information and to receive the registration form.

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 week. Visit www.usccb.org (search "Church in Central and Eastern Europe") to learn more.



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 from 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.

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.