



# OLC

## 1911 – 2017

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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.

**The Transfiguration of the Lord – August 6, 2017**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Now that summer is in full swing, many people plan vacations. Taking some simple precautions will ensure that you and your home stay safe during your time away. Wherever you go, we hope you and your family have a safe, fun trip.

With Love,



**Summer VACATION**  
*Safety Tips*

**"Before you head off on your trip, follow these safety tips to keep your family and home safe and secure."**

**TRAVEL SAFETY**

- ✓ While traveling, don't make yourself a target for thieves and pickpockets.
- ✓ Leave your jewelry and other expensive belongings locked up at home.
- ✓ If you are in crowded, unfamiliar areas, keep your money in a money belt rather than in your purse.
- ✓ When traveling with kids, bring along an updated photo of each child - in case you become separated from them. Also have them carry a nametag of an ID containing an information of the guardian.
- ✓ Talk with your family about who to call and what to do in case they get lost or another emergency arises while you are on vacation.

**HOME SAFETY**

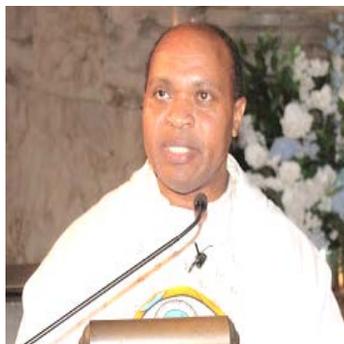
- ✓ Keep quiet. You don't need to broadcast to everyone (especially on sites like Facebook) that you are going to be away. You never know who is going to be reading or listening. Instead, tell a few select people in your neighborhood so that they can keep an eye on your house.
- ✓ If you are going to be gone an extended period of time, consider shutting off your utilities to avoid potential flooding, fire or gas leaks.

**WATER SAFETY**

- ✓ Water safety is also very important in the summertime. Teach your kids to swim at home before you leave on vacation. Young children should always have swimvests - not floaties. And you should always be in the water with your children, not sitting on the deck or sand. Remember to stay just an arm's length away. It takes just a few seconds for a child to begin to drown.

**Be Smart. Be Alert. Be Safe.**

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



Father Honest Munishi, CSSp, will be visiting the OLC Parish next weekend, August 12/13 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>.

### MARRIAGE AT OLC



*Meredith Murphy and Daniel Ackerman celebrated their wedding ceremony on Sunday, July 23, 2017.*

*May the Lord bless them with many happy years of marital bliss!*

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

## 2017 EVENTS AT OLC

**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](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 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/](http://www.newporthalfmarathon.com/race-info/course-map/)

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

**Sunday, August 6, 2017**

Dn. 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt. 1:16-19; Mt. 17:1-9

**Sunday, August 13, 2017**

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

## 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 July 29/30, 365 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$2,629. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$1,989 contributing to a weekend collection of 4,618. This is \$1,382 **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.

## 12-DAY PILGRIMAGE IN 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.

## OLC SENIORS - UPCOMING EVENTS

The OLC Seniors have organized a 3-day 2-night trip to Baltimore and Annapolis, Maryland on September 19-21, 2017. Cost is \$375 per person/double occupancy and \$500 per person/single occupancy. Package includes motorcoach 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. Open to all seniors 55 and over.

There is also a one-day trip to the Mansion at Mountain Lakes for Oktoberfest on October 24. Fee will cover transportation, lunch and entertainment.

The next meeting is Wednesday, September 13 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>August 5, 2017</b> Helen and Bruno Ruskowski, Jr. From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>August 6, 2017</b> Edward J. Boyle From <i>daughter Kathleen</i>
12:30 pm	Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 7, 2017</b> Jeanette Kerbaj From <i>Kerbaj Family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 8, 2017</b> Mimi Elbarody From <i>Virginia</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 9, 2017</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 10, 2017</b> Deceased Members of the Polish Women's Alliance of America From <i>Polish Women's Alliance of America</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 11, 2017</b> Beatrice Gaydos From <i>Family</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>August 12, 2017</b> George A. Zandalasini, Jr. From <i>Diane Strasz</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>August 13, 2017</b> 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

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

## STEWARDSHIP

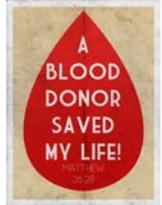


*"And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." - Matthew 17:2*

Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, we should reflect Christ's light to the world. When we receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus, we are called to be supernatural to reflect His love, mercy and forgiveness to others. When we are grateful for all that God has given us, generosity flows through us because we are made in God's image.

## 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.



## 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## FAMILY BEACH 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.

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](http://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](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 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.



## 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.

## 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**.



## 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!

As a reminder, we accept all non-perishable foods. We accept soups, canned fish and canned meats, gravies (Italian and brown), pasta, rice, cereals, oat meal, flour, sugar, condiments, cookies, crackers, etc.

We accept toiletries: soaps, shampoos, tooth paste, combs, hair products, etc.



## EXHIBIT AT THE DRAWING ROOMS – DRESS REHEARSAL



Drawing Rooms is pleased to host **Dress Rehearsal**, an exhibit featuring artists currently working towards their Master's degrees at New Jersey City University. This exhibition will run from July 28

until August 12.

## REGISTER WITH YOUR PARISH

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.