

# 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.

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 7, 2016**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

What do you fear in life? Everyone has his or her own fears and phobias. Whether rational or irrational, fear centers around something that leaves you feeling isolated and powerless. The stress you feel is the “fight or flight” response as your body tries to process what to do. The challenge we find today is that a materialistic society takes things and creates new fears that make us focus so much on certain parts of our earthly lives. Whether wealth, health, job security or one of a thousand other fears we need to find ways of addressing our fears if we want to live in peace.

Our materialistic society may offer us some avenues to deal with our fears. An employer may offer advancement through one’s additional efforts on the job. Obtaining financial success can add to security, however, we have seen how markets have turned on a dime, eroding one’s assets. You may value human relationships, but misunderstandings can erode those also. Our society subtly implies that we need certain consumer goods to make life easier. The fears based on materialism usually have to do with need. If we don’t have “this” or we can’t buy “that” then we will be in peril. No matter what void we feel, we are not without help. Trained medical professionals and local support groups can help address the fear we feel, we just need to reach out. While it takes courage to face and address fear, we are not alone on earth when we need extra help in working through what scares us.

In Jesus’ time, people had their own fears. Nevertheless, Jesus always had a reassuring manner of relieving their fears and anxieties. Our Gospel acknowledges people may worry about many things in life, but Jesus reminds us that we need to always make the spiritual realities integral in our lives. These will provide us with the peace, serenity and confidence to deal with our material and psychological fears. A real spirituality can provide for physical needs. Spirituality enriches our lives so we can have enough confidence in God reassuring us that “He will provide.” When we put our efforts into spiritual realities, we need not fear.

Recent world events of terrorism, brutality, etc. can adversely affect us. Nevertheless, the human spirit, reinforced through a deep faith in Jesus, can effectively guide us through the turbulent times in our lives and in history. We are constantly reminded that material goods are fleeting, but heavenly treasures last longer and provide true fulfillment now and in the future. Take an accounting of the spiritual treasures in your life. Perhaps you can recall how you survived the difficult times through the grace of God to emerge stronger.

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

## CATHOLIC ADVOCATE

Read the Catholic Advocate online. The Catholic Advocate is the Archdiocesan newspaper. The July 20 edition is at [http://www.editions.us.com/catholicadvocate\\_072016](http://www.editions.us.com/catholicadvocate_072016). Feel free to share this link with others.

## 2016 EVENTS AT OLC

**Drawing Rooms:** Exhibit "The Art of Refuse" from July 17-August 14. 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 7, 2016

Wis. 18:6-9; Heb. 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk. 12:32-48

### Sunday, August 14, 2016

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

## 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 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 July 30/31, 322 people attended Mass; the collection in church amounted to \$2,958. The average ParishPay donations for the past 30 days averaged \$1,898 per week. Last week's Sunday collection amounts to \$4,856. This is \$1,144 below the collection goal of \$6000 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.

## 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.

## 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

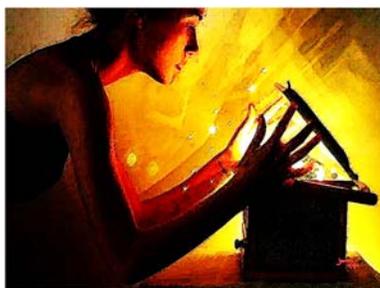
Union County 1-862-229-4468

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>August 6, 2016</b> Helen and Bruno Ruskowski Jr. From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>August 7, 2016</b> Deceased Siwik Family Katherine & Alexander P, Helen & Charlie From <i>Donna Simon</i>
12:30 pm 7:00 pm	People of the Parish Charlotte Wisniewski From <i>Claire Warlikowski</i>
<b>Monday</b> 9:30 am	<b>August 8, 2016</b> Dorothy Lechonczak From <i>OLC Seniors</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 9, 2016</b> Intentions of Anita Burke and Family From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 10, 2016</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 11, 2016</b> Beatrice Gaydos From <i>Family</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 12, 2016</b> Barbara C. Tester From <i>Anciano Family</i>
<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 Petron From <i>Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

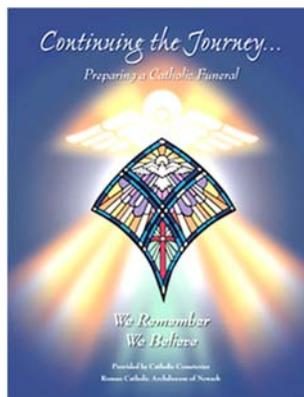
## STEWARDSHIP



*“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”*  
- Luke 12:34

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more time in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

## 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).

## U.S. CATHOLIC CHURCH GOES MOBILE WITH NEW APP

Features on this new app will be phased in over the next few months. The Catholic Church APP is available in English and Spanish, and free to download at Google Play and Apple iTunes. For more information about the app, go to [www.USACatholic.church](http://www.USACatholic.church).

## REUSE, REDUCE, REPURPOSE: THE ART OF REFUSE EXHIBIT

The Drawing Rooms presents a new exhibit beginning July 17 to August 14. The Art of Refuse will feature 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. Reception July 17 from 3-6 pm. Artist workshops and talks available July 30/31 from 2:30-5:30 pm. 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.

**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. Dorothy Bromirski is OLC's liaison. Please contact the rectory at 201-434-0798 for more information and to receive the registration form.

**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](mailto:bulletin@olcjc.org).



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

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 week's 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](mailto:olc@olcjc.org) & [secretary@olcjc.org](mailto: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.).

**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](mailto:eganlaur@rcan.org).

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