



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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 12, 2017

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

World Marriage Day will be celebrated this Sunday, February 12. The World Marriage Encounter leadership first initiated the idea in 1983. Forty-three U.S. governors enthusiastically adopted the idea and set aside the second Sunday in February for it. Twenty-four years later, the movement continues to grow in many countries and faith expressions. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. Take time out to celebrate your marital relationship and to praise God for your special commitment to one another.

With love,



2017 OLC COMMUNION CLASS FIRST PENANCE



On Saturday, February 4, during a 10:00 am ceremony, nineteen members of the Communion Class of 2017 celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. May God bless these beautiful children always. We congratulate Dilia Arza, Ariel

Berridge, Laura Bowen, Lauren Campbell, Carlin Echeverria, Matthew Jureta, Cora Kerr, Chloe Koo, Erin Lee, Francesca Mani, Isabella Mercado, Regina Sakar, Sophia Schultz, Carla Segarra, Andrew Segura, Gabriella Skop, Natasha Sunil, Siddharth Thanjan and Tygeson Yoon.

ANNUAL MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION BY ARCHDIOCESE

The Archdiocese will celebrate the annual tradition of honoring couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2017. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:



April 30, 2017	3:00 pm	5 and 25 years (All counties)
May 7, 2017	3:00 pm	50 years (All counties)

If you wish to participate in these liturgies, please contact the rectory to register.

LECTURE SERIES

Our ten-part lecture/study group continues tomorrow, Monday, February 13 at 7:30 pm in the rectory.

Our eighth topic will be "A Vast Company of Witnesses, the Communion of Saints." The story of the Church is told in the examples of those men and

women who dedicated their lives to knowing and serving Jesus Christ. The Catholic Faith is made visible in real human lives. Our presentation gives consideration to some of the Church's greatest heroes, and demonstrates how their extraordinary examples display both the passion and creative potential of the Catholic Church.



Highlighting Katharine Drexel, Therese of Lisieux, Edith Stein, and Mother Teresa of Calcutta, this presentation tells the story of the Church as a vast company of witnesses who are called by Christ to be a Communion of Saints.

This program is designed for both Catholics and non-Catholics wishing to learn more about Catholicism. This program will offer new insights into our faith and a deeper understanding about theology and spirituality.

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR MARRIED COUPLES

*Almighty and eternal God,
You have so exalted the unbreakable bond of marriage
that it has become a sacramental sign
of your Son's union with the Church as His spouse.*

*Look with favor on those couples who you have united in
marriage, as they ask for your help
and the protection of the Virgin Mary.
They pray that in good times and in bad
they will grow in love for each other;
that they will resolve to be of one heart
in the bond of peace.*

*Lord, in their struggles let them rejoice
that you are near to help them;
in their needs let them know
that you are there to rescue them;
in their joys let them see
that you are the source and completion of
every happiness.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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.

2016 EVENTS AT OLC

OLC Seniors: The next meeting will be on March 8. 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.

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.

Lecture Series: Continues on February 13, 2017. Our eighth topic will be "A Vast Company of Witnesses, the Communion of Saints."

First Holy Communion: Sunday after Mother's Day (May 21).

Lecture Series: CoSUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

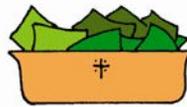
Sunday, February 12, 2017

Sir. 15:201; Cor. 2:6-10; Mt. 5:17-37

Sunday, February 19, 2017

Lv. 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor. 3:16-23; Mt. 5:38-48

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 February 4/5, 372 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,606. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,355, contributing to a weekend collection of \$5,961. This is \$39 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.

PARISH REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION UPDATE

All Catholics should be registered with a parish. Proof of parish registration is, among other things, necessary should you require a "sponsor certificate" to be a Godparent, a sponsor for Confirmation, etc.

We recently conducted a parish registration and information update drive. The drive is over but you can register anytime! Please come to the rectory Monday-Friday between 9:30 am and 5:00 pm to register. The entire process takes only a few minutes.

If you have moved, have a new e-mail address, etc., please come to the rectory in person or call 201-434-0798 to update your information.



FINAL WEEK FOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL BIG SMALL SHOW

The Big Small Show is open through February 17, 2017. More than 100 artist works ranging from paintings and framed drawings to three-dimensional. For more information, call 201-208-8032 or email: victoryhall1@msn.com or info@drawingrooms.org. We hope you will join us! The Drawing Rooms are located at the OLC Convent on 180 Grand Street.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	February 11, 2017 Rozalia (44 th Ann.) and Ignatius Gradowski From <i>Terri Gradowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	February 12, 2017 Josephine Kuklasinski From <i>Margaret and Lenny Englese</i>
12:30 pm	Tanios Kerbaj From <i>Kerbaj Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	February 13, 2017 James DeVito From <i>Nancy Bennett</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	February 14, 2017 Walter Chowanec From <i>Michael and Tess Englese</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	February 15, 2017 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	February 16, 2017 Jaroslaw Zvarych From <i>Steven and Dana Colella</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	February 17, 2017 Theodore Staniszewski From <i>Steven and Dana Colella</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	February 18, 2017 Barbara Bromirski From <i>Dorothy Bromirski and Family</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	February 19, 2017 Vitus Rodricks From <i>D'Souza Family</i>
12:30 pm	Rev. Walter Niedzwiecki (23 rd Ann.), 6 th Pastor From <i>OLC Parish</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP



"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." - Matthew 5:20

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people.

Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about

a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

On the weekend of February 25 and 26, our parish will kick off the *2017 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal*. This year's Appeal, *Sharing God's Blessings* is a perfect opportunity for us to reflect on God's generosity to us and to share the blessings we have been given with those around us.

This year's Appeal will continue to support the many good works of the ministries throughout the Archdiocese. We are often reminded by our Holy Father Pope Francis and sacred scripture that in order to love one another we must share the blessings which God has provided to us. In Acts 4:32-33, we learn that the early church shared all possessions with one another so that the Apostles and early Christian communities could fully proclaim "the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them."

We are called to similarly share what is granted to us by God and return it to Him so that not one of our brothers and sisters goes without; without the gift of faith, without the essential human needs, and without a personal relationship with Our Lord.

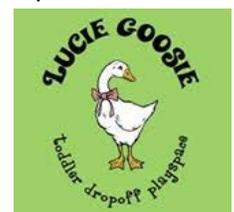
The Annual Appeal provides the poor with food, shelter and clothing; makes religious education, spiritual guidance and CYO programs available for our youth; insures the future leadership of the Church with seminarian education and training; and most important, brings Christ's Good News to the people of the Archdiocese. ***Our parish also benefits by receiving a rebate from the appeal if it exceeds its goal.***

Please come prepared to make as generous of a pledge as you are able. Thank you in advance for your support of the Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal.

To learn more about the ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark, please visit www.rcan.org/sharing or like them on face book at 'Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark' or tweet us at @NwkArchdiocese!

LUCIE GOOSIE TODDLER ENRICHMENT

Lucie Goose Toddler Enrichment is now at OLC Church! Lucie Goose is a toddler drop-off for children 18 months to 3½ years old. Drop off your little ones in a safe and nurturing environment Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 12 noon. They offer play-based learning, featuring creative movement, music, and literacy development in a social environment. Please check us out on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/luciegoosieplayspace>. To register, please email us at: info@luciegoosie.com.



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:

March 6, 2017; May 7, 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, preregistration is extremely helpful**). Upcoming dates are:

April 2, 2017; June 4, 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.

PROGRAMS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



A Retreat on Female Spirituality (March 10-12, 2017). Join other women in a creative exploration of your own story and stories of women in faith. A team of Marianist women has prepared this experience of rest and renewal. Come alone, with a relative or a friend. Our time together will include Eucharist, prayer experiences, quiet time, socials and fun! Cost is \$135 per person.

Contemplative Prayer Mid-Week Retreat (March 24-26, 2017). This mid-week retreat is for first-timers, as well as for those wishing to rekindle their contemplative prayer experience. There will be daily Eucharist, input, sharing and quiet personal time to practice prayer and reflect on one's experience. This retreat will invite the retreatant to deepen their relationship to God by engaging in Lectio Divina, Centering Prayer, and Ignation Prayer and other contemplative practices. Cost is \$135 per person.

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

YORK STREET PROJECT FUNDRAISER

The York Street Project (YSP) will host a Lasagna Dinner fundraiser Friday, March 31. Located in Paulus

Hook, YSP provides schooling, child daycare and support for young women seeking to complete their secondary education. YSP seeks raffle "theme" baskets to sell at their fundraiser. Possible donations include, but are not limited to, cooking, beauty, sports, event tickets, jewelry and technology. Items must be received before March 22. For more information, please call Kyle O'Neill, Development Associate at the York Street Project at 201-451-8225. You can purchase tickets through their website: www.yorkstreetproject.org/events/lasagna.

SCALABRINI CENTER NYC SERVICES FOR ALL MIGRANTS

The Scalabrini Center in Greenwich Village in nearby New York City provides low-cost services for all migrants. The non-profit organization provides Immigration Status consultations, forms and filing, language translations, social agency referrals, ESOL instruction, citizenship classes, and immigration advocacy. They are located at 25 Carmine Street in Manhattan. For more information, please call 646-678-4097, email info@scalabrinicenternyc.org or go to their website: www.scalabrinicenternyc.org.

DOWNTOWN HARVEST COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA)

Our CSA, Downtown Harvest is now preparing for their upcoming season. Enjoy fresh, organic produce while helping to support sustainable agriculture. During the 24-week season, the farmer brings the members' weekly share to the OLC Church garage. Members share in the risks and rewards of the farmer. For membership information, please go to their website: <http://www.downtownharvest.org> or email: downtownharvest@yahoo.com.



SUPPORT GROUPS FOR GRIEVING PARENTS



The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark sponsors support groups for grieving parents. 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, please call the Office of Family Life Ministries at 973-497-4327 or email eganlaur@rcan.org. Groups meet at: **St. Thomas the Apostle Church**, Parish Center, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ (First Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm), and **St. Peter the Apostle Church**, Rectory Basement, 445 Fifth Avenue, River Edge, NJ (Third Monday of each month, 7:30 pm).