



OLC

1911 – 2014

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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 2 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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 8, 2015

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Winter weather tends to bring misery, especially the dreaded cold and flu season. No matter how careful we are, at one time or another, we all succumb to illness. At first, we may try to treat our symptoms ourselves and hope for the best. Sometimes we must simply put ourselves in expert hands in order to regain our health. It is appropriate that this week's gospel focuses on yet another of Jesus' miraculous abilities: that of healing the sick.

"After preaching at the synagogue in Capernaum, Jesus, accompanied by James, John, Simon and Andrew, went to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with fever ... Jesus took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. ... That evening, the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. He healed the sick and drove out many demons..." Mark 1:29-34

Jesus is a healer in more than one sense. He not only heals people's bodies but their souls as well. He cast out illness as surely as he cast out the demons in the townspeople brought to him for healing. Not only is Simon's mother-in-law cured, but she is immediately made strong and whole again, able to attend to her guests. In putting herself in the Lord's hands, Simon's mother-in-law was healed. Let us strive to always put ourselves in the hands of the Lord and trust Him to heal us physically, mentally and spiritually.

With love,



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 olcjc.org and reference "Formation and Sacraments." Follow the link to "Baptism of Children," or call the rectory. Upcoming dates are:

March 1, 2015, May 3, 2015

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 5, 2015, June 7, 2015

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.

LECTURE SERIES

Our ten-part lecture/study group was cancelled **again** last Monday due to the weather. It has been rescheduled for this Monday, February 9, 7:30 pm, in the rectory.



Our seventh topic will be "Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven the Mystery of The Church's Sacrament and Worship". This presentation explores the ancient practices of the Church's worship that endure to this very day, and the notion that all value is summed up in the liturgy, the supreme act by which we commune with God.

Considered by the Catholic Faith to be the source and summit of its identity and mission, the Eucharist is the central practice of the Church's culture. This presentation describes all the parts of the Mass, and shows how the Sacred Liturgy embodies the whole of the Faith in such diverse places as Jerusalem, Rome, Chicago, Orvieto and Mexico City.

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.

ANNUAL FISH & CHIPS NIGHT

We are hosting our annual Fish & Chips dinner on Saturday, March 21, 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Prep dining hall. It's not too early to start planning!

**FISH
DINNER**



The Prep is also having a Fish and Chips dinner on March 6. They are charging \$15 per ticket while we are selling our tickets for \$13. These are two separate events. Please make certain you purchase tickets for the OLC Fish and Chips dinner. Our dinner will also include fries, Cole slaw and a desert. We feature an excellent deal for your money.

MOMMY & ME CLASSES AT OLC SCHOOL

Fun for you and your little ones! Mommy & Me classes are available at Little Harbor Academy at OLC School. Classes are for children 18 - 30 months. The 10-week sessions run from 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm, and cost \$250 (plus a one-time \$25 registration fee). "Creative Arts & Cooking" are on Tuesdays, "Storytelling & Music/Movement" are on Wednesdays, and "Montessori Time" will be held on Thursdays. LHA teachers facilitate all programs. Please contact Mrs. Murduca: MommyandMe@olcschool.org for more information.



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@olcjc.org.

2015 EVENTS AT OLC

The Big Small Show 2015: Meet the artists on February 8 from 3 to 5 pm. See page 5.

OLC Seniors: The February 11 meeting will be a Valentine Celebration. Popeye's Chicken will be served for \$10.00. The \$25 deposit for Nashville, TN trip in May is due on February 16. For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski, (201) 333-4888.

Concert: We will be featuring a quartet concert of classical music Sunday, March 1, 3 pm, in the church. The concert will be free. Follow the bulletin for details.

The OLC Adult Choir: The regular choir rehearsal will take place Sundays, 11:15 am. The choir will sing at the 12:30 pm Mass on Sundays. If you have musical ability, 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.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings. Prepare for next Sunday

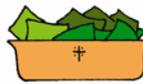
Sunday, February 8, 2015

Jb. 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk. 1:29-39

Sunday, February 15, 2015

Lv. 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1; Mk. 1:40-45

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 are 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.

For the weekend of February 1, 350 people attended Mass. The collection amounted to \$6,062 of which \$2,507 was contributed by those using Parish-Pay. This is \$ 62 above our weekly goal.

Please be generous supporting the parish's Annual Christmas Appeal. If you have been away from church traveling, please help make up our revenue by being extra generous in the collection when you return. Thank you.

DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know where we get the ashes we use on Ash Wednesday? If your answer was by burning the palm from Palm Sunday, you are correct. If you have leftover dried palm from last year, don't throw it away. You can bring it to church and we will return it to you on Ash Wednesday.

REGISTER WITH YOUR PARISH/ REQUEST FOR PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE



Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family

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.

ANNUAL MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION BY ARCHDIOCESE

Marriage



The Archdiocese is preparing for the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2015. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

April 19, 2015	3:00 pm	50 years (All counties)
May 3, 2015	3:00 pm	25 years & 5 years (All counties)

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	February 7, 2015 Helen and Bruno Ruskowski Jr. From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	February 8, 2015 Rozalia (42 nd Ann.) & Ignatius Gradowski From <i>Ted and Terri, Children</i>
12:30 pm	Wilhemina Vander Meule From <i>Marie Yandolino</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	February 9, 2015 Kathleen M. Brosnan From <i>Joan Dora</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	February 10, 2015 Maria Soliman Reyes From <i>Marisol Reyes</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	February 11, 2015 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	February 12, 2015 Intention of Barbara & Michael Burke From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	February 13, 2015 Deceased Members of Siwik Family From <i>Donna and Mark Simon</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	February 14, 2015 William Bromirski From <i>Kathy Eckert</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	February 15, 2015 George Anthony Koch (19 th Ann.) From <i>Mom and Eddie</i>
12:30 pm	Tanios Kerbaj From <i>Kerbaj Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP



“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed... He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” – Mark 1:35, 38

In today’s Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes – healing the sick and preaching. Yet, Jesus also makes time to be alone in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what God wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS RETIREMENT COLLECTION

The Retired Priests’ Collection for the priests of the Archdiocese of Newark will be on Ash Wednesday,

February 18. This Collection is not to be confused with last month’s collection for Retired Religious.

ST. PETER’S PREP FISH FRY NIGHT

Prep will host a Fish Fry on Friday, March 6 from 5-7 pm in the dining hall. All proceeds will go towards the school’s Mission Drive. For \$15 per person, enjoy fried fish, fries and coleslaw; dine in or take out. Advance tickets are required. Please contact Rosemary Annetta at: fishfry@spprep.org.



PARISH CONCERT

We are hosting a classical concert, Sunday, March 1, 3 pm, in the church. The program includes:

Richard Strauss –
Duet Concertino for
Clarinet and Bassoon

Gleb Kavasevich, Clarinet
Sarah McKittrick Sethi, Bassoon
Marina Korsakova-Kreyn, Piano
Nicolo Paganini – Three Duetti Concertanti
Peter Borten, Violin
Sarah McKittrick Sethi, Bassoon

Giocchino Rossini/Rene-Francois Gebauer – Selections from *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*

Sarah McKittrick Sethi, Bassoon
Rémy Taghavi, Bassoon
Ludwig van Beethoven – Piano Trio No. 5 in D Major, “Ghost,” Op. 70, No. 1
Peter Borten, Violin
Sarah McKittrick Sethi, Bassoon
Marina Korsakova-Kreyn, Piano

Our program will feature very talented individuals with outstanding experience and renown:

Sarah McKittrick Sethi received her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Bassoon Performance from the Peabody Conservatory of the Johns Hopkins University in 2013.

Marina Korsakova-Kreyn is a pianist and researcher in music perception. A graduate of Nizhny Novgorod State Conservatory, Russia, Marina has a Ph.D. in Cognition and Neuroscience from the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences at the University of Texas at Dallas.

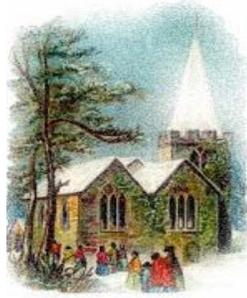
Peter Borten performed extensively in Europe from 1979 to 1985 with the Orchestra del Teatro La Fenice in Venice and the orchestra of the Dutch National Ballet.

Gleb Kavasevich has made solo, chamber, and/or composition feature appearances on stages of Spoleto Festival USA, PARMAfest, Festival Leonardo de Lorenzo, Bellagio Chamber Music Festival, Atlantic Music Festival, Norfolk Chamber Music Festival.



CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

We are continuing to accept donations to our Christmas Gift Appeal. Your contributions will enable us to complete work on our last bell tower. Exterior work was completed eight years ago, however, for lack of money the work on our west tower needed to be put off until now.



Your financial assistance will also allow us to re-build our church doors which are in serious need of replacement/repair. Actually, replacing them will be more cost-effective than repairing them. This could be a \$39,000 expense for which we are now receiving estimates. We plan to move ahead with this work in the spring.



We have consistently set our Christmas gift goal for \$75,000. With additional donations, so far this year, our Christmas Gift total has risen to \$55,517. If you have not contributed, we still need your gift. Even though we make a suggested \$400 "Gift," you may contribute whatever you can afford.

Sincerely,
The Parish Finance Committee

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

This week our parish is kicking off the 2015 *Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal*. Before we begin the new appeal, let's look at how we did in 2014:

Our Parish Goal for 2014 was \$ 37,000

Total Given in 2014 was \$ 18,250

We did not receive any rebate.

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, our parish goals are as follows:

Our parish goal for 2015 is \$37,000.

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!

JOIN A PARISH MINISTRY IN 2015!



Please consider joining one of our parish ministries, which are always in need of new members. Schedules for Masses are flexible and take your preferences and availability into account. For information, call the rectory, speak to Fr. Tom after Mass, or contact one of the following persons:

Altar Servers or Eucharistic Ministers – Fr.

Tom, OLC rectory, **201-434-0798**

Choir – Ben Rauch, email:

Directorofmusic@olcj.org.

Lectors – Pat Duemig, **201-955-1495**

Serve Donuts After 10:00 am Mass – call OLC rectory

MEET THE ARTISTS FROM THE BIG SMALL SHOW 2015

The Victory Drawing Rooms is hosting the Big Small Show at the Drawing Rooms through February. The exhibit features over 90 talented painters, collage artists, print makers and 3D constructors from New Jersey and New York City. Meet the artists on Sunday, February 8 from 3 to 5 pm. Free refreshments will be served. Please join us at the Drawing Rooms, OLC Convent, 180 Grand Street. The galleries are open Thursday – Friday, 4-7 pm, and Saturday – Sunday, 2-6 pm. Call (201) 823-9393 or email: victoryhall1@msn.com for more information.

FAITH WORKS

Please remember to make a donation of non-perishable food items to support our "Faith Works Program." This is a very important work of charity that has benefited many in our community.

