



# 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.

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 18, 2015**

## FROM THE PASTOR

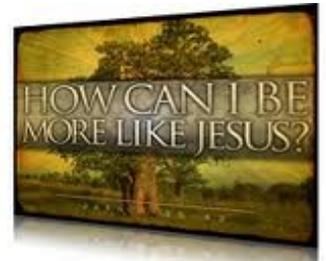
Dear Parishioners,

“What resolutions did you make for the New Year?” It’s the first month of a brand new year. It’s a time for brand new beginnings. People make all sorts of hopeful promises for the New Year; eat less, exercise more, take an exotic vacation, yell less at the kids, etc. Some of us don’t bother to make resolutions. After all, it’s easy to make promises. Following through on them, however, is a different matter.

This week’s gospel focuses on the subject of another new beginning: the start of the ministry of Jesus. On the day Jesus is baptized by John, he is anointed with the power of the Holy Spirit. John, seeing the white dove appear in the heavens, recognizes Jesus as the Messiah. The day after Jesus’ baptism, John is in the company of two disciples when Jesus passes by. “John tells his disciples, ‘...Look, the Lamb of God!’ The two men, one of whom is named Andrew, on hearing this, follow Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, ‘What do you want?’ John’s disciples address Jesus as “Rabbi” (means “teacher”), inquire where he was staying. ‘Come,’ he replied, ‘and you will see.’ They went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. The gospel doesn’t have any detailed information as to what transpired during Andrew’s first meeting with Jesus, however, the new disciple’s subsequent action speaks volumes. He immediately collects his brother, Simon, telling him he’s found the Messiah and brings him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas (which means rock).’ John 1:35-42. Peter will be instrumental in establishing Christ’s church. Jesus has his first followers. Thus, Jesus’ work begins.

Here’s a resolution we could all make: strive to be more like Jesus. When in doubt, ask yourself, “What would Jesus do?” Be more kind, loving, patient, inspiring, welcoming and faithful.

Wishing you a blessed New Year,



*Fr. Tom*

### 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 [olcj.org](http://olcj.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:

**February 1, 2015, April 5, 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 continues Monday, January 26, 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.

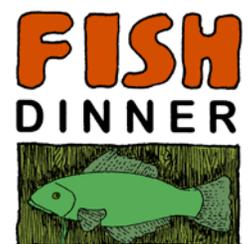


Considered by the Catholic Faith to be the source and summit of its identity and mission, the Eucharist is the central practice of the Church’s culture. Father Barron describes all the parts of the Mass, and shows how the Sacred Liturgy embodies the whole of the Faith in such diverse places as Jerusalem, 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

The Christmas Season has just come to an end. However, Lent will be upon us before you know it. Lent comes early this year, and at the end of Lent we will have our annual Fish and Chips Night. It is not too soon to plan ahead. Set the date in your calendar. The date will be Saturday, March 21, 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Prep dining hall. It’s not too early to start planning!



## 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).

## 2015 EVENTS AT OLC

**The Big Small Show 2015:** The Drawing Rooms continues to host this exhibit in January. Over 100 talented painters, collage artists, print makers and sculptors from New Jersey and New York City are presented. Call **(201) 823-9393** or email: [victoryhall1@msn.com](mailto:victoryhall1@msn.com) for more information.

**OLC Seniors:** The next OLC Seniors meeting will be in February. For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski, (201) 333-4888.

**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@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*

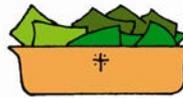
**Sunday, January 18, 2015**

1 Sm. 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor. 6:13c-15, 17-20; Jn. 1:35-42

**Sunday, January 25, 2015**

Jon. 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor. 7:29-31; Mk. 1:14-20

## 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 January 11, 404 people attended Mass. The collection amounted to \$6,191 of which \$2,507 was contributed by those using Parish-Pay. This is \$191 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.

## OPERATION PLAYGROUND UPDATE



The playground is nearly complete! Just a few more finishing touches are needed before it will be officially opened. You will be able to become a permanent part of the new space by purchasing personalized paver stones to be used in the courtyard. Pricing information will be available soon.

## ADVENT GIVING TREE 2014

Thanks to your generosity, 118 gifts out of the 152 tags placed on the Advent Giving Tree were purchased and distributed to several worthy organizations. May you be rewarded with the gifts of peace, joy and happiness that comes from helping others. Here is the final tally:

Organization	Tags on Tree	Gifts Received
Hope House	39	35
Kenmare H.S.	25	17
OLS Food Pantry	16	11
Project Home	18	16
St. Ann's Home	16	11
Several Sources	12	5 (\$195)
St. Lucy's Shelter	16	13
Seniors	10	10

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>January 17, 2015</b> Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Maureen Dillon</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>January 18, 2015</b> Rev. Al Kowalski From <i>Friend</i>
12:30 pm	Steven Zaleskie From <i>Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 19, 2015</b> Ernesto Campomanes From <i>Vangie Campomanes</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 20, 2015</b> Intention of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Burke From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 21, 2015</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 22, 2015</b> Communion Service
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 23, 2015</b> Special Intention
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>January 24, 2015</b> Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Michele Hyjek</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>January 25, 2015</b> Deceased Members of the Siwik Family From <i>Donna and Mark Simon</i>
12:30 pm	Kyc Family From <i>Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

## STEWARDSHIP



*"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" - John 1:38*

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

## ENRICHMENT DAY: THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR TEENS

A presentation on the "Theology of the Body" followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion will be offered on February 26, 2015 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark. Topic will

be facilitated by David Hajduk, Director of Campus Ministry at Delbarton High School, and author of "Theology of the Body for Teens." Please call Cheryl Riley at 973-497-4350 for more information. Admission is free.

## RCIA



**RCIA** is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It 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 a program 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@olcj.org](mailto:olc@olcj.org), or feel free to speak Fr. Tom after Mass.

## 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, "Story-telling & 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](mailto:MommyandMe@olcschool.org) for more information.



## MANGER PURCHASE



As you may have noticed, we replaced our manger scene. The new set is undoubtedly beautiful and well made. It will last us for years to come. It is made in Italy by a very reputable company.

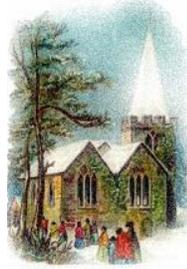
Be one of those individuals who will "memorialize" one or more figures in the manger scene. If you wish to memorialize a statue, the offering is as low as \$165.00. If you wish to contribute, please call the rectory to obtain more information.

## YOUNG ADULT SEEKERS RETREAT

Adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to embark on a spiritual journey on January 25 at the Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown, NJ. Share personal faith stories with small groups, pray and meet with other like-minded people. Topic is "Suffering, Healing & Hope." Suggested donation of \$10 covers Mass and dinner. For more information call Father Chau at 201-998-0088 or email [chaubism@rcan.org](mailto:chaubism@rcan.org).

## CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

Members of our Parish Finance Committee spoke about our "Christmas Gift Appeal" at different masses before Christmas. The Christmas Gift is essential in maintaining our facilities. It has allowed the parish to make significant improvement to the church along with making necessary repairs to our church that is over 150 years old.



We do not ask for money during the year, but in the spirit of Christmas giving, we ask our parishioners to make a special "Christmas Gift" to their parish. Your Christmas Gift will allow us to make needed improvements and necessary repairs.

Prior to 2009, the parish was faced with a serious structural problem with the church towers. The mortar between the stones in the church towers had deteriorated to the point that they were in danger of falling. In order to save the towers, the parish spent over a half million dollars to repair the towers. The Christmas Gift paid for half of this. The parish paid the remainder of the bill. This drained the parish's financial resources.

The repairs to the church towers involved exterior work only. While this work solved the exterior problems, it did not remedy necessary masonry work on the interior of the towers. In 2012 we made the necessary repairs to the interior of the east tower. This expense was \$36,000. Now we need to start making the same repairs to the west tower.

Your "Christmas Gift" has allowed us to make these repairs to the church towers. It has helped us recover the deficit of the original repairs allowing us to move on with other projects. Your "Gift" has allowed us to construct the church ramp at the cost of \$125,000 and add additional air conditioning in the church.

We have consistently set our Christmas gift goal for \$75,000. So far this year, our Christmas Gift has totaled \$53,527. For the past few years, our Christmas Gift response has been about this same amount, consequently it has taken us more time to pay for these improvements and repairs. However, not everyone has contributed and more parishioners can give. If you haven't make your "Gift," please do so. Even though we make a suggestion that you make a \$400 "Gift," contribute whatever you can afford.

Your gift will allow us to make the necessary repairs to the interior of the west bell tower. There is nothing glamorous about this but it is necessary. We will be able to move ahead replacing the church doors. We are also planning to renovate the kitchen in the church hall. These will be a major expenses.



This year's Christmas Gift is even more important since our regular weekly collections are trending downward while the cost of maintaining the parish is trending

upward. As of mid-summer, our collections have fallen about \$11,000 compared to the same time last year and there is no evidence that we will make up the difference before the end of the fiscal year. This is due to the fact that several generous families, some of whom used the Parish Pay system, have moved from Jersey City and out of the parish.

People of great spiritual insight have consistently discovered that sacrificial giving brings joy to one's heart. It contributes to fulfillment in life, personal pride and satisfaction. It also contributes to a sense of peace and security before God. We appreciate your generosity in the past and anticipate your generous response to our "Christmas Gift" appeal this year. May God bless you always.

Sincerely,  
The Parish Finance Committee

## 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](mailto:Directorofmusic@olcj.org).

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

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

## THE BIG SMALL SHOW 2015 AT THE DRAWING ROOMS

The Victory Drawing Rooms is hosting the Big Small Show at the Drawing Rooms in January. The exhibit will feature over 90 talented painters, collage artists, print makers and 3D constructors from New Jersey and New York City. The galleries are open



Thursday – Friday, 4-7 pm, and Saturday – Sunday, 2-6 pm. Call **(201) 823-9393** or email: [victoryhall1@msn.com](mailto:victoryhall1@msn.com) for more information. Please join us at the Drawing Rooms, OLC Convent, 180 Grand Street.

## NATIONAL PRAYER SERVICE: 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL MEMORIAL FOR THE PRE-BORN AND THEIR MOTHERS AND FATHERS

Supporters, pastors from numerous denominations, and many pro-life leaders, will gather in prayer for the tragic commemoration of Roe vs. Wade on Thursday, January 22 at the DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, DC. There will be a Catholic Mass at 7:30 am. Doors open at 7 am and admission is free. For more information, go to [NationalPrayerService.com](http://NationalPrayerService.com).