



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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 10, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Under the “Good Samaritan Law”, a “good samaritan” refers to someone who renders aid in an emergency to an injured person on a voluntary basis...Some states will consider it an act of negligence if a person doesn't at least call for help. In fact, a person is not legally obligated to do first aid in most states, unless it's part of a job description. (definitions.uslegal.com/g/good-samaritans/) God, however, sees things differently. Our obligation to others is made very clear in this week's gospel reading about the original “good Samaritan”, for whom the law is named.

“A lawyer asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus asks, ‘What is the law?’ The lawyer answers correctly ‘Love God with all your heart, soul and mind...; and your neighbor as yourself.’ The lawyer asks for further clarification, ‘And who is my neighbor?’ It is here that Jesus tells the story of the Samaritan who was the only one willing to help a stranger who had been robbed, beaten and left for dead. Jesus then asks the lawyer which traveler was a neighbor to the victim. Once again, the lawyer correctly answers that it was the ‘the one who showed him mercy, the Samaritan.’ To which Christ replies, ‘Go and do likewise.’” (Luke 10:25-38)

God wants us to not only get involved with others but to do so wholeheartedly. Jesus directs the lawyer to see neighborliness in the actions of the Samaritan and not to speculate about what might qualify a person to be considered someone else's neighbor. Jesus has reframed the question that prompted the parable in the first place; instead of identifying who counts as a neighbor to be loved, Jesus indicates that a person truly acts as a neighbor through loving. Jesus illustrates how authentic love will seek out, even the in unlikeliest of places, neighbors to receive compassion and care.

With love,



PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

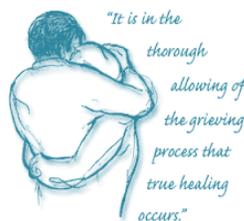
Newark has designated its triennial pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, a major Archdiocesan Jubilee of Mercy observance. The one-day Archdiocesan Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday, October 22, 2016.

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 turn 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. The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Committee asks that we appoint at least one parish representative to act as promoter and their liaison. We hope to charter a bus for this event. There is no fee for participation.

Please contact the rectory at 201-434-0798 for more information and to receive the registration form.

SUPPORT GROUPS 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, 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 at 7:00 pm
(July and August)

St. Peter the Apostle Church, Rectory Basement
445 Fifth Avenue
River Edge, NJ
Third Monday of each month at 7:30 pm

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

Drawing Rooms: Galleries are located at 180 Grand Street, Jersey City. Call 201-823-9393 or email victoryhall1msn.com for more information.

OLC Seniors: Final payment due July 22nd for the September trip to the Finger Lakes. For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 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. 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.

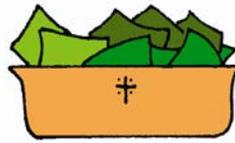
Sunday, July 10, 2016

Dt. 30:10-14; Col. 1:15-20; Lk. 10:25-37

Sunday, July 17, 2016

Gn. 18:1-10; Col. 1:24-28; Lk. 10:38-42

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 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 and follow the prompts.

For the weekend of July 2/3, 294 people attended Mass; the collection in church amounted to \$2,401. The average ParishPay donations for the past 30 days averaged \$1,799 per week. Last week's Sunday collection amounts to \$4,200. This is **\$1,800 below** the \$6,000 collection goal 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.

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:

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:

August 7, 2016; October 2, 2016

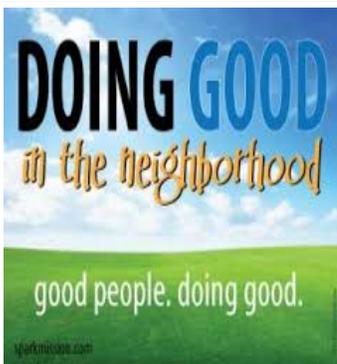
Please register as parishioners before attending the baptism classes. You can register in the rectory Monday through Friday from 9:30 am until 5:00 pm. The application is free and will take no more than a few minutes.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	July 9, 2016 William Bromirski From <i>Claire Tuchalski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	July 10, 2016 Chester Rydwin From <i>Pat and Tom Duemig</i>
12:30 pm	Vladimir Jankola From <i>Nicola Wynne-Jankola</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 9:30 am	July 11, 2016 Joan Ciba (6th Ann.) From <i>Family</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	July 12, 2016 Intentions of Ryan and Joann Betts From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	July 13, 2016 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	July 14, 2016 Mario Campomanes From <i>Vange Campomanes</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	July 15, 2016 Rev. Constance Ferdyn, 1 st Pastor (102 nd Ann.) From <i>OLC Church</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	July 16, 2016 Pauline Malat From <i>Donna Przyblinski and Frank Morganti</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	July 17, 2016 Walter and Victoria Czysz & Family From <i>Laura Czysz; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
12:30 pm	People of the Parish
7:00 pm	Good Health of Gene Warlikowski From <i>Claire Warlikowski</i>

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

STEWARDSHIP



"Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'" - Luke 10:37

This was Jesus' command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. But did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor, who

may be someone you don't know, someone that looks different than you or someone you don't like, without expecting anything in return.

GRIEF TO GRACE RETREAT

The Archdiocese is offering a special retreat entitled "Grief to Grace Retreat" during the week of September 11 – 16, 2016. *Grief to Grace* is a psychological and spiritual journey providing safety and support for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional or sexual abuse or neglect. It is appropriate for those who have endured rape, incest, or other forms of traumatic violation in childhood, adolescence or as an adult. It is also suitable for those who have suffered abuse by a member of the clergy. This model of care provides therapy for the soul.

The *Grief to Grace Program* was composed by Dr. Theresa Burke. She is also the founder of *Rachel's Vineyard Weekends for Healing After Abortion*, now offered around the world. Dr. Burke is recognized as a leader in the field of trauma and healing. Her programs are known and highly regarded for their compassionate reverence for each person's dignity and worth. *Grief to Grace* provides a professional therapeutic staff and all treatment is based on a firm Christian foundation as well as sound medical and psychological principles and a perceptive understanding of trauma.

If you have any questions about the *Grief to Grace Retreat*, direct them to Cheryl Riley, Associate Director of the Archdiocesan Respect Life office, 973-497-4350 (office), 201-650-2961, by email: rileyche@rcan.org.

Please share this information with anyone you may believe can benefit from this program.

ARCHDIOCESAN OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES: POSITION OPENING

The position opening is for that of a Controller in the Department of Finance.

A general description includes: The Controller has responsibility for the external financial reporting as well as budgeting. Principal responsibilities will include overseeing financial reports and working with external auditors and the internal accounting staff. Responsibilities will include preparing financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Focus will also include maximizing use of financial systems, improving reporting processes and ensuring a sound control environment as a basis for the financial statements. The financial statements will include the insurance fund, medical plan, Catholic Cemeteries, Pension Plans as well as assisting with the Chancery financials. Budgets and monthly variance analysis will also be required for these entities. Responsibilities will include working closely with the Finance and Accounting department and acting as a liaison with the Archdiocesan auditors (internal and external) as well as Department Directors.

For additional details contact the Archdiocese of Newark, Office of Human Resources, fax 1-973-497-4103, email: floresra@rcan.org.



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, or feel free to speak Fr. Tom after Mass.

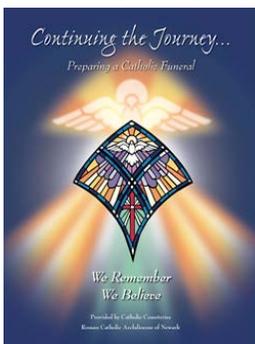
Please share this information with anyone who wishes to become Catholic or anyone who needs to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are presently enrolling people so they can receive their Sacraments during the Easter Season of 2017.

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY SUMMER BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Rutgers University will run its 16th annual summer basketball program for children ages 6-17. Spots are available July 25-29 and August 1-5. Program hours are 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Cost is \$160 (discount rate available for multiple weeks). For more information, please call Joe Loughran, Summer Basketball Program Director, at 973-353-1483.

END OF LIFE ISSUES

Several years ago, before my father passed away, we knew that we needed to make funeral plans. We had set up two pre-paid funeral plans, one for dad and



one for mom. My mom and I also went over to the local Catholic cemetery to select a resting place for them. My mother thought that they should rest side by side in the crypt. After returning from the cemetery, I offered to tell dad what arrangements we had made. His reaction was, "I do not want to know. Do not tell me anything about it."

Like my dad, thinking about dying, talking about it and making funeral arrangements can be very difficult. Unfortunately, it is something we all need to face in life. However, it is essential that we do some funeral planning. Plan it with family members or a close personal friend. It will make life easier for those who will survive you. This can also provide you with sensitive and touching moments with those you love.

Regarding the church services, 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.

REGISTER WITH YOUR RELEVANT RADIO

Relevant Radio, one of the preeminent Catholic radio networks in the country, has established a presence here in the Greater New York area -- and especially right here in the Archdiocese of Newark. We are now blessed that Catholic talk radio is available to assist us here in New Jersey in our efforts to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. WNSW -- 1430 AM is Relevant Radio's most recent station, and is located in the Archdiocese of Newark Chancery offices on Clifton Avenue. We encourage you to spread the news of WNSW 1430 AM far and wide, and to tune in to the station and share with all in your parish and school communities this informative and entertaining tool of the New Evangelization for the good of the Church, her people, and all who seek the Truth.



U.S. CATHOLIC CHURCH GOES MOBILE WITH NEW APP

The nation's 75 million Catholics-and anyone looking for inspiration, religious news, scripture readings or updates on Pope Francis-can now get the very best of the Catholic Church every day on all screens and devices.

The leadership of the Catholic Church in the U.S. has introduced its first mobile app. Although most parishes have a website, very few have a mobile app. This mobile-friendly solution helps locate a parish when traveling, make mobile donations and obtain daily inspiration, among other choices.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES AND PARIS, FRANCE

Our Lady of Fatima Church has scheduled a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Lourdes as well as Paris. Trip date is September 12-22, 2016. Daily mass, breakfast and dinner. Air is from New York JFK Airport. For more information, please call Cathie or Mike Milano at 1-800-773-2660.