



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 2½ years of age and 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 12, 2015

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

What is a summer without summer blockbuster movies? The most popular tend to be of the action/adventure genre. The action-packed films usually feature capable heroes, complete with requisite gear, who accomplish impossible missions with grit and quite often, brute force. Though entertaining and usually successful, the traditional action movie is only popular until the next new movie premieres.

The subjects of this week's gospel are also heroes: the Twelve Apostles. After Our Lord is rejected by his own hometown, "He called the twelve, and began to send them out in pairs. Like their movie counterparts, they are sent out on a difficult mission; unlike their movie counterparts, they appear unprepared and improperly equipped. The apostles are to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no food, no bag, no money, and to wear only sandals and only one tunic. They are to rely on the people they minister to supply food and shelter. Jesus knows what He is doing and gives them exactly what they need for a successful mission. They are charged to visit other villages and share the gospel with others. Jesus gives them authority over unclean spirits. Armed only with their faith in the Lord, they set out to fulfill Christ's command. "...They preached that men should repent,...cast out many demons, and healed the sick..." Mark 6:12-13 Jesus counsels the apostles how to handle unreceptive listeners: Leave them with a fair warning. The twelve showed great faith and courage in their endeavors. These heroes set out to parts unknown to heal and preach to hostile strangers with nothing more than their faith to sustain them. This is true bravery.

It seems fitting to end with a quote from Christopher Reeve, the actor who played a superhero on screen and showed indomitable courage in life: "A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles."

With love,



BAPTISM AT OLC

Congratulations to our parents who celebrated the baptism of their children at OLC. Mr. & Mrs. Doyle celebrated the baptism of Dylan on Sunday, May 21, 2015. The Bovedas, Hanaks and Matejczyks celebrated the baptism of their children on Sunday, June 28, 2015.



Dylan Thomas Doyle
the son of
Kristen and Daniel



Anabella Juliette Boveda
the daughter of
Federico and Barbara
with sister Emma



Jackson Nicholas Hanak
the son of
Nicholas and Courtney
with siblings
Everet and Emma



Julia May Matejczyk
the daughter of
Allison and Michael

BAPTISM



Children," or call the rectory. Upcoming dates are:

September 13, 2015; November 1, 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:

August 2, 2015; October 4, 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.

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.

2015 EVENTS AT OLC

Drawing Rooms: New exhibit "Color Rules" began on July 10. The galleries are open Thursday – Friday, 4-7 pm, & Saturday – Sunday, 2-6 pm. (201) 823-9393 or email: victoryhall1@msn.com.

OLC Seniors: The group will break for the summer; meetings will resume in the fall.

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.

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. Please call the rectory if you wish to volunteer.

Lecture Series: Coming in the Fall. Follow the bulletin for details. This is a ten-part series 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.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings. Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, July 12, 2015

Am. 7:12-15; Eph. 1:3-14; Mk. 6:7-13

Sunday, July 19, 2015

Jer. 23:1-6; Eph. 2:13-18; Mk. 6:30-34

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.

For the weekend of June 28, 371 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$2,876. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,261, contributing to a weekend collection of \$5,137. This is \$863 below our weekly goal of \$6,000.

For the weekend of July 5, 341 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,173. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,261, contributing to a weekend collection of \$5,434. This is \$566 below our weekly goal of \$6,000.

If you have been away from church traveling for any reason, we ask that you "make up" your contributions. It is very important that everyone supports their parish in a responsible way. We also encourage you to enroll in ParishPay. To sign-up, go to www.parishpay.com and follow the prompts. Thank you.

SUMMER RETREATS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

Single-Parent Family Retreat (July 20-25, 2015) and Family Retreats (Seven One-Week Sessions available beginning June 29). Join other families (grandparents welcome) for a week of liturgies, presentations, peer group discussions, family sharing, fun activities and swimming. All join in community tasks such as meal clean-up.

Cost is \$210 per person (8 years to adults) and \$135 per person (2-7 years). Maximum family fee is \$1,250 per family/\$950 per single-parent family. Accommodations, meals and all activities are included. For more information on any of these programs, please call 609-884-3829 or visit their website at: www.cape-maymarianists.org.



JERSEY CITY MOMS MEETUP

Have kids? New in town? Want to meet other families? Check out Jersey City Moms Meetup at: www.meetup.com/jerseycitymoms. The group's overall goal is to foster friendships for moms and their families.

They host a variety of family-friendly events that include husbands, partners and extended family members. They help many families connect to the greater JC community by providing opportunities to get together with other moms and families in the neighborhood by setting up play dates, exchanging information, sharing experiences and providing support, as well as connecting to other moms on their message boards.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	July 11, 2015 Martha and John Wondolowski From <i>Ted, Brother and Terri, Sister-in-Law</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	July 12, 2015 Apolinario Rubio and Cristina Peña Nuñez From <i>Stephanie</i>
12:30 pm	Charlie Piotrowski From <i>Laura Czysz and Ken Heiser</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	July 13, 2015 Mario Campomanes From <i>Vangie Campomanes</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	July 14, 2015 Intentions of Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Burke & Children From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	July 15, 2015 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	July 16, 2015 Ruben Espedilla From <i>Perez and Anciano Families</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	July 17, 2015 Rev. Constantine Ferdyn (104 th Ann.), 1 st Pastor From <i>People of the Parish</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	July 18, 2015 Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Judy Fedorchak</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	July 19, 2015 Walter & Victoria Czysz and Family From <i>Laura Czysz; Cathy, Fred & Allie Savage</i>
12:30 pm	Leticia Asuzano From <i>Patricia Pundsujarit</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP



"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts." - Mark 6:8

How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our journey through life more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Yet, the more we can let go of, the freer we are to serve God with love and joy.

FAITH WORKS



Please remember to make a donation of non-perishable food items the first weekend in August to support our "Faith Works Program." This is a very important work of charity that has benefited many in our community. Thank you for your contributions!

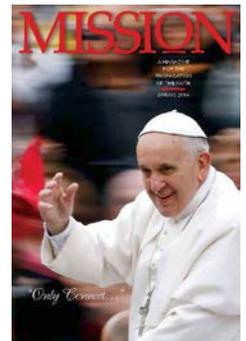
As a reminder, we accept all non-perishable foods. We accept soups, canned fish and canned meats, gravies (Italian and brown), pasta, rice, cereals, oatmeal, flower, sugar, condiments, cookies, crackers, etc.

We accept toiletries: soaps, shampoos, tooth paste, combs, hair products, etc.

Frequently, we remember those in need during the holiday seasons. However, hunger affects people throughout the year. Please be generous.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL

OLC will take up this special collection on August 2. Founded by the Venerable Pauline Jaricot in 1822 in France, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith seeks prayer and sacrifice for the world's Missions, now some 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America. Help is offered for pastoral and evangelizing programs, for catechists and catechetical work, to build churches and chapels, for the work of Religious communities in healthcare and education, and for communication and transportation needs.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



Confirmation.

Our RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is now beginning. This program is intended for adults who desire to become Catholic. It is also intended for adults who desire to receive the Sacrament of

If you wish to join in the program, please contact the rectory. Completing the program, an unbaptized candidate will be baptized during the Easter Vigil, 2016. All others will receive their appropriate sacraments during the Easter season 2016.

TALENTED MUSICIANS!



Can you play a musical instrument or are blessed with a wonderful singing voice? If so, we are in need of your musical ability here at our parish. Please contact Ben Rauch, the OLC Music Director, at: Directorofmusic@olcj.org.

COOPERATIVE (COOP) ADMISSION EXAM FOR INCOMING EIGHTH-GRADERS

The Cooperative Admissions Examination for 2015 for Eighth-grade students will be offered on Friday, November 6, 2015.



The COOP is for students applying for fall 2016 admission to Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese

of Newark and the Diocese of Paterson. The test will be conducted at established test sites in the Archdiocese of Newark (Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Union, and Rockland counties) and the Diocese of Paterson (Passaic, Morris, and Sussex counties). The COOP is designed to measure scholastic aptitude in verbal and non-verbal abilities, and achievement in reading, mathematics, and language. Beginning September 1, you may obtain an application and handbook from a Catholic elementary or high school. You may also write to the Cooperative Admissions Examination Office at the address below. To apply online, visit the COOP web page at www.coopexam.org or call 1-888-921-2667 (888-921-COOP) weekdays between 8:30 am and 8:30 pm. The examination fee of \$60.00 will include reporting scores to three high schools of your choice. Applications and fees will be processed from September 1, 2015 through October 13, 2015. By applying early, you will have a much better chance of being assigned to a test site of your choice. For more information, please email: support@coopexam.org. You may also contact the Archdiocese of Newark at: www.rcan.org or the Diocese of Paterson at: www.patersondiocese.org. The Cooperative Admissions Examination Office address is: MCS Scoring Center, 4603 Middle Country Road, Calverton, NY 11933.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES SEPTEMBER 22-25, 2015

Held every three years and sponsored by the Holy See's Pontifical Council for the Family, the World Meeting of Families is the world's largest Catholic gathering of families. Each World Meeting of Families has a theme that energizes and enlivens the event while adding great depth of meaning to our understanding of families. The theme of the World Meeting of Families – Philadelphia 2015 is "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive," emphasizing the impact of the love and life of families on our society. Although the Holy Father will not be at the event, he will be in Philadelphia that week. For more information on the World Meeting, please visit: www.worldmeeting2015.org.



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@olcjc.org

Lectors – Pat Duemig, 201-955-1495

Serve Donuts After 10:00 am Mass – call OLC rectory, 201-434-0798.

FAITH-BASED MARRIAGE WEBSITE

The "For Your Marriage" website offers practical information and resources for married and engaged couples and people in serious dating relationships. In addition to articles on all stages of married life, the website features a Daily Marriage Tip, blogs, quizzes, book reviews, and Marriage in the News. Whether you're interested in marriage preparation or enrichment, or what the Catholic Church teaches about marriage, you'll almost certainly find what you need. The website has extensive resources for engaged couples, including the texts of suggested wedding readings and commentaries. It also offers information about music, ceremony options, interchurch marriages, and "Ten Tips" for planning a memorable wedding. The website was launched in 2007 as part of the Bishops' National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage. Strengthening marriage and family life is one of the USCCB's five priorities. For more information, please go to: www.foryourmarriage.org.



SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS APPEAL

Please take the time to make a pledge or donation to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Your contribution is used to conduct charitable, spiritual and ministerial programs that benefit many throughout the Archdiocese. Your contributions are not used to pay bills or any other expenses associated with the operation of the Archdiocese. To date, we have reached 42% of our goal of \$38,076.00. With your help, we can realize our total parish goal and receive a rebate. Remember, it is only through your commitment that we can provide the services and necessities for the needy in our community. Please be as generous as possible. For those who have already made a contribution, thank you for your support. If you made a pledge and have not received monthly reminders, please call 973-497-4043.