

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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 17, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

For what has become too common an occurrence, the recent deaths of black civilians and officers of the law continue tearing at the heart of our country. No matter your background or your beliefs, we are all part of God's glorious creation. As children of God, we must remember what Jesus spoke during his Sermon on the Mount, (Matthew 5:9) "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." We were not created to hate, nor to carry the terrible pains that come with anger, vitriol and revenge that seem to permeate the national conversation. How then can we truly live the calling of being peacemakers? Jesus gives us this answer too by telling us to love God with all our heart, soul and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. In living this commandment, we must understand that love is not just a state of mind, a noun, but an action, a verb.

To properly "love our neighbor as ourselves," we must seek to understand our neighbors, and know the journeys they walk. The commandment to love is really a command to step outside of ourselves, and extend to others what God gave freely to us. Communities around the country mourn the lives lost as violence and fear fuel systemic problems. If we can reach out to others, building the loving community described by Christ, we can love and care for our brothers and sisters who face hate and persecution, and we can respect and honor those tasked with protecting our communities. There will always be individuals bent on destruction and discord but God's uniting love is more powerful than those who seek to divide us. We must remember that, as children of God, love, not hate, must be at the very core of our being. We must reach out to others, understand their pains and show them the love and care that Christ shows us.

It is hard to say what will happen but the future we face must be met with a willingness to make peace win the day. We pray that all people let go of what may hold them back from loving and supporting all, as God's love was so freely given. Take time each day to ask, "What can I do today to bring peace?" Reflect, pray and act to be peacemakers, children of God.

With love,



A PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE



Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding to what we believe to be right.

May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hate. We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead men to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others.

Help us to devote our whole life and thought and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we and all men were created. Amen.

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.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY



We offer our congratulations and prayers for Anthony Mangano and Yi Zhang, parishioners of OLC who celebrated their nuptials at St. Rose of Lima parish, Short Hills.

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@olcj.org.

2016 EVENTS AT OLC

Drawing Rooms: New exhibit "The Art of Refuse" from July 17-August 14. Galleries are located at 180 Grand Street, Jersey City. Call 201-823-9393 or email victoryhall1@msn.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@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, July 17, 2016

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

Sunday, July 24, 2016

Gn. 18:20-32; Col. 2:12-14; Lk. 11:1-13

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.

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 9/10, 328 people attended Mass. The collection taken in church amounted to \$3,893. The average ParishPay donations for the past 30 days averaged \$1,804 per week. Therefore, last week's Sunday collection amounts to \$5,697. This is \$303 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.olcj.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.

Food Donations



Thank you so much for your continued support of our food drive initiatives. Hunger is a year round problem, and your contributions of non-perishable food are essential to helping others. **However, we must ask that only food be left on the back table as we cannot accept clothing at this time. It would be better given to other charities. Our coat drive will return later this year.**

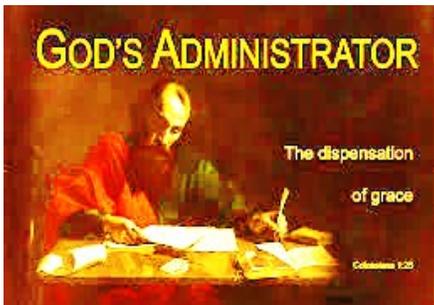
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| 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> |
| Monday 9:30 am | July 18, 2016 Edward P. Feeny From <i>John Thurlow</i> |
| Tuesday 12:30 pm | July 19, 2016 Intentions of Diane Maraut & Family From <i>Michael Burke</i> |
| Wednesday 12:30 pm | July 20, 2016 Communion Service |
| Thursday 12:30 pm | July 21, 2016 Wynne Family From <i>Nicola Wynne-Jankola</i> |
| Friday 12:30 pm | July 22, 2016 Ricky Ramos From <i>Ana Galarza</i> |
| Saturday 5:00 pm | July 23, 2016 Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Larry and Arlene Macierowski</i> |
| Sunday 10:00 am | July 24, 2016 Donald Puckey (2 nd Ann.) From <i>Friend</i> |
| 12:30 pm | Mario DiBrita From <i>Joan, Rachel and Mauro</i> |
| 7:00 pm | People of the Parish |

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

STEWARDSHIP

"...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God." – Colossians 1:25



ers. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our Faith with those closest to us, like our family and friends.

Believe it or not, we are all called to evangelize – to continuously grow in our knowledge and relationship with Jesus and to share it with others.

PROGRAMS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



Family Retreats (One-Week Sessions available through August 27). Join other families (grandparents welcome) for a week of liturgies, presentations, peer group discussions, family sharing, fun activities and swimming in Cape May, NJ. 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. Financial aid available. For more information on any of these programs, please call 609-884-3829 or visit their website at: www.capemaymarianists.org.

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.

REUSE, REDUCE, REPURPOSE: THE ART OF REFUSE EXHIBIT

The Drawing Rooms presents a new exhibit beginning July 17 to August 14. "The Art of Refuse" exhibit will feature artists Thammakit Thamboon's, sculpture outdoors on the front lawn, and April Ford, Barbara Lubliner, Jodie Fink, Kate Dodd, Laura Petrovich Cheney, Linda Byrne, Maggie Ens, Robert Lach and Tyrome Tripoli in 9 gallery rooms, curated by Anne Trauben. The reception is July 17 from 3-6 pm. Artist workshops and talks are July 30/31 from 2:30-5:30 pm.

Galleries are located at 180 Grand Street, Jersey City. Call 201-823-9393 or email victoryhall1@msn.com for more information.

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

REGISTER WITH YOUR PARISH/ REQUEST FOR PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE

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.

Proof of parish registration is necessary should you require a "sponsor certificate" to be a godparent.

SUPPORT GROUPS FOR GRIEVING PARENTS



"It is in the thorough allowing of the grieving process that true healing occurs."

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

PARISH PICNIC



As many of you may know, I was in and out of the hospital three times starting at the end of February. My last hospital admittance was on Easter. From

the hospital, I was discharged to a rehabilitation center. To my great benefit, and with accolades given to Fr. Gerry. Fr. Gerry filled in for me celebrating Masses, weddings, baptisms and funerals. He did a great job.

The result of my hospitalizations was that I developed DVT's, Deep Vein Thrombosis (blood clots in my legs). Ultimately, I required two separate special surgical procedures, one for each leg, to open my veins. These were two additional hospitalizations, four day and another three days.

During my absence, the parish had a successful Fish and Chips Dinner, however, the annual parish picnic was cancelled. I know many parishioners enjoy the picnic and it would be a loss not to have it. Such as the case, I would like to plan the picnic for October, but we have some major obstacles to overcome to make the picnic successful.

The biggest obstacle is staffing. We will need new volunteers. Many of our previous picnic volunteers have moved out of the parish to other parts of the country. These were people who set up, helped with the cooking, serving and other tasks. I know we have outstanding parishioners so I need to put a call out for new parishioners to come forward to volunteer.

Presently, we are in the summer and many parishioners are traveling, however I will continue to run this article and put out a signup sheet to gather volunteers to get the picnic off the ground.