



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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 19, 2015

FROM THE PASTOR

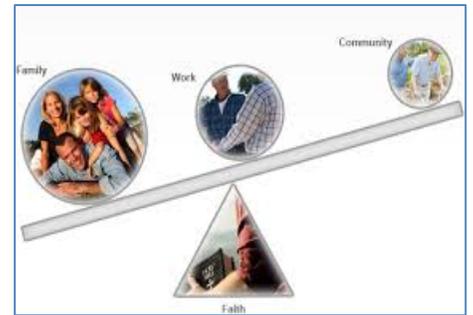
Dear Parishioners,

Making time for others is important. Sharing confidences, experiences and the company of others is one of life's simple joys. It is easy to arrange when we actually have the time. How do you behave when you are busy, tired or feeling stressed? Are you as welcoming of these opportunities then as you are when you have more free time? What about making time for yourself? This is equally important. There are people who enjoy helping others for the sake of helping others; and then there are those who can't be bothered to help at all. Some are too self-centered to care about, let alone, meet others' needs. Some people need to be needed and want to help as much as possible. However, they run the risk of burnout or a breakdown. Finding the right balance is key.

Jesus demonstrates the balance in his own life. Even Jesus needed a break every so often from His ministry. He needed to renew contact with His Father. Pray and "recharge" His spiritual batteries. In this week's gospel reading, the disciples return to Him and are exhausted and hungry from their journey ministering to others. After sharing with Jesus "all they had done and taught", he suggests they go to an isolated spot in their boat to rest. Their break is short-lived however. Many people saw them leave and figuring where they were going, ran there ahead of the group to meet them. What should Jesus do?

There is a time to work, and a time to rest. It is important to know your limits and know when to say "no." In the example shown in this particular gospel, a compassionate Jesus chose to tend to the crowd. He temporarily put aside his need for rest and reflection because He knew that the people needed him. Let us strive to be discerning and try to do the right thing at the right time.

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: www.olcjc.org and reference "Formation and Sacraments." Follow the link to "Baptism of 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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

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 Confirmation.



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.

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.

MARRIAGE AT OLC



*Congratulations to
Margaret Coppolo
and
Brian Callahan
who celebrated their
Marriage Ceremony on
Saturday,
July 11, 2015
at OLC*

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.

2015 EVENTS AT OLC

Drawing Rooms: New exhibit "Color Rules" now through August 16. See page 5 for details. The galleries are open Thursday – Friday, 4-7 pm and Saturday – Sunday, 2-6 pm. Call (201) 823-9393 or email: victoryhall1@msn.com.

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

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 19, 2015

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

Sunday, July 26, 2015

2 Kgs. 4:42-44; Eph. 4:1-6; Jn. 6:1-15

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.

For the weekend of July 12, 294 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$2,984. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,261, contributing to a weekend collection of \$5,245. This is \$755 below our weekly goal of \$6,000.

If you have been away from church traveling for any reason, we encourage you to "make up" your contributions. A very important way in which you can support your parish is to enroll in ParishPay. To sign up, go to www.parihpay.com and follow the prompts. Thank you.

SUMMER RETREATS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

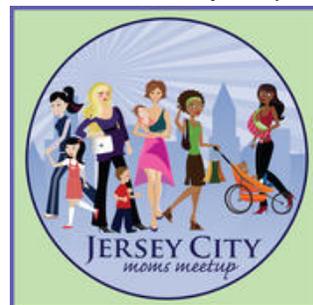
Family Retreats (Seven One-Week Sessions up to the week of August 24). Join other families (grandparents welcome) for a week of liturgies, presentations, peer group discussions, family sharing, fun activities and swimming. All join in community tasks such as meal clean-up.

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.capemaymarianists.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 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
Monday 12:30 pm	July 20, 2015 Deceased Members of Siwik Family From <i>Donna and Mark Simon</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	July 21, 2015 Intention of Marita Veronica Burke From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	July 22, 2015 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	July 23, 2015 Clara Bacolo From <i>OLC Seniors</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	July 24, 2015 Donald Puckey (1 st Ann.) From <i>Friend</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	July 25, 2015 Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Terri and Ted Gradowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	July 26, 2015 Charles J. Piotrowski From <i>Maggie and Lenny Englese</i>
12:30 pm	Janey Cheu From <i>The OLC Parish Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP



"...come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest awhile." - Mark 6:31

Do you spend time listening for God? Most of the time, He speaks in soft whispers.

Open your heart and hear the Lord. Take time in silence every day and ask God what it is He wants you to do. Consider making a retreat this year.

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.



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.



WIDOWS BUTTERFLY RETREAT AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

You are invited to renew and relax at our mid-week retreat with our community of widows. Event is scheduled September 22-24, 2015 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

Cost is \$120 per person. Accommodations, meals and all activities are included. Financial aid available. For more information on this program, please call Madge Hempsey at 856-848-5346 or visit their website at: www.capemaymarianists.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@olcj.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.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

We are now enrolling children for the reception of their sacraments (First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) for 2016. Registration will take place in the rectory between 10:00 am and 4:45 pm. When you register, we will require a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. The offering for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is \$120. The offering for Confirmation is \$60.



If your child is receiving Confirmation in 8th grade, 7th graders must register for our two-year program.

Should you have any questions, please call the rectory at 201-434-0798.

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, as well as toiletries.

CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE

The Immaculate Heart of Mary New York Home-school Conference will be held at Mercy College (at the Rotunda of Mercy Hall) in Dobbs Ferry, NY on Friday, July 31 (12:00 pm – 6:00 pm) and on Saturday, August 1 (9:30 am – 3:30 pm). Confirmed speakers include

Dr. Ray Guarendi, Mrs. Colleen Billing, Mrs. Michele Quigley, Mr. Tony Schiavo, Mrs. Virginia Seuffert and Mr. Gary Zimak. Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please visit: www.ihmconference.org, email: info@ihmconference.org or call 540-636-1946.

NEW EXHIBIT AT THE DRAWING ROOMS

"Color Rules" is an exhibition engaging the expression, experience and impact of color. Curated by Anne Trauben, the nine gallery rooms feature painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, collage and installation by Alan Walker, Andy Wilhelm, Dana Kane, Ellen Hackl Fagan, Ellie Murphy, Glenn Garver, Marianne DeAngelis, Meg Atkinson and Roger Sayre. Paintings on paper by Doug Holst in The Tenth Room Gallery Shop. Color is described as the property possessed by an object that produces different sensations on the eye as a result of the way the object reflects or emits light. From meaning and symbolism of early Christian art, Impressionism, the Fauves and Color Field, etc., artists have been forever fascinated by color - and not just painters of course. See "Color Rules" now through August 16. Gallery is located at 180 Grand Street. Exhibit is open Thursday – Friday, 4-7 pm and Saturday – Sunday, 2-6 pm. For more information, call 201-823-9393 or email: vic-toryhall1@msn.com.

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. Apply early to be 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.pater-sondiocese.org. The Cooperative Admissions Examination Office address is: MCS Scoring Center, 4603 Middle Country Road, Calverton, NY 11933.