



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

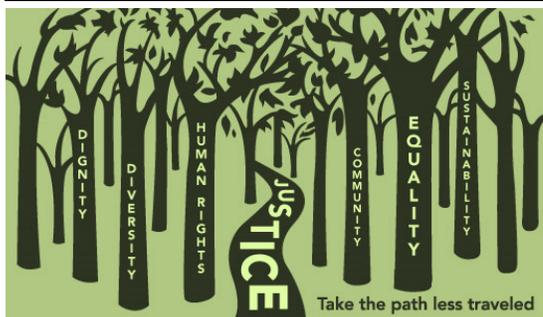
We welcome you to register and to be part of our parish family. Please contact the parish office to arrange an informal appointment with the pastor.

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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 24, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Parishioners,

The preceding weeks have brought sorrow to the hearts of families across our country and around the world. Citizens and public servants are taken from us far before their time. We appear to be caught in the cycle not unlike a time 50 years ago. In the 1960s psychologists reported that children began to associate prominent public figures with untimely deaths and today's children could start to associate similar feelings with the average population. There must be a way to break this cycle, but it will take time for all of us to pray, reflect, and look within ourselves so we can act according to God's love – as public servants.

What does it mean to be a public servant? As Christ's ministry reminds us, He calls challenges us to go out and be servants to one another. Christ brought together the disciples and with care and love washed their feet. This gesture of humility illustrates the ultimate compassion in serving without grandeur, dominion or power. To act so selflessly, shows God's greatest power that, we as Christians and all people, must always remember. There are many hurts in this world, some caused by people, others caused by situations and these, all in turn, can inspire more pain as we have seen this year. If we humble ourselves as Christ did, ask of our brothers and sisters what we can do to help, we may start building God's kingdom and soothing the hurt and pain of recent memory. We cannot act this way privately, being God's public servants reminds us of the greater mission of witnessing to God's love. Acting in service to others in the name of Christ reflects God's glory on earth. Let us be true beacons of this love and by our actions, bring healing to all in need. In time, the pain and sadness too common now, may be replaced by neighbors helping neighbors, strangers helping strangers and people finding peace as we all live God's love.

This letter was started before the recent attacks in Nice, France and Baton Rouge, but the flame of service must not be extinguished by winds of hate. Even in the face of struggle and adversity, God will strengthen us and help us prevail. Keep the victims of violence and their families in your hearts and pray for God's love to overcome hatred and anger.

With love,

MARRIAGE AT OLC



We congratulate
*Maria Erica Elizalde and
Allan Garde*
who celebrated their
marriage ceremony at OLC
Saturday, July 16, 2016.
May they have many
wonderful and blessed years
as husband and wife.

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.

A PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE



Lord, make me an instrument
of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me
sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness,
light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I
may not so much seek to be

consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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: 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.

The OLC Adult Choir: The choir rehearsal takes place on Sundays at 11:15 am and then sings at the following 12:30 pm Mass. 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 24, 2016

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

Sunday, July 31, 2016

Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

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 16/17, 360 people attended Mass; the collection in church amounted to \$3,662. The average ParishPay donations for the past 30 days averaged \$1,804 per week. Last week's Sunday collection amounts to \$5,466. This is \$534 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.

FOOD DONATIONS



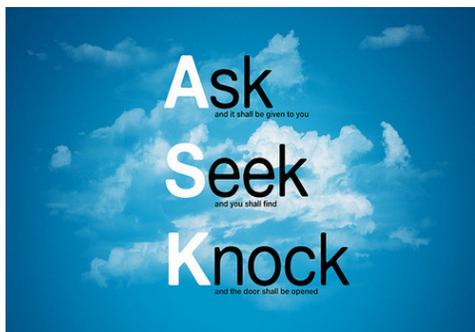
Thank you so much for your continued support of our food drive initiatives. Hunger is a year round problem, and your contributions of non-perishable food are essential to helping others. **However, we must ask that only food be left on the back table as we cannot accept clothing at this time. It would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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday 9:30 am	July 25, 2016 Salud Maglasang From <i>daughter Mila</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	July 26, 2016 Veronica Czarkowski From <i>Denise and Caludia Bobko</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	July 27, 2016 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	July 28, 2016 Harry Steidel From <i>OLC Seniors</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	July 29, 2016 Veronica Czarkowski From <i>Arlene Zakrzewski</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	July 30, 2016 William Bromirski From <i>Ostrowski Family</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	July 31, 2016 People of the Parish
12:30 pm	Tommy Savage From <i>Laura Czysz and Ken Heiser</i>
7:00 pm	Rosario Borja From <i>Brooke Selitto</i>

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

STEWARDSHIP



"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." LUKE 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask Him, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that in our culture we often confuse what we really **need** with what we simply **want**. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.

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 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. Reception July 17 from 3-6 pm. Artist workshops and talks available 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 come 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)

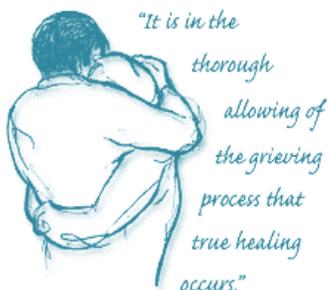
The Basilica of the National Shrine is truly beautiful. It is a wonderful place to visit. It is truly inspirational. If you have not seen it, please take this opportunity to go. OLC Church would like to sponsor a group to join the Pilgrimage this year. Please contact the rectory at 201-434-0798 for more 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



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 mentioned in last week's bulletin and announced at the Sunday masses (not Saturday evening), I want to determine whether we have enough help to have our parish picnic in October.

Over the course of this past year, a significant number of parishioners have moved out of Jersey City and from our parish. This is reflected in our lower Mass attendance, in less money donated in our collections and in less children attending the "Liturgy of the Word" during the 10 a.m. Mass.

In order to make the picnic successful, we need to recruit new volunteers. I will be putting out feelers to determine whether we have enough help to make the picnic a success. Below is a list indicating what type of help we require:

- Food preparation the day before (Saturday morning)
- Setting up
- People to transport supplies to the picnic grounds
- Cooks and Servers
- Children's activities
- Clean-up
- Entertainment

The parish supplies hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, kielbasa, etc. While we supply these foods, we welcome parishioners to donate their own ethnic foods: Pilipino, Indian, Polish, Korean, etc. We also welcome desserts.

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.