

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.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 31, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today's gospel speaks to our habits of focusing on our life's material wealth and resources. From one perspective, it seems that we must prepare for retirement at some future time. We hope that after years of working and saving, we can afford to retire comfortably but hoarding away money or resources never guarantees that we will benefit from the toil of our labors. People after us may benefit.

The Gospel warns us to beware of greed in all its forms. When we expend an inordinate amount of energy on wealth accumulation we draw our energies away from the spiritual necessities of life. The man in the parable was so obsessed with his earthly wealth that he had not pursued the spiritual realities of life. His efforts resulted in futility when God called him.

We know that you cannot take your earthly treasures with you when you pass. Therefore, a person of faith recognizes God's blessings and recognizes the need to thank God in return. While God may bless you with wealth or success, you thank God by using your wealth and energies to help others. In this way we thank God for what he has given us. A person who is truly successful in the eyes of God is the one who is generous their wealth and possessions.

We know that you "cannot take it with you," however, you do take with you the blessing you bestowed upon others when you used your resources to help other. Unfortunately, it appears that many could be more generous than they are. From the scriptures we discover that the impoverished who share the last of what they have are blessed the most. After giving away all they have, they are never left wanting because gratitude to God and love permeates their life.

Earthly wealth will fade away, but there are things that endure that we must hold onto. As it says in 1 Corinthians, "Faith, hope, and love, let these endure among you, and the greatest of these is love." Strive to achieve these treasures and bestow them freely and generously upon others, so others may know God's love shining in through life.

With love,



BAPTISM AT OLC

We congratulate the parents who celebrated the baptism of their children last Sunday, July 24, 2016.



Saharsh Justin Bindal
the son of
Aditya & Tharanga
with sister Arushi



Wesley Hyunsoo Gonzalez
the son of
David & Nancy



Anna Holmes
the daughter of
Neha & Michael



Emily Olivia Kim
and
Grace Myers Kim
the daughters of
Meghan & Johan

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

whoever
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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.

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@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 31, 2016

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

Sunday, August 7, 2016

Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

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 23/24, 375 people attended Mass; the collection in church amounted to \$3,937. The average ParishPay donations for the past 30 days averaged \$1,804 per week. Last week's Sunday collection amounts to \$5,741. This is \$259 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.

CATHOLIC ADVOCATE

Read the Catholic Advocate online. The Catholic Advocate is the Archdiocesan newspaper. The July 20 is found at http://www.editions.us.com/catholicadvocate_072016. Feel free to share this link with others.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	July 30, 2016 William Bromirski From <i>Ostrowski Family</i>
Sunday 10:00 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm	July 31, 2016 People of the Parish Tommy Savage From <i>Laura Czysz and Ken Heiser</i> Rosario Borja From <i>Brooke Selitto</i>
Monday 9:30 am	August 1, 2016 All Souls in Purgatory From <i>Marie Hettiarachchi</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	August 2, 2016 George J. Burke From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	August 3, 2016 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	August 4, 2016 Michael Kyc (26 th Ann) From <i>Family</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	August 5, 2016 Jeannette Kerbaj From <i>Kerbaj Family</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	August 6, 2016 Helen and Bruno Ruskowski Jr. From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm	August 7, 2016 Deceased Siwik Family Katherine & Alexander P, Helen & Charlie From <i>Donna Simon</i> People of the Parish Charlotte Wisniewski From <i>Claire Warlikowski</i>

Attend daily Mass.

It will make a difference in your life!

STEWARDSHIP



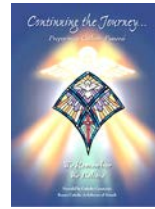
"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Luke 12:15

The Gospel message today is so contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not store up or hoard material possessions but rather to live a grateful and generous life-style.

END OF LIFE ISSUES

It appears that so many people do not make funeral plans ahead of time. Understandably, thinking about death and making funeral plans can be very upsetting.

However, making such plans is essential if you want your funeral wishes fulfilled.



There are many things that individuals can do. You can plan your own funeral Mass by choosing hymns and readings. You can request a favorite priest to celebrate that mass. You can plan where you wish to be interred. You can set up a pre-paid funeral plan to cover the expenses. Frequently, the pre-paid funeral plans earn a higher rate of interest to pay for any increases in funeral costs. You can also appoint a Funeral Agent to insure that all of your wishes are respected. This is done by a lawyer. Obviously, do not forget to make a will and decide how you want your personal belongings distributed. You do not want anyone fighting over a favorite heirloom, or give it away earlier.

Make your plans with someone you trust and feel comfortable. Plan it with family members or a close personal friend. This can also provide you with sensitive and touching moments with those you love. Once completed, you will find peace of mind. It will also make life easier for those who will survive you.

Regarding the church services and other aspects of funeral planning, 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.

U.S. CATHOLIC CHURCH GOES MOBILE WITH NEW APP



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 Art of Refuse exhibit features artists Thammakitt 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. Artist workshops and talks available July 30/31 from 2:30-5:30 pm. The exhibit is open through August 14. 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](#)).

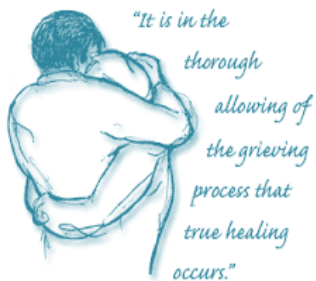
OLC Church would like to sponsor a group to join the Pilgrimage this year. Dorothy Bromirski is OLC's liaison. Please contact the rectory at 201-434-0798 for more information and to receive the registration form.

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 previous bulletins and announced at last week's masses, I want to determine whether we have enough help to have our parish picnic in October. We are aware that many

parishioners travel in the summer but will continue to run this article and distribute volunteer sign-up forms. You may also call the rectory at 201-434-0798 or email secretary@olcjc.org to volunteer or if you have questions.

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 set-up and supervision
- Clean-up
- Entertainment

The parish supplies hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, kielbasa, etc. We welcome donations of all types of food (Filipino, Indian, Polish, Korean, etc.) as well as desserts.

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.