



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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 5, 2015

FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Parishioners,

As communities across the country gather in vigils following a tragic act of hate, we confront again the insidious power that feeding hatred can create. Distance cannot diminish our connection with those lost; one of the victims even pursued her Master's degree at a New Jersey University. The sadness we feel comes from the loss in human terms and seeing our brothers and sisters in God taken away. As we celebrate America's Independence, the country that holds us and shelters us, what can we do to reconcile our feelings and what it means to have freedom in this country?

Perhaps the fallen put it to words better than we can express. In the Rev. Clementa C. Pinckney's 2013 address he spoke of freedom and faith saying: "Could we not argue that America is about freedom? Rather we live it out or not, but it really is about freedom, equality and the pursuit of happiness, and that is what church is all about. Freedom to worship, and freedom from sin, freedom to be full as God intends us to be, and to have equality in the sight of God."

This weekend, let us find our freedom by feeding on the faith of our God and the love that we have been granted. When fireworks shoot into the sky, let us be beacons of love to one another, brighter than any Macy's showcase. The only way we can stop hate fed by society is to change what we consume, and to make sure we share God's love with everyone with no distinction or conditions. Let us swell the chorus in an anthem of praise for all our blessings and to silence the voices who would sow discord. If we succeed, we can honor the root of Clementa's name, clemency, and bring God's mercy as we seek to heal, resolved that God's love will give us independence over hate, bringing us to that promised land of freedom. Thus, we are empowered to effect change in our country.

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.olcj.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.

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.



FAITH WORKS



Please remember to make a donation of non-perishable food items this weekend 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!

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

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.

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

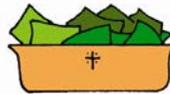
Sunday, July 5, 2015

Ez. 2:2-5; 2 Cor. 12:7-10; Mk. 6:1-6

Sunday, July 12, 2015

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

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.

The collection information for the weekend of June 28 is unavailable because the bulletin needed to be sent to the publisher earlier because of the 4th of July holiday.

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.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.



The Cost is \$210 per person (8 years to adults) and \$135 per person (2-7 years). The 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.

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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 4, 2015 Thomas H. Eckert From <i>Kathy Eckert</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	July 5, 2015 Alicia Bautista From <i>Efrain and Cristina Ventura</i>
12:30 pm	Robert Muccigrosso From <i>Nancy and Peggy Bennett</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	July 6, 2015 Peter Walsh From <i>Joe and Kathy Tintle</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	July 7, 2015 Intentions of Joe and Sarah Lepis From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	July 8, 2015 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	July 9, 2015 Maria Wachong From <i>Pat Terranova</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	July 10, 2015 Intention of Raymonde Elysee From <i>Sister</i>
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

The Tabernacle Candle and Bread & Wine will be offered in Memory of Thomas H. Eckert From Kathy Eckert

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

STEWARDSHIP

IF GOD CALLED US
TO A TASK
HE WILL THEN QUALIFY US
FOR THE JOB

"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'" *Ezekiel 2:2-3*

God asks each of us to do some special work for Him. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. However, do we listen to God when He calls? Do we get up on our feet and give our talent to do the work He asks of us? Remember, God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called.

COOPERATIVE (COOP) ADMISSION EXAM FOR INCOMING EIGHTH-GRADERS



COOP
EXAM



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

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@olcjc.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 & 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**.

Dear Parents,

June 30, 2015 concludes six years of ministry and service at OLC. As I approach this milestone, I reflect upon many things, particularly the OLC School. Even before I came to OLC, I needed to make a significant decision. The former principal of the OLC School had chosen to accept another position. Consequently, I needed to hire a new principal. My decision to find the right person was of paramount importance considering my responsibilities as a pastor with the added responsibilities of a parish school.

I began the interview process under the guidance of the Archdiocese, and was able to interview a number of candidates, but in one instance, I was unavailable to attend the interview of three candidates. However, I had this feeling, an inspiration, that after the recommendations of the Archdiocesan Schools Office, I needed to have my own interviews with these candidates. Call it divine inspiration, I did not choose the candidate recommended by the Archdiocese, but rather, I chose Mrs. Stefanelli. Reviewing her resume, credentials, work experience, achievements and a number of other factors, I chose her as the best possible candidate to direct the school. Hiring Mrs. Stefanelli has been the best decision I have ever made.

Under the direction of Mrs. Stefanelli, enrollment has increased by almost 50%. While enrollment has increased, test scores have consistently improved and we have consistently added programs to meet the needs of our students (summer camp, Mommy & Me, diverse After School programs, and more). So much of this was made possible as Mrs. Stefanelli initiated professional development programs for the faculty and staff. She also reorganized the facilities to accommodate the increased enrollment and added program.

Working with the students and teachers is only one aspect of her role at OLC. She has developed a Parent/School Association that has worked to make improvements in the school. Mrs. Stefanelli, working with the PSA, has made our new playground possible. She has worked closely with parents in the best interests of their children providing remedial work whenever necessary.

During these past years the school has faced some major challenges. Two of those were two major hurricanes. She solved logistical problems when, after Sandy, we moved our preschool to the parish hall under the church. After both Sandy and Irene we had enormous work getting the school up and running again. Sandy required us to rebuild the preschool. Mrs. Stefanelli very ably managed all of the logistics managing the school through these disruptions.

Over these years Mrs. Stefanelli has worn many different hats. She is an educator, a manager, a confidant to parents, a role model, a friend and inspiration, a professional with parental instincts and so much more. She has made some difficult decisions, but has always done so with the best interest of the students and school in mind. As pastor, I have always placed my trust in her and she has made my position as pastor so much easier. I eagerly look to the future working with Mrs. Stefanelli ever striving to improve the school.

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.

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO SERVE!

