



OLC

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.

1911 – 2017

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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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 9, 2017

FROM THE PASTOR



With a nod to George Gershwin, summertime is often thought to be a placid season where we can live easy while laying down the burdens of our daily lives and relaxing. Rising temperatures make doing anything seem more challenging as we seek ways to keep our cool. Yet for all that we may postpone or put down, there are many things that we still struggle to carry on our own.

What makes our earthly struggles weigh us down is that we spend so much of our time and resources turning them around in our minds or working to make things happen. Such earthly

goals are just as their name implies, they are just part of this life. God's call to eternal life elevates us above these concerns.

The imagery of a yoke may not be as common these days, but imagine pulling a weight on your shoulders and you'll see the comparison with our earthly struggles. Jesus tells us that His yoke is easy, and that the burden is light. Christ's sacrifice for us removed the pain and suffering of our failings, freeing us to be redeemed to God's grace. While following God's path, we are reminded that we will overcome our earthly struggles, we just have to walk with Jesus.

With Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Th. Tom".

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



We are enrolling children for the reception of their sacraments (First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) for 2018. 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**.



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 10, 2017; November 5, 2017

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, pre-registration is extremely helpful**). Upcoming dates are:

August 6, 2017; October 1, 2017

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 only takes a few minutes.

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.

2017 EVENTS AT OLC

OLC Seniors: Meetings will resume in September. For more information, please contact Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

The OLC Adult Choir: The choir rehearsal takes place on Sundays, 11:15 am and then sing at the 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 9, 2017

Zec. 9:9-10; Rom. 8:9-13; Mt. 11:25-30

Sunday, July 16, 2017

Is. 55:10-11; Rom. 8:18-23; Mt. 13:1-23

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.

OLC continues to face a financial crisis. While our collections were up during the Easter Season, they have been dropping below our \$6,000 weekly goal again. Therefore, we still expect financial difficulties as we go forward. We ask a few things of you:

1. Use Parishpay if you cannot attend Mass each weekend.
2. Increase your weekly donation. We really need people to be as generous as possible each week to support the parish.
3. If you do not use Parishpay, please "make up" your regular donation the next time you attend Mass. To sign up for ParishPay, go to www.parishpay.com and follow the prompts.

Collection and mass attendance information from the weekend of July 1st and 2nd is unavailable due to the early bulletin publication date.

If you have been away from church traveling for any reason, we encourage you to "make up" your contributions. Remember that although it is important to support your parish financially, your donation is ultimately a gift back to God for his blessings.

LOW-COST WELLNESS CLINIC FOR PETS



Liberty Humane Society

We want to help you keep your pet healthy! Liberty Humane Society offers low-cost preventative pet health services to the public every

Wednesday from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm. Pets are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. The Liberty Humane Society is located at 235 Jersey City Blvd. Jersey City, NJ 07305 (across from the Liberty Science Center).

CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE



The Immaculate Heart of Mary New York Homeschool Conference will be held at Ramapo College (at the Student Center) in Mahwah, NJ on Friday, July 28

(12:00 pm – 6:00 pm) and on Saturday, July 29 (9:30 am – 3:30 pm). This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling. Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please visit: www.ihmconference.org or email: info@ihmconference.org.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	July 8, 2017 Edward W. Bromirski and Wanda From <i>Melanie and Bill</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	July 9, 2017 Wayne Kelly From <i>Sarah Kelly and Peter Snook</i>
12:30 pm	Frank Donnelly and Finan Lynch From <i>Monica Donnelly</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	July 10, 2017 Intentions of Nick and Terry Colaneri & Family From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	July 11, 2017 Joan Ciba (7 th Ann.) From <i>Family</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	July 12, 2017 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	July 13, 2017 Walter F. Sudol, on his birthday From <i>son</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	July 14, 2017 Mario Campomanes From <i>Vangie Penaga Campomanes</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	July 15, 2017 Diane Wisniewski From <i>Julia Nowatkowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	July 16, 2017 Walter and Victoria Czysz & Family From <i>Laura Czysz; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
12:30 pm	Rev. Constantine Ferdyn, 1 st Pastor (106 th Ann.)
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP



"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light"
— Matthew 11:30

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of

us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion of what He has already given to us.

WORLD YOUTH DAY UNITE FESTIVAL



On Saturday, July 22, join other young adults (18 to 39 years of age) and young families for a day of inspiring talks, amazing worship, a unity walk with Mary, dinner, entertainment and an incredible experience of Eucharistic Adoration.

The festival will be held at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. Early bird registration discount ends on June 30. Register at www.wyduite.com. To learn more about the day or to inquire about the **FREE** transportation being provided by the Archdiocese of Newark, please go to www.newarkoym.com or contact Rich Donovan at 201-998-0088 ext. 4150 for more information.

BE A BLOOD OR PLATELETS DONOR

Thanks to the commitment and generosity of its donors, Community Blood Services has been serving our community's transfusion medicine needs for more than 60 years. They provide life-saving blood and blood products to hospitals in New Jersey and New York, bone marrow registration and donor services, and public and private umbilical cord blood collection and storage. The New Jersey Cord Blood Bank is the only public cord blood bank for the State of New Jersey. Community Blood Services needs donors to help seriously ill patients in our community hospitals. Anyone interested in scheduling an appointment to become a donor can call 201-444-3900, or visit their website at www.communitybloodservices.org for times and locations.

BECOME A BETTER HEALTHCARE CONSUMER



Would you like to save money on your prescriptions? Not everyone has an excellent prescription plan. Would you like to shop around for the best prices for your medications, but cannot personally visit pharmacies? How would you like to have discount cards to purchase your medications? Perhaps you don't even have a prescription plan.

You can find the answers to these questions online. You can also obtain discount cards. Listed below are some websites where you can compare prescription pricing from pharmacy to pharmacy.

Needy Meds: <http://www.needy meds.org/>

Good Rx: www.goodrx.com/

Blink Health: <https://www.blinkhealth.com/>

Well Rx (ScriptSave): <https://www.wellrx.com/>

WebMDRx: <http://www.webmd.com/rx>

You can print card(s) from these sites, as well as find pricing information. One person used the "Needy Meds" Discount Card and confirmed that for her Rx Eye Drops, it was the least expensive. Furthermore, the price for her selected pharmacy (ShopRite) was 100% accurate.

NEW EXHIBIT AT THE DRAWING ROOMS - "CAN-MAN SHOW"



Now through July 22, come and see Outsider Art by artists from our Rainbow Thursdays Artists group. Rainbow Thursdays Artists create out of their own personal vision and inner drive and are not professionally trained. They work "outside" the professional art and scholastic world.

Rainbow Thursdays is our community-based art education program connecting disabled adults with professional artists who provide them with materials, training and encouragement to express themselves through art. Rainbow Thursdays classes are presented free of charge, and are funded in part by a CDBG grant from the City of Bayonne. This weekly outreach art program in cooperation with Windmill Alliance, is now in its fourth full year of operation and many of our participants are advancing in their creativity and skills and are developing an identity as an artist. The Drawing Rooms are located at 180 Grand Street, Jersey City. For more information, go to www.drawing-rooms.org. We hope to see you there!

FAMILY BEACH RETREATS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



Single-Parent Family Retreat (July 17-22, 2017).

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.

Summer Family Retreat Weeks (One-Week Sessions available now through August 26, 2017). 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 \$215 per person (8 years to adults) and \$140 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 is available for these programs. For more information on these retreats, please call 609-884-3829 or visit their website at: www.capemay-marianists.org.

TEEN CHALLENGE NEW JERSEY FAITH-BASED DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT PROGRAM



Teen Challenge is a 15-month Christian residential drug and alcohol recovery program for men and women 18 years and

older. There are eight centers across the New England states and New Jersey. The program has a strong, faith-based approach and offers spiritual, academic, and vocational training that equips individuals to return to society as responsible citizens. It is the organization's mission that every student who graduates the program leaves with a GED or HiSet diploma. They offer Aftercare Planning and Development with five different track options to help the student's transition back into society with success. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, demonstrate a sincere desire to change, and willing to consider a Christian treatment approach. For more information, please go to their website: www.tcnewjersey.org, call 973-374-226 or email director@tcnewjersey.org.

GRACE IN THE LGBT COMMUNITY

Following the lead of Cardinal Joseph Tobin, Our Lady of Grace/St. Joseph Church, Hoboken, invites members of the Hoboken, Jersey City and North Hudson LGBT community to a meeting on Monday, July 10, 2017, to talk about how the Catholic Church can minister more effectively to the LGBT community. The meeting will run 7:30 to 9:00 PM in the air-conditioned choir room of the church. There is a ramp, handicapped entrance and a garden entrance. There is limited parking in the Willow Avenue parking lot. Parents and family of the LGBT community are invited. Please spread the word. Registration is not required but you may send an e-mail to Fr. Alex Santora: padrealex@yahoo.com with comments or indication of attendance. Address is 400 Willow Ave., Hoboken. For more information, call 201-659-0369.

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.

