



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.

Corpus Christi Sunday – June 11, 2017

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Feast of Corpus Christi. This feast is celebrated in the Latin Church on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday to solemnly commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist. (This year, however, Pope Francis moved the feast from Thursday to the following Sunday, when it is celebrated in Italy.) It emphasizes the joy of the institution of the Eucharist and the reality of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, Son of God, in the Eucharist. A celebration that would not exist were it not for the tenacity of one woman.

The most passionate advocate for a feast celebrating the Eucharist was St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon, in Belgium. She was born in 1193 in Retines near Liège. Orphaned at an early age, she was educated by the Augustinian nuns of Mont Cornillon. She joined the order at the age of 13 and later became superioress... Juliana, from her early youth, had a great veneration for the Blessed Sacrament, and always longed for a special feast in its honour. This desire is said to have been increased by a recurring vision of the Church under a full moon having one dark spot, which signified the absence of such a solemnity... She made known her ideas to the Archdeacon of Liège, Jacques Pantaléon, who later became Pope Urban IV. The superioress also met with the Bishop of Liège, who was so impressed by her, that he called a synod in 1246 and ordered the celebration in his diocese the following year. Finally, in 1264, Pope Urban IV ordered the universal church celebration, eight years after Juliana's death. He cited the main reason for the introduction of the Feast of Corpus Christi into the universal church was "...that Holy Week was a season of sadness... Moreover, so many other functions took place on this day that the principal event was almost lost sight of." Juliana never lost sight of what the Eucharist represented, the joyful promise of eternal life for all who believe in Him. (Merishman, Francis. "Feast of Corpus Christi." *The Catholic Encyclopedia*. Vol. 4. New York: Robert Appleton Company, 1908. 6 Jun. 2017 <<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/04390b.htm>>.)

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:

July 2, 2017; September 10, 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, preregistration 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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

We are now 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, **201-434-0798**.

RCIA



We congratulate Adriana Fernandez who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend. With Adriana is her husband Freddy, and Adriana's sponsor, Brigida Zavala. May the Spirit be your constant guide and protector.

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: The next meeting will be June 14; location TBD. 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, June 11, 2017

Ex. 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Cor. 13:11-13; Jn. 3:16-18

Sunday, June 18, 2017

Dt. 8:2-3, 14-16; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; Jn.6:51-58

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.

For the weekend of June 3/4, 385 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,628. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,317 contributing to a weekend collection of \$5,945. This is \$55 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. 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

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).



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS



"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do,..." Let the Lord into your marriage to do His works by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information contact Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016

or 609-335-6880, or email njwwme@peoplepc.com. **Military families**, are you getting ready to deploy? Is your family trying to reconnect after deployment? Marriage Encounter offers tools of communication that have kept many military marriages strong and happy throughout the ups and downs of military service. Contact your local chaplain or call 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	June 10, 2017 George and Emily Rzaski Couchman From <i>Jeanne Bohlen Oppel</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	June 11, 2017 Helen Boyle From <i>Liz Mendez</i>
12:30 pm	George A. Zandalasini, Jr. From <i>Barbara Rzaski</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	June 12, 2017 Gwendolyn MacMillan and Family From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	June 13, 2017 Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (Grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	June 14, 2017 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	June 15, 2017 Vitus Rodricks From <i>D'Souza Family</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	June 16, 2017 Marta Bitar Darasy From <i>Kerbaj Family</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	June 17, 2017 Diane Wisniewski From <i>Melanie and Bill Zazula</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	June 18, 2017 Charles Czysz and Family From <i>Laura Czysz; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
12:30 pm	Monica and Joe Donnelly From <i>Monica Donnelly</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP



"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..."

- John 3:16

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love? Are you generous with your time, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you "fit it in" when it's convenient for you? Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

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 30th. 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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

The Archdiocese of Newark's Family Life Office is welcoming and encouraging married couples, young, old and everyone in between, to consider sharing the Catholic vision for marriage in one of our two Marriage Preparation classes.

First, a **new revised** Pre-Cana Program. Married couples would present this program to engaged couples, and guide them through activities while offering witness to the power of God's grace and presence in their lives. Would you like to help? Whether you are presenting Pre-Cana now or always wanted to, please join us to discuss this new program:

Date: June 15, 2017 at 7:30pm
Location: Archdiocesan Center
171 Clifton Avenue, Newark.

Questions? Please call Deacon Jim Detura, Dir. Office of Family Life at **973-497-4324**

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.needymeds.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.

**SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS
ANNUAL APPEAL
WE ARE LIVING STONES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**



This year's Appeal and last year's Living Stones Capital Campaign have continued to support the many good works of the ministries throughout the Archdiocese. Here are just two examples:

On May 27, seven men were ordained as priests at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark,

NJ. The Rev. Msgr. Philip Micele said, "I am deeply grateful for all the support, both financial and spiritual, which the people of the Archdiocese of Newark have provided us...During my years as a seminarian, I can say I've experienced a lot of personal growth, and so much of that is due to the generosity of the people of the Archdiocese of Newark."



The Archdiocese of Newark welcomed 499 catechumens and 693 candidates at the Easter Vigil on April 15. The Parish Renewal Fund, established by the We Are Living Stones Capital Campaign, will enable parishes to apply for grants to enhance their evangelization efforts as well as religious education programs.

To learn more about the ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark, please visit www.rcan.org/sharing or like them on face book at 'Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark' or tweet us at @NwkArchdiocese!

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 from June 26-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.capemary-marianists.org.

**THE DRAWING ROOMS
OUTSIDER ART FUNDRAISER**



Join us for an evening of Outsider Art by artists from our Rainbow Thursdays program on Thursday, June 22, 2017 from 6:00-9:00 pm. Every ticket holder gets to "Pick a Painting" to take home at the end of the evening. An Individual Ticket is priced at \$75 and a Couples Ticket is \$100. Your ticket guarantees one artwork plus entrance to the cocktail hour event, wine and appetizers. Get all the details and order tickets at www.Eventbrite.com. The Drawing Rooms are located at 180 Grand Street in Jersey City. For more information, go to www.drawingrooms.org. We hope to see you there!

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.

**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 After-care 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.