

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.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 12, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Does forgiveness equal love? The subject is the theme of this week's gospel reading. "Shortly after raising the poor widow's son from the dead in Nain, Jesus was invited to dine by a Pharisee. Our Lord went to the Pharisee Simon's home and took His place at the table. A local woman, described only as a "sinner" followed Him there and approached Jesus. She bathed His feet with her tears, dried them with her hair, kissed and anointed them with the ointment she had brought with her. The host is astonished that Jesus would allow such a person to approach Him, let alone touch Him. Simon privately questions what kind of prophet would have any dealings with a sinner. Jesus, perceiving his host's thoughts, puts forth the following scenario: A creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii and the other fifty. He cancels their debts when they are unable to pay. Which debtor does Simon suppose will love their creditor more? Of course, he correctly surmises that it's the man with the greatest debt." (Luke 7:36-43)

Jesus then points out the woman ministering to Him. Although she has shown Jesus more love and consideration than has Simon, this was not how she earned forgiveness. "Your faith has saved you; go in peace, He tells her." (Luke 7:50) Her very response to Jesus is the evidence that she had met Him before and He had ministered to her. She had been forgiven and her actions have demonstrated her reception of that forgiveness and response of love to it. Although Jesus rebukes His host, our Lord makes it clear that God grants forgiveness to all...including Simon. The woman has been forgiven much and that is why she has responded with such a great demonstration of love to the One that has forgiven her. Simon is the one who has been forgiven little and that is why he has shown such little love toward Jesus. Jesus' words are as true today as they were then. Forgiveness does equal love.

With love,



VISIT FROM CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH PRIEST ON JUNE 11-12

This weekend, Father John O'Malley O.P. will be here to preach the Cross Catholic Outreach Appeal. They are a Catholic ministry that serves the poorest of the poor internationally by channeling aid through dioceses, parishes, and Catholic missionaries, cost-effectively helping the poor break the cycle of poverty while advancing Catholic evangelization.



DRAWING TOGETHER PUBLIC PROJECTS AT VICTORY HALL



On June 25 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm the Drawing Rooms will host a free day of art and activities for kids and families at Victory Hall at 180 Grand Street. Silent art auction all day! There will be a live art auction and free cocktail hour from 6:30-8:30 pm. Galleries are located at 180 Grand Street, Jersey City. Call 201-823-9393 or

email: victoryhall1msn.com for more information. We hope you will join us!

OLC SCHOOL'S SPRING FLING CARNIVAL

OLC School's 6th Annual Spring Fling Carnival is almost here! Come out Saturday, June 18 from 11:00

am to 6:00 pm to the St. Peter's Prep courtyard on Warren Street. Join us for food, music, crafts, live performances and fun! \$20 admission fee for children ages 3 and up will include crafts, games and activities (\$50 maximum for families with 3 or more children). Food available for purchase. Proceeds to benefit the school. Adults and children under 2 are free. The Rain date is Sunday, June 19.



FREE ADOPTIONS AT THE LIBERTY HUMANE SHELTER!



Liberty Humane Shelter is at capacity! Loving permanent and foster homes are needed for the furry residents of the Liberty Humane Shelter of Jersey City. **Free adoptions will be offered the entire month of June!** The shelter is located at 235 Jersey City Boulevard (across from the Liberty Science Center). For more information, please call 201-547-4147 or go to their website at:

www.Libertyhumane.org.

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.

2016 EVENTS AT OLC

Drawing Rooms: Drawing Together Public Projects at Victory Hall on June 25 from 10:00 am-6:00 pm.

Free day of art and activities. See page 2 for more information. Galleries are located at 180 Grand Street, Jersey City. Call 201-823-9393 or email victoryhall1msn.com for more information.

OLC Seniors: Final payment due July 22nd for the September trip to the Finger Lakes. For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 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. 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, June 12, 2016

2 Sm. 12:7-10, 13; Gal. 2:16, 19-21; Lk. 7:36-8:3

Sunday, June 19, 2016

Zec. 12:10-11, 13:1; Gal. 3:26-29; Lk. 9:18-24

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 May 28/29, 263 people attended Mass; the collection in church amounted to \$2,723. For the weekend of June 4/5, 317 people attended Mass; the collection in church amounted to \$2,847. ParishPay information has not been available for several weeks, we apologize.

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.olcj.org and reference "Formation and Sacraments." Follow the link to "Baptism of Children," or call the rectory. Upcoming dates are:

July 3, 2016; September 4, 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.

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@olcj.org.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	June 11, 2016 Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Connie and Walter Chowanec</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	June 12, 2016 Dr. Chester R. Rydwin From <i>Barbara A. Bromirski</i>
12:30 pm	People of the Parish
7:00 pm	Mary Sandkamp From <i>Pat and Tom Duemig</i>
Monday 12:30 pm	June 13, 2016 Deceased Siwik Family (Grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	June 14, 2016 The John and Anne Arena Family From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	June 15, 2016 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	June 16, 2016 John Sansone From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	June 17, 2016 Marta Bitar Daraze From <i>Kerbaj Family</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	June 18, 2016 William Bromirski From <i>Gabriel Family</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	June 19, 2016 Charles Czysz and Family From <i>Laura Czysz; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
12:30 pm	Monica and Joseph 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



"When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet..."
- Luke 7:44

Today's Gospel calls us to consider how we serve God. Do we consume like the Pharisee who simply reclines at the table and expects to be served? Or do we contribute like the woman who kneels before Jesus and washes His feet? Every day we must make a choice. Take or give? Consume or contribute? Recline or serve?

GRIEF TO GRACE RETREAT

The Archdiocese is offering a special retreat entitled "Grief to Grace Retreat" during the week of September 11 – 16, 2016. *Grief to Grace* is a psychological and spiritual journey providing safety and support for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional or sexual abuse or neglect. It is appropriate for those who have endured rape, incest, or other forms of traumatic violation in childhood, adolescence or as an adult. It is also suitable for those who have suffered abuse by a member of the clergy. This model of care provides therapy for the soul.

The *Grief to Grace Program* was composed by Dr. Theresa Burke. She is also the founder of *Rachel's Vineyard Weekends for Healing After Abortion*, now offered around the world. Dr. Burke is recognized as a leader in the field of trauma and healing. Her programs are known and highly regarded for their compassionate reverence for each person's dignity and worth. *Grief to Grace* provides a professional therapeutic staff and all treatment is based on a firm Christian foundation as well as sound medical and psychological principles and a perceptive understanding of trauma.

If you have any questions about the *Grief to Grace Retreat*, direct them to Cheryl Riley, Associate Director of the Archdiocesan Respect Life office, 973-497-4350 (office), 201-650-2961, by email: rileyche@rcan.org.

Please share this information with anyone you may believe can benefit from this program.

DOWNTOWN HARVEST COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA)

Our CSA, Downtown Harvest, has started this year's season but there still may be an opportunity to become a member. Go to their website: <http://www.downtownharvest.org> or email: downtownharvest@yahoo.com.



Members will enjoy fresh, organic produce while helping to support sustainable agriculture. During the 24-week season, the farmer brings the members' weekly share to the OLC Church garage. Members share in the risks and rewards of the farmer.

MUSICAL EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

If you are seeking an experienced piano and/or voice teacher, OLC Director of Music, Ben Rauch, currently has some availability for music lessons for your children. They will have the opportunity to play on a professional Yamaha baby grand piano and sometimes the organ at the church. Recital performance opportunities will happen on a yearly basis. Lesson availability is for children ages five and up, and the lessons are 30 minutes each. Please contact Ben to inquire about rates at: directorofmusic@olcj.org.



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@olcj.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.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES AND PARIS, FRANCE

Our Lady of Fatima Church has scheduled a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Lourdes as well as Paris. Trip date is September 12-22, 2016. Daily mass, breakfast and dinner. Air is from New York JFK Airport. For more information, please call Cathie or Mike Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

WE ARE LIVING STONES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



The **We Are Living Stones Capital Campaign** has begun in the Archdiocese of Newark. Two thirds of the parishes in the Archdiocese have implemented the Appeal. We, Our Lady of Czestochowa parish, are in the third group to introduce the Appeal

this spring.

Financial resources are essential to enable our parishes, particularly Our Lady of Czestochowa, to continue supporting the journey of faith, spirituality and ministry of our expanding Catholic community. The Appeal's goal is to raise more than \$90 million in pledges to support six priorities: *A Parish Share, Tuition Assistance Endowment, Works of Mercy, Parish Renewal Fund, Seminarian Support Endowment, and Retired Priest Care and Medical Needs Endowment.*

Parish Share: The physical needs of Our Lady of Czestochowa, now and into the future, are of great concern. It is projected that the parishes of the Archdiocese will need almost \$125 million over the next ten years to ensure that the 1,100 church, school and rectory buildings, parish centers, ministry offices and other buildings within the Archdiocese where we engage in the work of the Church are kept in good condition. Once a parish reaches its "Parish Share" target, then 50% of all funds raised return back to the parish while simultaneously funding additional case elements that both directly and indirectly benefit our parishes.

Each year OLC conducts its Annual Christmas and Easter Gift Appeals. This money is targeted to parish projects and improvements. Parishioners have been very generous, however with the anticipated expenses of our up-coming projects, we will need to raise additional money. With your whole hearted support of the **We Are Living Stones Capital Campaign**, the parish can supplement our Christmas and Easter Gift Appeal to help with our projects.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Campaign Leadership Committee
Rev. Thomas J. Ciba, Pastor*

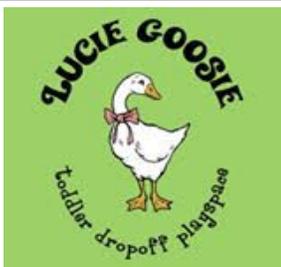
PROGRAMS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

Single-Parent Family Retreat (July 18-23, 2016) and Family Retreats (Seven One-Week Sessions available beginning June 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.



LUCIE GOOSIE TODDLER ENRICHMENT



Lucie Goosie Toddler Enrichment is now at OLC Church! Lucie Goosie is a toddler drop-off for children 18 months to 3½ years old. Drop off your little ones in a safe and nurturing environment Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 12 noon. They offer

play-based learning, featuring creative movement, music, and literacy development in a social environment. Please check us out on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/luciegoosieplayspace>. To register, please email us at: info@luciegoosie.com.