

# 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 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 14, 2015**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Have you ever tried planting a garden? Much thought and consideration is given to the size and type of garden. First, the soil must be properly prepared, whether it is in the ground or in containers. The seeds, in particular, must be carefully chosen and planted for there to be any chance of success. We start out with great energy and enthusiasm, determined to make it a success. The idea sounds wonderful...until the reality of the hard work needed for a successful garden sets in. You wonder when the seeds will start growing, and become flowers, herbs or vegetables. You ask: "What's taking so long?" "When will I start seeing results?"

This week's Gospel discusses the parables of seeds, specifically, the mustard seed, a very tiny, seemingly insignificant thing. "Jesus said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'" Mark 4:30-32 How can something that starts out so tiny, grow and become so powerful? We don't know how the Spirit by the word makes a change in the heart, any more than the farmer can tell what was the cause and method of the growth of a seed. We are asked to dispel with cynicism and doubt, and believe that change will happen. We are reminded that something good is growing even if you can't see it right away. We need to allow the truth of the Gospel to "flower" within us. The Gospel may seem insignificant but it has transformed people, entire communities and the world. If we are faithful, like a patient farmer, we may also expect to reap the rewards of a successful "harvest"; one that will make all our earthly hard work worthwhile.

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 [olcj.org](http://olcj.org) and reference "Formation and Sacraments." Follow the link to "Baptism of Children," or call the rectory. Upcoming dates are:

**July 5, 2015; September 13, 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.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Our RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is now beginning. This program is intended for adults who desire to become Catholic. It is also intended for adults who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.



If you wish to join in the program, please contact the rectory. Completing the program, an unbaptized candidate will be baptized during the Easter Vigil,

2016. All others will receive their appropriate sacraments during the Easter season 2016.

### FAITH WORKS

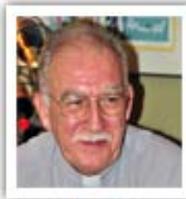


Please remember to make a donation of non-perishable food items the first weekend in June to support our "Faith Works Program." This is a very important work of charity that has benefited many in our community. Thank you for your contributions!

As a reminder, we accept all non-perishable foods. We accept soups, canned fish and canned meats, gravies (Italian and brown), pasta, rice, cereals, oat meal, flower, sugar, condiments, cookies, crackers, etc. We accept toiletries: soaps, shampoos, tooth paste, combs, hair products, etc.

Frequently, we remember those in need during the holiday seasons. However, hunger affects people throughout the year. Please, be generous and we thank all those who contribute so consistently.

### VISIT FROM CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH PRIEST ON JUNE 13-14



Father Thomas A. Wantland of Cross Catholic Outreach is visiting our parish this weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

## 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](mailto:secretary@olcj.org).

## 2015 EVENTS AT OLC

**Drawing Rooms:** "Little Hand" exhibit now through June 28. See page 5 for more information. The galleries are open Thursday – Friday, 4-7 pm, & Saturday – Sunday, 2-6 pm. (201) 823-9393 or email: [victoryhall1@msn.com](mailto:victoryhall1@msn.com).

**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](mailto: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 14, 2015**

Ez. 17:22-24; 2 Cor. 5:6-10; Mk. 4:26-34

**Sunday, June 21, 2015**

Jb. 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor. 5:14-17; Mk. 4:35-41

## 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.

For the weekend of June 7, 328 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,607. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,232 contributing to a weekend collection of \$5,839. This is \$161 below our weekly goal of \$6,000. We posted additional contributions of \$300 to our Easter Gift appeal. Even though we are not advertising this appeal, you can still contribute.

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](http://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.

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. For more information on any of these programs, please call 609-884-3829 or visit their website at: [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org).



## WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES SEPTEMBER 22-25, 2015

Held every three years and sponsored by the Holy See's Pontifical Council for the Family, the World Meeting of Families is the world's largest Catholic gathering of families. Each World Meeting of Families has a theme that energizes and enlivens the event while adding great depth of meaning to our understanding of families. The theme of the World Meeting of Families – Philadelphia 2015 is "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive," emphasizing the impact of the love and life of families on our society. Although the Holy Father will not be at the event, he will be in Philadelphia that week. For more information on the World Meeting, please visit: [www.worldmeeting2015.org](http://www.worldmeeting2015.org).



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>June 13, 2015</b> Stella & Michael Matulewicz, Sr. and Frances & Michael Krupa, Sr. From <i>Terri, Sister and Ted, Brother- in-law</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>June 14, 2015</b> Intention of Daniel Peters and Henry D. Peters, Jr. (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann.) From <i>The OLC School</i>
12:30 pm	Ruth Perera From <i>Noreen Feehan</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>June 15, 2015</b> Deceased Members of Siwik Family From <i>Donna and Mark Simon</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>June 16, 2015</b> Intentions of Jerry and Kathy Lepis & Family From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>June 17, 2015</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>June 18, 2015</b> Marta D. Bitar From <i>Kerbaj Family</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>June 19, 2015</b> Mary C. Keating From <i>Kathy Eckert</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>June 20, 2015</b> Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Michael Riccardone</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>June 21, 2015</b> Charles Czysz and Family From <i>Laura Czysz and Cathy, Fred &amp; Allie Savage</i>
12:30 pm	Monica and Joe Donnelly From <i>Monica</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

## STEWARDSHIP



*"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body."*

- 2 Corinthians 5:10

We are all accountable for the gifts God has given us on Earth – our time, talent and treasure. One day each of us will be asked by God what we did with those gifts. How will you respond?

## 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](http://www.meetup.com/jerseycitymoms). The group's overall

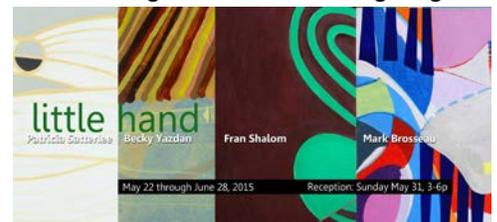


goal is to foster friendships for moms and their families. They host a variety of family-friendly events that include husbands, partners and extended family members. They help many families connect to the greater JC

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.

## EXHIBIT AT THE DRAWING ROOMS

"Little Hand" features eight artists creating organic and animated abstracted painting, drawing and sculpture, each in their own way.



Drawing from a pop sensibility, a lil' humor, kinda awkward and bashful (yet at the same time also bold and confident) with a bit of a quirk factor- these 2-D and 3-D works seem familiar, yet they are not and allude to a narrative, yet there is no narrative. (Does this unique imagery come from a sort of collective unconscious?) What we've got here is a new language of abstraction that's being explored, invented and extended. Exhibit will run from May 22 through June 28. The Special Project Room featuring one artist's black & white photograms will also be open. Join us at the Convent on 180 Grand Street, Jersey City.

## FACILITATOR TRAINING RETREAT

Are you a woman or man of prayer? Are you comfortable working with small groups? On June 26-28, the San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ will host a Facilitator Training Retreat for the "Lord Teach me To Pray" prayer series. Come and discern if God is calling you to become a facilitator! Interested in finding out more about Ignatian Prayer and the "Lord Teach Me To Pray" series? You are welcome as well! For more information and registration, call Mrs. Carol Weiler at 504-439-5933 or email her at: [carolweiler@cox.net](mailto:carolweiler@cox.net). You may also go to their website for a registration form: [www.lordteachmetoprayer.com](http://www.lordteachmetoprayer.com).

## PARISH PICNIC

Today, Sunday, we are celebrating our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Picnic. We are hosting it in the Prep Court Yard in front of their gym on Warren St. and Grand. It will begin right after the 12:30 pm Mass. All are invited.

## ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL 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. Please step up to the plate and make a gift.

You can place your gift in the collection or mail it to the rectory. The Archdiocese has given us a goal, but we have only achieved less than 40% of that goal. If you have not contributed, please do so. If you have

donated in years past, and have not yet made a donation, please make a pledge or give a gift. Thank you.

## SALES COUNSELOR FOR ARCHDIOCESAN CEMETERIES

The Archdiocesan Cemeteries are seeking to employ "Sales Counselors" to assist families who wish to obtain the Right of Interment in an Archdiocesan cemetery or mausoleum.

A college degree is required and prior sales experience is preferred. Knowledge of Excel/Access/Word and PowerPoint would be helpful; bilingual a plus.

The physical demands are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Additional job-related requirements are available by contacting the Office of Human Resources either by fax (973) 497-4103 or email [floresra@rcan.org](mailto:floresra@rcan.org).

## OLC SCHOOL PLAYGROUND DEDICATION

Friday, June 5, 2015, marked a significant milestone as Bishop Thomas Donato dedicated the new OLC playground located on York St. Our old playground, located on the corner of Grand and Marin, was rendered useless by hurricane Sandy. Our new playground was relocated to a safer location, away from the heavily traveled intersection of Marin Blvd. This new playground is multi-functional. It serves all age groups in the school. It proves an areas for recreation, physical education and even meditation. The school's Parent/Teacher organization raised the majority of the funds for the playground.



Mrs. Anna Mae Stefanelli, School Principal, Bishop Thomas Donato, Hudson County Regional Bishop, Rev. Thomas Ciba, Pastor



Ribbon cutting with Bishop Donato looking on.



Children playing on gym equipment.



Robert Caulfield, Anne Garschagen, Kathy Hendrickson, Barbara Peters, Christina Park, Lynette Duffell, Jaime Lin-Yu, Renata Rubies, Joanne Hixson, Sarah O'Donnell



Jaime Lin-Yu and Kathy Hendrickson speaking about the work of the Parent Teacher organization making the playground possible.