



OLC

1911 – 2017

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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.

Corpus Christi Sunday – June 18, 2017

OLC SCHOOL CARNIVAL AND INTERNATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION



Photos by Nuala Ryan

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.

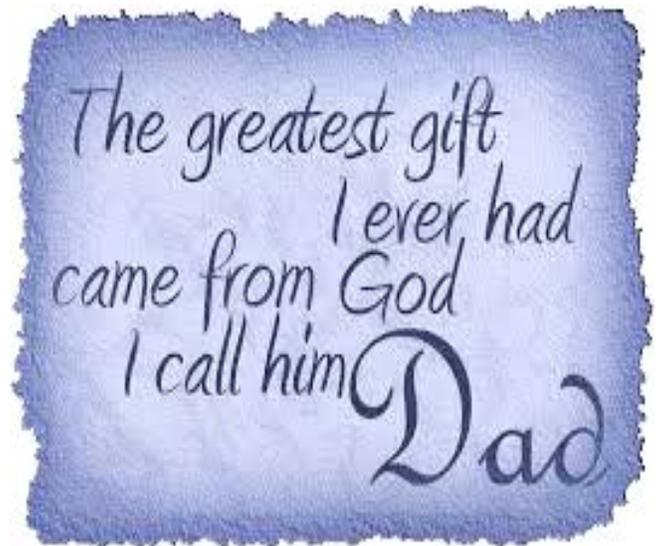
You can register online, by phone, or you can just walk in (**however, preregistration is extremely helpful**). Upcoming dates are:

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.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Wishing all fathers, and those who are like fathers to us, a blessed Father's Day!



Correction: We got a little ahead of ourselves anticipating Corpus Christi publishing the "Letter from the Pastor." Last week was the Most Holy Trinity Sunday, not the feast of Corpus Christi as indicated on the bulletin cover. Today is actually Corpus Christi Sunday. We apologize for the error.

MASS INTENTIONS



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, June 18, 2017

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

Sunday, June 25, 2017

Jer. 20:10-13; Rom. 5:12-15; Mt. 10:26-33

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 10/11, 408 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$4,179. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$1,968 contributing to a weekend collection of \$6,147. This is only \$147 above 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.



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, hand-capped entrance and a garden entrance. There is limited parking in the Willow Ave. 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.

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 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
Monday 12:30 pm	June 19, 2017 Intention of Van Lee Scribner From <i>Kim Mom</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	June 20, 2017 The Intentions of the Marinello and O'Connor Families From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	June 21, 2017 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	June 22, 2017 Edward Ciba (14 th Ann.) From <i>Family</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	June 23, 2017 Santiago Bitar From <i>Kerbaj Family</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	June 24, 2017 John Paul Salcedo From <i>Family</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	June 25, 2017 Intention of Erin and Celine Lee From <i>Family</i>
12:30 pm	Ankica Pancel From <i>Anna Cruz</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP



*"Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."
- 1 Corinthians 10:17*

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's

kingdom here on earth. Two, it is a road map to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!

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.wydone.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.



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.

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).



Liberty Humane Society

FAITH WORKS

Please remember to make a donation of non-perishable food items to support our "Faith Works Program." This is a very important work of charity that has benefited many in our community. We accept all canned and jarred non-perishable foods (vegetables, soups, tuna, canned meats, gravies, etc.). We also accept toiletries. Thank you for your contributions! **However, we must ask that only food be left on the back table as we cannot accept clothing at this time.**



In gratitude for our support of Our Lady of Sorrows/Mary House Emergency Food Pantry, Sister Alice McCoy expresses her gratitude in the following letter to us:

Dear Parishioners,

Our Lady of Sorrows/Mary House Emergency Food Pantry is so grateful to Our Lady of Czestochowa for sharing in our concern for families facing the challenge of not having enough food, clothing and other household necessities. In 2016, our Emergency Food Pantry was able to respond to 1,550 requests for emergency food assistance to over 300 families. So far, in 2017, we have assisted 184 families responding to 623 requests for food assistance.

Employment layoffs and wage cuts, unexpected household expenses on top of cuts to food stamp allocations and health care benefits have taken their toll on families. The rising cost of food items, energy and transit add yet another layer on the challenge to make sure a family has enough food on the table and clothes to keep themselves warm. Compassionate and caring persons like you help us continue to meet these emergency needs. We consider you an important part of all our efforts. Your shelf-stable food and clothing donations, the CSA healthy vegetables and the monetary offerings you send us are all integral for what we are able to accomplish to help these families.

*Thank you for the support you are,
Sister Alice McCoy, OP, Pantry Coordinator*

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**.

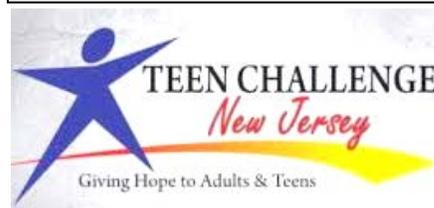
THE DRAWING ROOMS FUNDRAISER

Join us for an evening of Outsider Art by artists from our Rainbow Thursdays program Thursday, June 22, 2017, 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 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.

Look for God at knee level