



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 – 2016

Very Rev. Thomas J. Ciba, V.F.

Pastor

Rev. Gerard J. Sudol

In Residence

Rev. Anthony Azzarto, S.J.

Weekend Assistant

Rev. Michael Braden, S.J.

Weekend Assistant

Rev. David Stump, S.J.

Weekend Assistant

Mrs. Anna Mae Stefanelli

Principal

Mr. Jonathan Blevis

Pastoral Associate

Mr. Ben Rauch

Director of Music

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.

Parish Office

201-434-0798

Fax

201-985-0918

Email

pastor@olcjc.org

bulletin@olcjc.org

Websites

www.olcjc.org

www.olcschool.org

The OLC School

201-434-2405

Little Harbor Academy

201-434-6708

Counseling, Ann Tedeschi,

LCSW,*

201-339-3372, 201-725-8154

Counseling, Relief & Solutions

Counseling,* 201-666-2400

*Not affiliated with OLC

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 19, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In Pope Francis' Audience of February 5, 2015, His Holiness reflected on what it means to be a good father, and how fathers can pass on "wisdom of the heart" to their children through "closeness, gentleness and firmness." Fathers must first "be present in the family," he taught, explaining that a father's presence means "to be close to his wife, to share in everything, joy and pain, burdens and hopes; and, to be close to the children as they grow: when they play and when they make efforts, when they are carefree and when they are distressed, when they dare and when they are afraid, when they make missteps and when they return to the right path."

In the face of the human condition, compounded by the cultural trends of our times, Pope Francis encouraged fathers to look to the example of Jesus, who promised his disciples, "I will not leave you orphans." The young need their father's closeness and love, and their everyday examples and guidance.

Pope Francis noted how "the Gospel provides us with the example of the Father in heaven," pointing to the parable of the prodigal son and the merciful father (Luke 15:11-32). "How much dignity and tenderness we find in the father who stays at the door of his house awaiting the return of his son!" he emphasized. "Fathers need to be patient. Sometimes you can do nothing other than wait; pray and wait with patience, gentleness, magnanimity, and mercy. A good father knows how to wait and how to forgive, from the bottom of his heart."

Our Holy Father concluded that reflection on fatherhood by encouraging fathers to emulate the example of Saint Joseph and be "indispensable guardians and mediators of the faith for new generations, in goodness, justice and God's protection."

It is my prayer that these words from our Holy Father offer encouragement and guidance to fathers, as they open their hearts, and the hearts of their children, to the love and mercy of God the Father. Wishing all the fathers, and those who are like fathers to us, a very happy Father's Day!

With love,



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.



END OF LIFE ISSUES

Several years ago, before my father passed away, we knew that we needed to make funeral plans. We had set up two pre-paid funeral plans, one for dad and one for mom. My mom and I also went over to the local Catholic cemetery to select a resting place for them. My mother thought that they should rest side by side in the crypt. After returning from the cemetery, I offered to tell dad what arrangements we had made. His reaction was, "I do not want to know. Do not tell me anything about it." Like my dad, thinking about dying, talking about it and making funeral arrangements can be very difficult. Unfortunately, it is something we all need to face in life. However, it is essential that we do some funeral planning. Plan it with family members or a close personal friend. It will make life easier for those who will survive you.

Regarding the church services, the Archdiocese has information online that can help you understand the various parts of Christian Burial. They include a very nice video. Also included is an explanation of the following topics: Understanding Catholic Funerals, Order of Christian Funerals, the Vigil Service, the Church Service, the Committal Service and a copy of a *Continuing the Journey Booklet* (this booklet is available in church or at the rectory).

To check out these resources, please visit: www.rcan.org/ocf.



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.

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@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 19, 2016

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

Sunday, June 26, 2016

1 Kgs. 19:16-21; Gal. 5:1, 13-18; Lk. 9:51-62

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 June 11/12, 365 people attended Mass; the collection in church amounted to \$2,732. The average ParishPay donations for the past 30 days averaged \$1,853 per week. This amounts to last week's Sunday collection to \$4,585. This is well below the \$6,000 collection goal we have each week. Please, be extra generous. 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.olcjc.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@olcjc.org.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday 12:30 pm	June 20, 2016 Michael Geary From <i>Nicola Wynne-Jankola</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	June 21, 2016 Paula and J.J. Johnson & Family From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	June 22, 2016 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	June 23, 2016 Edward Ciba (13 th Ann.) From <i>Family</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	June 24, 2016 Santiago Bitar From <i>Kerbaj Family</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	June 25, 2016 Pauline Malat From <i>Blanche and Barbara Przyblinski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	June 26, 2016 Dr. Chester R. Rydwin From <i>Melanie and Bill Zazula</i>
12:30 pm	Mary Czysz and Family From <i>Laura Czysz; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP

"If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me."

- Luke 9:23

We are not very good at "denying ourselves" in our society. Our current economic situation is evidence of what happens when people think they can have everything they want. Jesus calls us to set our own personal "wants" aside so that we have the resources to follow Him instead.



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.

FREE ADOPTIONS AT THE LIBERTY HUMANE SHELTER IN JUNE

Liberty Humane Shelter of Jersey City is at capacity and needs your help! Loving permanent and foster homes are needed for their furry residents. **Free adoptions will be offered the entire month of June (includes fees, vaccines, spaying/neutering, deworming and microchip)!** 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.

VISIT FROM PASSIONIST PRIEST ON JUNE 4/5

"On behalf of the Passionists Missionaries of PNG, I thank you for your generosity and prayers for the work of the Missions in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Your contribution is greatly appreciated. Rest assured of the prayers of the people whom we serve in PNG." - Father James Elmore C.P.

Anyone who was unable to contribute during the weekend of June 4/5 may still send their donation to the following address: Reverend Brother T.R. Skorka C.P., Holy Family Passsionists Retreat, 303 Tunxis Road, West Hartford, CT 06107-3119. Please make checks payable to "Passionists Missionaries of PNG".

RCIA



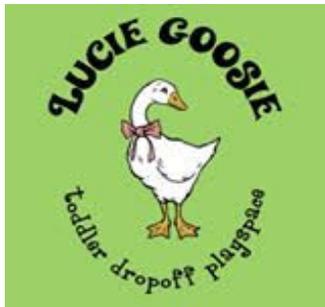
RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. This is a program for you if you are an adult or teenager who is not baptized (or was baptized in another Christian community) and you are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church. **RCIA** is also a program for baptized Catholics, adults 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@olcjc.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.

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.



WE ARE LIVING STONES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Dear Parishioners:

Thank you so much for the spiritual and financial support you have given me these past seven years. I truly appreciate this. Your generosity in our Christmas and Easter Special Gift Appeals has greatly contributed to making us more financially stable (still a work in progress), and allowed me to move ahead with major structural projects over the past years. God willing, we will soon have our new church doors installed.



This past Christmas, I proposed four major capital projects for our parish:

- Structural rebuilding of the Church floor
- Repainting of the interior of the Church,
- Renovation of the Parish kitchen, and
- Improve the acoustics in the Church Hall.

Seeing these projects through to fruition will require that we raise significant funds. But these projects will, of course, take time to start and complete. It is in our best interests to take advantage of every opportunity to raise funds to support these sorely-needed projects. The Archdiocesan **We Are Living Stones** capital campaign presents such an opportunity.

As you may have gleaned from attending the reception, listening to video presentations at Mass, or from literature that accompanied my recent letter, the campaign is somewhat unique because the Archdiocese has not undertaken something like this since the 1990s. The campaign has several elements. Some of these relate to endowments so that support for the vocations, support for retired priests, and Catholic school tuition assistance, to mention just three, can be more self-sustaining. Another element of the **We Are Living Stones** campaign - Works of Mercy – is especially important for us and has a direct impact on our parish capital needs.

Our parish goal for the Works of Mercy element is \$38,000 (which is not unreasonable). Once we reach this goal, half of all money over this goal, without limitation, comes right back to OLC for our needs. Although your pledge can conveniently be spread-out over four years, funds from Works of Mercy are available to us as soon as actual contributions reach our Works of Mercy goal.

A pledge of \$3,000 per household – which can be fulfilled over four years - is suggested. But this is neither a floor nor a ceiling. Your pledge is not a binding legal contract. Rather, it is a personal sacrificial goal arrived at after prayerful reflection on the simple truth that all that we have, we have because it comports with His will. I thank all who have pledged for you generosity. And I ask all who have yet to pledge to be as generous in this campaign as your means allow.

For those who did not have an opportunity to view the video (or who would like to view it again), or who would simply like more information and maybe a tour to see firsthand where renovations are truly needed, we will have a short (one hour max) wine and cheese information session in the rectory on Tuesday, June 21, 7:30 PM. If you would like to attend, get information, and enjoy a little fellowship, please let Jack Starr know by phone (201-793-0981) or by e-mail (jstarr@starrpatent.com) as soon as possible.

Sincerely in Christ,