



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.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 26, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR

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.

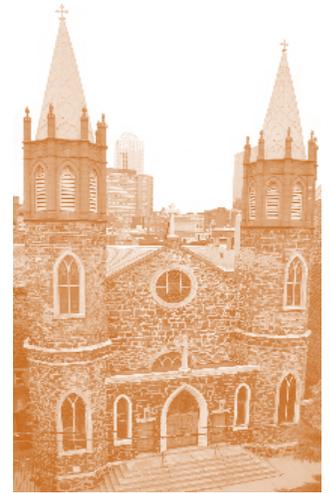
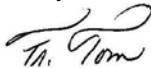
Seeing these projects through to fruition will require that we raise significant funds. But these projects will, of course, take time to start and complete. It is in our best interests to take advantage of every opportunity to raise funds to support these sorely-needed projects. The Archdiocesan **We 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 your generosity. And I ask all who have yet to pledge to be as generous in this campaign as your means allow.

Sincerely in Christ,



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. This can also provide you with sensitive and touching moments with those you love.

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.



FAITH WORKS



Please remember to make a donation of non-perishable food items next weekend 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!

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: 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 26, 2016

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

Sunday, July 3, 2016

Is. 66:10-14; Gal. 6:14-18;
Lk. 10:1-20

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 18/19, 323 people attended Mass; the collection in church amounted to \$4,025. The average ParishPay donations for the past 30 days averaged \$1,853 per week. Last week's Sunday collection amounts to \$5,878. This is \$122 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

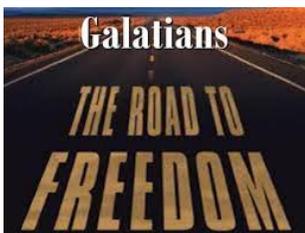
All Catholics should register with a parish. If you have been attending OLC, come to the OLC Rectory any time between the hours of 9:30 am – 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday, and fill out a registration card. If you are currently a parishioner and have changed your address or name within the past year, please notify the office by calling 201-434-0798 or email: bulletin@olcjc.org.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	June 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
Monday 12:30 pm	June 27, 2016 Harry and Marcus Jankola From <i>Nicola Wynne-Jankola</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	June 28, 2016 Fred DiSalvo From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	June 29, 2016 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	June 30, 2016 Robert Santoro From <i>Kathleen Boyle</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	July 1, 2016 All Souls in Purgatory From <i>Marie Hettiarachchi</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	July 2, 2016 Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Richard and Marie Romanski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	July 3, 2016 Deceased Siwik Family (Grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
12:30 pm	Miles Joseph Bartolome From <i>Bartolome Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP



*"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love."
- Galatians 5:13*

We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to "live the good life." But Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God's work here on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES: POSITION OPENING

The position opening is for that of a Controller. This is in the Department of Finance.

A general description includes: The Controller has responsibility for the external financial reporting as well as budgeting. Principal responsibilities will include overseeing financial reports and working with external auditors and the internal accounting staff. Responsibilities will include preparing financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Focus will also include maximizing use of financial systems, improving reporting processes and ensuring a sound control environment as a basis for the financial statements. The financial statements will include the insurance fund, medical plan, Catholic Cemeteries, Pension Plans as well as assisting with the Chancery financials. Budgets and monthly variance analysis will also be required for these entities. Responsibilities will include working closely with the Finance and Accounting department and acting as a liaison with the Archdiocesan auditors (internal and external) as well as Department Directors.



For additional details contact the rectory or the Archdiocese of Newark. Office of Human Resources, fax (973) 497-4103, floresra@rcan.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@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.

ADOPT A PET

Liberty Humane Shelter of Jersey City is offering free adoptions in June. If you're thinking of adopting a new pet, pay the shelter a visit. Whether you're thinking of adopting a new pet or already have one (or more), no doubt you will want to spend as much time outdoors with your furry friends as possible this summer. Here are some tips from the ASPCA to ensure you and your pet enjoy the warmer weather safely:

Five Summer Dangers for Pets

Spending time outdoors this summer? Keep these safety tips in mind to ensure your furry friends are comfortable.

ASPCA

Sun & Heat



Pets can become dehydrated quickly. **Know the signs of overheating** (excessive panting, increased heart rate and weakness) and make sure your pet has access to fresh water and a shady or air conditioned place.

Fireworks & Thunderstorms



One in five pets goes missing after being scared by loud noises, so keep them in a quiet, secure area at home. If your pet does go missing, **download the ASPCA app** for a free step-by-step toolkit to help find your pet: **ASPCAapp.org**

Parties & Barbecues



Make sure your pet can't get into human food (especially grapes, onion, avocado and chocolate) or alcoholic drinks.

Hot Cars



Don't leave your pet in the car! Even with the windows cracked, a car's temperature can reach 100° in 10 minutes on an 85° day. Sign our hot car pledge at **aspc.org/hotcars**

Toxic Chemicals



Insecticides, insect repellents, sunscreen, citronella products and glow sticks are toxic, so keep them away from your pet.