

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.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 28, 2015

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The two stories in this week's gospel, that of the woman with the hemorrhage and of Jairus, both demonstrate the power of faith in the face of extreme hopelessness. However, at the beginning of the reading, these two persons seem to have nothing in common: an impoverished, ailing outcast and a well-off leader in the synagogue.

"When Jairus sees Jesus, he fell at His feet and besought Him, 'My little daughter is near death. Come lay your hands on her, so that she may be well again, and live.' Jesus immediately goes with Jairus." Mark 5:21-24. However, Jesus' arrival is delayed by an encounter with another person in need of His help. The unnamed woman has suffered with a twelve-year hemorrhage. Her illness has drained her finances, health and destroyed her standing in the community (she would have been deemed "unclean"). Medical experts have taken her money over the years without remedy and have given up on the unfortunate woman. On hearing "...the reports about Jesus, her hope was renewed and she sought him out. She came up behind him in the crowd and said to herself, 'If I touch even His garments, I shall be made well.' She did so. Immediately the hemorrhage ceased and she was healed. 'Your faith has made you well, go in peace,' Jesus tells her." Mark 5:25-34. One could imagine Jairus' agony while waiting for this exchange to be concluded. No sooner had the woman been healed when they received word that the child had died. Jesus continues on to the man's house. The Lord assures the grieving family that the child is only sleeping, "Do not fear, only believe." Mark 5:36-42. The throng present scoffs at Him. Jesus goes to the little girl and bids her to arise. She does so immediately, much to the amazement of those present.

Jesus does not favor one supplicant over the other but gives life-changing healing equally to both the dead and the living. What did the ailing woman and Jairus have in common? They had total faith in the Lord. They believed that Jesus was more powerful than sickness and death, and their faith in Him was answered.

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 www.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.

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!

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, flour, sugar, condiments, cookies, crackers, etc.

We accept toiletries: soaps, shampoos, tooth paste, combs, hair products, etc.

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.

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



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.

2015 EVENTS AT OLC

Drawing Rooms: "Little Hand" exhibit ends today, June 28. See page 4 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.

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.

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 28, 2015

Wis. 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Cor. 8:7, 9, 13-15;
Mk. 5:21-43

Sunday, July 5, 2015

Ez. 2:2-5; 2 Cor. 12:7-10;
Mk. 6:1-6

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.

For the weekend of June 21, 326 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,515. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,507, contributing to a weekend collection of \$6,022. This is \$22 above our weekly goal of \$6,000.

With attendance so low last weekend, we appreciate the fact that a number of parishioners were very generous contributing to our \$6,000 collection.

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 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.

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. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	June 27, 2015 Sophie Brozowski (50 th Ann.) From <i>Blanche Przyblinski (daughter)</i> and <i>Barbara & Donna</i> (granddaughters)
Sunday 10:00 am	June 28, 2015 Barbara Speck From <i>Julia Nowatkowski</i>
12:30 pm	Andrew Carvalho From <i>Carvalhos and Masacarenhas</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	June 29, 2015 Stella Bernat From <i>Pat Draper</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	June 30, 2015 Deceased Members of Siwik Family From <i>Donna and Mark Simon</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	July 1, 2015 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	July 2, 2015 Miriam Rooney From <i>OLC Seniors</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	July 3, 2015 Andrew Ciba From <i>Agathe</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	July 4, 2015 Thomas H. Eckert From <i>Kathy Eckert</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	July 5, 2015 Alicia Bautista From <i>Efrain and Cristina Ventura</i>
12:30 pm	Robert Muccigrosso From <i>Nancy and Peggy Bennett</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP

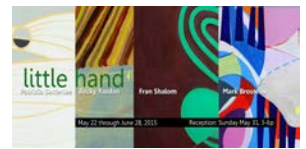


*"...as a matter of
equality your abundance
at the present time
should supply their
want, so that their
abundance may supply
your want, that there
may be equality."
- 2 Corinthians 8:14*

Not only are we responsible for our own lives, but we are responsible for the lives of those around us. Not only is it important that we grow, nurture and share our gifts, but we should teach our children this same lesson and encourage others to do the same.

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.

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.



FAITH-BASED MARRIAGE WEBSITE

The "For Your Marriage" website offers practical information and resources for married and engaged couples and people in serious dating relationships. In addition to articles on all stages of married life, the website features a Daily Marriage Tip, blogs, quizzes, book reviews, and Marriage in the News. Whether you're interested in marriage preparation or enrichment, or what the Catholic Church teaches about marriage, you'll almost certainly find what you need. The website has extensive resources for engaged couples, including the texts of suggested wedding readings and commentaries. It also offers information about music, ceremony options, inter-church marriages, and "Ten Tips" for planning a memorable wedding. The website was launched in 2007 as part of the Bishops' National Pastoral Initiative for Marriage. Strengthening marriage and family life is one of the USCCB's five priorities. For more information, please go to: www.foryourmarriage.org.



JOIN A PARISH MINISTRY IN 2015!



How Can
I Serve?

Please consider joining one of our parish ministries, which are always in need of new members. Schedules for Masses are flexible and take your preferences and availability into account. For information, call the rectory, speak to Fr. Tom after Mass, or contact one of the following persons:

Altar Servers or Eucharistic Ministers – Fr. Tom, OLC rectory, **201-434-0798**

Choir – Ben Rauch, email: Directorofmusic@olcj.org

Lectors – Pat Duemig, **201-955-1495**

Serve Donuts After 10:00 am Mass – call OLC rectory, **201-434-0798**.

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS 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. To date, we have reached 42% of our goal of \$38,076.00. With your help, we can realize our total parish goal and receive a rebate. Remember, it is only through your commitment that we can provide the services and necessities for the needy in our community. Please be as generous as possible. For those who have already made a contribution, thank you for your support. If you made a pledge and have not received monthly reminders, please call 973-497-4043.

6TH ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC



Featured above are just a few of the photos from our parish picnic of June 14. Many thanks go out to the picnic team members who set-up, cooked, served, ran children's activities, photographed the donated ethnic foods, salads, desserts, etc.

I wish to thank everyone who came and participated. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend because of a 3 pm wedding at the church. Though I wasn't there, I knew everything was in good hands from everyone who stepped up to help. Thank you for sharing in our community here on the waterfront.

Fr. Tom

Photos by Adam Ligeraldi and Jenna Ricardo