



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.

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 5, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Does prayer matter? Does God truly feel compassion? In this week's gospel reading, Jesus shows great compassion for a widow in the town of Nain, who has just lost her only son. Her prayers for her only child's recovery appear to have gone unheard. Widowhood then (as it is now) is hard. With her husband gone, she would have had to work the farm with her children, in addition to her usual household duties. But this woman had only this one child to share in her struggles...and now he's gone. She would have given anything to save her child, as any parent would. The grief-stricken mother was now at the mercy of the whims of her community for support. "When the Lord saw her, He had compassion for her and said to her, 'Do not weep.' Then He came forward and touched the bier. And He said, 'Young man, I say to you, rise!' The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother... They glorified God, saying, 'A great prophet has risen among us!' and 'God has looked favorably on His people!'" (Luke 7:11-17) Her prayers were answered! What joy the widow must have felt on having her son restored to her! What astonishment she and the crowd must have felt after having born witness to this miracle!

Again and again the scripture teaches that prayer makes a difference. God doesn't always intervene every time we are hurting or have problems, just as loving parents do not or cannot intervene to make things easier for their children. This doesn't mean that He lacks compassion. Prayer can appeal to the heart of God to bring about change. "The Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands...." (Exodus 34:6-7)

With love,



JOIN A PARISH MINISTRY



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**.

FAITH WORKS

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



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.

Proof of parish registration is necessary should you require a "sponsor certificate" to be a godparent.

VISIT FROM PASSIONIST PRIEST ON JUNE 4-5



This weekend, Father James Elmore C.P., a Passionist priest from Papua New Guinea (PNG), will be here to preach the Annual Mission Appeal. Father Jim has worked among the Indigenous people of Australia as well in the Missions of PNG. The second collection will be for the work of the Passionists Missionaries of PNG.

OLC CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2016

On Friday, May 13, three OLC students received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church in Kearny, NJ. From left to right, they are: Kurt Gray, Dawn Gernsheimer and Gabrielle Benkovitz. Congratulations and God bless them always.



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.

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: June 8 is last meeting before summer break; lunch will be served. \$25.00 deposit for September trip to the Finger Lakes due; final payment due July 22nd. 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 5, 2016

1 Kgs. 17:17-24; Gal. 1:11-19;
Lk. 7:11-17

Sunday, June 12, 2016

2 Sm. 12:7-10, 13; Gal. 2:16, 19-21;
Lk. 7:36-8:3

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.

The attendance and collection figure for the week-end of May 28/29 were not available at the time of publication. ParishPay information has not been available for several weeks, we apologize.

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.

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 the Drawing Rooms 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. We hope you will join us!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	June 4, 2016 Freda D. Kucharski Rygiel From <i>Jeanne Bohlen Oppel</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	June 5, 2016 Eleanor Kozlowski From <i>Maggie and Lenny Englese</i>
12:30 pm	Catherine M. Reynolds From <i>Kathleen Boyle</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	June 6, 2016 Teresita Fontanilla From <i>Perez and Anciano Families</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	June 7, 2016 Marita Burke From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	June 8, 2016 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	June 9, 2016 George Burke From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	June 10, 2016 Herbert Friton From <i>Kathleen Boyle</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	June 11, 2016 Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Connie and Walter Chowanec</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	June 12, 2016 Dr. Chester R. Rydwin From <i>Barbara A. Bromirski</i>
12:30 pm	People of the Parish
7:00 pm	Mary Sandkamp From <i>Pat and Tom Duemig</i>

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

STEWARDSHIP



“And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, ‘Do not weep.’” - Luke 7:13

This verse is a great reminder that the Stewardship lifestyle is one of service, putting God first and to “love one another.” Unfortunately today, many people have “passion” for activities they enjoy - their job and off-work activities. Many times our “passion” to excel is at

the expense of someone else. Maybe we need to focus on a little less passion for our individual concerns and a lot more compassion for others.

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.

DOWNTOWN HARVEST COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA)

Our CSA, Downtown Harvest is now preparing for their upcoming season. Enjoy fresh, organic produce while helping to support sustainable agriculture. During the 24-week season, the farmer brings the members’ weekly share to the OLC Church garage. Members share in the risks and rewards of the farmer. For membership information, please go to their website: <http://www.downtownharvest.org> or email: downtownharvest@yahoo.com.



MUSICAL EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

If you are seeking an experienced piano and/or voice teacher, OLC Director of Music, Ben Rauch, currently has some availability for music lessons for your children. They will have the opportunity to play on a professional Yamaha baby grand piano and sometimes the organ at the church. Recital performance opportunities will happen on a yearly basis. Lesson availability is for children ages five and up, and the lessons are 30 minutes each. Please contact Ben to inquire about rates at: directorofmusic@olcjc.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@olcj.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.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES AND PARIS, FRANCE

Our Lady of Fatima Church has scheduled a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Lourdes as well as Paris. Trip date is September 12-22, 2016. Daily mass, breakfast and dinner. Air is from New York JFK Airport. For more information, please call Cathie or Mike Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

PROGRAMS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



Spiritual Getaway (June 14-16, 2016). Give yourself a special gift by "re"-treating with a spring getaway from your hectic schedule. There is no required program to follow. You're invited to join in the Eucharist, morning and evening prayer, and meals with the Marianist Community members. Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or spiritual direction are usually available. You may also want to stroll the nearly empty beaches, read a book, or reflect on Scripture. Cost is \$120 per person.

Accommodations, meals and all activities are included. Financial aid is available for these programs. For more information on these retreats, please call 609-884-3829 or visit their website at: www.capemarymarianists.org.

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



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The **We Are Living Stones Capital Campaign** has begun in the Archdiocese of Newark. Two thirds of the parishes in the Archdiocese have implemented the Appeal. We, Our Lady of Czestochowa parish, are in the third group to intro-

duce the Appeal this spring.

Financial resources are essential to enable our parishes, particularly Our Lady of Czestochowa, to continue supporting the journey of faith, spirituality and ministry of our expanding Catholic community. The Appeal's goal is to raise more than \$90 million in pledges to support six priorities: *A Parish Share, Tuition Assistance Endowment, Works of Mercy, Parish Renewal Fund, Seminarian Support Endowment, and Retired Priest Care and Medical Needs Endowment.*

Parish Share: The physical needs of Our Lady of Czestochowa, now and into the future, are of great concern. It is projected that the parishes of the Archdiocese will need almost \$125 million over the next ten years to ensure that the 1,100 church, school and rectory buildings, parish centers, ministry offices and other buildings within the Archdiocese where we engage in the work of the Church are kept in good condition. Once a parish reaches its "Parish Share" target, then 50% of all funds raised return back to the parish while simultaneously funding additional case elements that both directly and indirectly benefit our parishes.

Each year OLC conducts its Annual Christmas and Easter Gift Appeals. This money is targeted to parish projects and improvements. Parishioners have been very generous, however with the anticipated expenses of our up-coming projects, we will need to raise additional money. With your whole hearted support of the **We Are Living Stones Capital Campaign**, the parish can supplement our Christmas and Easter Gift Appeal to help with our projects.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Campaign Leadership Committee
Rev. Thomas J. Ciba, Pastor*