



# 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 – 2014

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

**Rev. Anthony Azzarto, S.J.**  
*Weekend Assistant*

**Rev. Michael Braden, S.J.**  
*Weekend Assistant*

**Rev. David Stump, S.J.**  
*Weekend Assistant*

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*Principal*

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### 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 and 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.

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – June 7, 2015**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Beginning with the unofficial start of summer on Memorial Day in late May and ending with Labor Day in September, the promise of warm, sunny days, provide many reasons to host gatherings, break out the barbeque grills, cook and share meals with family and friends. People look forward to getting together with loved ones. No matter what fare is being offered, it's the company that matters most, and the opportunity to spend time together, that brings people closer together. Indeed, most experts agree that the family that eats together, stays together.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi. In some places, around the world, the day is marked by a candlelit procession, with the Eucharist in a monstrance carried aloft. The day was set aside to specifically celebrate the tradition and belief in the body and blood of Jesus Christ and his Real Presence in the Eucharist. A tradition that began with the Institution of the Lord's Supper. When Jesus observed the Passover feast with his disciples, "...He took bread, blessed and broke it, said, 'Take; this is my body'...then He took a cup, gave thanks and when they had all drank of it, He said, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many....'" Mark 14:22-24 As we "break bread" together during our summer feasts, celebrate not only family, friendship and life, but the One who makes all of this possible. Food nourishes our bodies; partaking of the precious blood and body of Jesus nourishes our souls. It brings us closer to God and closer together as a spiritual community.

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.olcjc.org](http://www.olcjc.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.

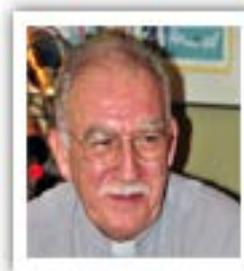
You can register online, by phone, or you can just walk in (**however, preregistration is extremely helpful**). Upcoming dates are:

**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.

### VISIT FROM CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH PRIEST ON JUNE 13-14

**A little goes a long way!** Father Thomas A. Wantland of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish June 13-14 to speak at all the Masses on behalf of



the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

### BAPTISM AT OLC

*Congratulations to the parents, godparents and grandparents who celebrated the baptism of Dylan Thomas Doyle this past Sunday at OLC*



*Blessings upon Kristen and Daniel on the birth of their son.*

## 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](mailto:secretary@olcj.org).

## 2015 EVENTS AT OLC

**Drawing Rooms:** "Little Hand" exhibit now through 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](mailto:victoryhall1@msn.com).

**OLC Seniors:** June 10 is the *End of the Season Party*, including Father's Day and Flag Day. Lunch will be served. 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](mailto: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 7, 2015**

Ex. 24:3-8; Heb. 9:11-15; Mk. 14:12-16, 22-26

**Sunday, June 14, 2015**

Ez. 17:22-24; 2 Cor. 5:6-10; Mk. 4:26-34

## 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 May 31, 407 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,794. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,507, contributing to a weekend collection of \$6,301. This is \$301 above our weekly goal of \$6,000.

If you have been away from church traveling we urge you to donate additionally for the weekends you were away from OLC. If you are away from OLC for weekends please contribute using ParishPay. To sign up, go to [www.parishpay.org](http://www.parishpay.org) and follow the instructions. 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.cape-maymarianists.org](http://www.cape-maymarianists.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](http://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

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>June 6, 2015</b> William Bromirski From <i>Walter and Eva Hyjek</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>June 7, 2015</b> Barbara Speck From <i>Julia Nowatkowski</i>
12:30 pm	Lena Reich From <i>Kathy Eckert</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>June 8, 2015</b> Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Doris and Wolfgang Emden</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>June 9, 2015</b> Intention of Mary Jean Lepis From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>June 10, 2015</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>June 11, 2015</b> Barbara Speck From <i>Vera Wondolowski</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>June 12, 2015</b> Gladys S. Johnson From <i>Cheryl Mallon</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>June 13, 2015</b> Stella & Michael Matulewicz, Sr. and Frances & Michael Krupa, Sr. From <i>Terri, Sister and Ted, Brother-in-law</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>June 14, 2015</b> Intention of Daniel Peters and Henry D. Peters, Jr. (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann.) From <i>The OLC School</i>
12:30 pm	Ruth Perera From <i>Noreen Feehan</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

## STEWARDSHIP



*"Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it." - Mark 14:23*

Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself to us completely for our salvation. He offers us the chance to drink from His cup. In the Eucharist, we meet Christ personally

and, if we listen to Him, we know what drinking from His cup means for each of us. Often, it means our own sacrifice – giving up some of our time, talent and treasure to do His work on earth.

## FACILITATOR TRAINING RETREAT

Are you a woman or man of prayer? Are you comfortable working with small groups? On June 26-28, the San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ will host a Facilitator Training Retreat for the "Lord Teach me To Pray" prayer series. Come and discern if God is calling you to become a facilitator! Interested in finding out more about Ignatian Prayer and the "Lord Teach Me To Pray" series? You are welcome as well! For more information and registration, call Mrs. Carol Weiler at 504-439-5933 or email her at: [carolweiler@cox.net](mailto:carolweiler@cox.net). You may also go to their website for a registration form: [www.lordteachmetoprayer.com](http://www.lordteachmetoprayer.com).

## RUTGERS UNIVERSITY SUMMER BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Rutgers University will run its 15<sup>th</sup> annual summer basketball program for children ages 7-17. Spots are available July 6-10, July 13-17, July 27-July 31 and August 3-7. Program hours are 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Cost is \$160 (discount rate available for multiple weeks). For more information, please call Joe Loughran, Summer Basketball Program Director, at 973-353-1483.

## 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.



## 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.

## OLC SCHOOL'S SPRING FLING CARNIVAL

OLC School's Fifth Annual Spring Fling was held on May 30. It was very well attended and everyone had a great time! There was food, rides, games, activities and raffles. We can't wait for next year!

Thank you to Yeon Benkovitz, Kathy Hendrickson, Jaime Lin-Yu, Joanne Hixson, Sarah O'Donnell, Jane Dadlani, Natasha Mohan, Debbie Walters, the parent volunteers, and the maintenance staff at both OLC School and St. Peter's Prep for their hard work in making this event such a success!

## SALES COUNSELOR FOR ARCHDIOCESAN CEMETERIES

The Archdiocesan Cemeteries are seeking to employ "Sales Counselors" to assist families who wish to obtain the Right of Interment in an Archdiocesan cemetery or mausoleum.

A college degree is required and prior sales experience is preferred. Knowledge of Excel/Access/Word and PowerPoint would be helpful; bilingual a plus.

The physical demands are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Additional job-related requirements are available by contacting the Office of Human Resources either by fax (973) 497-4103 or email: [floresra@rcan.org](mailto:floresra@rcan.org).

## OLC PICNIC

This weekend and next weekend, we will be enlisting volunteers to help at the parish picnic. We will require help in the following areas:

1. Saturday food preparation at the rectory.
2. Set up.
3. Cooking.
4. Serving.
5. Children's activities such as games, face painting, etc.
6. Clean-up and break down.

The parish will supply hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, kielbasa, beans and the like. We do not ask people to bring anything, but people have brought salads, deserts, and various ethnic foods. In the past we have had Indian foods, Filipino foods, etc. The parish will supply ice tea and lemonade.

Set the date in your calendar right now for Sunday, June 14. As in the past, we will have it in the courtyard in front of the Prep gymnasium on Warren St. between York and Grand. As in the past, everyone is welcome



to attend. This is a great opportunity for community building. Come! Meet and socialize with other parishioners, and always bring the children!

## FAITH WORKS



Please remember to make a donation of non-perishable food items the first weekend in June 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.

Frequently, we remember those in need during the holiday seasons. However, hunger affects people throughout the year. Please, be generous

## ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL 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. Please step up to the plate and make a gift.

You can place your gift in the collection or mail it to the rectory. The Archdiocese has given us a goal, but we have only achieved less than 40% of that goal. If you have not contributed, please do so. If you have donated in years past, or have not made a donation this year, please make a pledge or give a gift. Pledge/donation envelopes are in the church. Thank you.

## TRIDUUM OF PRAYER

Our Lady of Mercy Parish linked with Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Jersey City, announces a Triduum of Prayer to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their respective foundations on Thursday, June 11, Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13. Father Manoling Francisco, S.J. will preach a three-day Triduum of Prayer honoring the twin hearts of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Thursday evening, at 7 pm: Solemn Evening Prayer; Friday evening at 7 pm: Solemn Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament; Saturday morning, 8:45 am: the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Father Manoling will preach all three services. All are welcome to join them for this time of spiritual enrichment.