



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 2 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.

Second Sunday of Lent – March 1, 2015

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The holy season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 18. During Lent we are expected to fast and perform works of self-sacrifice and charity. Listed below are the Lenten regulations that should guide our works of sacrifice:

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

✠ On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

✠ On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 22, 2015 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 31, 2015.**

5. *Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

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 olcjc.org and reference “Formation and Sacraments.” Follow the link to “Baptism of Children,” or call the rectory. Upcoming dates are:

May 3, 2015, July 5, 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:

April 12, 2015, June 7, 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.

LECTURE SERIES

Our ten-part lecture/study group continues Monday, March 9 at 7:30 pm, in the rectory. Our eighth topic will be “**The Fire of His Love - Prayer and the Life of The Spirit.**” In this lesson, this presentation will explore Catholic spirituality, which is centered on prayer. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states:

“Prayer is the lifting up of the mind and the heart to God.”

On pilgrimage to the places where the great saints and spiritual masters lived, this presentation explores the different types of prayer: contemplation; adoration; petition; and intercession. In telling the stories of Catholics like Thomas Merton, St. Theresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross, it is demonstrated how the human person can be transformed through prayer that manifests a deep, spiritual commitment centered in Christ.

This program is designed for both Catholics and non-Catholics wishing to learn more about Catholicism. This program will offer new insights into our faith and a deeper understanding about theology and spirituality.



ANNUAL FISH & CHIPS NIGHT

**FISH
DINNER**



We are hosting our annual Fish & Chips dinner on Saturday, March 21, 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Prep dining hall.

The Prep is also having a Fish and Chips dinner on March 6. They are charging \$15 per ticket while we are selling our tickets for \$13. These are two

separate events. Please make certain you purchase tickets for the OLC Fish and Chips dinner. Our dinner will also include fries, coleslaw and a dessert. We feature an excellent deal for your money.

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: Experiencing nature through art exhibit open until March 15. 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 March 11 St. Patrick/St. Joseph meeting will be in the Church Hall. A corned beef lunch will be served for \$15.00. For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski, (201) 333-4888.

Concert: We will be featuring a quartet concert of classical music on Sunday, March 1 at 3 pm in the church. Free admission. Details are on page 4.

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

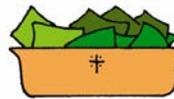
Sunday, March 1, 2015

Gn. 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom. 8:31-34; Mk. 9:2-10

Sunday, March 8, 2015

Ex. 20:1-17; 1 Cor. 1:22-25; Jn. 2:13-25

WEEKLY OFFERING



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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 February 22, 394 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$4,454. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$1,930 contributing to a weekend collection of \$6,384. This is \$ 384 above our weekly goal of \$6,000.

If you have been away from church traveling, please help make up our revenue by being extra generous in the collection when you return. Thank you.

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.

ANNUAL MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION BY ARCHDIOCESE

The Archdiocese is preparing for the annual tradition of honoring couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2015. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop John Myers in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

Marriage



April 19, 2015	3:00 pm	50 years (All counties)
May 3, 2015	3:00 pm	25 years & 5 years (All counties)

If you wish to participate in these liturgies, please contact the rectory to register.

DOWNTOWN HARVEST COMMUNITY (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.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	February 28, 2015 Chester Brozowski (20 th Ann.) From <i>daughter Blanche Przyblinski and granddaughters Barbara & Donna</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	March 1, 2015 Josephine Karczewski From <i>daughter Edwina</i>
12:30 pm	Wilhemina Vander Meule From <i>Marie Yandolino</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	March 2, 2015 William Bromirski From <i>Mary Ann and Edward Bauch</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	March 3, 2015 Intentions of Mr. and Mrs. John Lepis Arena From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	March 4, 2015 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	March 5, 2015 Stanley Kuklasinski From <i>daughter Josephine</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	March 6, 2015 Mary Panzino From <i>Edwina Karczewski</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	March 7, 2015 Joseph Stapinski (9 th Ann.) From <i>sister Terri & brother-in-law Ted</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	March 8, 2015 Deceased Members of Siwik Family From <i>Donna and Mark Simon</i>
12:30 pm	Barbara Speck From <i>Laura Czysz and Ken Heiser</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

*The Tabernacle Candle and Bread & Wine will be offered in
Memory of Josephine Karczewski
From daughter Edwina*

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

STEWARDSHIP



*“Here I am!” he answered.”
– Genesis 22:11*

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. Can we just as easily answer, “Here I am, Lord,” when we go home, when a neighbor needs our help, when a fellow parishioner asks us to join a committee, or when a letter asks for our financial help? These are often exactly the places where Jesus calls us to be.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2015 MEN’S AND WOMEN’S CONFERENCES

The Archdiocese is sponsoring their annual

Women’s Commission Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 7 and the Annual Catholic Men’s Conference on March 14. Both events will take place at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. These are perfect opportunities to share Faith and personal experiences through friendship, prayer, and fellowship with other Catholics from around the Archdiocese. Lunch will be provided. You may register online for both events at: www.rcan.org/-womcom (Women’s) www.rcanmens-commission.org (Men’s). Fees are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$15 for students (with Student ID). For more information, please call 973-497-4545 or email: catholicwomen@rcan.org or catholicmen@rcan.org.

PARISH CONCERT

We are hosting a classical concert on Sunday, March 1 at 3 pm in the church. The program includes:

Richard Strauss –
Duet Concertino for
Clarinet and Bassoon



Gleb Kavasevich, Clarinet
Sarah McKittrick Sethi, Bassoon
Marina Korsakova-Kreyn, Piano
Nicolò Paganini – Three Duetti Concertanti
Peter Borten, Violin
Sarah McKittrick Sethi, Bassoon
Gioacchino Rossini/Rene-Francois Gebauer – Selections from *Il Barbiere di Siviglia*
Sarah McKittrick Sethi, Bassoon
Rémy Taghavi, Bassoon
Ludwig van Beethoven – Piano Trio No. 5 in D Major, “Ghost,” Op. 70, No. 1
Peter Borten, Violin
Sarah McKittrick Sethi, Bassoon
Marina Korsakova-Kreyn, Piano

Our program will feature very talented individuals:

Sarah McKittrick Sethi received her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Bassoon Performance from the Peabody Conservatory of the Johns Hopkins University in 2013.

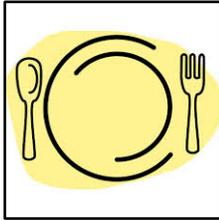
Marina Korsakova-Kreyn is a pianist and researcher in music perception. A graduate of Nizhny Novgorod State Conservatory, Russia, Marina has a Ph.D. in Cognition and Neuroscience from the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences at the University of Texas at Dallas.

Peter Borten performed extensively in Europe from 1979 to 1985 with the Orchestra del Teatro La Fenice in Venice and the orchestra of the Dutch National Ballet.

Gleb Kavasevich has made solo, chamber, and/or composition feature appearances on the stages of Spoleto Festival USA, PARMAfest, Festival Leonardo de Lorenzo, Bellagio Chamber Music Festival, Atlantic Music Festival and Norfolk Chamber Music Festival.

OLC SCHOOL'S THIRD ANNUAL A TASTE OF JERSEY CITY 2015

Join us on March 12 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Upper Victory Hall for an exciting evening to taste the best cuisines of Jersey City, drink local craft beer, sample varieties of wines, all while enjoying live entertainment and dancing with the best DJ in town! Tickets for this adults-only event are \$60 per person. You may purchase tickets online at: olcschool.org. All proceeds will go towards the final phase of the school's playground construction.



ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Three weeks ago, our parish kicked off the 2015 *Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal*. Before we begin the new appeal, let's look at how we did in 2014:

Our Parish Goal for 2014 was \$ 37,000

Total Given in 2014 was \$ 18,250

We did not receive any rebate.



This year's Appeal, *Sharing God's Blessings*, is a perfect opportunity for us to reflect on God's generosity to us and to share the blessings we have been given with those around us.

Our parish goal for 2015 is \$37,000.

This year's Appeal will continue to support the many good works of the ministries throughout the Archdiocese. We are often reminded by

our Holy Father Pope Francis and sacred scripture that in order to love one another we must share the blessings which God has provided to us. In Acts 4:32-33, we learn that the early church shared all possessions with one another so that the Apostles and early Christian communities could fully proclaim "the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them."

We are called to similarly share what is granted to us by God and return it to Him so that not one of our brothers and sisters goes without; without the gift of faith, without the essential human needs, and without a personal relationship with Our Lord.

The Annual Appeal provides the poor with food, shelter and clothing; makes religious education, spiritual guidance and CYO programs available for our youth; insures the future leadership of the Church with seminarian education and training; and most important, brings Christ's Good News to the people of the Archdiocese. ***Our parish also benefits by receiving a rebate from the appeal if it exceeds its goal.***

Please come prepared to make as generous a pledge as you are able. Thank you in advance for your support of the Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal.

To learn more about the ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark, please visit www.rcan.org/sharing or like them on Facebook at "Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark" or tweet them at [@NwkArchdiocese!](https://twitter.com/NwkArchdiocese)

JOIN A PARISH MINISTRY IN 2015!



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

EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION

We will conduct our Easter Flower Collection during the weekend of March 21/22. Your generosity will enable us to decorate the church in a manner worthy of its beauty for our Easter Celebration. Please be generous when we take up this collection.

We will enlist the help of volunteers to decorate the church for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Please call the rectory to volunteer, even if only for an hour. You may also sign up to volunteer after Mass.



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

OLC's Peter's Pence Collection will be on March 8. Peter's Pence unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Its purpose is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. Please contribute to this worthy endeavor.

THE PASSION PLAY RETURNS TO THE PARK PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The *Passion Play*, the story of Christ's last days on earth, has been performed in Union City since 1915 and is now in its 100th season. It was created by Swiss and German immigrants in the area as an offering to world peace. This musical theater production, modeled after the *Passion Play* performed in Germany, has appealed to generations of viewers. See it at the Park at 560 32nd Street on March 21 and 22 at 2 pm; March 28, 2 pm and 8 pm. Individual tickets are \$25; group rates available. Please visit their website for more information at: www.ParkPac.org.