

# 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 – 2016

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Pastor

**Rev. Gerard J. Sudol**  
In Residence

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Weekend Assistant

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

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

**Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 13, 2016**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Let us look forward to the promise of spring by celebrating it with some wonderful activities here at OLC:

March 19, Annual Fish & Chips Night

March 26, 7th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Through March 27, The "Project Rooms" Art Exhibit at the Drawing Rooms

April 22, OLC School's Fourth Annual Taste of Jersey City

Details about these events are in this bulletin. We hope to see you there!

With love,



### OLC CHURCH'S 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

We will have our Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday morning, March 26, 10:00 am. The location is on the parish field at the end of Sussex Street. Children from the earliest ages to age 10 are invited. Bring your Easter baskets or bags. Rainedate is Saturday, April 2. Bring your cameras and make certain that you arrive ahead of time. Even though we put out about a thousand eggs, the stampede of children usually collects all of them within about five minutes. We will need some volunteers to help the Easter Bunny put out the eggs on the field.



### ANNUAL FISH & CHIPS NIGHT



Each year during Lent we have our annual "Fish & Chips" night. This year we will have it on **Saturday, March 19**, after the 5 pm Vigil Mass. Set the date now!

The location remains the same, St. Peter's Prep dining hall on the corner of Van Vorst and Grand.

Ticket prices will remain the same as last year, \$13 each, 4/\$50. Our dinner will also include fries, coleslaw and a dessert. We feature an excellent deal for your money.

### EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION

We will conduct our Easter Flower Collection this weekend. 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.

Volunteers will be needed to help decorate the church later this month. Please call the rectory if you wish to assist. Thank you!



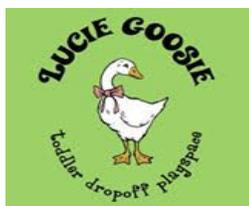
### 2016 and 2017 MASS BOOKS

Both the 2016 and 2017 Mass Books are currently open for mass intentions. Please call 201-434-0798 or stop by the rectory Monday-Friday from 9:30 am-5:00 pm to arrange a mass intention.



### LUCIE GOOSIE TODDLER ENRICHMENT OPEN HOUSE ON MARCH 13!

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. **Come and see their new space and meet the staff on March 13 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.** 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](mailto:info@luciegoosie.com).



### 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](mailto:bulletin@olcjc.org).

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

## 2016 EVENTS AT OLC

**Drawing Rooms:** New "Project Rooms" exhibit is open through March 27. The Drawing Rooms are located at 180 Grand Street, Jersey City NJ. For more information, go to [www.thedrawingrooms.com](http://www.thedrawingrooms.com).

**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](mailto: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.*

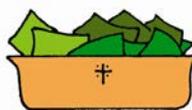
**Sunday, March 13, 2016**

Is. 43:16-21; Phil. 3:8-14; Jn. 8:1-11

**Sunday, March 20, 2016**

Lk. 19:28-40; Is. 50:4-7; Phil. 2:6-11; Lk. 22:14-23:56

## 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.

**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](http://www.parishpay.com) and follow the prompts.

For the weekend of February 28, 341 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,856. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$1,884, contributing to a weekend collection of \$5,740. This is \$260 below our weekly goal of \$6,000.

For the weekend of March 6, 405 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,829. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$1914, contributing to a weekend collection of \$5,743. This is \$257 below our weekly goal of \$6,000.

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](http://www.olcjc.org) and reference "Formation and Sacraments." Follow the link to "Baptism of Children," or call the rectory.

Upcoming dates are:

**May 1, 2016; July 3, 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:

**April 10, 2016; June 5, 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>March 12, 2016</b> Joseph Stapinski (10 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) From <i>sister Terri and brother-in-law Ted</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>March 13, 2016</b> Theodore Gradowski From <i>Betty Judowski and Family</i>
12:30 pm	Christine Jaworowski From <i>Mary Minkowski</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>March 14, 2016</b> Santiago Bitar From <i>Kerbaj Family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>March 15, 2016</b> Sammi Calderone From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>March 16, 2016</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>March 17, 2016</b> Deceased Siwik Family (Grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>March 18, 2016</b> Marta Bitar Daraze From <i>Kerbaj Family</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>March 19, 2016</b> Stanislaw Stapinski (58 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) and Julianna Stapinski From children <i>Terri and Ted</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>March 20, 2016</b> Helen and Walter Koch From <i>Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Englese</i>
12:30 pm	Henry and Margaret Heiser From <i>Laura Czysz and Ken Heiser</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

**Tabernacle Candle & Bread and Wine  
are offered in Memory of  
Alfred and Lillian Julewicz  
from son Philip**

## STEWARDSHIP

*"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." - Philippians 3:8*



The first commandment says that we shall not put other gods before the Lord. Detaching ourselves from material possessions and considering them "rubbish"

does just that. It strengthens our relationship with Jesus and allows us to live more freely and joyfully.

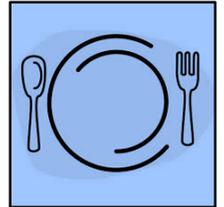
## DOWNTOWN HARVEST COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA)



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](mailto:downtownharvest@yahoo.com).

## OLC SCHOOL'S FOURTH ANNUAL A TASTE OF JERSEY CITY 2016

Join us on April 22 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: [www.olcschool.org](http://www.olcschool.org). All proceeds will benefit the school.



## THE PROJECT ROOMS EXHIBIT AT THE VICTORY DRAWING ROOMS

The Victory Drawing Rooms is hosting the "Project Rooms Exhibit" at the Drawing Rooms through March 27. The exhibit features 9 artists from NJ. The works include spring-like watercolor abstractions, elegant room reconfigurations, innovative abstract works, moody nightlife paintings and conceptual urban photography. Please join us at the Drawing Rooms, OLC Convent, 180 Grand Street. The galleries are open Thursday – Friday, 4-7 pm, and Saturday – Sunday, 2-6 pm. Call (201) 823-9393 or email: [victoryhall1@msn.com](mailto:victoryhall1@msn.com) for more information.

## RAINBOW THURSDAYS ARTISTS

An exhibition of artwork from Windmill Center's Art Program is available for viewing at Bayonne Public Library now through March 15. The program is provided by Victory Hall Inc. The Windmill Alliance has been serving developmentally disabled adults and providing much needed social services to those on the margins of society for more than 30 years. The library is at 697 Avenue C (at 31<sup>st</sup> Street). For more information, go to: [windmillalliance.org](http://windmillalliance.org) and [rainbowthursdays.org](http://rainbowthursdays.org).



**PROGRAMS AT THE  
MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER**



**Caregivers Retreat (April 1-3, 2016).** This weekend, open to primary caregivers for medically fragile or special needs family members and to those adult children who are now caring for their aging parents, will explore how we are able to find God at work during these challenging times. The retreat, led by caregivers themselves, will offer opportunities to be spiritually and physically renewed for the road ahead. Cost is \$135 per person.

**Widowed in Community (April 8-10, 2016).** When one is first widowed, one feels like no one has ever felt such grief before and no one will understand. Being in the company of others who are willing to share their stories of loss and eventual hope is a step toward becoming whole again. This year will have a new theme. New and returning attendees are welcome. Cost is \$130 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](http://www.capemarymarianists.org).

**VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE OF  
LOURDES, FRANCE AT  
HOLY ROSARY CHURCH**

The next best thing to visiting Lourdes itself is a Pilgrimage journey without the travel! North American Lourdes Volunteers will present a 90-minute prayerful virtual pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, at Holy Rosary Church on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 pm. You will immerse yourself in the Gospel Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette. Touch the Grotto Rock and experience the healing grace of Lourdes Water. Participants will receive a Eucharistic blessing and pray the Rosary. A Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful, under the usual conditions, who attend a Virtual Pilgrimage with North American Lourdes Volunteers. Come experience the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. Invite your family, children and friends. Holy Rosary Church is located at 344 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Jersey City. For more information, please contact the Parish office at 201-795-0120.

**LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)**

Have you and your family been impacted by tough economic times? The LIHEAP may be able to help you

pay your winter heating bills. Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2016. For those falling behind on their electric and gas bill who are not eligible for low income programs, moderate income programs, such as the TRUE Grant, PAGE Grant and/or New Jersey SHARES programs, may provide the help you need. For more information, or to find out how to apply, call 1-800-510-3102, visit [pseg.com/help](http://pseg.com/help) or [pseg.com/ayuda](http://pseg.com/ayuda) (Spanish).

**SHRINES OF THE HOLY LAND COLLECTION**

The Collection for the benefit of the Holy Shrines is scheduled for Good Friday, March 25, 2016. This collection helps support the people and places of the Holy Land. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. The Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. Your gift will make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region.

**THE FELICIAN SCHOOL FOR  
EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN**

The Felician School in Lodi, New Jersey has been teaching students with special needs from 3 to 21 years of age for over 40 years. The students are prepared to meet their potential and become as independent as possible. They specialize in Autism Spectrum Disorders, Behavioral Disorders, Mild to Severe Cognitive Impairment and Multiple Disability.

The school also offers an "Alternative Life Skills Program" for students 18-21 years of age. This program stresses personal and social skills, daily living skills, community and citizenship skills, career awareness and job sampling skills. They are also affiliated with Community Personnel Services, Inc. located in Chatham, to incorporate occupational training with the students' own communities.

Please visit their website at [www.fsec.org](http://www.fsec.org) for more information.

**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 2016. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:



April 24, 2016	3:00 pm	5 and 25 years (All counties)
May 1, 2016	3:00 pm	50 years years (All counties)

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