



# 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 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.

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – March 29, 2015**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Holy Thursday is significant in the Church year. The liturgy of the day commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and the institution of the priesthood. Both are intertwined. In the celebration of the Eucharist, the priest is functioning in persona Christi and not in his own person. The priest's ordinary identity is cloaked as he is garbed in the vestments that cover his ordinary identity. His actions, words and movements are not expressive of his own perspectives and convictions but rather that of Christ's. The congregation is called to respond to the celebrant for they are addressing not the individual man but Jesus in whose person the priest is celebrating the Mass.

Central to the celebration of the Eucharist and to Catholicism is the Church's teaching concerning the "real presence" of Jesus in the Eucharist. As we focus upon the real presence in the Eucharist, we consider gospel event that have Eucharistic implications. For example, Jesus will multiply the loaves and the fish, but he will admonish the people, "Do not work for food that perishes but work for the food that endures for eternal life" (Jn 6:27) When they asked for a "sign" so they might believe, Jesus would say, I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst...I am the bread that came down from heaven" (Jn 6:35, 41)."

As we celebrate the Eucharist, we hear those words of Jesus first spoken at the Last Supper, "This is my body, which will be given for you" (Lk 22:19). In the same way, after the meal, he took the cup and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you" (Lk 22:20). Since Jesus's word is the divine word, his words are transformative, not descriptive. Jesus's words create, sustain and change reality at every level of existence. At the consecration of the Mass, the priest is not speaking in his own person but in the person of Jesus. The words of consecration are spoken in the first person, namely Jesus speaking those words as the priest is functioning in persona Christi. That is why those words change the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ.

We need to always marvel at the mystery of what happens at Mass and never take it for granted.

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](http://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.

### HELP TO DECORATE CHURCH

Please volunteer to help decorate the church for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Call the rectory to volunteer, even if only for an hour. You may also sign up to



volunteer after Mass.

Thank you for your generosity during the Easter Flower Collection. We will be able to decorate the church in a manner worthy of its beauty for our Easter Celebration.

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, March 31, 2015**

Parish Penance Service, 7:00 p.m.

**Holy Thursday, April 2, 2015**

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday, April 3, 2015**

Stations of the Cross, 3:00 p.m.  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7:00 p.m. (Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion).

**Holy Saturday, April 4, 2015**

Blessing of Food, 1:00 p.m.

**Holy Saturday Night**

Mass of Vigil, 8:00 p.m. (Service of Light, Liturgies of the Word, Celebration of Sacraments of Initiation, Eucharist and Confirmation).

**Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015**

Masses: 10:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

**THERE IS NO 7:00 p.m. Mass**



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

## 2015 EVENTS AT OLC

**OLC Seniors:** Nashville, TN trip balance due April 2.

The April 8 Easter Celebration meeting will be in the Church Hall at 1 pm. Lunch will be served; cost TBD. April 20 trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see "Abie's Irish Rose"; \$55 per person fee due by April 13. 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*

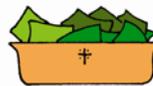
**Sunday, March 29, 2015**

Mk. 11:1-10; Is. 50:4-7; Phil. 2:6-11; Mk. 14:1-15:47

**Sunday, April 5, 2015**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col. 3:1-4; Jn. 20:1-9

## WEEKLY OFFERING



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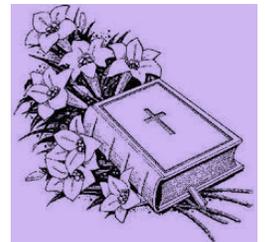
Thank you so much for your financial support and for living your financial commitment to your parish. We are grateful for those who generously support the parish. **We need your support** to achieve our weekly collection goal of \$6,000 per Sunday which is essential to the financial health of your parish.

For the weekend of March 22, 361 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$4,061. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,321, contributing to a weekend collection of \$6,381. This is \$ 381 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.

## ANNUAL EASTER GIFT APPEAL

As many parishioners know, the "Christmas Gift" and "Easter Gift" programs have been longstanding traditions here at OLC. Funds raised through the "Christmas Gift" are dedicated to a special capital project. Funds donated as the "Easter Gift" are



dedicated to the operating budget. This year we will dedicate the Easter Gift to both. We are suggesting a gift of \$200. You may make your "Easter Gift" in one payment or in installments. Thank you so very much for your past financial generosity. It is a powerful statement of your dedication and love for Christ and for His Church. We at OLC are sincerely grateful. Regardless of your pledge amount whether it is \$5.00, \$150 or more, you are always in our prayers. God bless you!

## 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](mailto:downtownharvest@yahoo.com).



## 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!



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 28, 2015</b>
5:00 pm	Florence Kyc (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann.) From <i>Family</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 29, 2015</b>
10:00 am	Barbara Speck From <i>Pat Rubino</i>
12:30 pm	William Bromirski From <i>Theresa J. Smith</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 30, 2015</b>
12:30 pm	William Bromirski From <i>Walter and Connie Chowanec</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 31, 2015</b>
12:30 pm	William Bromirski From <i>Walter and Raquel Chowanec</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 1, 2015</b>
12:30 pm	No Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 2, 2015</b>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 3, 2015</b>
3:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm	Good Friday Service
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 4, 2015</b>
8:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 5, 2015</b>
10:00 am	Francis Ciba (11 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) From <i>Family</i>
12:30 pm	Thomas Eckert From <i>Kathy Eckert</i>

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

## STEWARDSHIP

*"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" — Mark 15:12-13*



Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Pray for the courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

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

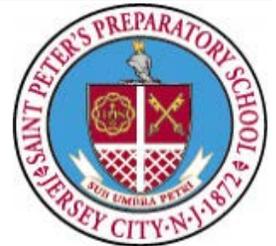
## OLC CHURCH'S 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

We will have our Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday morning, April 4 at 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. Raindate is Saturday, April 11. Bring your cameras and make certain that you arrive ahead of time. Even though we put out about a thousand eggs, the stam-pede 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.



## ST. PETER'S PREP OPEN HOUSE

Saint Peter's Preparatory School will be holding its 2015 Spring Open House on Sunday, May 3, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students and parents, will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. Founded in 1872, Saint Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. For more information on the Spring Open House, please call **201-547-6389**.



## WEEKEND RETREATS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

**Widows Retreat Weekend:** If you are recently widowed, it may feel like no one will understand your grief. Join us April 10-12 and be with other widows who are willing to share their stories of loss and eventual hope. Previous attendees are also welcome. Cost is \$130 per person and includes accommodations, meals and activities. For more information, please call Madge at 856-848-5346 or Pam at 856-783-0218 or email: [mfrfc@capemaymarianists.org](mailto:mfrfc@capemaymarianists.org).

## CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Launched in 1998, this Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 87 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses. The Subcommittee on the Catholic Home Missions funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, and the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups. OLC will take up this collection on April 12.

## ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

### Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

#### Who does the Annual Appeal serve?

Your gift to Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal funds vital ministries and programs in the Archdiocese of Newark, including YOUR parish and local Church services. The Annual Appeal provides funding for the following essential programs and ministries:

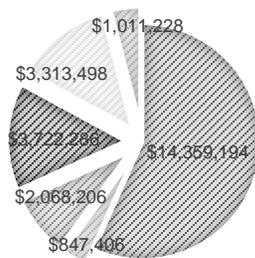
#### FISCAL YEAR 2015

This chart represents the total expenses for the services/programs listed below (excluding Catholic Charities). The Annual Appeal funds nearly 40 percent of the budget shown below. Other resources, such as parish assessments, fund the remaining balances.

The Annual Appeal rebates received by parishes that exceeded their Annual Appeal goal and funds raised through the Annual Appeal designated for Seton Hall University are included in the "Parish and School Subsidies."

Catholic Charities receives a gift in the amount indicated on the right from the Archdiocese of Newark.

- Parish and School Subsidies
- Youth and Young Adult Ministry
- Catholic Charities
- Priest Retirement Residences and Health Care Costs
- Seminarian Education and Formation
- Campus Ministry



**Parishes:** The Archdiocese of Newark is comprised of 219 vibrant parishes within Bergen, Essex, Hudson, and Union Counties. Many parishes would not be able to keep their doors open if not for the generosity of those who support the Annual Appeal. In addition, those parishes that exceed their Annual Appeal goal receive a rebate that may be used for repairs or assisting those in need at the parish.

**Catholic Education:** The 66 elementary and 28 high schools in the Archdiocese of Newark provide children with a quality education that utilizes modern technology. At the same time, students are instilled with something that never is too old-fashioned: Christ-centered values. Our Catholic

Schools have a 100% graduation rate with over 97% of seniors pursuing a college education.

**Seminarian Education & Formation:** The Archdiocese of Newark is blessed with three seminaries in the Archdiocese of Newark that educate and train our future priests. These seminaries are currently educating and forming over 125 men for the priesthood. In several recent years, the Archdiocese of Newark has ordained more men to the priesthood than any diocese in the United States.

**Priest Retirement and Health Care Costs:** After dedicating their lives to the Church, many retired priests continue to serve local parishes. We currently care for and serve over 200 retired priests who have faithfully served our local Church. The Annual Appeal helps to supplement the increasing healthcare costs for our retired priests as well as provide funding for two retirement homes.

**Catholic Charities:** Each year Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark helps more than 80,000 individuals with food, clothing, shelter, special education and social programs from sites around the four counties we serve. This includes the 52,000 people served through its Emergency Food and Nutrition Food Pantry Network and nearly 6,000 people who were placed in temporary residences while they found jobs and were able to get back on their feet.

**Campus Ministry:** Campus Ministers are based at 10 different college campuses throughout the Archdiocese and are charged with the task of bringing our Faith to thousands of college-aged students. These campus ministers help to engage young people in their Faith and bring others to the Catholic Faith through retreats, special events, and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

**Youth Ministry:** CYO provides young people with the opportunity to attend retreats, increase their knowledge of the Catholic Faith, and participate in a wide variety of sports and recreation programs in both summer and year-round programs.

Pledge literature is found in the pews. Please use the pledge envelope to make a pledge or donation. Thank you in advance for your support of the Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal.

## 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FISH & CHIPS NIGHT

OLC had its fifth annual Fish & Chips Night on Saturday, March 21. It was very well attended and everyone young and old had a great time. The delicious meal was provided by Thistle's of Lyndhurst. We can't wait for next year!



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