



# 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.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2015**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

On June 25, 1967, the Beatles performed a new song that was to become one of their biggest hits, "All You Need is Love" on the program "Our World", the first international live broadcast. Using music, current events and human interest segments, the program sought to celebrate peace and cooperation in the world. Fourteen countries participated in the production that was transmitted to 31 countries with an estimated audience of between 400 and 700 million people. The Beatles came up with this song about a word everyone understood: love.

Love is the theme of this week's gospel; all love begins and ends with God. Loving others not only brings us closer to them but brings us closer to God as well. "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love..." 1 John 4:7-8. Loving the Lord, and knowing He loves us, inspires us to show love to others through acts of kindness, understanding and mercy. Love God and each other wholeheartedly "...so that Jesus' joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." John 15:11-12

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:

**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:

**June 7, 2015, August 2**

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 program came to an end Monday, March 23. However, there is a second component to this program which is offered. The second component is entitled "50 Theological and Spiritual Questions about the Catholic Faith." We covered two topics last Monday evening, "God" and "The Trinity."

At our next meeting on Monday, May 13, 7:30 pm in the rectory the topic will be about the Spiritual Life. What does it mean to be saved? What is required of us to be saved? What is Grace? What is Spirituality? What is essential to Christian Spirituality? Are there false spirits in the world? Is there a spiritual realm of existence? Do evil spirits attempt to stop us from following Jesus Christ? Why is Mary known as the Seat of Wisdom? What are the various forms of Christian

discipleship? What gifts does God give the Catholic Church? What is the mission of the Catholic Church? What is evangelization?

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.

### MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY



We at OLC Church wish all of the mothers, step-mothers, Godmothers, and all the women who are like a mother to us, a very Happy Mother's Day!

### CONFIRMATION AT OLC



We offer our congratulations to Matias Sendon who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday, May 3.

Matias was a participant in our RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation). Matias is seen with his wife, Maria Soledad Bianchi. Maria and Matias married in Argentina a few weeks ago. Congratulations!

## 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:** Memorial Day and Mother's Day celebration meeting will be held in the Church Hall at 1 pm on May 13. Lunch will be served; cost TBD. The trip to Nashville, Tennessee will be on May 17-22. 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, May 10, 2015**

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn. 4:7-10;  
Jn. 15:9-17

**Sunday, May 17, 2015**

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; 1 Jn. 4:11-16; Jn. 17:11-19

## 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 3, 364 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,596. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,507, contributing to a weekend collection of \$6,103. This is \$103 above our weekly goal of \$6,000.

An additional Easter Gift was made last weekend bringing our total to \$ 34,587.

If you have been away from church traveling for Easter, there is still time to make your Easter Gift. If you use ParishPay, you can still give through ParishPay, or make your contribution in church using an Easter Envelope. Thank you.

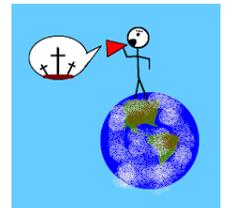
## ASCENSION THURSDAY



Thursday, May 14, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. As a Holy Day of Obligation, there is a serious obligation to attend Mass. We will have a 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm Mass on Thursday.

## COMMUNICATING GOD'S WORD APPEAL

This weekend our special collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This annual fund makes possible local Catholic communication projects. The CCC helps connect the world with God's word. Half of the funds collected remain in each diocese to support local communication projects. The other half supports the development and production of a wide range of media nationally and worldwide.



## FAITH AND SAFETY WEBSITE

Not sure whether or not to buy your child a cell phone? Need advice on how to set limits on your children's social media usage? Uncertain as to how to talk to your children about internet safety? Find plenty of guidance on: [www.faihandssafety.org](http://www.faihandssafety.org).



The website from the USCCB, in partnership with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, is designed to help keep children and families safe online. It is a place where families learn to see technology through the eyes of faith and stay safe online. The site offers guidance on how to use the internet, cell phones and video games safely, as well as protecting children's privacy.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>May 9, 2015</b> Mary and Stanley Plewan Sr. From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>May 10, 2015</b> Mary Czysz and Family From <i>Laura Czysz; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
12:30 pm	Inez Delacruz From <i>Gudy Aclo</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 11, 2015</b> Gregoria and Benjamin Garcia From <i>Belinda Cortez</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 12, 2015</b> Rose Fiorillo From <i>Joe Flynn</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 13, 2015</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 14, 2015</b> Barbara Speck From <i>Joseph and Liz Koch</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 15, 2015</b> Deomedesa Ortiz From <i>Gudy Aclo</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>May 16, 2015</b> Frank Judowski (15 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) From <i>Wife, Children and Grandchildren</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>May 17, 2015</b> Barbara Speck From <i>Julia Nowatowski</i>
12:30 pm	Barbara Speck From <i>the Furka Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

## STEWARDSHIP



*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." - John 15:12-13*

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we should be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him.

## TALENTED MUSICIANS!



Can you play a musical instrument or are blessed with a wonderful singing voice? If so, we are in need of your musical ability here at our parish. Please contact Ben Rauch, the OLC Music Director, at: [Directorofmusic@olcjc.org](mailto:Directorofmusic@olcjc.org).

## SPRING RETREATS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

**Weekday Getaway – May 26-28 and June 2-4.** Need a break from the stress of everyday life? Join us and get away from it all for a few days! Here is your opportunity to recharge your spiritual batteries with other like-minded adults. Cost \$120 per person for two nights.

Accommodations, meals, prayer services and group sharing are included. For more information on any of these programs, please call 609-884-3829 or visit their website at: [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org).

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

**Lectors** – Pat Duemig, **201-955-1495**

**Serve Donuts After 10:00 am Mass** – call OLC rectory, 201-434-0798.

## JERSEY CITY MACARONI KID WEBSITE

Looking for fun ideas on what to do with the kids this weekend? Macaroni Kid and its family of Publisher Moms are dedicated to delivering the scoop on all the family-friendly events and activities happening in their communities each week. Check out Macaroni Kid's articles, event calendar, activities and giveaways every week. Sign up for their free newsletter at [www.jerseycity.macaronikid.com](http://www.jerseycity.macaronikid.com).



## NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April was National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

If you ever suspect child abuse, you must report it. The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. The Archdiocese encourages anyone with knowledge of any act of sexual misconduct to inform them immediately so that they can take proper appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. If you wish to report any allegations, call the Archdiocesan Office of Child & Youth Protection at 973-497-4011. Additionally, you should also call the County Prosecutor's Office. Such is the case in any youth or school related activities, public or private.



## ANNUAL EASTER GIFT APPEAL



As many parishioners know, the “Christmas Gift” and “Easter Gift” programs are longstanding traditions here at OLC. Moneys raised through the “Christmas Gift” are dedicated to a special capital project. Donations from the “Easter Gift” are dedicated to the operating budget.

Our Christmas Gift appeal has allowed us to move forward to replace the front doors of the church which are in dreadful conditions. Our door contractor is presently working on the doors and we hope to have them installed in the near future. Additionally, we have rebuilt and pointed the masonry inside the west bell tower. The repair of the tower masonry goes unnoticed but is essential to the integrity of the tower. If you wish, take a look inside the west tower as it takes you to the choir loft. We left the masonry exposed. It provides a dramatic effect to see it.

This year’s Easter gift appeal has helped us cover the cost to replace the church boiler that failed during some of the coldest days of the winter. I remember the date that the boiler failed, Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of February. Everyone was so good and understanding tolerating the cold church. Moneys collected from the Easter gift has helped us off-set the expenses of the new church boiler.

I thank all those who have contributed to this Gift Appeal. If you have not contributed, we still welcome your gift. Be as generous as you can and remember that no gift is too small. God bless you!

Additionally, we strongly suggest enrolling in Parish-Pay. This will help us immensely with parish finances. To enroll, go to [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com).

## PARISH PICNIC



Let’s start to get ready and excited about our upcoming parish picnic! 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 we approach the date, we will be looking for some volunteers to help with set-up, cooking, activities, clean-up, etc. We will also need people to help with children’s activities. Remember! Always bring the children! As in the past, everyone is welcome to attend. This is a



great opportunity for community building. Come! Meet and socialize with other parishioners.

The parish will supply food and refreshments, but we welcome parishioners to contribute desserts and “ethnic” foods.

## MEMORIAL DAY CEMETERY MASSES

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark will once again join with approximately 1,000 other Catholic Cemeteries nation-wide to celebrate “Serving God and Country: A Memorial Day Salute to our Heroes.” With that in mind, Memorial Day Mass celebrations will be held on Monday, May 25, 2015, 11:00 am in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington; Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover; Maryrest Cemetery, Mahwah; Saint Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia; Holy Name Cemetery, Jersey City; Christ the King Cemetery, Franklin Lakes and Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, East Orange. Celebrants include:



Most Reverend John J. Myers will be the Main Celebrant at Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington, NJ.

Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda will be the Main Celebrant at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover, NJ.

Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Nydegger will be the Main Celebrant at Maryrest Cemetery, Mahwah, NJ.

Most Reverend Manuel A. Cruz will be the Main Celebrant at Saint Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia, NJ.

Most Reverend Thomas A. Donato will be the Main Celebrant at Holy Name Cemetery, Jersey City, NJ.

Most Reverend John W. Flesey will be the Main Celebrant at Christ the King Cemetery, Franklin Lakes, NJ.

Reverend Philip J. Waters, O.S.B. will be the Main Celebrant at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, East Orange, NJ.

## DOWNTOWN HARVEST COMMUNITY (CSA)



Our CSA, Downtown Harvest is now preparing for their upcoming season. The CSA is a not-for-profit group that provides fresh, organic produce for members. This program promotes relationships within our community, and promotes stewardship of our earth by fostering sustainable agriculture. During the harvest season, once a week, the farmer brings the members’ weekly share for distribution at the parish garage. Members share in the risks and the rewards of the farmer. For membership information, please visit the website at <http://www.downtownharvest.org> or e-mail [downtownharvest@yahoo.com](mailto:downtownharvest@yahoo.com).