



# OLC

## 1911 – 2017

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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 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 Easter – May 14, 2017**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

“May is yet another month where the secular celebration of a holiday parallels the sacred celebration of the Church. Mothers’ Day is celebrated in the U.S. each May, much to the delight of purveyors of cards, chocolates and flowers, not to mention restaurant owners! Spoiling Mom on that Sunday is a noble exercise in love, and if devoted offspring and spouse can free a mother from her normal obligations for just a brief period, then mothers rightfully give thanks to the calendar.”

“May, however, is also the month that the Church recognizes her own mother – Mary, Mother of the Church.”

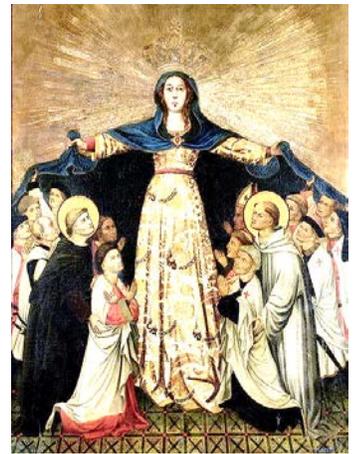
“This title has an even deeper meaning, when we contemplate the life of the Blessed Virgin. By living in complete obedience and cooperation with God, Mary models perfect discipleship for all of us. As disciples, we seek to practice all of the virtues of our faith – to be good stewards of the life, time, gifts and talents we have received from God and to use them as God intends...”

“It is not a stretch to say that on most days, we are presented with opportunities to...repay our Lord for His blessings. Have we witnessed an older person struggling to load boxes or groceries and expressed impatience rather than offering a hand? On a bitterly cold and rainy day, have we jumped into our car while a handicapped person struggles to return a cart to the cart holder?” Additionally, for those closest to us, have we given deeds of love and devotion to our mothers, not just on Mother’s Day but every day?

“Stewardship...isn’t easy. Fortunately, we have a model, in Mary, of a steward who acted perfectly in the face of difficulty. Faced with a difficult choice to accept a son despite not having known man, Mary trusted in the Lord. As a mother with a son who was fully God, yet fully man, she provided the care and nurturing that only a mother can provide...Let’s remember to model her.” (“Motherhood as the Model for Stewardship” Harry Colin, Director of Development at Quigley Catholic High School, Baden PA).

Wishing all mothers, and those who are like mothers to us, a very happy and blessed Mother’s Day.

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 2, 2017; September 10, 2017**

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.

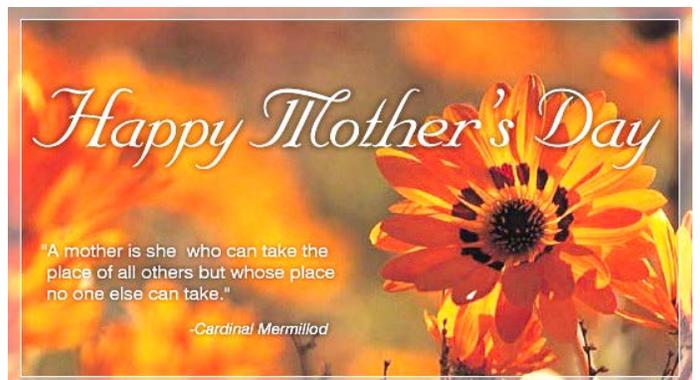
You can register online, by phone, or you can just walk in (**however, preregistration is extremely helpful**). Upcoming dates are:

**June 4, 2017; August 6, 2017**

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. The application is free and only takes a few minutes.

### EMERGENCY FOOD NETWORK (EFN)

Need a great gift idea for Mother’s Day? How about Father’s Day? Honor your father, mother, or any other special person (living or deceased) by making a donation to EFN in their name. For a minimum of \$5, EFN will send a card to the person you designate noting your donation to help feed the hungry of the Archdiocese of Newark. Monies received will be used to support 50 pantries in Essex, Hudson, Union and Bergen counties. For more information, please call EFN at Catholic Charities at 908-497-4012 or email: [Stobin@ccannj.org](mailto:Stobin@ccannj.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).

## 2017 EVENTS AT OLC

**OLC Seniors:** The last meeting will be on June 14, location TBD. 2017-2018 meetings will resume in September. For more information, please contact Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

**The OLC Adult Choir:** The choir rehearsal takes place on Sundays, 11:15 am and then sing at the 12:30 pm Mass. 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.

**First Holy Communion:** Sunday after Mother's Day (May 21).

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Reflect on today's readings. Prepare for next Sunday.*

**Sunday, May 14, 2017**

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt. 2:4-9; Jn. 14:1-12

**Sunday, May 21, 2017**

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt. 3:15-18;  
Jn. 14:15-21

*Attend Dail Mass*

*It will make a difference in your life*

## 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.

**OLC is facing a financial crisis.** Our collections have been dropping below our \$6,000 weekly goal. Therefore, we still expect financial difficulties as we go forward. We ask a few things of you:

1. Use parishpay if you cannot attend Mass each weekend.
2. Increase your weekly donation. We really need people to be as generous as possible each week to support the parish.
3. If you do not use Parishpay, please "make up" your regular donation the next time you attend Mass. To sign up for ParishPay, go to [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) and follow the prompts.

For the weekend of May 6/7, 381 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$4,343. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,230, contributing to a weekend collection of \$6,573. This is \$573 above our weekly goal of \$6,000.

The last count has our Easter collection amounting to \$27,450. Thank you. You can still make your Easter donation if you haven't already done so.

If you have been away from church traveling for any reason, we encourage you to "make up" your contributions. Remember that although it is important to support your parish financially, your donation is ultimately a gift back to God for his blessings.

## MEMORIAL DAY MASSES: A SALUTE TO OUR HEROES

On Monday, May 29, 2017, 11:00 am, Cardinal Joseph Tobin will officiate at a mass saluting the fallen heroes at Holy Cross Cemetery in North Arlington, NJ. The Rev. Msgr. Gregory J. Studerus will officiate at the mass at Holy Name Cemetery in Jersey City, NJ. Masses will be held, rain or shine (canopies will be provided). For participating parishes and a complete schedule, go to [www.rcancem.org](http://www.rcancem.org).

## BEREAVED PARENTS RETREAT

There is no other loss like that of one's child, and the needs of those who have suffered this loss are special. For those who have suffered this loss, there will be a one-day retreat on June 3 will allow participants to learn about specific aspects of their grief and meet other parents who have walked –and still walk- this very difficult road. Retreat is from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. It will be held at the Parish Center of Notre Dame Church in North Caldwell, NJ. Fee is \$25 per person and includes breakfast and lunch. For more information, please call the Family Life Office, 973-497-4327 or email [eganlau@rcan.org](mailto:eganlau@rcan.org).

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>May 13, 2017</b> Ted Gradowski & Brothers John and Frank From <i>Terri Gradowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>May 14, 2017</b> Mary Czysz and Family From <i>Laura Czysz; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
12:30 pm	Claire and Ed Coleman From <i>Monica Donnelly</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 15, 2017</b> Intentions of George and Marita Burke From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 16, 2017</b> Intention of Thanh Tan From <i>Kim Mom</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 17, 2017</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 18, 2017</b> Simon Bitar From <i>Berbaj Family</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 19, 2017</b> Intention of Dolores Staniszewski From <i>Diana and Steven Colella</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>May 20, 2017</b> Frank Gradowski (12 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) & Brothers John and Ted From <i>Terri Gradowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>May 21, 2017</b> Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
12:30 pm	Lucy S. Kirkowski From <i>Wally Padulo</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

***The Tabernacle Candle & Bread and Wine  
are offered in Memory of  
Barbara Bromirski  
From Melanie and Bill Zazula***

## STEWARDSHIP

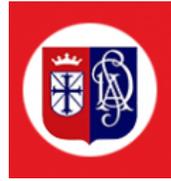


*"The stone which the  
builders rejected has become  
the cornerstone."  
- 1 Peter 2:7*

Everyone is given unique gifts. Many people are able to recognize their talents and abilities, but there are many people who are unsure of their gifts. This may make them feel worthless. If you know someone who is

struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern how they might use their skills. No gift is too small or insignificant.

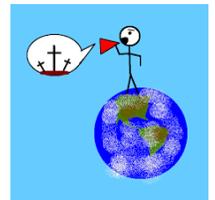
## ST. DOMINIC ACADEMY "WALK THROUGH WEDNESDAYS"



St. Dominic Academy (SDA), a college preparatory school for girls, announces "Walk Through Wednesdays". Parents (and students, if they are available) will be able to visit SDA every Wednesday that school is in session, between the hours of 10:00-11:30 am. No appointment is necessary. Information about SDA, and its application and admission processes can be found on the website: [www.stdominicacad.com](http://www.stdominicacad.com). Questions can be directed at any time to Andrea Apruzzese, Director of Admissions at 201-4343-5938, ext. 14 or to [apruzzese@stdominicacad.com](mailto:apruzzese@stdominicacad.com).

## COMMUNICATING GOD'S WORD APPEAL

Our next special collection is the Catholic Communication Campaign this weekend. This annual fund makes possible local Catholic communication and evangelization 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, including the Catholic University and the Church in Latin America. **Please make out checks to "Our Lady of Czestochowa Church."**



## NEW EXHIBIT AT THE DRAWING ROOMS "THE INNOCENCE OF TREES"

Now through June 10, the Drawing Rooms will be a forest, as we celebrate our love of Planet Earth. This



is our second show of the year in response to the new administration.

"The Innocence of Trees" is a group show featuring drawing, painting, photography, sculpture and installation by nine artists in nine gallery rooms. Artists Anne Doris-Eisner, Claire McConaughy, Dana Scott, Geoffrey Sokol, James Pustorino, Julie Anne Mann, Kathleen Vance, Shelley Haven and Yeon Ji Yoo, created works which focus on a study of trees. The show is curated by Anne Trauben.

A free artist workshop (open to all ages) on how to draw trees will be held on May 21 from 3:00-6:00 pm. The Drawing Rooms are located at 180 Grand Street in Jersey City. For more information, go to [www.drawingrooms.org](http://www.drawingrooms.org).

**SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS  
ANNUAL APPEAL  
WE ARE LIVING STONES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

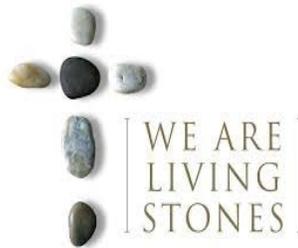
This year's Appeal and last year's Living Stones Capital Campaign have continued to support the many good works of the ministries throughout the Archdiocese. Here are just two examples:



On May 27, seven men will be ordained as priests at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, NJ. The Rev. Msgr. Philip Micele said, "I am deeply grateful for all the support, both financial and spiritual, which the people of the Archdiocese of Newark have provided us. Their contributions enable us to have access to excellent professors and formatters who help us

to grow as men of prayer, and come to know and love the Lord and His church more deeply. During my years as a seminarian, I can say I've experienced a lot of personal growth, and so much of that is due to the generosity of the people of the Archdiocese of Newark."

The Archdiocese of Newark welcomed 499 catechumens and 693 candidates at the Easter Vigil on April 15. The Parish Renewal Fund, established by the We Are Living Stones Capital Campaign, will enable parishes to apply for grants to enhance their evangelization efforts as well as religious education programs.



To learn more about the ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark, please visit [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing) or like them on face book at 'Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark' or tweet them at @NwKArchdiocese!

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

We are now starting to enroll children for the reception of their sacraments (First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) for 2018. Registration will take place in the rectory between 10:00 am and 4:45 pm.



When you register, we will require a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. The offering for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is \$120. The offering for Confirmation is \$60.

If your child is receiving Confirmation in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup>-graders must register for our two-year program. Should you



have any questions, please call the rectory at 201-434-0798.

**PROGRAMS AT THE  
MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER**



**Spirituality and Aging Weekday Retreat (June 6-8, 2017).** This retreat is for both women and men over 55 years. It will address the mystery of aging as God's desire for the fulfillment of our lives and our spiritual development. Aging is not failure but a process of "growth and diminishment" with God working on our wisdom and creating us as we truly need to be. There will be quiet time, input, prayer and rituals, small group sharing and daily Eucharist. Cost is \$125 per person.

**Spiritual Getaway (June 13-15, 2017).** Give yourself a special gift by "re"-treating with a spring getaway from your hectic schedule. There is no required program to follow. You're invited to join in the Eucharist, morning and evening prayer, and meals with the Marianist Community members. Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or spiritual direction are usually available. You may also want to stroll the nearly empty beaches, read a book, or reflect on Scripture. Cost is \$125 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.capemay-marianists.org](http://www.capemay-marianists.org).

