



OLC

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 – 2017

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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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 21, 2017

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

During the last supper of the Lord, Jesus' followers had no inkling of the tragic events about to unfold. So far, everything had worked out the way Jesus said it would. The Lord's miracles made believers of many; His teachings inspired hope and change. His ministry was growing. No doubt His followers expected more of the same. Then Christ drops a bombshell: He is leaving them. Jesus tries to prepare His disciples for what is coming. He reassures them that He will not truly abandon them and promises them a new "Advocate" who will always be with them. The Advocate Jesus speaks of is the Holy Spirit. This Advocate will be available to all who seek one, according to this week's gospel.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." (John 14:15-21)

God loves those who love Jesus, keep His commandments and love others. Jesus kept his promise to His faithful disciples and appeared to them after His resurrection. Faith is a gift from God made possible only through the grace of the Holy Spirit. It is through the gift of the Holy Spirit we can know God personally and the truth He reveals to us through His only begotten Son.

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 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 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.

FAITH WORKS Food for Those in Need

We continue to ask parishioners to remember those in need. Throughout the year we collect non-perishable foods for a local food pantry. Suggested donations include: canned coffee, tea, jelly, peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned and dried soups, cereals, pastas and noodles, brown gravies, Italian gravies, toiletries (soaps, shampoos, body washes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.), canned meats and canned fish, and condiments (mayo, mustard, ketchup, salt, pepper, sugar, etc.). Leave your donations on the table in the rear of the church next weekend. Thanks again for your generosity to the neediest of our community.

OLC SCHOOL'S SPRING FLING CARNIVAL

OLC School's 7th Annual Spring Fling Carnival coming! Come out Saturday, June 10 from 11:00 am to 6:00. Join us for food, music, crafts, live performances and fun! New this year is the International Celebration – visit 22 countries in one afternoon! \$25 admission fee for children ages 3 and up will include crafts, games and activities (\$50 maximum for families with 3 or more children). Food is available for purchase. Proceeds to benefit the school. Adults and children under 2 are free. The rain date is Sunday, June 11.



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.

2017 EVENTS AT OLC

OLC Seniors: The next meeting will be June 14; location TBD. 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.

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.

Ascension Thursday: May 25, Holy Day of obligation

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Sunday, May 21, 2017

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

Sunday, May 28, 2017

Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt. 4:13-16;
Jn. 17:1-11

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 and follow the prompts.

For the weekend of May 13/14, 383 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$4,652. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,130 contributing to a weekend collection of \$6,782. This is \$782 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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	May 20, 2017 Frank Gradowski (12 th Ann.) & Brothers John and Ted From <i>Terri Gradowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	May 21, 2017 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
Monday 12:30 pm	May 22, 2017 Gladys S. Johnson From <i>Cheryl Mallon</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	May 23, 2017 Intentions of Gerard and Debbie Burke From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	May 24, 2017 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	May 25, 2017 Intention of Pike Roman From <i>Kim Mom</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Friday 12:30 pm	May 26, 2017 Andrew Ciba (3 rd Ann.) From <i>Family</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	May 27, 2017 Barbara Bromirski From <i>Melanie and Bill</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	May 28, 2017 Maciek Glodek From <i>Sister and Family</i>
12:30 pm	Diane Wisniewski From <i>Melinda and Anthony Puccio</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP



“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God’s will, than for doing evil.”
- 1 Peter 3:17

The old line says “if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.” Many of us are diligent in our planning, making sure things are progressing smoothly, then disaster strikes, we don’t get the result that was intended.

An unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively. Why me? I did everything right! Here’s the thing – God has a different and better plan in store for you.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

themarriagepreparationcourse

The Archdiocese of Newark’s Family Life Office is welcoming and encouraging married couples, young, old and everyone in between, to consider sharing the Catholic vision for marriage in one of our two Marriage Preparation classes.

First, a **new revised** Pre-Cana Program. Married couples would present this program to engaged couples, and guide them through activities while offering witness to the power of God’s grace and presence in their lives. Would you like to help? Whether you are presenting Pre-Cana now or always wanted to, please join us to discuss this new program:

Date: June 15, 2017 at 7:30pm
Location: Archdiocesan Center
171 Clifton Avenue, Newark.

Questions? Please call Deacon Jim Detura, Dir. Office of Family Life at **973-497-4324**

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do,…” Let the Lord into your marriage to do His works by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information contact Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880, or email njwwme@peoplepc.com. **Military families**, are you getting ready to deploy? Is your family trying to reconnect after deployment? Marriage Encounter offers tools of communication that have kept many military marriages strong and happy throughout the ups and downs of military service. Contact your local chaplain or call 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 for more information.

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. Questions can be directed at any time to Andrea Apruzzese, Director of Admissions at 201-4343-5938, ext. 14 or to apruzzese@stdominicacad.com.

**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 or like them on face book at 'Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark' or tweet us 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 8th grade, 7th graders must register for our two-year program. Should you have any questions, please call the rectory, **201-434-0798**.

**THE DRAWING ROOMS EXHIBIT
"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.

**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.

Summer Family Retreat Weeks (One-Week Sessions available from June 26-August 26, 2017). Join other families (grandparents welcome) for a week of liturgies, presentations, peer group discussions, family sharing, fun activities and swimming in Cape May, NJ. All join in community tasks such as meal clean-up. Cost is \$215 per person (8 years to adults) and \$140 per person (2-7 years). Maximum family fee is \$1,250 per family/\$950 per single-parent family.

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.