



# 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.

**Pentecost Sunday – May 24, 2015**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Birthdays are special events and are sometimes celebrated with much fanfare. Often, gifts are made to the guest of honor. Though much thought is put into finding the perfect gift, some gifts are, nevertheless, better received than others.

Today is a birthday of sorts. Pentecost Sunday, is often called the birthday of the Church. The power hinted at and the Spirit promised are unleashed on this holy day. It is significant that this event took place on the first day of the week: a sign of a new beginning. After the Lord's Ascension, Mary and the apostles prayed for nine days and, "on the evening of that day, the first day of the week, ... Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' He showed them his hands and his side. Then they were glad when they saw the Lord... He says, 'As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' When He had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'" John 20:19-23 Filled with the Holy Spirit, they began to speak in other tongues. They were also granted gifts necessary to fulfill their mission and preach the gospel to all nations. This miracle attracted the curious from all over the city, who bore witness to the event. It is estimated that a few thousand citizens were converted that day and received the most wonderful gift of all: The saving grace of the gospel and our own unique abilities to live our faith.

Though it is not our birthday, we too have received this gift through Christ's redemption. "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 Corinthians 12:3-7 These are the perfect gifts for everyone; ones that we will use for the rest of our lives. Gifts that will lead us to fuller, richer and more meaningful lives.

With love,



### OLC COMMUNION CLASS 2015



Congratulations to our First Communicants who received the Eucharist for the first time last Sunday, May 17: Charlotte Bowe, Emily Costa, Shayndel D'Souza, Connor Fojas, Francis Garrett, Cecilia Madlin, Abigail Sabado, Eva Garvey, Alexander Vehap and Maximillian Williams.

### 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.

### WEDDING AT OLC

Congratulations to  
Angela Alvendia  
and  
Patrick Umali  
who celebrated their  
Marriage Ceremony  
Saturday,  
May 16, 2015  
at OLC



## MASS INTENTIONS



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

**Drawing Rooms:** "Little Hand" exhibit now through June 28. Reception on May 31. See page 5 for more information. The galleries are open Thursday – Friday, 4-7 pm, & Saturday – Sunday, 2-6 pm. (201) 823-9393 or email: [victoryhall1@msn.com](mailto:victoryhall1@msn.com).

**OLC Seniors:** June 10 is the End of the Season Party, including Father's Day and Flag Day. Lunch will be served. 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 24, 2015**

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor. 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn. 20:19-23

**Sunday, May 31, 2015**

Dt. 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom. 8:14-17; Mt. 28:16-20

## 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 17, 430 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,814. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,507, contributing to a weekend collection of \$6,321. This is \$321 above our weekly goal of \$6,000.

Our Easter Gift remains at \$ 35,117. If you use ParishPay, and failed to make your "Gift," there is still time. Thank you.

## 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 being offered. The second component is entitled "50 Theological and Spiritual Questions about the Catholic Faith." We covered "Spirituality" last week.



At our next meeting on Monday, June 1 at 7:30 pm in the rectory, the topic will be "Prayer." Discussion questions will include: What is prayer? What are the different types of prayer? Why are prayers of petition so important to God? Can our prayers change God's mind? Should we pray in the name of Jesus? Why doesn't God answer our prayers? Does God need our prayers? Why is it so important to go to Mass? How can we be better at praying? Do the Saints adore the Eucharist?

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.

## OLC SCHOOL'S SPRING FLING CARNIVAL

OLC School's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling Carnival is almost here! Come out Saturday, May 30 from 1 pm to 7 pm to the St. Peter's Prep courtyard on



Warren Street. Join us for food, music, crafts and fun! Raffle tickets for fabulous prizes will be available for purchase. \$20 admission fee for children ages 3 and up will include crafts, games and activities. Proceeds to benefit the school. Adults and children under 2 are free. The Rain date is Sunday, May 31.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| <b>Saturday</b><br>5:00 pm   | <b>May 23, 2015</b><br>Dennis Piatkowski<br>From <i>Walter and Eva Hyjek</i>     |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>10:00 am    | <b>May 24, 2015</b><br>Barbara Speck<br>From <i>Julia Nowatkowski</i>            |
| 12:30 pm                     | Lucy S. Kirkowski<br>From <i>Wally Padulo</i>                                    |
| 7:00 pm                      | People of the Parish   |
| <b>Monday</b><br>12:30 pm    | <b>May 25, 2015</b><br>Andy Ciba (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann.)<br>From <i>Family</i>    |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>12:30 pm   | <b>May 26, 2015</b><br>Claire Coleman<br>From <i>Monica</i>                      |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>12:30 pm | <b>May 27, 2015</b><br>Communion Service   |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>12:30 pm  | <b>May 28, 2015</b><br>Carlos Penaga<br>From <i>Vangie Campomanes</i>            |
| <b>Friday</b><br>12:30 pm    | <b>May 29, 2015</b><br>Barbara Speck<br>From <i>Terri and Ted</i>                |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>5:00 pm   | <b>May 30, 2015</b><br>Dennis Piatkowski<br>From <i>Dorothy Farmer</i>           |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>10:00 am    | <b>May 31, 2015</b><br>Barbara Speck<br>From <i>Julia Nowatkowski</i>            |
| 12:30 pm                     | Lira Behan<br>From <i>Paul Zwerdling &amp; the AIG<br/>Accounts Payable Team</i> |
| 7:00 pm                      | People of the Parish   |

*The Tabernacle Candle and Bread & Wine  
will be offered in Memory of  
Lillian and Alfred Julewicz  
From son Philip*

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

## STEWARDSHIP



*"There are different kinds of  
spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;  
there are different forms of ser-  
vice but the same Lord; there  
are different workings but the  
same God who produces all of  
them in everyone." - 1 Corinthians  
12:4-6*

By giving each of us different gifts, God made sure that the Church would have the right combination of time, talent and treasure that was needed to do His work. However, if one of us does not utilize our gifts, God's plan goes unfulfilled. Some important work is left undone.

## FAITH WORKS



Please remember to make a donation of non-perishable food items the first weekend in June 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!

## NEW EXHIBIT AT THE DRAWING ROOMS



"Little Hand" features eight artists creating organic and animated abstracted painting, drawing and sculpture, each in their

own way. Drawing from a pop sensibility, a lil' humor, kinda awkward and bashful (yet at the same time also bold & confident) with a bit of a quirk factor- these 2-D and 3-D works seem familiar, yet they are not and allude to a narrative, yet there is no narrative. (Does this unique imagery come from a sort of collective unconscious?) What we've got here is a new language of abstraction that's being explored, invented and extended. The exhibit will run from May 22 through June 28. Join us at a special reception on Sunday, May 31, 3-6 pm, 180 Grand Street, Jersey City. The Special Project Room featuring one artist's black & white photographs will also be open.

## FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS & HOLY HOUR



We will celebrate our next *First Friday Devotions*, on Friday, June 5 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This hour will afford you a perfect opportunity for prayerful reflection and a time for peaceful spiritual sustenance. Take a little time for yourself for peaceful reflection and meditation. It is only one hour, but it can take you away from your personal cares.

## SALES COUNCELOR FOR ARCHDIOCESAN CEMETERIES

The Archdiocesan Cemeteries are seeking to employ "Sales Counselors" to assist families who wish to obtain the Right of Interment in an Archdiocesan cemetery or mausoleum.

Education and/or Experience would require a College degree, prior sales experience is preferred, Knowledge of Excel/Access/Word & PowerPoint would be helpful in addition to being Bi-lingual a plus.

The physical demands are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Additional job related requirement are available by contacting the Office of Human Resources, Fax (973) 497-4103 or email [floresra@rcan.org](mailto:floresra@rcan.org)

## 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 un-noticed 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 up-coming 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 Street 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.



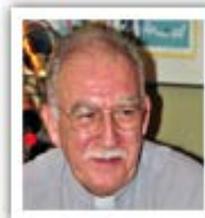
The parish will supply food and refreshments, but we welcome parishioners to contribute desserts and “ethnic” foods.

## FREE MONEY FOR YOUR PARISH OR SCHOOL WITH TD BANK’S & INVESTORS SAVINGS BANK’S “AFFINITY PROGRAMS”

Learn how to increase charitable giving to your organization without it costing you anything! Representatives from TD Bank and Investors Savings Bank will show you how on June 2 at 2 pm at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark. TD Bank’s “Affinity Membership Program” earns money for each new consumer deposit account opened, existing accounts designated for fundraising and a percentage of savings and CD accounts annual balance. The Investors Savings Bank Affinity program, “Care2Share” will pay .25% of the average monthly balance of all the consumer checking accounts and .15% of the average monthly balance of all savings accounts that are linked to the recipient organization. There is no fee for the presentation. Please RSVP to Lynn Gully at: [gullylyn@rcan.org](mailto:gullylyn@rcan.org) or call 973-497-4589 by Friday, May 22.



## VISIT FROM CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH PRIEST ON JUNE 13-14



Father Thomas A. Wantland of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish June 13-14 to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America

and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

## COALITION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

For the past several years the Archdiocese has worked closely with the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking. The Coalition is seeking volunteers and is sponsoring a training and outreach mobilization activity on Sunday, May 31, at the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest in Whippany from 1:00-3:00 p.m. During this session, participants will learn about S.O.A.P (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution). Teams will learn what they can do to find and save missing local children. You can learn and explain the warning signs of sex trafficking. This program provides a national human trafficking hotline number and makes people aware of their county law enforcement liaison. This event is open to participants aged 16 and older. This campaign has proved very successful for other parts of the country. For more information and to register please visit: <http://www.njhumantrafficking.org/>. For more information or questions, call: 973-497-4341 or email [grafftim@rcan.org](mailto:grafftim@rcan.org).