



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 – 2016

Very Rev. Thomas J. Ciba, V.F.

Pastor

Rev. Gerard J. Sudol

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Rev. Michael Braden, S.J.

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Rev. David Stump, S.J.

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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.

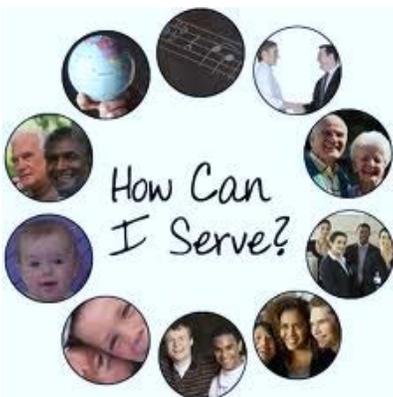
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – May 29, 2016

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT OLC



Eighteen children received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 15 during the 10:00 am and 12:30 pm masses. Congratulations to them and their families and may God Bless these beautiful children always. In alphabetical order they are: Allie Arcese, Gianluca Bilotti, Valentino Bilotti, Robert Boczkaj, Aidan D'Antuono, Christian Espiritu, Penelope Fleming, Isabella Garcia, Remi Graullera, Andrew Matos, Kyan Melendez, Chiesa Roberto, Sofia Romero, Luca Seaman, Aliza Struck, Ravi Struck, Mateusz Wroblewski and Maya Wroblewski.

JOIN A PARISH MINISTRY



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**

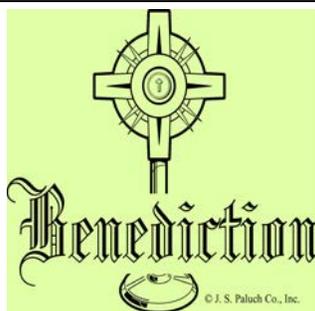
Choir – Ben Rauch, email: Directorofmusic@olcjc.org.

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

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

FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE

Friday, June 3rd is a very special day. It is not only First Friday but the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will celebrate our next *First Friday Devotions* from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This hour will afford you a perfect opportunity for prayerful reflection and a time for spiritual sustenance. It is only one hour, but it can take you away from your personal cares.



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!



VISIT FROM PASSIONIST PRIEST ON JUNE 4-5

Next weekend, Father James Elmore C.P., a Passionist priest from Papua New Guinea (PNG), will be here to preach the Annual Mission Appeal. Father Jim has worked among the Indigenous people of Australia as well as in the Missions of PNG. The second collection will be for the work of the Passionists Missionaries of PNG.



BAPTISM AT OLC

On Sunday, May 22nd at the 12:30 pm Mass, four children received the sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate: Benjamin Elias Kelly, son of Stephen and Elizabeth; Emerson Elizabeth Mandel, daughter of Howard and Nadine, little sister to big sister Ava; Simon Alexander Mirsky, son of Alex and Kasime; John William O'Leary V, son of John and Lisa. God bless them always.



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@olcjc.org.

2016 EVENTS AT OLC

Drawing Rooms: Galleries are located at 180 Grand Street, Jersey City. Call 201-823-9393 or email victoryhall1msn.com for more information.

OLC Seniors: June 1st day trip to see "Samson" at Sign and Sound Theatre in Pennsylvania. Cost is \$130 for show, dinner and transportation. June 8 is last meeting before summer break; lunch will be served. \$25.00 deposit for September trip to the Finger Lakes due; final payment due July 22nd. For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 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. 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.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Sunday, May 29, 2016

Gn. 14:18-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; Lk. 9:11-17

Sunday, June 5, 2016

1 Kgs. 17:17-24; Gal. 1:11-19; Lk. 7:11-17

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.

OLC is facing a financial crisis. This past year many families have relocated out of Jersey City. This has adversely effected our Sunday collections. Collections are down and ParishPay contributions have dropped by 30% to an average of less than \$1,900 per week. A very important way in which you can support your parish is to enroll in ParishPay and by being more generous in the Sunday collection. To sign up, go to www.parishpay.com and follow the prompts.

For the weekend of May 21/22, 518 people attended Mass; the collection in church amounted to \$2,857. ParishPay information has not been available for several weeks, we apologize.

If you have been away from church traveling for any reason, we encourage you to "make up" your contributions.

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 3, 2016; September 4, 2016

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 5, 2016; August 7, 2016

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.

DRAWING TOGETHER PUBLIC PROJECTS AT VICTORY HALL

On June 25 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm the Drawing Rooms will host a free day of art and activities for kids and families at the Drawing Rooms at 180 Grand Street. Silent art auction all day! There will be a live art auction and free cocktail hour from 6:30-8:30 pm. We hope you will join us!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	May 28, 2016 William Bromirski From <i>Mr. and Mrs. Kipp Leland</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	May 29, 2016 Dr. Chester R. Rydwin From <i>Julia Nowatkowski</i>
12:30 pm	Charles Rigoglioso From <i>Stipano Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	May 30, 2016 Francis F. Ramoin From <i>Mila and Family</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	May 31, 2016 Marie Belford From <i>Deacon Richard</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	June 1, 2016 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	June 2, 2016 All Souls in Purgatory From <i>Marie Hettiarachi</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	June 3, 2016 Rosalie Matute From <i>Michael Matute</i>
7:00 pm	First Friday
Saturday 5:00 pm	June 4, 2016 Freda D. Kucharski Rygiel From <i>Jeanne Bohlen Oppel</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	June 5, 2016 Eleanor Kozlowski From <i>Maggie and Lenny Englese</i>
12:30 pm	Catherine M. Reynolds From <i>Kathleen Boyle</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

**The Tabernacle Candle & Bread and Wine
are offered in Memory of
Alfred and Lillian Julewicz
from son Philip**

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

STEWARDSHIP



*"They all ate and were
satisfied. And when the left-
over fragments were picked
up, they filled twelve wicker
baskets."
- Luke 9:17*

The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when we share what we have, even if it doesn't seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or

insignificant! God blesses all the gifts we offer and makes them wondrous.

HARVEST COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (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.



MUSICAL EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

If you are seeking an experienced piano and/or voice teacher, OLC Director of Music, Ben Rauch, currently has some availability for music lessons for your children. They will have the opportunity to play on a professional Yamaha baby grand piano and sometimes the organ at the church. Recital performance opportunities will happen on a yearly basis. Lesson availability is for children ages five and up, and the lessons are 30 minutes each. Please contact Ben to inquire about rates at: directorofmusic@olcjc.org.



PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES AND PARIS, FRANCE

Our Lady of Fatima Church has scheduled a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Lourdes as well as Paris. Trip date is September 12-22, 2016. Daily mass, breakfast and dinner. Air is from New York JFK Airport. For more information, please call Cathie or Mike Milano at 1-800-773-2660.



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@olcjc.org.

Proof of parish registration is necessary should you require a "sponsor certificate" to be a godparent.

A NOTE FROM FR. GERRY

Following up on my homily of last Sunday (Trinity Sunday) – especially since your minds might still be going in circles after listening to it! – I thought the prayer below particularly appropriate in the face of trying to relate to so great a mystery of our faith.

All of us come across beliefs or situations that are difficult – or impossible – to comprehend. These can be part of our personal spiritual journey, or even found in the conundrums of every-day living. We can allow the whirl of accompanying questions to frustrate or discourage us, to bring us a “heaping helping” of fears or doubts, or to even turn from a healthy direction our lives may be taking at the present time.

We do have another choice, however. That is to obtain or grow the inner peace God wants so much for each and all of us to possess – or, at the very least, to preserve any sense of a true inner peace we already have.

In this short prayer, St Teresa of Avila encourages us to an attitude, a way of thinking, and a way of praying which find their beauty and power in simplicity. These words were written on a holy card found in Teresa’s breviary shortly after her death.

**Let nothing disturb you;
Let nothing frighten you.
All things are passing.
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
Nothing is wanting to the one who possesses God.
God alone suffices.**

Teresa of Avila was a 16th century Spanish mystic and contemplative, a Carmelite nun and reformer in her Religious Order. She was a prolific theological and spiritual writer, one of the greatest Christian thinkers and spiritualists of all time. She died in 1582, at the age of sixty-seven, and was canonized a saint in 1622. Saint Teresa was named a Doctor of the Church, along with Dominican Saint Catherine of Siena, by Pope Paul VI in 1970, the first women to be honored in this way by the Church. St Teresa’s Feast Day is October 15th, the anniversary date of her death.

JERSEY CITY MOMS MEETUP

Have kids? New in town? Want to meet other families? Check out Jersey City Moms Meetup at: www.meetup.com/jerseycitymoms.



The group’s overall goal is to foster friendships for moms and their families. They host a variety of family-friendly events that include husbands, partners and extended family members. They help many families connect to the

greater JC community by providing opportunities to get together with other moms and families in the neighborhood by setting up play dates, exchanging information, sharing experiences and providing support, as well as connecting to other moms on their message boards.

WE ARE LIVING STONES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



The **We Are Living Stones Capital Campaign** has begun in the Archdiocese of Newark. Two thirds of the parishes in the Archdiocese have implemented the Appeal. We, Our Lady of

Czestochowa parish, are in the third group to introduce the Appeal this spring.

Financial resources are essential to enable our parishes, particularly Our Lady of Czestochowa, to continue supporting the journey of faith, spirituality and ministry of our expanding Catholic community. The Appeal’s goal is to raise more than \$90 million in pledges to support six priorities: *A Parish Share, Tuition Assistance Endowment, Works of Mercy, Parish Renewal Fund, Seminarian Support Endowment, and Retired Priest Care and Medical Needs Endowment.*

Parish Share: The physical needs of Our Lady of Czestochowa, now and into the future, are of great concern. It is projected that the parishes of the Archdiocese will need almost \$125 million over the next ten years to ensure that the 1,100 church, school and rectory buildings, parish centers, ministry offices and other buildings within the Archdiocese where we engage in the work of the Church are kept in good condition. Once a parish reaches its “Parish Share” target, then 50% of all funds raised return back to the parish while simultaneously funding additional case elements that both directly and indirectly benefit our parishes.

Each year OLC conducts its Annual Christmas and Easter Gift Appeals. This money is targeted to parish projects and improvements. Parishioners have been very generous, however with the anticipated expenses of our up-coming projects, we will need to raise additional money. With your whole hearted support of the **We Are Living Stones Capital Campaign**, the parish can supplement our Christmas and Easter Gift Appeal to help with our projects.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Campaign Leadership Committee
Rev. Thomas J. Ciba, Pastor*