



# 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 Co

mmission 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 3, 2015**

## BAPTISM AT OLC CHURCH

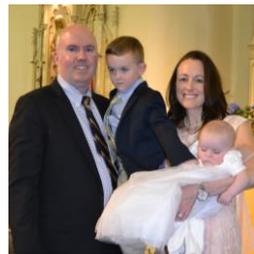
*Congratulations to the parents and grandparents who celebrated the baptism of their children this past Sunday at OLC.*



*Lucie Chi Benkovitz,  
The daughter of Yeon & Gregory with siblings Gabrielle, Christopher and Michael*



*John Daniel Forsgren,  
the son of Roger & Carmen*



*Cecilia Jane Holleran,  
the daughter of Joseph & Melissa with brother James Patrick*



*Daniel Riley Kovachev,  
the son of Christina & Bogdan*



*Kian Morris Vinod,  
the son of Vonod & Reshmi*

### 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, 2015**

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 next 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.

### MARRIAGE AT OLC CHURCH



*Congratulations to Alison Stewart and Ben Matone who celebrated their Marriage Ceremony Friday, April 24, 2015 at OLC*

## 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

**Downtown Harvest Group:** Our CSA, Downtown Harvest Group will have a meet and greet in the Church Hall on May 9 after the 5 pm mass.

**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. Nashville, Tennessee Trip 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

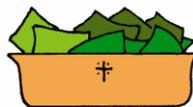
**Sunday, May 3, 2015**

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn. 3:18-24; Jn. 15:1-8

**Sunday, May 10, 2015**

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

## WEEKLY OFFERING



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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 April 26, 437 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$4,296. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,507, contributing to a weekend collection of \$6,803. This is \$803 above our weekly goal of \$6,000.

Additional Easter Gifts were made bringing our total to \$34,487. Thank you for your generous response to the Gift Appeal.

If you have been away from church traveling, 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.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR INNER-CITY CHILDREN ANNUAL DINNER

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children Annual Dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at The Park Savoy in Florham Park. Proceeds from the dinner will provide partial-tuition scholarships to low income students in Grades K-12 attending Catholic schools in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union counties. For more information about the dinner, to order tickets or place a journal ad, please visit [www.sficnj.org](http://www.sficnj.org) or call SFIC at (973) 497-4278.



## SPRING FAMILY RETREATS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

**Mother/Adult Daughter Retreat – May 8-10.** Celebrate and learn how to nurture this very special relationship. Cost \$130 per person.

**Families with Young Children Retreat – May 15-17.** Families with children 7 years of age and younger are invited to join other parents for support and reflection while the children are cared for and involved in age-appropriate activities. Cost \$120 per person (8 years to adult), \$85 per person (2-7 years) and Under 2 are free.

Accommodations, meals, prayer services, group sharing and fun activities 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).



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>May 2, 2015</b> Frank (10 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) and John Gradowski From <i>Ted, Brother and Terri, Sister-in-law</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>May 3, 2015</b> Julie Niehoff From <i>David Cicirelli</i>
12:30 pm	Barbara Speck From <i>Julia Nowatkowski</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 4, 2015</b> William Bromirski From <i>Susan Rydwin</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 5, 2015</b> Rev. James Czarnogorski (66 <sup>th</sup> Ann.), 3 <sup>rd</sup> Pastor
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 6, 2015</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 7, 2015</b> Intentions of Mr. and Mrs. Ian Nolan From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 8, 2015</b> Barbara Speck From <i>Susan Rydwin</i>
<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

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

## STEWARDSHIP

*"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." - 1 John 3:18*

Do you "walk the talk?" Does your action reflect what you say? If not, spend time every day in prayer, give some of your talent to help one of your parish's ministries and give some of your money to support the work of the Church.



## 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).

## 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).

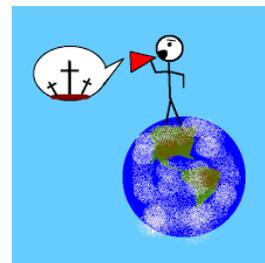
**Lectors** – Pat Duemig, **201-955-1495**

**Serve Donuts After 10:00 am Mass** –

call OLC rectory, 201-434-0798.

## COMMUNICATING GOD'S WORD APPEAL

Our next special collection is the Catholic Communication Campaign on May 10. 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.



## 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).



## FAITH WORKS

Please remember to make a donation of non-perishable food items 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!



## 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).

## DOWNTOWN HARVEST COMMUNITY MEET AND GREET ON MAY 9



Our CSA, Downtown Harvest group, will have a “meet and greet” on Saturday, May 9 after the 5 pm mass in the Church Hall. You’ll have the opportunity to meet members and ask questions. They are 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).

## 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.