



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.

The Most Holy Trinity – May 31, 2015

BAPTISM AT OLC CHURCH

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



*James Michael Cinkewicz
the son of
Michael & Patrice*



*Angelo João D'Alessio
the son of
Andrew & Vanessa*



*Elin Catherine Donovan
the daughter of
Brian & Elizabeth*



*Daryn Blair Garber
the daughter of
Nicole & Richard
with brother Reed*

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 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.

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 time.



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.

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.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Our RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is now beginning. This program is intended for adults who desire to become Catholic. It is also intended for adults who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

If you wish to join in the program, please contact the rectory. Completing the program, an unbaptized candidate will be baptized during the Easter Vigil, 2016. All others will receive their appropriate sacraments during the Easter season 2016.



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.

2015 EVENTS AT OLC

Drawing Rooms: "Little Hand" exhibit now through June 28. 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.

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.

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 31, 2015

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

Sunday, June 7, 2015

Ex. 24:3-8; Heb. 9:11-15; Mk. 14:12-16, 22-26

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 24, 446 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$2,869. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,507, contributing to a weekend collection of \$5,376. This is \$624 below our weekly goal of \$6,000.

Our collection was really down last weekend. If you were away for the holiday last weekend, please help your parish by being extra generous in the collection. We urge you to support the parish by using ParishPay. This gives us a steady and reliable revenue when parishioners are away from the parish on weekends. Thank you.

SALES COUNSELOR 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.

A college degree is required and prior sales experience is preferred. Knowledge of Excel/Access/Word and PowerPoint would be helpful; bilingual 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 requirements are available by contacting the Office of Human Resources either by fax (973) 497-4103 or email: floresra@rcan.org.

FACILITATOR TRAINING RETREAT

Are you a woman or man of prayer? Are you comfortable working with small groups? On June 26-28, the San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ will host a Facilitator Training Retreat for the "Lord Teach me To Pray" prayer series. Come and discern if God is calling you to become a facilitator! Interested in finding out more about Ignatian Prayer and the "Lord Teach Me To Pray" series? You are welcome as well! For more information and registration, call Mrs. Carol Weiler at 504-439-5933 or email her at: carol-weiler@cox.net. You may also go to their website for a registration form: www.lordteachmetoprayer.com.

REGISTER WITH YOUR PARISH

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.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	May 30, 2015 Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Dorothy Farmer</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	May 31, 2015 Barbara Speck From <i>Julia Nowatkowski</i>
12:30 pm	Lira Behan From <i>Paul Zwerdling & the AIG Accounts Payable Team</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	June 1, 2015 Barbara Speck From <i>Maggie and Lenny Englese</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	June 2, 2015 Intention of Liz Reyes From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	June 3, 2015 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	June 4, 2015 Frank and Florence Mallon From <i>Cheryl Mallon</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	June 5, 2015 Barbara Speck From <i>Pat and Tom Duemig</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	June 6, 2015 William Bromirski From <i>Walter and Eva Hyjek</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	June 7, 2015 Barbara Speck From <i>Julia Nowatkowski</i>
12:30 pm	Lena Reich From <i>Kathy Eckert</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP



"The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..."
- Romans 8:16-17

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we

work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time, talent and treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

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!

As a reminder, we accept all non-perishable foods. We accept soups, canned fish and canned meats, gravies (Italian and brown), pasta, rice, cereals, oat meal, flower, sugar, condiments, cookies, crackers, etc.

We accept toiletries: soaps, shampoos, tooth paste, combs, hair products, etc.

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 and 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. Exhibit will run from May 22 through June 28. The Special Project Room featuring one artist's black & white photograms will also be open. Join us at the Convent on 180 Grand Street, Jersey City.

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 graffim@rcan.org.

OLC PICNIC

This weekend and next weekend we will be enlisting volunteers to help at the parish picnic. We will require help in the following areas:



1. Saturday food preparation at the rectory.
2. Set up.
3. Cooking.
4. Serving.
5. Children's activities such as games, face painting, etc.
6. Clean-up and break down.

The parish will supply hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, kielbasa, beans and the like. We do not ask people to bring anything, but people have brought salads, deserts, and various ethnic foods. In the past we have had Indian foods, Filipino foods, etc. The parish will supply ice tea and lemonade.

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 in the past, everyone is welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity for community building. Come! Meet and socialize with other parishioners, and always bring the children!



ANNULMENT INFORMATION

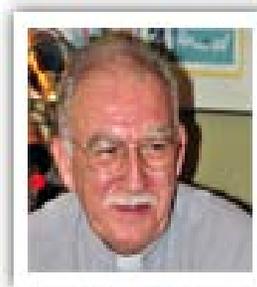
An Annulment Information Evening is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 3, 2015, 7:30 PM, Holy Spirit Church, 984 Suburban Road, Union, New Jersey**. A staff member of the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Newark will provide basic information about annulments; the requirements for annulments and how to begin the process of petitioning for an annulment. There will be an opportunity for questions at the end of the session. Pre-registration is not necessary, but for directions, please call the parish, **908-687-3327**.

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 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.

OLC SCHOOL'S SPRING FLING CARNIVAL

OLC School's 5th Annual Spring Fling Carnival is finally here! Saturday, May 30 from 1 pm to 7 pm with rain date, Sunday, May 31 at 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.



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.

SUMMER RETREATS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

Single-Parent Family Retreat (July 20-25, 2015) and Family Retreats (Seven One-Week Sessions available beginning June 29). Join other families (grandparents welcome) for a week of liturgies, presentations, peer group discussions, family sharing, fun activities and swimming. All join in community tasks such as meal clean-up.

Cost is \$210 per person (8 years to adults) and \$135 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. For more information on any of these programs, please call 609-884-3829 or visit their website at: www.cape-maymarianists.org.