



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 – 2015

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Weekend Assistant

Rev. Michael Braden, 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 Solemnity of All Saints – November 1, 2015

OLC SCHOOL'S 2ND ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL/YARD SALE/BOOK FAIR



On October 25, OLC School hosted not one, not two, but **three** events! Sponsored by the PSA, the 2nd Annual Fall Festival gave everyone a chance to celebrate Halloween early with fun activities, crafts, food and of course, its very own pumpkin patch! The first-ever “yard” sale and the biannual Scholastic Book Fair proved to be quite popular with everyone as well. All event proceeds will benefit the school.

LECTURE SERIES



Our ten-part lecture/study group will continue tomorrow Monday, November 2 at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the rectory. The subject will be “Catholicism.” It will be based upon a video presentation with speaker Fr. Robert Barron. This presentation promises to be informative, inspirational and spiritual. The group setting will also be informal. We will view a video, discuss it, learn from it and also socialize. All are welcome to come.

Our third topic will be “*The Ineffable Mystery of God – That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought.*” Our presentation considers St. Anselm’s description of God as that which nothing greater can be thought, and goes on to explain St. Thomas Aquinas’ arguments which support the claim that God truly exists. They also speak from the Catholic tradition about the nature of God and the challenging question of evil and the existence of God. To provide a vision of the ineffable majesty and mystery of God, our presentation takes us to the heights of the Sinai desert and makes our way to mysterious Istanbul. We walk the glittering

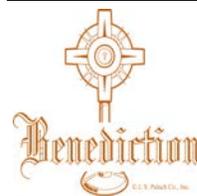
streets of Paris and then we view the glories of the Sistine Chapel in Rome.

We anticipate that our fourth meeting will be on Monday, November 16. We will announce any changes in scheduling.

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, November 6 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.



FAITH WORKS

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



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.

2015 EVENTS AT OLC

OLC Seniors: Thanksgiving Meeting on November 12 at 1:00 pm in the Church Hall; turkey lunch \$10. November 18 trip to Li Greci's Staaten in Staten Island to see "Finnegan's Irish Wake." \$50 per person for show, lunch and transportation.

Drawing Rooms: Exhibit "The Divine and Sublime" now showing. Please see this page for more information.

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.

Lecture Series: Part Three will be covered on November 2. See page 2 for details.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Sunday, November 1, 2015

Rv. 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn. 3:1-3; Mt. 5:1-12

Sunday, November 8, 2015

1 Kgs. 17:10-16; Heb. 9:24-28; Mk. 12:38-44

WEEKLY OFFERING



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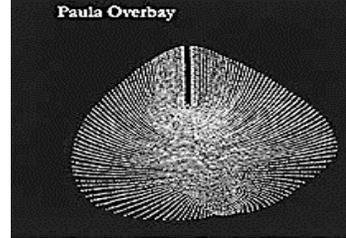
Thank you so much for your financial support and for living your financial commitment to your parish. We are grateful for those who generously support the parish. **We need your support** to achieve our weekly collection goal of \$6,000 per Sunday which is essential to the financial health of your parish.

For the weekend of October 25, 370 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,482. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$1,836, contributing to a weekend collection of \$5,318. This is \$682 below our weekly goal of \$6,000.

If you have been away from church traveling for any reason, we encourage you to "make up" your contributions. A very important way in which you can support your parish is to enroll in ParishPay. To sign up, go to www.parishpay.com and follow the prompts. Thank you.

NEW EXHIBIT "THE DIVINE AND SUBLIME" AT THE DRAWING ROOMS!

Paula Overbay



Pat Lay



Now through November 22, this exciting exhibit will showcase the spiritual beauty and the sacred object. Gallery is located at 180 Grand Street. Exhibit is open Thursday – Friday, 4-7 pm and Saturday – Sunday, 2-6 pm. For more information, call 201-823-9393 or email: victoryhall1@msn.com. We hope you will join us!

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.

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.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	October 31, 2015 Charles (7 th Ann.) and Mary Czysz From <i>Laura Czysz; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	November 1, 2015 Intention for Lydia Aro From <i>Kim Mom</i>
12:30 pm	William Lang From <i>Melanie and Bill Zazula & Barbara Bromirski</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	November 2, 2015 All Souls Novena
Tuesday 12:30 pm	November 3, 2015 All Souls Novena
Wednesday 12:30 pm	November 4, 2015 All Souls Novena
Thursday 12:30 pm	November 5, 2015 All Souls Novena
Friday 12:30 pm	November 6, 2015 All Souls Novena
Saturday 5:00 pm	November 7, 2015 John (32 nd Ann.) and Frank Gradowski From <i>Ted, Brother and Terri, Sister-in-Law</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	November 8, 2015 Bruno and Mary Listwan & Family From <i>Laura Czysz; Cathy, Fred & Allie Savage</i>
12:30 pm	Monica Donnelly From <i>Monica</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP



"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." - Matthew 5:3

"Poor in spirit" is confusing

for many of us. It simply means to place your trust in God, putting His will first and being strong in faith. As we celebrate the lives of the saints on All Saints Day, remember we too are called to be saints. Dialing down our own pride and ego and turning up the humility will help us on our path to sainthood.

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.



OLC'S FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS SONG



Fa la la la la! OLC is looking for enthusiastic singers for its 20th Annual Festival of Christmas Song scheduled for Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 pm. Beginners and non-parishioners are welcome! If interested, please contact Ben Rauch at: Directorofmusic@olcj.org

PROGRAMS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



Men's Spirituality Retreat Weekend (for men of all ages) November 13-15, 2015. The program will focus on unique male issues with regards to their spiritual journey. The retreat will consist of Eucharist and other prayer, input, quiet time, small group sharing, socializing, and fun within a supportive community of men. Cost is \$130 per person.

Advent Family Retreat Weekends (December 4-6, 11-13 and 18-20, 2015). Come prepare for the Liturgical Season! Special Advent Weekend themes focus on family activities and preparations related to the season, emphasizing the significance of bringing Jesus to others. Cost is \$120 (8 years to adult)/\$85 (2-7 years). Under 2 are free.

Accommodations, meals and all activities are included. Financial aid is available for these programs. For more information on any of these retreats, please call 609-884-3829 or visit their website at: www.cape-maymarianists.org.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

Imagine a gift that gives forever. That's exactly what a bequest in your Will or making the parish the beneficiary of a life insurance policy can do for our parish endowment. The plans you make now will strengthen our parish family by providing perpetual financial support year after year. Learn more by contacting Theresa Lynch in the Archdiocese of Newark's Planned Giving Office at 973-497-4042.

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:

January 3, 2016; March 6, 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:

December 6, 2015; February 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.

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**.

2015 BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION



SUPPORT THE BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

On November 15, our parish will take up the 129th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

OLC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

The Registration Portal is now available for Open Houses for both LHA and OLC. Open Houses will be held in November. Please note that you will not receive an email confirming your appointment. If space is

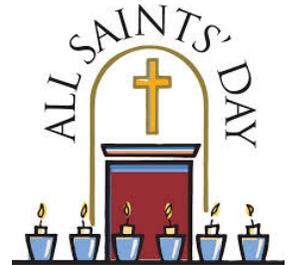


available on the selected Open House dates, you will have the ability to register. If the date reads "Closed/Full", you can then email your contact information and request to: waitlist@olcschool.org. You will then be notified via email when an opening becomes available. For more information, please call the school at 201-434-

2401 or go to the school website at: www.olcschool.org.

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

November 1 is "The Solemnity of All Saints" or "All Saints Day." It is a holy day of obligation for Catholics. The earliest certain observance of a feast in honor of all the saints is an early fourth-century commemoration of "all the martyrs." In the



early seventh century, after successive waves of invaders plundered the catacombs, Pope Boniface IV gathered up some 28 wagonloads of bones and reinterred them beneath the Pantheon, a Roman temple dedicated to all the gods. The pope rededicated the shrine as a Christian church. According to Venerable Bede, the pope intended "that the memory of all the saints might in the future be honored in the place which had formerly been dedicated to the worship not of gods but of demons" (*On the Calculation of Time*).

But the rededication of the Pantheon, like the earlier commemoration of all the martyrs, occurred in May. Many Eastern Churches still honor all the saints in the spring, either during the Easter season or immediately after Pentecost.

How the Western Church came to celebrate this feast, now recognized as a solemnity, in November is a puzzle to historians. The Anglo-Saxon theologian Alcuin observed the feast on November 1 in 800, as did his friend Arno, Bishop of Salzburg. Rome finally adopted that date in the ninth century.

This feast first honored martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their consciences, the Church acknowledged other paths to sanctity. In the early centuries the only criterion was popular acclaim, even when the bishop's approval became the final step in placing a commemoration on the calendar. The first papal canonization occurred in 993; the lengthy process now required to prove extraordinary sanctity took form in the last 500 years. Today's feast honors the obscure as well as the famous—the saints each of us have known. (From [American Catholic.org](http://AmericanCatholic.org) by Kathy Coffey)