



OLC

1911 – 2016

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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 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.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 13, 2016

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL AND HALLOWEEN AT OLC SCHOOL



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NEW ARCHBISHOP OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK NAMED



His Holiness, Pope Francis, has named His Eminence, Cardinal-Elect Joseph W. Tobin as the Sixth Archbishop of Newark.

Cardinal-Designate Tobin has been the Archbishop of Indianapolis for four years. He is described as a "man of simple lifestyle, committed to dialogue, encounter, and the poor." Cardinal-Designate Tobin is a member of the Redemptorist Order, known for its focus on the poor. The Holy Father named him to the College of Cardinals last month. He will be installed in Newark on January 6, 2017.

FALL REGISTRATION AND UPDATE DRIVE

Our Fall parish registration and registration information update drive continue through next week.

All Catholics should be registered with a parish. Registration is important for many reasons. For example, it is a sign that OLC is *your* parish and that you are grateful. Proof of parish registration is, among other things, necessary should you require a "sponsor certificate" to be a Godparent.

Many of you have been regularly attending Mass at OLC and contributing to the financial health of the parish. Thank you. Why not take the simple step of registering with the parish and make your participation in parish life more complete?

To those who are registered and are already "officially" part of our OLC family; family members need to keep in touch. We can't do that if we don't know how

to reach you! If you have moved, have a new e-mail address, etc., please take this opportunity to update your contact and other information. Thank you in advance for your participation in the drive.

FAITH WORKS *Food for Those in Need* *Winter Coat Drive*

"Food for Those in Need." We are asking all parishioners to be especially generous this time of the year by making donations of non-perishable food items. Leave your donations on the table in the rear of the church. Suggested donations include: canned coffee, tea, jelly, peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned and dried soups, cereals, pastas and noodles, brown gravies, Italian gravies, toiletries (soaps, shampoos, body washes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.), canned meats and tuna fish, and condiments (mayo, mustard, ketchup, salt, pepper, sugar, etc.). Thanks again for your generosity to the neediest of our community.



OLC will also have a **"Winter Coat Drive."** There are many in Jersey City who need winter coats to stay warm. If you have an extra winter coat (men's, women's or children's) please leave them in the rear of the church. We have local charities that can dispense them to those in need.



2017 MASS BOOK



The 2017 Mass Book is open for mass intentions. Please call 201-434-0798 or stop by the rectory Monday-Friday from 9:30 am - 5:00 pm to arrange a mass intention.

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.

2016 EVENTS AT OLC

OLC Seniors: Christmas Party and Meeting on December 14 at the Manor in West Orange, NJ. Call Dorothy Bromirski, 201-333-4888 for more information.

The OLC Adult Choir: The choir rehearsal takes place on Sundays, 11:15 am and then sing at the 12:30 pm Mass. 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: Monday, November 14, 7:00 pm, in the rectory. The subject will be "*The Ineffable Mystery of God – That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought.*"

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Sunday, November 13, 2016

Mal. 3:19-20; 2 Thes. 3:7-12; Lk. 21:5-19

Sunday, November 20, 2016

2 Sm. 5:1-3; Col. 1:12-20; Lk. 23:35-43

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.

OLC is facing a financial crisis. This past year many families have relocated out of Jersey City. This has adversely affected 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 November 5/6, 364 people attended Mass; the collection in church amounted to \$3,806. The average ParishPay donations for the past 30 days averaged \$2,038 per week. Last week's Sunday collection amounts to \$5,844. This is \$156 below the collection goal of \$6000 we have each week. Please be extra generous. If you have been away from church traveling for any reason, we encourage you to "make up" your contributions. Remember that although it is important to support your parish financially, your donation is ultimately a gift back to God for his blessings.

2016 BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

On November 19 and 20, our parish will take up the



130th 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!

ST. DOMINIC ACADEMY (SDA) DROP-IN WEDNESDAYS

Come see St. Dominic Academy in action! Visit SDA every Wednesday between the hours of 10:00 am and 1:30 pm. Tours will take place while classes are being taught and visitors will have the chance to speak with faculty, staff, students and members of the administrative team. There is no appointment necessary; just stop by on any Wednesday that school is in session. SDA is an independent, Catholic college preparatory high school for girls. The school is located at 2572 Kennedy Boulevard in Jersey City. For more information, please call 201-434-5938 or visit their website: www.stdominicacad.com.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	November 12, 2016 Ted Gradowski (1 st Ann.) From <i>Wife Terri</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	November 13, 2016 Barbara Bromirski From <i>Teresa Miesak and Family</i>
12:30 pm	Cait Hughes From <i>Jeanne Bohlen Oppel</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	November 14, 2016 All Souls Novena
Tuesday 12:30 pm	November 15, 2016 Intention of Andrew Schaber From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	November 16, 2016 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	November 17, 2016 Intentions of Marina Kerber and Family From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	November 18, 2016 Deceased Siwik Family (Grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	November 19, 2016 Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Maggie and Lenny Englese</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	November 20, 2016 Rosette Vaz From <i>Dsouza Family</i>
12:30 pm	Walter Rzaski, Jr. From <i>Barbara Rzaski</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP

*"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us."
- 2 Thessalonians 3:9*



Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their actions and words, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and

other people desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others have with the Catholic faith.

OLC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

The Registration Portal is open for Open Houses for OLC. Please check the school website at: olcschool.org for updates. Open Houses will be held during the week of November 14-18 at 9:00 am. 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.

PROGRAMS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



A Retreat on Male Spirituality (November 18-20, 2016). This weekend, open to men of all ages, focuses on unique male issues on the spiritual journey. The retreat will consist of Eucharist and other prayer, input, quiet time, small group sharing, socializing, and fun within a supportive, intentional community of men. Cost is \$130 per person.

Family Advent Weekends (December 2-4, 9-11 and 16-18, 2016). Come prepare for the liturgical season. Special weekend themes focus on family activities and preparations related to the season, emphasizing the significance of bringing Jesus to others. Cost is \$125 per person (8 years-adult)/\$85 per person (2-7 years)/Free Under 2.

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

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**

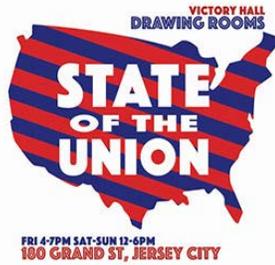
one of the following persons:

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**.

THE DRAWING ROOMS EXHIBIT "STATE OF THE UNION"



The Drawing Rooms proudly presents "State of the Union." The exhibit features drawing, painting, print, sculpture and installation by eight artists living in the NJ/NY Metropolitan area. Alvin Petitt, Director of Jersey City's Bethune Center, will have a Project Room

in the ninth gallery room. All of the artwork will deal with current social, political and environmental issues that weigh heavily during this most important election season. Their creative investigations and unique takes on the world we share are surprising, engaging and often beautiful. Exhibit is open through November 20th. For more information, go to: www.drawingrooms.org.

THE BIG SMALL SHOW 2016 FUNDRAISER GALA

The Drawing Rooms annual Fundraiser Gala will be held in December. There will be a preview sale the evening before the Gala. For more information, call 201-823-9393 or email: victoryhall1@msn.com. We hope you will join us! The Drawing Rooms are located at the OLC Convent on 180 Grand Street.



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 8, 2017; March 6, 2017

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 4, 2016; February 5, 2017

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. The application is free and only takes a few minutes.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Registration is still open for Confirmation. You must register your 7th grader for our two-year program in order to receive Confirmation in the 8th grade. When you register, we require a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. **The offering for Confirmation is \$60. There is no fee for confirmation students returning from last year. The next class is on November 20 at 11:00 am. Any questions please call the rectory at 201-434-0798.**



LECTURE SERIES

Our ten-part lecture/study group will continue tomorrow, Monday, November 14, 7:00 pm. We will meet in the rectory. Meetings will be every other Monday. 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 attend.



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.

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'S FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS SONG



Fa la la la! OLC is looking for enthusiastic singers for its 21st Annual Festival of Christmas Song on December 18 at 3:30 pm. Beginners and non-parishioners are welcome! If interested, please contact Ben Rauch at: Directorofmusic@olcjc.org.

*A day hemmed in prayer
is less likely to come unraveled.*