



# 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

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

*Pastor*

**Rev. Gerard J. Sudol**

*In Residence*

**Rev. Anthony Azzarto, S.J.**

*Weekend Assistant*

**Rev. Michael Braden, S.J.**

*Weekend Assistant*

**Rev. David Stump, S.J.**

*Weekend Assistant*

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*Principal*

**Mr. Jonathan Blevis**

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*Director of Music*

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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.

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 15, 2015**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This week's gospel deals with the Coming of Jesus. "...After tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken... They will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then He will send out the angels, and gather His elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven... But of that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Mark 13:24-32 This is a difficult, even unpleasant passage to deal with even in the best of circumstances. Who wants to think unhappy thoughts, especially as we near Christmas holiday time? Holiday time is about family, fun and gift giving.

Don't view the text as simply a dark and dire warning but as a reminder of the great gift that awaits you in God's heavenly kingdom: everlasting life. See this particular reading as a gentle reminder to live your faith. God wants all of His children to be with Him. Be awake, be aware, prepare; don't get caught off guard. Hear the closing promise of Jesus, the Son of Man, in light of all that has been said in this text: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." Mark 13:31

With love,

### OLC'S FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS SONG



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

### LECTURE SERIES

Our ten-part lecture/study group will meet tomorrow, November 16 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 attend.



Our fourth topic is "Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast – Mary, the Mother of God." In this episode, our video will present a masterful correlation of our Catholic Faith's testimony to the revelation of God in Christ with the vivid practices of reverence offered to His Mother. Mary is explained as an on-going presence, an actor in the life of the Church.

In our video we will journey to the humble remains of Mary's house in Nazareth, to the ruins of the ancient city of Ephesus and to the great Marian shrines of Lourdes and Guadalupe to explain the Church's teachings about Mary as the Mother of God, the Immaculate Conception and the dogma of the Assumption.

We anticipate that our fifth meeting will be on Monday, November 30. 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.

### OLC JUNIOR CHOIR

Here is another wonderful music education opportunity for children ages 7-14! If you have kids in this age range or if you know people who do, they can just show up at rehearsals. Rehearsals are Sundays from 1:30-2:00 pm in the church. The choir will perform on December 13 at 4:00 pm at the Festival of Christmas Song. Party immediately following. Please contact Ben Rauch, the OLC Music Director, at: [Directorofmusic@olcj.org](mailto:Directorofmusic@olcj.org) for more information.



### 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.

## 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](mailto:secretary@olcjc.org).

## 2015 EVENTS AT OLC

**OLC Seniors:** 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. Christmas Party at Jacques Reception Center in Middletown, NJ on December 9. Cost is \$35.

**Drawing Rooms:** Exhibit "The Divine and Sublime" now showing. Free special tours and artist talks November 14 and 15. Please see page 4 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](mailto: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 Four will be covered on November 16. See page 2 for details.

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

**Sunday, November 15, 2015**

Dn. 12:1-3; Heb. 10:11-14, 18; Mk. 13:24-32

**Sunday, November 22, 2015**

Dn. 7:13-14; Rv. 1:5-8; Jn. 18:33-37

## 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 November 8, 350 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,326. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$1,880, contributing to a weekend collection of \$5,206. This is \$794 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.

**OLC** is starting to face a financial crises. 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 less than \$1,900 per week. A very important way in which you can support your parish is to enroll in ParishPay. Please, be more generous in the Sunday collection and please help by using Parishpay. To sign up, go to [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) and follow the prompts. Thank you.

## 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).



## CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

Are you nearing retirement or are already retired and looking to make a year-end gift? If so, a Charitable Gift Annuity can be a way to supplement your retirement income and help your parish at the same time. Let the Archdiocese of Newark help you set up a Charitable Gift Annuity. Learn more by contacting Theresa Lynch in the Archdiocese of Newark's Planned Giving Office at 973-497-4042 or email: [lynchthe@rcan.org](mailto:lynchthe@rcan.org).

## 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](mailto:bulletin@olcjc.org).

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

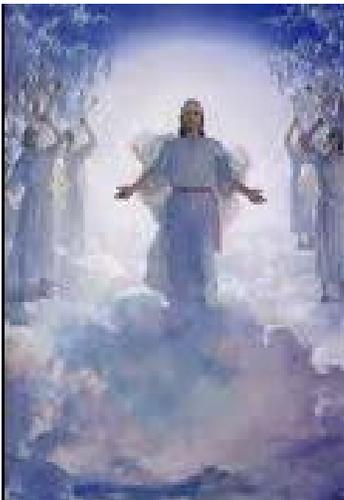


## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>November 14, 2015</b> Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Melanie and Bill Zazula</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>November 15, 2015</b> Olympia Favia From <i>Barbara Rzaski</i>
12:30 pm	People of the Parish
7:00 pm	Jacqueline Allen From <i>Val and Sal Piccarillo</i>
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 16, 2015</b> Eileen Kirby From <i>Bennett Family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 17, 2015</b> George Burke, James Lepis and Joseph Sansone From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 18, 2015</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 19, 2015</b> Intentions of Bill and Terry Barry & Bill and Helen Haughey From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 20, 2015</b> Elizabeth Skok From <i>Jim and Cheryl Listwan</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>November 21, 2015</b> Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Joseph Austin</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>November 22, 2015</b> Pablo Ramon Alfonso Perdomo From <i>Perdomo and Curiel Families</i>
12:30 pm	Beatrice Cosenza From <i>OLC Parish</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

## STEWARDSHIP



*"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory."  
- Mark 13:26*

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?", how will you respond?

## OLC CHURCH ADVENT GIVING TREE

Our parish will soon be participating in its annual Advent Giving Tree Program. A Christmas tree will be set up and decorated with "ornaments," each of which will list the name of an organization or individual, and specific item(s) that you are asked to purchase for a person in need.



To participate in the Giving Tree Program, take one or more ornaments from the tree, purchase the item(s) listed, and attach the "ornament" to the UNWRAPPED package. Bring the gift(s) to church and place them under the Giving Tree **no later than Sunday, December 13**. All gifts will be delivered during the week of December 14.

For further information, you may call Pat Duemig (201-955-1495) or Maggie Englese (201-963-8761). Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## TOURS, ARTIST TALKS AND WORKSHOPS AT "THE DIVINE AND SUBLIME" EXHIBIT AT THE DRAWING ROOMS



Paula Overbay



Pat Lay

This weekend, November 14-15, the Drawing Rooms will present tours, several artist talks and workshops. Free admission! This exciting exhibit showcases the spiritual beauty of 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](mailto:victoryhall1@msn.com). We hope you will join us!

### Saturday, November 14

**2:30 - 4:30: Robyn Ellenbogen - Metalpoint Workshop at The Drawing Rooms.** Metalpoint workshop explores both traditional materials and unique approaches to working with metals as a drawing medium. All materials including paper will be provided. However, if you have old pieces of sterling silver jewelry or silverware, don't hesitate to bring them.

**3:30 - 4:30: Michael Ensminger - Artist Talk**  
**4:30 - 5:30: Carol Kunstadt - Artist Talk**

### Sunday, November 15

**2:00 - 6:00: Director Jim Pustorino will conduct special tours of the exhibit**  
**2:30 - 4:30: Paula Overbay - Artist Talk and Technique Demonstration**  
**3:30 - 4:30: Cicely Cottingham - Artist Talk**  
**4:30 - 5:30: Jill Scipione - Artist Talk**

## 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](http://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](mailto: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

This weekend, our parish will take up the 129<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.olcschool.org).

## SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you for supporting the 2015 Annual Appeal. In order for our parish to receive a rebate, we must exceed our goal in funds collected by December 31. If you have an outstanding balance on your pledge, please make sure to send it in before the deadline. If you have not yet made your gift, please turn it in to the OLC parish office or directly to the Archdiocese of Newark.



## 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](mailto:directorofmusic@olcjc.org).

