

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 – 2017

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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 – A Blue Ribbon School

Shaping Young Minds for a Brighter Future

248 Luis Marin Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07302

Grades K - 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: Tiny Tikes Program for 2-year-olds; Pre-Kindergarten Programs for 3- & 4-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-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 5, 2017

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

November 5-11, 2017 is National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW). This is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. NVAW began in 1976 when the U. S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for NVAW. In 1997, this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on January 13 in 2013. Beginning in 2014, NVAW was moved to the first full week of November.

This annual event is a special time for parishes and parishioners in the United States to actively foster and pray for a culture of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. Cardinal Joseph Tobin, the Chair of the US Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations, reminds us that each of us in the Church has a key role to play in the witness of our vocation in ordinary circumstances, "As we go about our everyday life and most especially this week, we must keep vocations in our prayers, while, at the same time, being a mindful witness with our own vocation. We may never know how our lives may have an impact on someone else's story. Simply living out our call as disciples of Jesus Christ fully and joyfully in the world bears witness to the love of Christ as He generously bestows on each of us our own personal call."

A Prayer for Vocations: O God, Who wish all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of Your truth: send, we beg You, laborers into Your harvest, and grant them grace to speak Your word with all boldness; so that Your word may spread and be glorified, and all nations may know You, the only God, and Him Whom You have sent, Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

With my love,



LECTURE SERIES

Father Tom is moderating an RCIA lecture/study group. The next meeting will be tomorrow, Monday November 6, 7:30 pm, in the rectory. The subjects of our series will be theological topics relating to our Catholic beliefs. Our presentations are based upon a video program with speaker Bishop Robert Barron. We presented this popular lecture series in past years, but this year we will expand upon it.

Topics will include: "The Revelation of God Become Man", "The Teachings Of Jesus", "The Ineffable Mystery of God", "Mary, The Mother of God", "The Indispensable Men - Peter, Paul and Their Missionary Adventure", "The Mystical Union of Christ and The Church", "Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven, The Mystery of The Church's Sacrament and Worship" and more. Follow the bulletin for more details.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASS SCHEDULES FOR 2017

Reconciliation/Communion at 9:00 am: November 5, 19; December 3, 17.

Confirmation at 11:00 am: November 5, 19; December 3, 17.

RCIA: 11:00 am: November 12, 26; December 10.

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.olcj.org and reference "Formation and Sacraments." Follow the link to "Baptism of Children,"

or call the rectory. Upcoming dates are:

January 7, 2018; March 4, 2018

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, pre-registration is extremely helpful**). Upcoming dates are:

December 3, 2017; February 4, 2018

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.

OLC'S FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS SONG

Fa la la la la! OLC is looking for enthusiastic singers for its 22nd Annual Festival of Christmas Song on December 10 at 4:00 pm. Beginners and non-parishioners are welcome! If interested, please contact Ben Rauch at: Directorofmusic@olcj.org.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS THIS WEEKEND!



Daylight Savings ends Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 2:00 am. Before you retire on Saturday, set your clock back one hour. If you didn't, set your clocks back one hour before bedtime, you will be one hour early.

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.

OLC Seniors: The next meeting is November 8; lunch will be served. Final payment for the trip to Virginia Beach in December is due. For information, contact Dorothy Bromirski: 201-333-4888.

The OLC Adult Choir: The choir rehearsal takes place Sundays, 11:15 am and then sing at the 12:30 pm Mass. For additional information 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 is usually outside church, but may be held in the church hall depending on weather. Please call the rectory if you wish to volunteer to bring donuts.

RCIA Lecture Series: Monday, November 6, 7:30 pm, in the rectory. The topic is "The Teachings Of Jesus". All are invited

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Sunday, November 5, 2017

Mal 1:14b-2:2b; 8-10, 1 Thes 2:7b-9,13; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday, November 12, 2017

Wis. 6:12-16; 1 Thes. 4:13-18; Mt. 25:1-13

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.

Recently ParishPay has Transitioned to LPI's WeShare Service. If you use ParishPay, you may experience and see a difference in the services they provide. Others may find it difficult to log on. The Rectory will explore these problems and provide help and additional information.

We continue to face a financial crisis. While our collections were up during the Easter Season, they have been dropping below our \$6,000 weekly goal again. Therefore, we still expect financial difficulties as we go forward. We ask a few things of you:

1. Use an electronic payment service if you cannot attend Mass each weekend. This is possible through LPI's WeShare Services or you may have your bank or financial institution send us a check on a regular basis..
2. Increase your weekly donation. We really need people to be as generous as possible each week to support the parish.
3. If you do not use Parishpay, please "make up" your regular donation the next time you attend Mass. To sign up for ParishPay, go to www.parishpay.com and follow the prompts.

For the weekend of October 28/29, 350 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$2,988. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$1,905 contributing to a weekend collection of \$4,893. This is **\$1,127 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. Remember that although it is important to support your parish financially, your donation is ultimately a gift back to God for his blessings.

2017 BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

On November 18 and 19, our parish will take up the 131st 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!

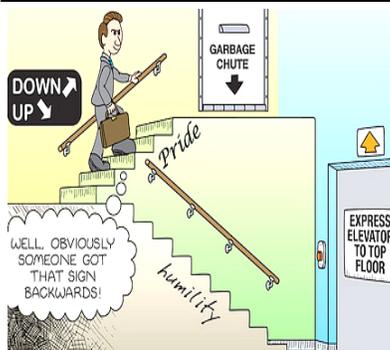
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	November 4, 2017 John Gradowski (34 th Ann.) & Brothers Frank and Ted From <i>Terri Gradowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	November 5, 2017 Edward Bauch From <i>Tess and Michael Englese & Family</i>
12:30 pm	Intention of Rosa Florentino & Family From <i>Michael Burke</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	November 6, 2017 All Souls Novena
Tuesday 12:30 pm	November 7, 2017 All Souls Novena
Wednesday 12:30 pm	November 8, 2017 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	November 9, 2017 All Souls Novena
Friday 12:30 pm	November 10, 2017 All Souls Novena
Saturday 5:00 pm	November 11, 2017 Ted Gradowski (2 nd Ann.) & Brothers John and Frank From <i>Terri Gradowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	November 12, 2017 Steven McAllister From <i>Marie Nolan</i>
12:30 pm	Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

Attend daily Mass.

It will make a difference in your life!

STEWARDSHIP



"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."
- Matthew 23:12

Jesus gave His life to serve, not to be served. Putting

other's needs before our own needs is a sign of becoming a mature disciple, of following Jesus' example. Humility is really a sign of a strength. By putting other's needs first we declare to the world that we are putting our complete trust in God. When we align our thoughts

and actions with God's plan for us, the result is Joy and Peace.

OLC SENIORS - UPCOMING EVENTS

"Miracle of Christmas" at the Millennium Theater in Pennsylvania (November 15, 2017). Package includes motor coach transportation, meal at Shady Maple, taxes and meal gratuities.

Virginia Beach, Virginia (December 4-6, 2017). Cost is \$355 per person/double occupancy and \$455 per person/single occupancy. Price includes motorcoach transportation, lodging, breakfasts and dinners, Christmas lights at Newport News Park and Virginia Beach, museums, lmax movie, guided tour of Colonial Williamsburg, and much more.

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 8, 2017 in the Church Hall at 1 pm. Lunch will be served. **New members are welcome!** Membership and trips are open to all seniors aged 50 and over. For more information, please call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

FINAL WEEK FOR THE DRAWING ROOMS EXHIBITS

The Drawing Rooms is back with two exhibits: **Honoring Margaret and Sup-A-Genius: The Five Guy Show:**

Honoring Margaret is a mini-retrospective of works by Margaret Weber, a longtime Jersey City resident, art pioneer, arts organizer, mother, sister, a local activist, teacher, co-founder of Drawing Rooms and friend to so many. This posthumous exhibit, produced with the help of her daughter Zoe, features drawings, paintings, and collages made by Margaret during the course of her lifetime.

Sup-A-Genius is an exhibition that celebrates the artist as an inventor. The works in this show engage the creation of a situation, condition, or home-made machine or contraption that actually creates the art. The art moves, responds to human presence, requires viewer interaction to be made, or is made through specific conditions set up by the artist. **Sup-A-Genius** features: Anthony Fisher, Kurt Steger, John Morton, Joe Chirchirillo, Roger Sayer. Exhibits are open for viewing through November 11.

CATHOLIC CEMETERY OPEN HOUSE

Planning ahead can be a great help those we leave behind. Today, many burial arrangements are made in advance. The Archdiocesan Catholic Cemeteries are hosting "open house" events to help families with end of life planning.

The Catholic Cemetery staff can help you with many available options so you can take advantage of these "open house" savings. The final "open house" is on November 11-12 at Holy Name Cemetery & Mausoleum, 823 West Side Avenue, Jersey City, 1-888-621-0337.

*No amount of darkness
can hide a spark of light.*

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES
HURRICANE RELIEF**



**Catholic
Charities
USA**

Catholic Charities is committed to providing Disaster Response and Disaster Recovery services to individuals and families dealing with the aftermath of natural disasters. They provide response coordination and short-term and long-term recovery services in collaboration with other area Disaster Relief agencies, and by working with the Mayor's office on their disaster recovery plan. This means first meeting emergency needs such as shelter, food, and medication assistance for those who have lost everything. To contribute or for more information, please go to: <https://www.catholiccharities.org>.

**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.

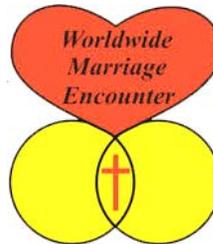
**DRAWING ROOMS HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER
"TAKE HOME A WORK OF ART"**

Join us on Thursday, December 7, 2017 from 7:00-9:00 pm at Gallery 109 at 109 Christopher Columbus Drive in Jersey City. **Help Us To Continue Providing Excellent Programming in Our Unique Space and BRING HOME A FAVORITE ARTIST'S WORK!**

More than Fifty Artists have generously donated original drawings, paintings and sculpture in support of our 5th Holiday Fundraiser, celebrating our 5th year of exhibitions and community programming! The Fundraiser Evening includes wine, hors d'oeuvres from fine restaurants, music, and a raffle of donated artworks. **Your ticket ensures you a work of art of your choice!**

Here's How It Works: Artwork will be selected on the fundraiser evening by a **raffle drawing**, which determines the order in which primary ticket-holders make their selection. With a little bit of luck in the raffle, you can go home with a piece worth several times more than the cost of a ticket! **Order Ahead! Ticket Price Increases Day of Event! Single Tickets:** Artist \$150/Non-Artist \$200 - entitles one person to admission, refreshments and one work of art. For more information, please visit: www.drawingrooms.org.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
WEEKENDS**



"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do,..." Let the Lord into your marriage to do His works by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information contact Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880, or email njwwme@peoplepc.com.

Military families, are you getting ready to deploy? Is your family trying to reconnect after deployment? Marriage Encounter offers tools of communication that have kept many military marriages strong and happy throughout the ups and downs of military service. Contact your local chaplain or call 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 for more information.

MOMMY & ME CLASSES AT OLC SCHOOL

Fun for you and your little ones! The Mommy & Me winter session will begin January 2018. Classes are for children 18 - 30 months. The 10-week sessions run from 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm, and cost \$250 (plus a one-time \$25 registration fee).



Themes to be offered are "Creative Arts & Cooking," "Storytelling & Music/Movement," "Montessori Time." LHA teachers facilitate all programs. Please contact Mrs. Murduca at MommyandMe@olcschool.org for more information.

THANK YOU VETERANS!

Please remember in your prayers those who have served this country, the armed forces and those who today serve us.

