



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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 6, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In the USA, Veterans Day annually falls on November 11. This day is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice, which ended the World War I hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in 1918. Veterans are thanked for their services to the United States on Veterans Day.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 an armistice between Germany and the Allied nations came into effect. On November 11, 1919, Armistice Day was commemorated for the first time. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the day should be "filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory". There were plans for parades, public meetings and a brief suspension of business activities at 11 am.

In 1926, the United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I and declared that the anniversary of the armistice should be commemorated with prayer and thanksgiving. The Congress also requested that the president should "issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and invited the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples."

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) was approved on May 13, 1938, which made November 11 in each year a legal holiday, known as Armistice Day. This day was originally intended to honor veterans of World War I. A few years later, World War II required the largest mobilization of service men in the history of the United States and the American forces fought in Korea. In 1954, the veterans service organizations urged Congress to change the word "Armistice" to "Veterans". Congress approved this change and on June 1, 1954, November 11, it became a day to honor all American veterans, where ever and whenever they had served.

In 1968 the Uniforms Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250) made an attempt to move Veterans Day to the fourth Monday of October. The bill took effect in 1971. However, this caused a lot of confusion as many states disagreed with this decision and continued to hold Veterans Day activities on November 11. In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which stated that Veterans Day would again be observed on November 11 from 1978 onwards. Veterans Day is still observed on November 11. (www.timeanddate.com)

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

With love,



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.



FALL REGISTRATION AND UPDATE DRIVE

Beginning this weekend, November 5 & 6, and for the following two weekends, we will be conducting a Fall parish registration and registration information update drive.

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.

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@olcj.org.

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: The next meeting will be on November 9; lunch will be served. 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.

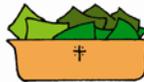
Sunday, November 6, 2016

2 Mc. 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes. 2:16-3:5; Lk. 20:27-38

Sunday, November 13, 2016

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

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 October 29/30, 387 people attended Mass; the collection in church amounted to \$3,669. The average ParishPay donations for the past 30 days averaged \$1,931 per week. Last week's Sunday collection amounts to \$5,600. This is \$400 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.

HUDSON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Hudson Catholic Regional High School will hold an Open House on Wednesday, November 9 from 7 pm-9 pm. Interested 8th grade students and their families are invited to join. The co-educational school is located at 790 Bergen Avenue in Jersey City. For more information, please call 201-332-5970 or visit their website: www.hudsoncatholic.org.



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 5, 2016 William Bromirski From <i>Frank Figura</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	November 6, 2016 Ramon Cartasano From <i>Anciano Family</i>
12:30 pm	Ed and Claire Coleman From <i>Monica Moffitt</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	November 7, 2016 All Souls Novena
Tuesday 12:30 pm	November 8, 2016 All Souls Novena
Wednesday 12:30 pm	November 9, 2016 All Souls Novena
Thursday 12:30 pm	November 10, 2016 All Souls Novena
Friday 12:30 pm	November 11, 2016 All Souls Novena
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

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

STEWARDSHIP

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." - 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17



The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well.

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious!

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.

LUCIE GOOSIE TODDLER ENRICHMENT

Lucie Goosie Toddler Enrichment is at OLC Church! Lucie Goosie is a toddler drop-off for children 18 months to 3½ years old. Drop off your little ones in a safe and nurturing environment Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 12 noon. They offer play-based learning, featuring creative movement, music, and literacy development in a social environment. Please check us out on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/luciegoosieplayspace>. To register, please email us at: info@luciegoosie.com.



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.

ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES USA

The Archdiocese for the Military Services was created by Pope John Paul II to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries and spiritual services to those in the United States Armed Forces. This includes more than 220 installations in 29 countries, patients in 153 V.A. Medical Centers and federal employees serving outside the boundaries of the USA in 134 countries. OLC will take up this special collection this weekend, November 5-6.



NEW EXHIBIT AT THE DRAWING ROOMS "STATE OF THE UNION"



The Drawing Rooms proudly presents a new exhibit! "State of the Union" features drawing, painting, print, sculpture and installation by eight artists living in the NJ/NY Metropolitan area. Alvin Pettitt, 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. Come see this exciting exhibit now through November 20. Artist Workshop/Talk this Saturday and Sunday from 3:00-6:00 pm. For more information, go to: www.drawingrooms.org.

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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 confir-**

mation 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 on 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 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.

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.

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.**

THANK YOU VETERANS!

