



# 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*

**Mrs. Anna Mae Stefanelli**  
*Principal*

**Mr. Jonathan Blevis**  
*Pastoral Associate*

**Mr. Ben Rauch**  
*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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 8, 2015**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

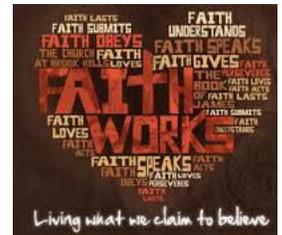
With Halloween over, fall will soon give way to winter. Even though we focus on the first weekend of the month for collecting non-perishable foods, with the coming of Thanksgiving and Christmas, we are making a very special appeal for **“Food for Those in Need.”**

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 may 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.”** Considering the situation of homelessness in Jersey City, there are many 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.

The annual **“Advent Giving Tree”** will soon be set up by parish volunteers. This wonderful tradition has benefitted many in our community (please see details on page 4).

With love,



### OLC'S FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS SONG



Fa la 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 on Monday, 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 SCHOOL'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE

OLC School’s annual Halloween parade kicked off on Friday, October 31. Staff and students alike showed off their Halloween finery!



## 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:** 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. Free special tour and artist talks on November 15. 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](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 8, 2015**

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

**Sunday, November 15, 2015**

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

## WEEKLY OFFERING

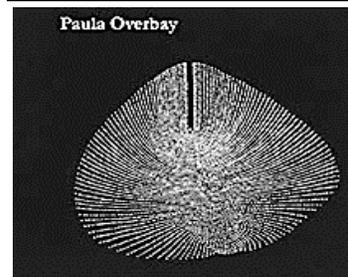


Thank you so much for your financial support and for living your financial commitment to your parish. We are grateful for those who generously support the parish. **We need your support** to achieve our weekly collection goal of \$6,000 per Sunday which is essential to the financial health of your parish.

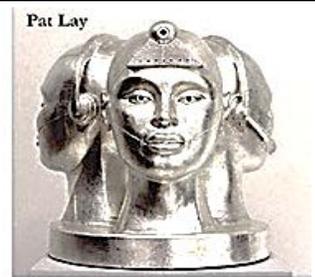
For the weekend of November 1, 392 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$4,326. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$1,836, contributing to a weekend collection of \$6,162. This is \$162 above our weekly goal of \$6,000.

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.paritypay.com](http://www.paritypay.com) and follow the prompts. Thank you.

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



Paula Overbay



Pat Lay

The OLC community is invited to a special tour of the exhibit with Director Jim Pustorino on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:00 pm and continuing throughout the afternoon. Visit with parishioner Jill Scipione and see her series of paintings inspired by the Psalms and Prophets. Just drop by between 2:00-6:00 pm. Free admission! 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](mailto: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](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 7, 2015</b> John (32 <sup>nd</sup> Ann.) and Frank Gradowski From <i>Ted, Brother and Terri, Sister-in-Law</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>November 8, 2015</b> Bruno and Mary Listwan & Family From <i>Laura Czysz; Cathy, Fred &amp; Allie Savage</i>
12:30 pm	Monica Donnelly From <i>Monica</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 9, 2015</b> All Souls Novena
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 10, 2015</b> All Souls Novena
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 11, 2015</b> All Souls Novena
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 12, 2015</b> All Souls Novena
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 13, 2015</b> George and Rita Burke, Joe and Marie Lepis & Frank and Rose Buono From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<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>

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

## STEWARDSHIP



*"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she*

*had, her whole living."* – Mark 12:43-44

Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?

## 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!

## 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](http://www.cape-maymarianists.org).

## 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).



## 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

On November 15, 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 de-

pend 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).

## 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.

## 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).

