



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

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Rev. Gerard Sudol

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Weekend Assistant

Rev. Michael Braden, S.J.

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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.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 11, 2015

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

During Pope Francis' recent tour of the United States, he spoke frequently about the divide between the rich and the poor. At a Mass before 20,000 attendees at Madison Square Garden in New York City, he said, "In big cities, beneath the roar of traffic, beneath the rapid pace of change, so many faces pass by unnoticed because they have no 'right' to be there, no right to be part of the city, they are the foreigners, the children who go without schooling, those deprived of medical insurance, the homeless, the forgotten elderly. These people stand at the edges of our great avenues, in our streets, in deafening anonymity." Francis calls upon everyone to "...ensure that humanity is served by wealth and not ruled by it." However, serving others may demand change and sacrifice.

In Mark 10:17-22, Jesus is sought out by a pious, well-to-do man. He asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. The Lord tells him that in addition to keeping God's commandments, he must, "...sell what he owns, give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." The disheartened man leaves. Jesus tells his shocked disciples, "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." Mark 10:25-26 Christ is asking us to not be so attached to material things that we can't bear to part with them, ignoring the "unnoticed faces" desperately in need that Francis spoke of. Jesus' primary call is to a life of discipleship, not poverty. Jesus doesn't want to deprive the devout man of his money and power. He is asking the man to use his privileged status to help those less fortunate than himself; to actively participate in righting injustice. People are apt to be resistant to change and fear it greatly. Jesus warned his disciples that there may be repercussions in living their faith openly. What He asks of us is to follow Him; He is asking us to have the courage and the faith to be an agent of change for the good of all humanity.

With love,



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The **deadline** for enrolling children for the reception of their Sacraments (First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) for 2016 **has passed**. Late registration will continue to take place in the rectory between 10:00 am and 4:45 pm. We require a copy of your child's baptismal certificate at registration. The offering for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is \$120 (plus a late fee). The offering for Confirmation is \$60 (plus a late fee).



If your child is receiving Confirmation in 8th grade, 7th graders must register for our two-year program. Should you have any questions about either program, please call the rectory: **201-434-0798**.



We plan to begin classes next week. We purchased sufficient educational materials for all the children who are currently registered. We do not want children going without their supplies while in class. To compensate for late registrations, we will require a **late registration fee of \$25**.

LECTURE SERIES

Our ten-part lecture/study group will continue on Monday, October 19, 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 come.



Our second topic will be "Happy Are We, The Teachings of Jesus." The revelation of Jesus as God is accompanied by a stunning invitation to a unique new way of life, explained in the teachings of Jesus. To every generation, the words of Jesus have proven fascinating, disorienting, sometimes confounding, deeply transformative, and always unforgettable. Our presentation will highlight the Beatitudes, the path of non-violence and lessons of forgiveness, care for the poor and our relationship with God as presented in the parables. Jesus' teachings are illuminated as our lesson is seen in the setting of Poland, Germany, Spain and New York City. Commentaries at these sites also show how the Catholic Church is a living culture, which gives witness to the inviolable dignity of the human person.

Our third meeting will be on Monday, November 2. Our meetings will be every other Monday.

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.

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.

2015 EVENTS AT OLC

OLC Seniors: The Halloween meeting is on October 14 at 1 pm in the Church Hall. Trip to Platzl Brauhaus in Pomona, NY is October 23. \$50 fee includes meals, transportation, live music and dancing. For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

Drawing Rooms: Final weekend for the exhibit "Mostly Drawing." See page 5 for details.

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.

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 Two will be covered on October 19. See page 2 for details.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

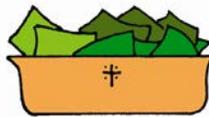
Sunday, October 11, 2015

Wis. 7:7-11; Heb. 4:12-13; Mk. 10:17-30

Sunday, October 18, 2015

Is. 53:10-11; Heb. 4:14-16; Mk. 10:35-45

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.

For the weekend of October 4, 405 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$5,188. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$1,898, contributing to a weekend collection of \$7,086. This is \$1,086 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.parishpay.com and follow the prompts. Thank you.

REGISTER WITH YOUR PARISH/ REQUEST FOR PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE



Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family

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.

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

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY TWO-DAY BASKETBALL CLINIC

Rutgers University will run two-day basketball program for children ages 6-17. The clinic will be held on November 5 and 6 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Cost is \$70 for both days or \$40 for one day. For more information, please call Joe Loughran, Men's Basketball Coach and Summer Program Director, at 973-353-1483.



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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	October 10, 2015 Ignatius (63 rd Ann.) and Rozalia Gradowski From <i>Ted, Terri and Children</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	October 11, 2015 Deceased Members and Friends of the Chau Family From <i>Kim Mom</i>
12:30 pm	Ronald and Teresa Piatkowski From <i>the Dennis Piatkowski Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 am	October 12, 2015 Maria Leonora Pamelacan From <i>Gudy Aclo</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	October 13, 2015 Intentions of Bill and Terry Barry From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	October 14, 2015 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	October 15, 2015 Sheila O'Donnell From <i>Mary McGreal</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	October 16, 2015 Ronald and Teresa Piatkowski From <i>Tony and Hill Nardini</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	October 17, 2015 Frances and Al Brzucki From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	October 18, 2015 Joanne Shemonis From <i>Laura Czysz and Ken Heiser</i>
12:30 pm	Charles Kaufman From <i>Boy Scout Troop 466</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP



"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." - Mark 10:25

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear.

But, we are all called to be generous with all our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts: our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charitable works.

JERSEY CITY MOMS MEETUP

Have kids? New in town? Want to meet other families? Check out Jersey City Moms Meetup at: www.meetup.com/jerseycitymoms. The group's overall

goal is to foster friendships for moms and their families. They host a variety of family-friendly events that include husbands, partners and extended family members. They help many families connect to the greater JC community by providing opportunities to get together with other moms and families in the neighborhood by setting up play dates, exchanging information, sharing experiences and providing support, as well as connecting to other moms on their message boards.



OLC'S FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS SONG



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

PROGRAMS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



Make a New Friend for Life (for high school teens) October 23-25, 2015. The weekend will provide an opportunity for young people aged 14-18 to enhance their human and spiritual development. Join other teens in Mass, prayer, reconciliation, personal and group reflection, as well as creative, fun activities. Cost is \$125 per person.

Women of Wisdom (for women over 55) October 27-29, 2015. Empty nest? Emptying nest? Considering retirement? Retired? Downsizing? You were once a girl who became a woman, then possibly a wife, mother, professional woman, or creative woman. Beneath all these titles is the woman who is yourself. Who is this woman? Where did she come from? Where is she going? Come explore the wise, witty and occasionally wild and wonderful world of the wise older woman. Cost is \$120 per person.

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.

Accommodations, meals and all activities are included. Financial aid is available for all of these programs. For more information on any of these retreats, please call 609-884-3829 or visit their website at: www.capemaymarianists.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 and reference "Formation and Sacraments." Follow the link to "Baptism of Children," or call the rectory. Upcoming dates are:

November 1, 2015; January 3, 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.

Lectors – Pat Duemig, **201-955-1495**

Serve Donuts After 10:00 am Mass – call OLC rectory, **201-434-0798**.

MOMMY & ME CLASSES ARE BACK AT OLC SCHOOL!



Fun for you and your little ones! Mommy & Me classes are available at Little Harbor Academy at OLC School. 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). There is space available in "Montessori Time" being held on Thursdays. LHA teachers facilitate all programs. Please contact Mrs. Murduca at MommyandMe@olcschool.org for more information.

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. 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.



website at:

FINAL WEEKEND FOR THE "MOSTLY DRAWING" EXHIBIT AT THE DRAWING ROOMS

Curated by Anne Trauben and Jim Pustorino, it will feature works by the following (mostly) Jersey City artists: Alaine Becker, Alan Walker, Anne Trauben, Bruno Nadalin, Cheryl Gross, Doug Madill, Edward Fausty, Eileen Ferara, Gilbert Giles, Greg Brickey, Heidi Curko, Ibou Ndoye, James Pustorino, Jill Scipione, Kim Wiseman, Loura van der Meule, Maggie Ens, Maria Pavlovska, Megan Klim, Mollie Thonneson, Robert Preston, Stephen Cimini, Tuan Tran and William Stamos. 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. We hope you will join us!

A PRAYER IN HONOR OF THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2015



God and Father of us all,
In Jesus, Your Son and our Savior,
You have made us
Your sons and daughters
In the family of the Church.
May Your Grace and Love
Help our families
In every part of the world
Be united to one another
In fidelity to the Gospel.

May the example of the Holy Family,
With the aid of Your Holy Spirit,
Guide all families, especially those most troubled,
To be homes of communion and prayer
And to always seek Your truth and
live in Your love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!