

# 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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*Pastor*

**Rev. Gerard J. Sudol**  
*In Residence*

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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.

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 15, 2017**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Think back to the last time you received an invitation to a party. Sometimes we reply promptly but sometimes we delay in responding. Why? Are we hoping something better comes along, decide it's just not that important or do we just convince ourselves that there's always plenty of time to decide? God regularly extends the invitation to all of us to share His heavenly kingdom, and He wants for us to accept.

In this week's gospel, Jesus likens the kingdom of heaven to a wedding banquet. "...It is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused. Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner..and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business... Then the king said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find. So the servants went out and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.'" (Matthew 22:1-10)

If one does go to a party, it is not enough to show up, one must be properly "clothed" in their faith. "When the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing the wedding clothes that had been provided to all the guests. He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless. The king ordered the attendants to, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" (Matthew 22:11-13). This guest is just as unworthy as the guests who refused to attend.

All are invited to God's banquet. Let us accept God's gracious invitation to join His kingdom. We must strive to earn our place at God's table with all due deference and joy in the glory of life everlasting in His presence.

With my love,



### 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](http://www.olcj.org) and reference "Formation and Sacraments." Follow the link to "Baptism of Children," or call the rectory. Upcoming dates are:

**November 5, 2017; January 7, 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.

### LECTURE SERIES

Father Tom will moderate an RCIA lecture/study group. The next meeting will be on Monday, October 23, 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

**Classes for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA are now closed.**

If you are already signed up for classes, please note the following class schedule for 2017:

**Reconciliation/Communion at 9:00 am:** October 22; November 5, 19; December 3, 17.

**Confirmation at 11:00 am:** October 22; November 5, 19; December 3, 17.

**RCIA at 11:00 am:** October 15, 29; November 12, 26; December 10.

### OLC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES



The Registration Portal will soon be open for Open Houses for OLC. Please check the school website at [olcschool.org](http://olcschool.org) for updates. 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.

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

**ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC:** Today, Sunday, after the 12:30 pm Mass located at St. Peter's courtyard. All are welcome.

**OLC Seniors:** Trip to Oktoberfest at the Mansion, Mountain Lakes on October 24, 2017. 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](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 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.

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

**Sunday, October 15, 2017**

Is. 25:6-10; Phil. 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt. 22:1-14

**Sunday, October 22, 2017**

Is. 45:1,4-6; 1 Thes. 1:1-5; Mt. 22:15-21

## 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.

**OLC continues 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 Parishpay if you cannot attend Mass each weekend.
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](http://www.parishpay.com) and follow the prompts.

For the weekend of October 7/8, 375 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,905. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,219 contributing to a weekend collection of \$6,124. This is \$124 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. Remember that although it is important to support your parish financially, your donation is ultimately a gift back to God for his blessings.

## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OPEN HOUSES

Not everyone wishes to think about death, however it is necessary that all of us make plans for the inevitable. Planning ahead can help those left behind.

Today, many burial arrangements are made in advance. Do you have your family's burial place pre-planned? The Archdiocesan Catholic Cemeteries are hosting "open house" events to help you calmly and thoughtfully make decisions rather than doing so in haste and grief.

The Catholic Cemetery staff can help you with many available options so you can take advantage of these "open house" savings. Begin your pre-arrangement discussion with Catholic Cemeteries today.

Listed below are "open house" events hosted at different cemeteries. This is a short list of cemeteries, dates and locations. More information is available if you call the rectory:

October 14-15, Gate of Heaven Cemetery & Mausoleum, 225 Ridgedale Avenue, East Hanover, 1-888-459-0746

November 11-12, Holy Name Cemetery & Mausoleum, 823 West Side Avenue, Jersey City, 1-888-621-0337

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>October 14, 2017</b> Ignatius (64 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) and Rozalia Gradowski From <i>Terri Gradowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>October 15, 2017</b> Deceased Members of the Polish Women's Alliance of America From <i>Polish Women's Alliance of America</i>
12:30 pm	Charlotte Wisniewski From <i>Claire Warlikowski</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 16, 2017</b> Edward Bauch From <i>OLC Seniors</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 17, 2017</b> Walter Mayer From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 18, 2017</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 19, 2017</b> Edward Bauch From <i>Connie Piatkowski</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 20, 2017</b> Chester J. Sienkiewicz From <i>Leszek Sowul</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>October 21, 2017</b> Frances and Al Brzucki From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>October 22, 2017</b> Edward Bauch From <i>Maggie and Lenny Englese</i>
12:30 pm	Rose Anna Porcella From <i>Boveda Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

**Attend daily Mass.**

***It will make a difference in your life!***

## STEWARDSHIP



But my God shall supply **all your need** according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:19*

*“My God will supply whatever you need...” – Philippians 4:19*

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time, talent and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

## OLC SENIORS - UPCOMING EVENTS

The OLC Seniors have organized several trips for this fall (open to all seniors 50 and over):

**Oktoberfest at the Mansion at Mountain Lakes (October 24, 2017).** \$50 Fee will cover transportation, lunch and entertainment.

**“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, Imax 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!** For more information, please call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

## 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 CHARITIES HURRICANE RELIEF

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

Please remember to make a donation of non-perishable food items the last weekend of the month to support our "Faith Works Program." This is a very important work of charity that has benefited many in our community. We accept all canned and jarred non-perishable foods (vegetables, soups, tuna, canned meats, gravies, etc.). We also accept toiletries. Thank you for your contributions! **However, we must ask that only food be left on the back table as we cannot accept clothing at this time.**



## 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](mailto:info@luciegoosie.com).

## BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR INNER-CITY CHILDREN

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children is hosting a Fall Benefit Concert on Friday, October 27, 2017, 7:30 pm at Enlow Hall on the campus of Kean University. 100% of the proceeds from the event will provide low-income students from grades K-12 with partial tuition scholarships to attend Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Newark. The concert will feature "Ragdoll", a Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons tribute band. Special guest "The Dominoes" from St. Dominic Academy in Jersey City will also be performing. Tickets are \$25 to \$50. Bring your sweetheart and enjoy the songs of yesteryear for a great cause! Tickets may be purchased through [www.KeanStage.com/SFIC](http://www.KeanStage.com/SFIC) or call 908-737-7469.

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

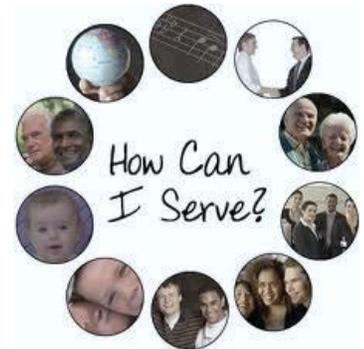


The World Mission Sunday celebration highlights the outreach of local churches through priests, religious and laity among the poor and marginalized half a world away. Life-changing help is provided

to mission churches in territories covering more than half the globe. OLC will take up this special collection the weekend on October 21-22. Founded by the Venerable Pauline Jaricot in 1822 in France, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith seeks prayer and sacrifice for the world's Missions, now some 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America.

## 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:



**Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.** We welcome candidates to regularly attend the 12:30 and 7 pm Masses. Contact Fr. Tom

**Altar Servers** – Fr. Tom, OLC rectory, 201-434-0798

**Choir** – Ben Rauch, email: [Directorofmusic@olcj.org](mailto:Directorofmusic@olcj.org).

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

**Serve Donuts After 10:00 am Mass** – Sign up by going to the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/olcdonutsfall> or please text Francis Sacr, 201-281-4655 with any questions or issues with the link.

## PROGRAMS AT THE BENEDICTINE CENTER

**The Psalms: Good Enough for Jesus, Good Enough for Me (November 4 and November 3-5).** Jesus prayed the psalms; the church prays the psalms. Take time to rediscover the richness of prayer in these Biblical hymns of praise. Day program (November 4) is open to all. 9:00 am-3:30 pm, lunch provided. Cost is \$35 per person. Weekend program (November 3-5), women only. The weekend cost is \$135 per person.

**Recognizing Christ (November 25 and November 24-26).** Jesus calls us to see Him in our brothers and sisters. How do we recognize Christ? Let us take time apart to seek inspiration to see Christ more clearly. Day program (November 25) is open to all. 9:00 am-3:30 pm, lunch provided. Cost is \$35 per person. Weekend program (November 24-26), open to women only. The program cost is \$135 per person.

The Benedictine Center of St. Walburga Monastery is located at 851 North Broad Street in Elizabeth NJ 07208. For information and registration, please contact Sr. Marita at 908-353-3028 or [maritaosb@aol.com](mailto:maritaosb@aol.com).