



# OLC

## 1911 – 2016

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*In Residence*

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*Weekend Assistant*

**Rev. Michael Braden, S.J.**

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**Rev. David Stump, S.J.**

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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.

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 16, 2016**

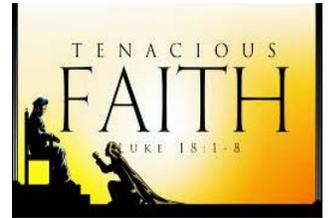
## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Psalm 121 reads, "Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." It may seem obvious to everyone, yet it is worth repeating for those of us believers who are perhaps reluctant to address almighty God with their petitions. In Luke 18:1-8, Jesus teaches of the need to pray always and to not lose heart. At first glance, it appears that in the parable of the unjust judge and the widow, the judge only granted the widow's petition for justice because he was fed up with having to deal with her. Is God like the unjust judge? Does He only begrudgingly grant petitions? **ANSWER:** God is not an unjust judge who only grants petitions after persistent pressure. For those in distress, God is offering comfort and encouragement to persevere in faith and prayer. The point being made here is that if even the most unjust of judges will finally relent to the ceaseless petitions of a defenseless widow, then how much more will God -- who is, after all, a good judge -- answer your prayers? The focus of this interpretation is on God's goodness and eagerness to bless. Believers, like the widow, should pray and petition without ceasing and not lose heart, confident that God's justice will in time prevail. Therefore, the reading offers both an invitation and encouragement to pray continually, confident of God's desire to respond.

To add another dimension to this parable, let us understand what is basic about prayer, that it is communication. It is necessary that we communicate with those closest to us, relatives and friends. Therefore, pray, communicate **often** with the God who loves you and speaks to your heart. A loving God will always respond to your prayers.

With love,



### OLC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES



The Registration Portal is open for Open Houses for OLC. Please check the school website at: [olcschool.org](http://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](mailto:waitlist@olcschool.org). You will then be notified via email when an opening becomes available.

### LECTURE SERIES

Father Tom will mediate a ten-part lecture/study group beginning this Monday, October 17, 7:30 pm, in the rectory.. The subject will be "Catholicism." It will be based upon a video presentation with speaker Fr. Robert Barron. We presented this lecture series last year, but we will host it again for those who could not attend last year or for those who missed different topics. Topics will include:



1. "Amazed and Afraid - The Revelation of God Become Man"
2. "Happy Are We - The Teachings Of Jesus"
3. "The Ineffable Mystery of God - That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought."

4. "Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast - Mary, The other of God"
5. "The Indispensable Men - Peter, Paul and The Missionary Adventure"
6. "A Body Both Suffering and Glorious - The Mystical Union of Christ and The Church"
7. "Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven - The Mystery of The Church's Sacrament and Worship"
8. "A Vast Company of Witnesses - The Communion of Saints"
9. "The Fire of His Love - Prayer And The Life of The Spirit"
10. "World Without End - The Last Things"

This presentation promises to be informative, inspirational and spiritual. The group setting will be informal. We will gather in the rectory at 7:30 pm, view the video, discuss it and socialize. Please follow the bulletin for more details.

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.

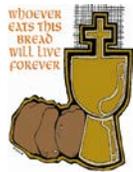
### PARISH PICNIC



Our parish picnic will be this Sunday, October 16 beginning at 1:45 pm. The location is the Prep courtyard in front of their gym.

Please come and enjoy the festivities. We need people with good appetites to enjoy the food and parishioners who will enjoy each other's company as we celebrate community.

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

## 2016 EVENTS AT OLC

**OLC Seniors:** Trip to see "Squabbles" at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse October 19. 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, [Directorofmusic@olcj.org](mailto:Directorofmusic@olcj.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.

**Parish Picnic:** Sunday, October 16. The Prep courtyard in front of their gym. 1:45 pm until....

**Lecture Series:** Monday, October 17, 7:30 pm, in the rectory.. The subject will be "Catholicism."

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### Sunday, October 16, 2016

Ex. 17:8-13; 2 Tm. 3:14-4:2; Lk. 18:1-8

### Sunday, October 23, 2016

Sir. 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18;  
Lk. 18:9-14

## 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.

**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](http://www.parishpay.com) and follow the prompts.

For the weekend of October 8/9, 374 people attended Mass; the collection in church amounted to \$3,180. The average ParishPay donations for the past 30 days averaged \$1,925 per week. Last week's Sunday collection amounts to \$5,105. This is \$895 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 HOUSES

Hudson Catholic Regional High School will hold their Open Houses and Sunday, October 23 and Wednesday, November 9. Interested 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.hudsoncatholic.org).



## 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 next weekend on October 22-23. 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>October 15, 2016</b> Ignatius (64 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) and Rozalia Gradowski From <i>Children Ted and Terri</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>October 16, 2016</b> Barbara Bromirski From <i>Leszek Sobul</i>
12:30 pm	In Honor of St. Gerard Majella From <i>Fr. Gerard Sudol</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 17, 2016</b> Sotero Lalin From <i>Rachel Lopez</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 18, 2016</b> Intentions of Brian and Bradley Burke From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 19, 2016</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 20, 2016</b> Barbara Bromirski From <i>Carol Halecki</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 21, 2016</b> Serafin Rosales From <i>Rachel Lopez</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>October 22, 2016</b> Francis and Al Brzucki From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>October 23, 2016</b> John Cameron From <i>Kathy Hunt</i>
12:30 pm	John Cameron From <i>Nancy and Jack Boyle</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

## STEWARDSHIP

*"...be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." - 2 Timothy 4:2*



It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the

equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

## PROGRAM AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

**Women of Wisdom Retreat (October 25-27, 2016).** This special retreat is for women over 55. Empty nest? Emptying nest? Considering retirement?

Retired? Downsizing? You were once a girl who became a woman, then possibly a wife, mother, professional woman, 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 older woman.

Cost is \$120 per person. Accommodations, meals and all activities are included. Financial aid is available for this program. For more information on this retreat, please call 609-884-3829 or visit their website at: [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org).

## HOLY ROSARY CHURCH PRESENTS CASINO NIGHT

Come to the Brunswick Center at 189 Brunswick Street in Jersey City on Saturday, October 29 for Holy Rosary's Casino Night! The fun starts at 7:00 pm and continues to 11:00 pm. Ticket price of \$50 per person includes hors d'oeuvres, one free drink and \$1000 in Funny Money. 50/50, prizes and cash bar will be available. For more information, please call 201-795-0120.



## LUCIE GOOSIE TODDLER ENRICHMENT

Lucie Gooseie Toddler Enrichment is at OLC Church! Lucie Gooseie 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).



## MOTHER SETON HIGH SCHOOL ENGINEERING SYMPOSIUM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS



Come and meet Mother Seton Alumni currently working in various engineering fields. These panelists will be guided through a series of questions from attendees. It will be an evening filled with information, food and fun, as we explore engineering and how Mother Seton is preparing their girls to make the future theirs. Panelists include specialists in the fields of biomedical, electrical, chemical and civil engineering. Please RSVP by October 21 to: [engineering@motherseton.org](mailto:engineering@motherseton.org) or call 732-382-1952. Mother Seton High School is located at One Valley Road in Clark, NJ.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**



Newark has designated its triennial pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, a major

Archdiocesan Jubilee of Mercy observance. The one-day Archdiocesan Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday, October 22, 2016.

Past pilgrimages to the Basilica of the National Shrine have been tremendously successful, and we have successfully filled a bus going to Washington. **There is currently a wait list.** Please contact Dorothy Bromirski, 201-333-4888, for more information and to check availability.

These one-day pilgrimages are a source of great inspiration and edification for those who participate. During the final days of this "Jubilee Year of Mercy" let us invite the faithful to come with particular devotion to Mary, Queen and Mother of Mercy.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**Registration is closed for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion classes.**



**Registration is still open for Confirmation.** You must register your 7<sup>th</sup> grader for our two-year program in order to receive Confirmation in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. When you register, we require a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. The offering for Confirmation is \$60. **To those 7<sup>th</sup> Graders who started classes last year** please make sure to attend the next class on October 23 at 11:00 AM

**Classes began last week. Any questions call the rectory at 201-434-0798.**

**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.**

**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:

**November 6, 2016; January 8, 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.

**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.



**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.

**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 the weekend of November 5-6.

