



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 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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 18, 2015

BAPTISM AT OLC



*Theo James Bas
the son of
Theresa & Paolo
with sister Eloise*



*Henry Richard Kirschner
the son of
Amanda & Matthew*



*Lucas Theodore Maki
the son of
Michael & Divina*



*Thomas Harry Robinson
the son of
John & Karen*



*Avery Rose Salzer
the daughter of
Rossy & Steven*



*Genevieve Schmidt
the daughter of
Suzette & Karl*



*Fritz Otto Bott Weber
the son of
Simone & Marc*

We congratulate the following parents who celebrated the baptism of their children last Sunday at OLC Church. May the Lord watch over and protect these children always.

LECTURE SERIES

Our ten-part lecture/study group will continue tomorrow, Monday, October 19 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 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. 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'S FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS SONG



Fa la la la la! OLC is looking for enthusiastic singers for its 20th 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@olcjc.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.

2015 EVENTS AT OLC

OLC Seniors: The 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: 201-333-4888.

Drawing Rooms: New exhibit "The Divine and Sublime" began on October 20. Free reception on Sunday, October 25 from 3:00-6:00 pm. See page 4 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.

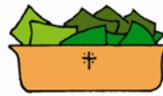
Sunday, October 18, 2015

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

Sunday, October 25, 2015

Jer. 31:7-9; Heb. 5:1-6; Mk. 10:46-52

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 11, 500 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,043. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$1,898, contributing to a weekend collection of \$4,941. This is \$1,059 below 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



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.

FAITH WORKS

Please remember to make a donation of non-perishable food items the first weekend in November to support our "Faith Works Program." This is a very important work of charity that has benefited many in our community. Thank you for your contributions!



As a reminder, we accept all non-perishable foods. We accept soups, canned fish and canned meats, gravies (Italian and brown), pasta, rice, cereals, oatmeal, flour, sugar, condiments, cookies, crackers, as well as toiletries.

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 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
Monday 12:30 am	October 19, 2015 Joanne Shemonis From <i>Jessica N. Conrad Hablitz</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	October 20, 2015 Intentions of Denise, Jackie, Erica and Gina with the Gaynor Integrative Oncology Staff From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	October 21, 2015 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	October 22, 2015 Stanislaw, Antonina and Edward Pisula From <i>Opaluch Family</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	October 23, 2015 Elizabeth Skok From <i>Thomas and Jenny Delurski</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	October 24, 2015 John Stapinski (28 th Ann.) From <i>Wife, Children and Grandchildren</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	October 25, 2015 Joanne Shemonis From <i>Maggie Englese</i>
12:30 pm	Bishop Thomas A. Donato From <i>Jeanne N. Oppel</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP

*"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many."
- Mark 10:45*



If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and grace? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others.

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.



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.

NEW EXHIBIT "THE DIVINE AND SUBLIME" COMING TO THE DRAWING ROOMS!

Beginning October 20, this exciting exhibit will showcase the spiritual beauty and the sacred object. Free reception on Sunday, October 25 from 3-6 pm. 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!

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.

sic@olcjc.org.

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

Serve Donuts After 10:00 am Mass –

call OLC rectory, **201-434-0798**.

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 this weekend. 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. Help is offered for pastoral and evangelizing programs, for catechists and catechetical work, to build churches and chapels, for the work of Religious communities in healthcare and education, and for communication and transportation needs.

OLC SCHOOL NAMED A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL!

On September 29, the U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, announced that our school was named a "National Blue Ribbon School" for 2015. We were selected for this prestigious award because our standardized test scores in reading and math placed us among the top performing schools in the nation. Of the 335 schools honored, only 50 were private schools (OLC among them). This award recognizes our students' accomplishments and the hard work and dedication of our committed faculty and staff, past and present. Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to making OLC the place to be!



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.



OLC SCHOOL'S 2ND ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL/ SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR/YARD SALE

OLC School's PSA (Parent School Association) is sponsoring three events on Sunday, October 25 from 12 noon to 3:00 pm. The 2nd Annual Fall Festival will be in Upper Victory Hall (entrance on Grand Street). Crafts, games, food and activities for children. Festival is for OLC students and their families only (tickets [\$10 for children/adults free] must be pre-purchased through the school). Book fair and yard sale are open to the public. Come browse our extensive Scholastic book fair and maybe get a head start on your holiday shopping! Check out the yard sale (gently used children's clothes, toys, baby gear, etc.) in the school's dining hall. The book fair and yard sale are cash only! All event proceeds will benefit the school.

