



OLC

1911 – 2016

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Our Lady of Czestochowa Catholic Church

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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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 2, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday. Celebration of World Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the United States Presbyterian Church in 1936. The practice became widespread when in 1940, the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world. World Communion Sunday celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Of course, every Sunday is World Communion Sunday as many churches celebrate the Lord's Supper every Sunday but not all welcome one another at the Lord's Table. In some churches, a place at the table is reserved for members only. John Buchanan writes in *The Christian Century* that "...when Jesus said, 'Do this in remembrance of me,' He referred not only to the Last Supper but to His entire life of teaching, healing and welcoming all." Instead of focusing on how we are all different, let us celebrate what we have in common. Paul tells us that we are to "discern the body" when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. Let us share this wonderful message of unconditional love and acceptance with others, and rejoice that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ.

With love,



BAPTISM AT OLC



*We congratulate
John & Soraya Misarti
upon the baptism of their
first child,
Harper Eloise.*

OLC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

The Registration Portal will soon be open for Open Houses for OLC. Please check the school website at: 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. 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 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 Mother 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.

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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

We are enrolling children for the reception of their First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2017. Registration will take place in the rectory between 10:00 am and 4:45 pm.

A copy of your child's baptismal certificate will be required at registration. The offering for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is \$120. The offering for Confirmation is \$60. **Classes start October 9.**

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

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.

2016 EVENTS AT OLC

OLC Seniors: The next meeting will be on October 12. Call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888 for more information.

The OLC Adult Choir: The choir rehearsal takes place on Sundays at 11:15 am and then sings at the following 12:30 pm Mass. Please contact our music director Ben Rauch at 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....

Pilgrimage to The Basilica Of The National Shrine of The Immaculate Conception: Saturday, October 22, 2016

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Sunday, October 2, 2016

Hb. 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tm. 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk. 17:5-10

Sunday, October 9, 2016

2 Kgs. 5:14-17; 2 Tm. 2:8-13; Lk. 17:11-19

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.paritypay.com and follow the prompts.

For the weekend of September 24/25, 468 people attended Mass; the collection in church amounted to \$3,387. The average ParishPay donations for the past 30 days averaged \$2,022 per week. Last week's Sunday collection amounts to \$ 5,409. This is \$691 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.

THE DRAWING ROOMS "PIN IT UP" EXHIBIT



The "Pin It Up" exhibit will be open through October 9. Jersey City artists will showcase works that can be pinned to the wall. The Drawing Rooms will be a part of JC Artist Studio Tours on October 8 and 9 from 12:00-6:00 pm. The Drawing Rooms is at 180 Grand Street in Jersey City. Gallery hours are Thursday-Friday from 4:00-7:00 pm, Saturday-Sunday from 2:00 pm-6:00 pm. For more information, please call 201-208-8032 or go to their website: www.drawingrooms.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 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

Saturday 5:00 pm	October 1, 2016 Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Julia Nowatkowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	October 2, 2016 Deceased Siwik Family (Grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
12:30 pm	Charles (8 th Ann.) and Mary Czysz From <i>Laura Czysz; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
3:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	October 3, 2016 Rose Fiorillo From <i>Joe Flynn</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	October 4, 2016 Intention of George Burke From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	October 5, 2016 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	October 6, 2016 Rosette Vaz From <i>Dsouza Family</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	October 7, 2016 All Souls in Purgatory From <i>Marie Hettiarachchi</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	October 8, 2016 William Bromirski From <i>George Wojcik</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	October 9, 2016 Blanche Kyc (17 th Ann.) From <i>Family</i>
12:30 pm	Bruno and Mary Listwan & Family From <i>Laura Czysz; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP



"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self control." –

2 Timothy 1:7

A good steward cannot be a coward. It takes strength, love and self-control to put God first in our lives. St. Paul assures us that we have been given the

courage we need to do God's work.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



In honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, OLC will offer a blessing for pets this Sunday, October 2, 3:00 pm in

front of the church. St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology, could be viewed as the original Earth Day advocate. St. Francis' devotion to God was expressed through his love for all of God's creation. St. Francis cared for the poor and sick, he preached sermons to animals, and praised all creatures as brothers and sisters under God. We hope you will join us on this special day. Please call the rectory at 201-434-0798 with any questions.

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 this weekend 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.

COOPERATIVE (COOP) ADMISSION EXAM FOR INCOMING EIGHTH-GRADERS

The Cooperative Admissions Examination for 2016 for Eighth-grade students will be offered Friday, November 11, 2016. The COOP is for students applying for fall 2017 admission to Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Newark and the Diocese of Paterson. The test will be conducted at established test sites in the Archdiocese of Newark and the Diocese of Paterson. The COOP is designed to measure scholastic aptitude in verbal and non-verbal abilities, and achievement in reading, mathematics, and language. Applications and handbooks may be obtained from a Catholic elementary or high school. You may also write to the Cooperative Admissions Examination Office at the address below. To apply online, visit the COOP web page at www.coopexam.org or call 1-888-921-2667 (888-921-COOP) weekdays between 8:30 am and 8:30 pm. The examination fee of \$60.00 will include reporting scores to three high schools of your choice. Applications and fees will be processed now through October 14, 2016. Apply early so you will have a much better chance of being assigned to a test site of your choice. For more information, please email: support@coopexam.org or contact the Archdiocese at: www.rcan.org or the Diocese of Paterson at: www.pater-sondiocese.org

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 Wash-

ington, 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. They have been a source of great inspiration and edification for those who have participated. 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. Let us encourage every initiative that helps the faithful to recognize the special role of Mary in the mystery of salvation. As the faithful of the Archdiocese of Newark fill Mary's Shrine with prayers and devotion, may she "never tire of turning her merciful eyes toward us and make us worthy to contemplate the face of mercy, her Son Jesus." (Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction).

OLC Church is sponsoring a group to join the Pilgrimage this year. Please contact Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888 for more information and to receive the registration form. We still about 6 seats availbale on the bus and invite more to come.

A WORD OF THANKS

We appreciate the donation of beautiful flowers in front of our altar. While they are green today, they will bloom into beautiful flowers. Thank you Bobby Sacr for your donation and the time you spent arranging them.

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 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.

PARISH PICNIC



Our parish picnic will be Sunday, October 16. The location is the Prep courtyard in front of their gym. We were very successful enlisting volunteers to help. We filled almost every major category, except two areas where we could use assistance.

First, we need an additional person or two to help prepare and pre-cook food Saturday morning before the picnic. The time to come to the rectory is 9:30 am.

Second, we need people to provide entertainment or music. In previous years, we had a DJ. Unfortunately, we do not know of anyone who could help. If you know of someone, please let us know.

We will email all instructions to our volunteers instructing them in their positions, what to do and where they are to report. Look for the email. Make certain that it does not go into "Junk."

The parish supplies sausage, hot dogs, hamburgers, kielbasa, etc. We still welcome donations of any ethnic foods, Filipino, Indian, Polish, Korean, etc. We have sufficient desserts.

If you cannot help, please come and enjoy the festivities. We need people with good appetites to enjoy the food and parishioner who will enjoy each other's company as we celebrate community.