



# OLC

## 1911 – 2016

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*In Residence*

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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.

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 23, 2016**

## 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OLC PARISH PICNIC



Photos by Pilar Segura, Tony and Marlene Sandkamp, and Fr. Tom

Featured are just a few of the photos from our parish picnic of October 16. Many thanks go out to the picnic team members who set-up, cooked, served, ran children's activities, photographed, donated food, salads, desserts, etc.

### 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

Our ten-part lecture/study group will continue on Monday, October 31, 7:00 pm. We will meet in the rectory. Meetings will be every other Monday. 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.

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

## 2016 EVENTS AT OLC

**OLC Seniors:** 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 at: [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.

**Lecture Series:** Monday, October 31, 7:00 pm, in the rectory. The subject will be "*Happy Are We, The Teachings of Jesus.*"

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

**Sunday, October 23, 2016**

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

**Sunday, October 30, 2016**

Wis. 11:22-12:2; 2 Thes. 1:11-2:2; Lk. 19:1-10

*God Bless all! No exceptions*

## 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 15/16, 366 people attended Mass; the collection in church amounted to \$3,385. The average ParishPay donations for the past 30 days averaged \$1,819 per week. Last week's Sunday collection amounts to \$5,204. This is \$796 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 this Sunday, October 23 from 2 pm-4 pm and Wednesday, November 9 from 7 pm-9 pm. 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 this 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.

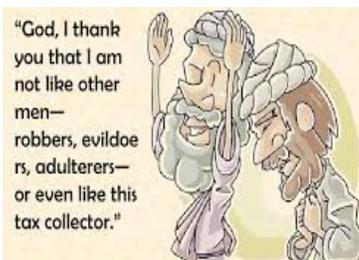
## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>October 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
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 24, 2016</b> Barbara Bromirski From <i>Jerzy Wojcik</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 25, 2016</b> Santiago, Marta and Simon Bitar From <i>Kerbaj Family</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 26, 2016</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 27, 2016</b> Rev. Eugene Kasper (8 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) – 7 <sup>th</sup> Pastor From <i>Parish</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 28, 2016</b> Rev. Ignatius Szudrowicz (70 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pastor From <i>Parish</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>October 29, 2016</b> John Stapinski (29 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) From <i>Wife, Children and Grandchildren</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>October 30, 2016</b> John Cameron From <i>Mary Green</i>
12:30 pm	Rosalie Matute From <i>Michael Matute</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

## STEWARDSHIP

*“...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” - Luke 18:14*



Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status is another way of making those things “gods” before God. Remember all those gifts were God-given. Instead we should be humbled by God’s abundant generosity and our hearts should be filled with gratitude.

## 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).

## 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.



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

Come and meet Mother Seton Alumni currently working in various engineering fields this week on October 27 from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm. 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 bio-medical, 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.

## 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.

## FAITH WORKS



Please remember to make a donation of non-perishable food items next 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.**

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**Registration is closed for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion classes. For the applicants who are already registered, the next class is on October 23 at 9:00 am.**



**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. The next class is on October 23 at 11:00 am. 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 October 9. Any questions please call the rectory at 201-434-0798.**

## OLC FALL REGISTRATION DRIVE

A **Fall Registration Drive** will take place the first three weekends in November. (November 5/6, 12/13 and 19/20).

## 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.



## 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.



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

**Lectors** – Pat Duemig, **201-955-1495**  
**Serve Donuts After 10:00 am Mass** – call OLC rectory, **201-434-0798.**