

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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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.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 29, 2017

BAPTISM AT OLC CHURCH

We congratulate the parents who celebrated the baptism of their children on Sunday, October 22, 2017. May the Lord watch over and protect these beautiful children always.



*James Romanczuk
the son of
Katie and Matthew*



*Sebastian Royer
the son of
Kathy and Kevin*



*Aiden and Daniel Yoon
the sons of
Mi Kyoung and Suk Ha*

LECTURE SERIES



Father Tom is moderating an RCIA lecture/study group. The next meeting will be Monday, November 6, 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.

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.**



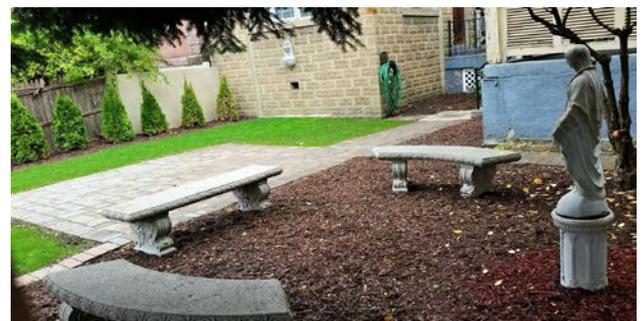
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASS SCHEDULES FOR 2017

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

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

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

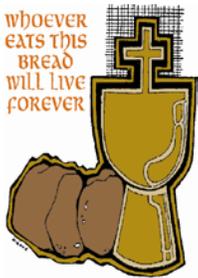
CHURCH GARDEN IS RESTORED!



A few years ago, one of our parishioners, Don Puckey, started restoring our garden. Unfortunately he passed away before completion. The garden has recently been restored thanks to the hard work and dedication of another one of our parishioners! GianLuca Roses, a senior at St. Peter's Prep and Eagle Scout candidate with Troop 12, chose the restoration of the OLC Church garden as his service project. Over the course of three weekends, GianLuca and several helpers removed debris, did powerwashing, planted trees and seed grass, repaired benches and laid pavers. Thanks to GianLuca, the Roses family and Troop 12 for their generosity and congratulations to GianLuca on the completion of his Eagle Award project.

MASS INTENTIONS

whoever
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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.

All Saints Day Masses: Wednesday, November 1, 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm.

OLC Seniors: The next meeting is November 8; lunch will be served. Final payment for the trip to Virginia Beach in December is due. 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.

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 29, 2017

Ex. 22:20-26; 1 Thes. 1:5-10; Mt. 22:34-40

Sunday, November 5, 2017

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10, 1 Thes 2:7b-9,13, Mt 23:1-12

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.

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 and follow the prompts.

For the weekend of October 21/22, 407 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,302. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$1,804 contributing to a weekend collection of \$5,106. This is \$894 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. Remember that although it is important to support your parish financially, your donation is ultimately a gift back to God for his blessings.

2017 BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION



On November 18 and 19, our parish will take up the 131st annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

CATHOLIC CEMETERY OPEN HOUSE

Planning ahead can be a great help those we leave behind. Today, many burial arrangements are made in advance. The Archdiocesan Catholic Cemeteries are hosting "open house" events to help families with end of life planning.

The Catholic Cemetery staff can help you with many available options so you can take advantage of these "open house" savings. The final "open house" is on November 11-12 at Holy Name Cemetery & Mausoleum, 823 West Side Avenue, Jersey City, 1-888-621-0337.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	October 28, 2017 John Stapinski (30 th Ann.) From <i>Wife, Children and Grandchildren</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	October 29, 2017 John Mascarenhas (1 st Ann.) From <i>Family</i>
12:30 pm	Rev. Ignatius Szudrowicz (71 st Ann.), 2 nd Pastor
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	October 30, 2017 Intention of Friends at PANYNJ From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	October 31, 2017 Santiago, Marta and Simon Bitar From <i>Kerbaj Family</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	November 1, 2017 Judy Lloyd From <i>Michele Fenice</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Thursday 12:30 pm	November 2, 2017 All Souls Novena
Friday 12:30 pm	November 3, 2017 All Souls Novena
Saturday 5:00 pm	November 4, 2017 John Gradowski (34 th Ann.) & Brothers Frank and Ted From <i>Terri Gradowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	November 5, 2017 Edward Bauch From <i>Tess and Michael Englese & Family</i>
12:30 pm	Intention of Rosa Florentino & Family From Michael Burke
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

Attend daily Mass.

It will make a difference in your life!

STEWARDSHIP

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.” – Matthew 22:37

Do you put other “gods” before God? Is your love of money, power, status or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and everything you are is a gift from God? The good news – it’s not too late to put God first in your life in all things.



OLC SENIORS - UPCOMING EVENTS

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

“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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES HURRICANE RELIEF



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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>.

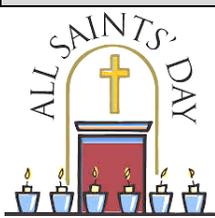
THE DRAWING ROOMS EXHIBITS

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.

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS



November 1st is "The Solemnity of All Saints" or "All Saints Day." It is a holy day of obligation for Catholics. The earliest observance of a feast in honor of all the saints is an early fourth-century commemoration of "all the martyrs." In the early seventh century, after successive waves of invaders plundered the catacombs, Pope Boniface IV gathered up some 28 wagonloads of bones and reinterred them beneath the Pantheon, a Roman temple dedicated to all the gods. The pope rededicated the shrine as a Christian church. According to Venerable Bede, the pope intended "that the memory of all the saints might in the future be honored in the place which had formerly been dedicated to the worship not of gods but of demons" (*On the Calculation of Time*).

But the rededication of the Pantheon, like the earlier commemoration of all the martyrs, occurred in May. Many Eastern Churches still honor all the saints in the spring, either during the Easter season or immediately after Pentecost.

How the Western Church came to celebrate this feast, now recognized as a solemnity, in November is a puzzle to historians. The Anglo-Saxon theologian Alcuin observed the feast on November 1st in 800, as did his friend Arno, Bishop of Salzburg. Rome finally adopted that date in the ninth century.

This feast first honored martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their consciences, the Church acknowledged other paths to sanctity. In the early centuries the only criterion was popular acclaim, even when the bishop's approval became the final step in placing a commemoration on the calendar. The first papal canonization occurred in 993; the lengthy process now required to prove extraordinary sanctity took form in the last 500 years. Today's feast honors the obscure as well as the famous—the saints each of us have known. (From [American Catholic.org](#) by Kathy Coffey)

ALL SOULS DAY- NOVEMBER 2nd



The observance of All Souls Day always follows All Saints Day. It provides a very special opportunity to remember our deceased relatives and friends. The observance of this day is rooted in early Christian Tradition (2nd century). St. Odilio of Cluny (January 1) established a memorial of all the faithful departed in 988. It was accepted in Rome in the 13th Century.

Here at OLC, we celebrate All Souls day with a Novena of Masses (nine days) for the faithful departed. Deceased family members or friends will be remembered in this Novena of Masses by including their names on the special "All Souls" envelopes found in the rear of the church.

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 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.

MOMMY & ME CLASSES AT OLC SCHOOL

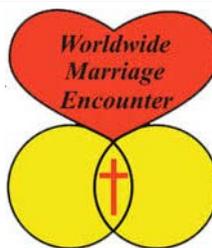
Fun for you and your little ones! The Mommy & Me winter session will begin January 2018. Classes are for children 18 - 30 months.

The 10-week sessions run from 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm, and cost \$250 (plus a one-time \$25 registration fee).



Themes to be offered are "Creative Arts & Cooking," "Storytelling & Music/Movement," "Montessori Time." LHA teachers facilitate all programs. Please contact Mrs. Murduca at MommyandMe@olcschool.org for more information.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS



"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do,..." Let the Lord into your marriage to do His works by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information contact Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-

6880, or email njwwme@peoplepc.com. **Military families**, are you getting ready to deploy? Is your family trying to reconnect after deployment? Marriage Encounter offers tools of communication that have kept many military marriages strong and happy throughout the ups and downs of military service. Contact your local chaplain or call 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 for more information.

*Don't fix the blame,
fix the problem.*