



# OLC

## 1911 – 2016

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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.

**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 30, 2016**

## BAPTISM AT OLC



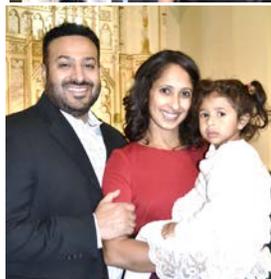
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Correa  
the daughter  
of  
Karl and Ye*



*Eli Cosme Costa  
the son of  
Michelle and  
Mark  
with  
big sister Emily  
and  
big brother Zach*



*Emersyn Rose  
Darsney  
the daughter of  
Benjamin and  
Nicole  
with  
big sister Adelyn*



*Sejal Lily  
Grover  
the daughter  
of  
Kunal and  
Michelle*



*Stella Madeline  
Padovano  
the daughter of  
Arsenio and  
Sylvia  
with  
big sister Alyse*

*We offer our prayers and congratulations to five families who celebrated the baptism of their children during the 10:00 am Mass last Sunday, October 23, 2016.*

*May God Bless and Keep Watch Over Them Always.*

### 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.

### FALL REGISTRATION AND UPDATE DRIVE

Beginning next weekend – 11/5 & 11/6 – and for the following two weekends, we will be conducting a Fall parish registration and registration information update drive.

All Catholics should be registered with a parish. Registration is important for many reasons. For example, it is a sign that OLC is *your* parish and that you are grateful. Proof of parish registration is, among other things, necessary should you require a "sponsor certificate" to be a Godparent.

Many of you have been regularly attending Mass at OLC and contributing to the financial health of the parish. Thank you. Why not take the simple step of registering with the parish and make your participation in parish life more complete?

To those who are registered and are already "officially" part of our OLC family; family members need to keep in touch. We can't do that if we don't know how to reach you! If you have moved, have a new e-mail address, etc., please take this opportunity to update

your contact and other information. Thank you in advance for your participation in the drive.

### 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."

**All Saints Day Masses:** Tuesday, November 1 at 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm.

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

**Sunday, October 30, 2016**

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

**Sunday, November 6, 2016**

2 Mc. 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes. 2:16-3:5; Lk. 20:27-38

## 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.

**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 22/23, 457 people attended Mass; the collection in church amounted to \$3,356. The average ParishPay donations for the past 30 days averaged \$1,931 per week. Last week's Sunday collection amounts to \$5,287. This is \$713 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 HOUSE

Hudson Catholic Regional High School will hold an Open House on 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).



## OLC'S FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS SONG

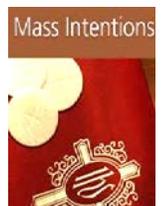


Fa la la la! OLC is looking for enthusiastic singers for its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Festival of Christmas Song in December. Beginners and non-parishioners are welcome! If interested, please contact Ben Rauch at:

[Directorofmusic@olcj.org](mailto:Directorofmusic@olcj.org).

## 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.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<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
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 31, 2016</b> Gary Margulis From <i>Sister-in-law Mila</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 1, 2016</b> Deceased Members of the Joseph Lepis and George Burke Families From <i>Michael Burke</i>
7:00 pm	Barbara Bromirski From <i>Melanie and Bill</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 2, 2016</b> All Souls Novena Mass
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 3, 2016</b> All Souls Novena
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 4, 2016</b> All Souls Novena
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>November 5, 2016</b> William Bromirski From <i>Frank Figura</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>November 6, 2016</b> Ramon Cartasano From <i>Anciano Family</i>
12:30 pm	Ed and Claire Coleman From <i>Monica Moffitt</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

**Sanctuary Lamp & Bread and Wine  
are Offered in Memory of Barbara Bromirski  
From Melanie and Bill**

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

## STEWARDSHIP



*"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.'" – Luke 19:8*

We are all called to graciously give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give

equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you?

## LUCIE GOOSIE TODDLER ENRICHMENT

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



## PROGRAMS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



**A Retreat on Male Spirituality (November 18-20, 2016).** This weekend, open to men of all ages, focuses on unique male issues on the spiritual journey. The retreat will consist of Eucharist and other prayer, input, quiet time, small group sharing, socializing, and fun within a supportive, intentional community of men. Cost is \$130 per person.

**Family Advent Weekends (December 2-4, 9-11 and 16-18, 2016).** Come prepare for the liturgical season. Special weekend themes focus on family activities and preparations related to the season, emphasizing the significance of bringing Jesus to others. Cost is \$125 per person (8 years-adult)/\$85 per person (2-7 years)/Free Under 2.

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

## 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 next weekend on November 5-6.



## BAPTISM



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**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.

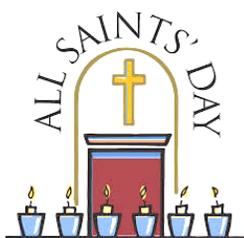
## THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

November 1 is "The Solemnity of All Saints" or "All Saints Day." It is a holy day of obligation for Catholics. The earliest certain 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 1 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](http://AmericanCatholic.org) by Kathy Coffey)

## 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

**Registration is closed for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion classes. For the applicants who are already registered, the next class is on November 6 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. There is no fee for confirmations students returning from last year. The next class is on November 6, 11:00 am. To those 7<sup>th</sup> Graders who started classes last year please make sure to attend the next class on November 6, 11:00 am.**

**Any questions please call the rectory, 201-434-0798.**

## ALL SOULS



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 (2<sup>nd</sup> century). St. Odilio of Cluny (January 1) established a memorial of all the faithful departed in 988. It was accepted in Rome in the 13<sup>th</sup> 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.