



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

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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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 4, 2015

BAPTISM AT OLC

We congratulate the following parents who celebrated the baptism of their children last weekend at OLC.



Matthew Theodore Garita
the son of
Carlos & Jessica



Jina Natalia Lee
and Hanna Veronica Lee
the daughters of
Wooseok & Se Jeong



Logan Christopher Stanberry
the son of
Christopher & Ellen

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The **deadline** for enrolling children for the reception of their Sacraments (First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) for 2016 **has passed**. Late registration



will continue to take place in the rectory between 10:00 am and 4:45 pm. We require a copy of your child's baptismal certificate at registration. The offering for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is \$120 (plus a late fee). The offering for Confirmation is \$60 (plus a late fee).

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



We plan to begin classes in October. We purchased sufficient educational materials for all the children who are currently registered. We do not want children going without their supplies while in class. To compensate for late registrations, we will require a late registration fee.

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LECTURE SERIES

Our ten-part lecture/study group will begin Monday, October 5, 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. Please follow the bulletin for more details. A registration sign-up form is available in Church this weekend.

The first topic will be, "Amazed and Afraid - The Revelation of God Become Man." This first presentation will illuminate and explain the conviction of the Catholic Faith that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah and the revelation of God become man. We will see how Jesus fulfills the four tasks of the Messiah, according to the Old and New Testaments, and how the living legacy of Christ, God and Messiah, is proclaimed by the Church. Our presentation will address some of the most controversial questions about the life and identity of Jesus Christ and travels through the mysterious and sacred places of the Holy Land of Israel and the eternal city of Rome.

We anticipate that our second meeting will be Monday, October 19. 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.

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.

2015 EVENTS AT OLC

OLC Seniors: The Halloween meeting is on October 14 at 1 pm in the Church Hall. 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 at 201-333-4888.

Drawing Rooms: New exhibit "Mostly Drawing" can be viewed from September 11 through October 11. 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@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: Begins October 5. See page 2 for details.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Sunday, October 4, 2015

Gn. 2:18-24; Heb. 2:9-11; Mk. 10:2-16

Sunday, October 11, 2015

Wis. 7:7-11; Heb. 4:12-13; Mk. 10:17-30

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 September 20, 367 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,766. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,167, contributing to a weekend collection of \$5,934. This is \$66 below our weekly goal of \$6,000.

For the weekend of September 27, 345 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,697. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,167, contributing to a weekend collection of \$5,864. This is \$136 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.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES



Saint Peter's Preparatory School will be holding its 2015 Fall Open House today, October 4, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. For more information on the Fall Open House, please call **201-547-6389**.

Marist High School in Bayonne will also be holding its fall Open House today, October 4, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. For more information please contact Ms. Barbara Verdonck, Admission and Special Events Officer, **201-437-4545 ext. 225**.



REGISTER WITH YOUR PARISH/ REQUEST FOR PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE



Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family

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@olcj.org.

Proof of parish registration is necessary should you require a "sponsor certificate" to be a godparent.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	October 3, 2015 Michael Sr. (44 th Ann.) and Frances Krupa From <i>Children and Grandchildren</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	October 4, 2015 Henry Dwulet From <i>Wife and Children</i>
12:30 pm	Thomas H. Eckert From <i>Kathy Eckert</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 am	October 5, 2015 Efren Cristobal From <i>Gloria Gutierrez</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	October 6, 2015 Intentions of Bill and Helen Haughey From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	October 7, 2015 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	October 8, 2015 Deceased Members of Siwik Family From <i>Donna and Mark Simon</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	October 9, 2015 Blanche Kyc (16 th Ann.) From <i>Family</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	October 10, 2015 Ignatius (63 rd Ann.) and Rozalia Gradowski From <i>Ted, Terri and Children</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	October 11, 2015 Deceased Members and Friends of the Chau Family From <i>Kim Mom</i>
12:30 pm	Ronald and Teresa Piatkowski From <i>the Dennis Piatkowski Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP



"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name." - Genesis 2:19

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past

generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

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 18. 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.



EXHIBIT AT THE DRAWING ROOMS

The galleries will be open this weekend during the Jersey City Artist Studio Tour Week. Curated by Anne Trauben and Jim Pustorino, it will feature works by the following (mostly) Jersey City artists: Alaine Becker, Alan Walker, Anne Trauben, Bruno Nadalin, Cheryl Gross, Doug Madill, Edward Fausty, Eileen Ferrara, Gilbert Giles, Greg Brickey, Heidi Curko, Ibou Ndoye, James Pustorino, Jill Scipione, Kim Wiseman, Laura van der Meule, Maggie Ens, Maria Pavlovska, Megan Klim, Mollie Thonneson, Robert Preston, Stephen Cimini, Tuan Tran and William Stamos. 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! The "Mostly Drawing" exhibit is open through October 11.

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.

BAPTISM



GATHERING TO RE-
JOICE 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.

NINTH ANNUAL MEN'S DAY

The Ninth Annual Men's Day at the Most Blessed Sacrament Friary will be on Saturday, October 10, 2015. Come spend the day with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in a day of prayer and spiritual reflection. Free admission! Open Registration begins at 8 am. Key note speaker will be Father Mariusz Koch, CFR. The Friary is located at 375 13th Avenue in Newark. Holy Mass is at 4:15 pm; confessions available throughout the day. For more information please visit: newarkfriary.org.

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

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

Serve Donuts After 10:00 am Mass – call OLC rectory, **201-434-0798**.

MOMMY & ME CLASSES ARE BACK AT OLC SCHOOL!



Fun for you and your little ones! Mommy & Me classes are available at Little Harbor Academy at OLC School. 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). "Cooking" is on Tuesdays, "Storytelling & Creative Arts" are on Wednesdays, and "Montessori Time" will be held on Thursdays. LHA teachers facilitate all programs. Please contact Mrs. Murduca at Mommy-andMe@olcschool.org for more information.

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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. 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, flower, sugar, condiments, cookies, crackers, as well as toiletries.

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 at 4:00 pm. Beginners and non-parishioners are welcome! If interested, please contact Ben Rauch at: Directorofmusic@olcjc.org



OLC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

The Registration Portal will soon be open for Open Houses for both LHA and OLC. Please check the school website at: olcschool.org for updates. 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.

