

# 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

**Very Rev. Thomas J. Ciba, V.F.**  
*Pastor*

**Rev. Gerard J. Sudol**  
*In Residence*

**Rev. Anthony Azzarto, S.J.**  
*Weekend Assistant*

**Rev. David Stump, S.J.**  
*Weekend Assistant*

**Mrs. Anna Mae Stefanelli**  
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**Mr. Jonathan Blevis**  
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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.

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 8, 2017**

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

As you may recall, in early 2015 I had a medical procedure. There were complications that led to my hospitalization three different times. This has resulted in some ongoing health issues. This, combined with the fact that I am now 70 years old, has led me to believe that it is best that I step down as pastor. I made my retirement request to the Cardinal, which he approved. My retirement will become effective February 1, 2018.

At this time, I do not know who will be my successor. I do pray that he will serve you with love and kindness. I am confident you will give him, whomever he is, the same love and support you have given me over the years.

Over many years as a priest, I have ministered in seven different parishes. In these parishes, I have formed bonds of love and affection that remain today. As I move on, I will cherish the bonds of love and affection I have for you. I believe that the Lord had a plan, and in that plan, He called me to serve you and He has blessed me for this service. You have my love and you will be in my daily prayers, and I will continue to pray for God's blessings upon you.

With my love,



### 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 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.

### LECTURE SERIES

Father Tom will moderate an RCIA lecture/study group. The next meeting will be this Monday, October 9, 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.

### REPORTING ABUSE BY CLERGY, RELIGIOUS AND LAY STAFF OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Please contact the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office at 201-795-6400.

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**Classes for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation are now closed.**

If you are already signed up for classes, please note the following class schedule for 2017:

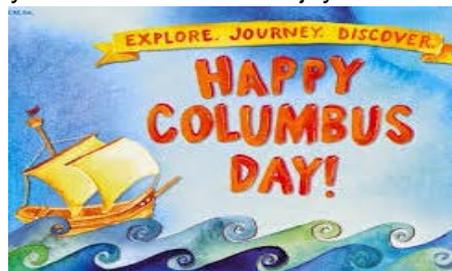
**Reconciliation/Communion at 9:00 am:** October 8, 22; November 5, 19; December 3, 17.

**Confirmation at 11:00 am:** October 8, 22; November 5, 19; December 3, 17.

**RCIA at 11:00 am:** October 1, 15, 29; November 12, 26; December 10.

### HAPPY COLUMBUS DAY!

The Mass on Columbus Day will be at 12:30 pm. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable weekend.



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

## 2017 EVENTS AT OLC

**OLC Seniors:** Next meeting is on October 11, 1 pm (lunch will be served). For more information, please 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](mailto: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 8, 2017

Is. 5:1-7; Phil. 4:6-9;  
Mt. 21:33-43

### Sunday, October 15, 2017

Is. 25:6-10; Phil. 4:12-14, 19-20;  
Mt. 22:1-14

## 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](http://www.parishpay.com) and follow the prompts.

For the weekend of September 30/October 1, 397 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,579. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$1,761 contributing to a weekend collection of \$5,340. This is \$660 **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.

## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OPEN HOUSE

Not everyone wishes to think about death, however it is necessary that all of us make plans for the inevitable. Planning ahead can help those left behind.

Today, many burial arrangements are made in advance. Do you have your family's burial place pre-planned? The Archdiocesan Catholic Cemeteries are hosting "open house" events to help you calmly and thoughtfully make decisions rather than doing so in haste and grief.

The Catholic Cemetery staff can help you with many available options so you can take advantage of these "open house" savings. Begin your pre-arrangement discussion with Catholic Cemeteries today.

Listed below are "open house" events hosted at different cemeteries. This is a short list of cemeteries, dates and locations. More information is available if you call the rectory:

October 14-15, Gate of Heaven Cemetery & Mausoleum, 225 Ridgedale Avenue, East Hanover, 1-888-459-0746

November 11-12, Holy Name Cemetery & Mausoleum, 823 West Side Avenue, Jersey City, 1-888-621-0337

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>October 7, 2017</b> Edmundo Acuna From <i>Wife and Son</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>October 8, 2017</b> Margaret Hiza From <i>Kathy Eckert</i>
12:30 pm	Buddy Dwulet From <i>Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 9, 2017</b> Blanche Kyc (18 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) From <i>Family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 10, 2017</b> Intention of Sr. Mary Evanoff From <i>Kim Mom</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 11, 2017</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 12, 2017</b> John Paul Salcedo From <i>Family</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 13, 2017</b> Intentions of Joseph and Sara Lepis From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>October 14, 2017</b> Ignatius (64 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) and Rozalia Gradowski From <i>Terri Gradowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>October 15, 2017</b> Deceased Members of the Polish Women's Alliance of America From <i>Polish Women's Alliance of America</i>
12:30 pm	Charlotte Wisniewski From <i>Claire Warlikowski</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

**Attend daily Mass.**

***It will make a difference in your life!***

## STEWARDSHIP



*"The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone..."*  
- *Matthew 21:42*

Jesus was the corner stone and He was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens.

Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others in today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is sign that God is alive and well!

## OLC SENIORS - UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Oktoberfest at the Mansion at Mountain Lakes (October 24, 2017).** Fee will cover transportation, lunch and entertainment.

**"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, October 11, 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.

## 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.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES HURRICANE RELIEF

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>.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Our RCIA program began on October 1st. This program is intended for adults who desire to become Catholic. It is also intended for adults who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

If you wish to join in the program, please contact the rectory. After completing the program, an unbaptized candidate will be baptized during the Easter Vigil, 2018. All others will receive their appropriate sacraments during the Easter season 2018. **The next class is on October 15 at 11:00 am.**

## BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR INNER-CITY CHILDREN

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children is hosting a Fall Benefit Concert on Friday, October 27, 2017, 7:30 pm at Enlow Hall on the campus of Kean University. 100% of the proceeds from the event will provide low-income students from grades K-12 with partial tuition scholarships to attend Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Newark. The concert will feature "Ragdoll", a Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons tribute band. Special guest "The Dominoes", the St. Dominic Academy Glee Club from Jersey City will also be performing. Tickets prices range from \$25 to \$50. Bring your sweetheart and enjoy the songs of yesteryear for a great cause! Tickets may be purchased through: [www.KeanStage.com/SFIC](http://www.KeanStage.com/SFIC) or call 908-737-7469.

## HUDSON COUNTY OFFICES OF VETERAN AFFAIRS EVENTS

**Hudson County Partners Veterans Resource and Job Fair:** October 11, 2017 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the National Guard Armory, 678 Montgomery Street, Jersey City NJ 07306. Employers will be screening and interviewing veterans for jobs in industries such as electric & gas, security, disaster and recovery, construction, plumbing, trucking and many more. Learn about veteran services and benefits. Get your DD-214 recorded with the county. Obtain a Ped-

ler's License to sell your goods. Register online at: <http://tinyurl.com/VeteranFair2017Attendee>. For more information, please call 201-360-4247 or email: [cbi@hccc.edu](mailto:cbi@hccc.edu).

**Stand Down of North Jersey:** October 14, 2017 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the John F. Kennedy Pool and Recreation Center, 211 West Kinney Street, Newark NJ 07102. At this one-day event to assist homeless veterans, federal, state, public and private support agencies will offer a broad array of FREE services and assistance. Learn about VA benefit counseling, PTSD, mental health awareness, Welfare, Social Security, food stamps, addiction help, housing, medical benefits, employment opportunities and unemployment benefits. Receive haircuts, clothing, provisions and refreshments. Pre-registration is encouraged. Please call 973-802-1479 for more information or to register.

## ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

In cooperation with St. Peter's Prep, we have scheduled our annual parish picnic for Sunday, October 15 beginning after our 12:30 pm mass.

The parish will supply Italian sausage, hot dogs, hamburgers, kielbasa, ice tea, lemonade and water.

Just as last year, **we are requesting volunteers** to set up, cook, serve, etc. Among our request for volunteers, we need a few people to pre-cook food Saturday morning, We need people to help with entertainment, children's activities (games, face painting, etc.), helping with a raffle, etc. We encourage parishioners to donate desserts and various ethnic foods, Polish, Filipino, Indian, Korean, etc.

**Volunteer forms** are available before and after mass. This is an excellent way to meet and socialize with other parishioners. Please take the time to complete a volunteer form.



## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AT OLC CHURCH

Photos by Adam Ligeralde



OLC had its second annual blessing of pets in honor of St. Francis of Assisi's feast day on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Father Gerry Sudol was on hand to bless all creatures great and small.

