



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.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 11, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

“Today marks the 38th anniversary of President Jimmy Carter’s proclamation designating the first Sunday following Labor Day as National Grandparents Day. The proclamation reads in part, ‘Grandparents are our continuing tie to the near-past, to the events and beliefs and experiences that so strongly affect our lives and the world around us. Whether they are our own or surrogate grandparents who fill some of the gaps in our mobile society, our senior generation also provides our society a link to our national heritage and traditions.’

We all know grandparents whose values transcend passing fads and pressures, and who possess the wisdom of distilled pain and joy. Because they are usually free to love, guide and befriend the young without having to take daily responsibility for them, they can often reach out past pride and fear of failure and close the space between generations.

Grandparents are our trusted advisers, our confidants and whether we ask their opinion or not, they serve as truth tellers. They guide a younger generation forward through triumphs and challenges having already been there, done that and bear the scars to prove it.

Grandparents will tell you things that you do not want to hear. It may be tempting to dismiss their advice, assuming that times have changed far too much for them to understand the problems of today. In reality, they understand far better than you can imagine, having first experienced life’s ups and downs personally and then having guided their own children through the journey.

Grandparents Day is a holiday that few know exist. Both Mother’s Day and Father’s Day are cemented into our national conscience and culture. These holidays have ingrained in us that no matter how near or far, how busy or overwhelmed we may be, that on Mother’s and Father’s Day, we...let our parent know that they matter. Today there will be far too many grandparents who will not hear the words, ‘Happy Grandparents Day!’

Millions of grandparents are unselfishly parenting the second time around, for many different reasons. The 2010 Census reports seven million grandparents nationally have grandchildren 18 or younger currently living with them, and, conversely, children who are living with their grandparents make up ten percent of the youth population of the nation.

On National Grandparents Day, let us not forget to salute, lift up and return the love to the grandparents and grand figures in our communities who are making their corner of the world a kinder, happier, wiser and grander place for their children and loved ones to live. Happy Grandparents Day!” (Reynolds, Brown Blondell. “Don’t Forget National Grandparents Day.” www.phillytrib.com, 6 September 2014)

With love,



OLC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES



The Registration Portal will soon be open for Open Houses for 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: wait-list@olcschool.org. You will then be notified via email when an opening becomes available.

PARISH PICNIC

As mentioned in previous bulletins and announced the last few weeks at mass, I want to have our parish picnic in October. The date we have is Sunday, October 16. The location is the Prep courtyard in front of their gym. We are aware that many parishioners travel in the summer and I will continue to run this article and distribute volunteer sign-up forms. You may also call the rectory at 201-434-0798 or email olc@olcjc.org and secretary@olcjc.org to volunteer or if you

have questions. Leave your name and contact information. You can also indicate in what capacity you would like to help.

In order to make the picnic successful, we need to recruit new volunteers. If you are new to the parish, this can be an excellent way to meet new people, make new friends and feel welcome at OLC. Below is a list indicating what type of help we require:

- Food preparation (Saturday morning)
- Setting up
- People to transport supplies to the picnic grounds
- Cooks and Servers
- Children’s activities set-up and supervision
- Entertainment
- Clean-up

The parish supplies hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, kielbasa, etc. We welcome donations any food & desserts (Filipino, Indian, Polish, Korean, etc.).

This can be an excellent way to get involved in the parish, make new acquaintances and feel connected to the community.



MASS INTENTIONS

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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@olcj.org.

2016 EVENTS AT OLC

OLC Seniors: The next meeting will be on October 12. Call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888 for more information.

The OLC Adult Choir: The choir rehearsal takes place on Sundays at 11:15 am and then sings at the following 12:30 pm Mass. 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.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

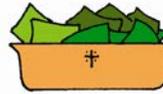
Sunday, September 11, 2016

Ex. 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm. 1:12-17;
Lk. 15:1-32

Sunday, September 18, 2016

Am. 8:4-7; 1 Tm. 2:1-8;
Lk. 16:1-13

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 and follow the prompts.

For the weekend of September 3/4, 334 people attended Mass; the collection in church amounted to \$3,565. The average ParishPay donations for the past 30 days averaged \$2,028 per week. Last week's Sunday collection amounts to \$5,593. This is \$407 below the collection goal of \$6000 that 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.

9/11/2001



Fifteen years ago today, many can still remember the vivid details of the events of that tragic day. Let us pray that no such event should ever happen again, and all acts of terrorism end. We also pray that peoples throughout the world pray and work for peace, acceptance and harmony.

RELIEF FOR LOUISIANA FLOOD VICTIMS



Terrible floods have affected people in Louisiana. Catholic Charities USA is responding to the challenges with emergency food, shelter and clothing. Your financial support can help them meet this important need. Anyone interested in assisting in this effort to help our brothers and sisters in need may make a contribution directly to the organization via the agency's website: <https://support.catholiccharitiesusa.org>.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	September 10, 2016 Stanley and Mary Plewan From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	September 11, 2016 Benjamin Paz From <i>Pilar Paz</i>
12:30 pm	Tranquilino Lucero Luzano From <i>daughter Marilyn</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	September 12, 2016 Intention of Nicholas Matlin From <i>Steven, Dana, Greg & Grace</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	September 13, 2016 Rev. Zbigniew J. Szymanski, 5 th Pastor (23 rd Ann.) From <i>OLC</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	September 14, 2016 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	September 15, 2016 Daniel Zoltowski From <i>Regina Goskow</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	September 16, 2016 Leolino Maglasang From <i>Sister Mila</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	September 17, 2016 All Deceased Members of the Stapinski and Gradowski Families From <i>Terri and Ted Gradowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	September 18, 2016 Barbara Bromirski From <i>Marta Michalik</i>
12:30 pm	Genevieve Warlikowski From <i>Claire Warlikowski</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP



"Everything I have is yours." - Luke 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

PROGRAMS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

Weekday Getaways (September 20-22 and October 4-6). Get away from the stresses of everyday life! Join other like-minded adults in daily Eucharist,

prayers and meals with the Marianist Community Members. Cost is \$120 per person.

Widows Butterfly Retreat (September 20-22).

You are invited to renew and relax at our mid-week retreat with our community of widows. For more information on this program, please call Madge Hempsey at 856-848-5346. Cost is \$120 per person.

Celebration of Marriage Retreat (September 23-25). This weekend is intended for couples married at least 10 years. Join other couples in Eucharist, prayer, relaxation, socials and "couple time." Cost is \$130 per person.

Accommodations, meals and all activities are included. Financial aid available. For more information on any of these programs, please call 609-884-3829 or visit their website at: www.capemaymarianists.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

In his recent Post-Synodal Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis writes of "the need to prepare engaged couples for marriage to enable them to understand and accept the joys and obligations of marriage, and of the responsibility of pastors to accompany married couples in continuing formation of their life together, especially as their circumstances change and the bloom of 'first love' fades." This concern echoes the USCCB Pastoral Letter *Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan* where the bishops call on parishes to provide resources to support couples as they prepare for and live their commitment to one another.

There is a way to provide this needed pastoral support for marriage. For nearly fifty years, WorldWide Marriage Encounter (WWME) has been providing couples with an experience that supports and strengthens their relationship with each other and with the Church. Experience has shown that couples who attend a WWME weekend often become more involved in the life and ministries of their parish; couples in "irregular" situations often seek to rectify their status and many non-Catholics have joined the Church. While the Weekend is the primary expression of Marriage Encounter, other options are available. For more information, contact Janet and Mike Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880, email: njwwme@peoplepc.com or go to www.njwwme.org.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL EXPO

Catholic high schools are holding their annual admissions fairs this month. Parents and students can see many schools at once – college fair style

Catholic High School Expo

– from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm on the following dates and places: September 26 – Archdiocesan Center in Newark, September 28 – Visitation Academy in Paramus and September 29 – Primary Prep/St. Aeden in Jersey City. For more information please visit: CatholicSchoolsNJ.org or call 1-973-497-4258.

2016 NEWPORT LIBERTY HALF-MARATHON



The 16th Annual Newport Liberty Half-Marathon will take place Sunday, September 18 beginning 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Runners will start the course at Newport. The course of their run will include Washington Blvd. to Washington Avenue turning onto Grand Street. Their return leg will be along Grand Street again. This will disrupt traffic in these areas. If you are planning to drive across Grand Street or Washington, you may encounter significant delays at this time. For more information about the marathon, please go to <http://www.newporthalf-marathon.com/about-newport/>.

In order to facilitate parking, we will leave our school parking lot open. It is a

two-block walk from there to the church. A partial map of the marathon route that affects our area is presented. Please make plans accordingly if will be driving to the 10:00 am Sunday Mass.

WE ARE LIVING STONES CAMPAIGN

As an update, our works of mercy goal for the campaign is \$38,000. To date, we have received pledges amounting \$32,350. The Archdiocese has received \$13,362 toward these pledges. The average gift was \$1,617 and there are now 20 donors.

We ask that more parishioners make a pledge. When we exceed our goal of \$38,000, half of all monies above that amount will be given back to the parish. Thank you.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Newark has designated its triennial pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, a major Archdiocesan Jubilee of Mercy observance. The one-day Archdiocesan Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday, October 22, 2016.

Past pilgrimages to the Basilica of the National Shrine have been tremendously successful. They have been a source of great inspiration and edification for those who have participated. During the final days of this "Jubilee Year of Mercy" let us invite the faithful to come with particular devotion to Mary, Queen and Mother of Mercy. Let us encourage every initiative that helps the faithful to recognize the special role of Mary in the mystery of salvation. As the faithful of the Archdiocese of Newark fill Mary's Shrine with prayers and devotion, may she "never tire of turning her merciful eyes toward us and make us worthy to contemplate the face of mercy, her Son Jesus." (Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction).

OLC Church would like to sponsor a group to join the Pilgrimage this year. Please contact Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888 for more information and to receive the registration form.

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 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:

October 2, 2016; December 4, 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. The application is free and only takes a few minutes.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

We are now starting to enroll children for the reception of their sacraments (First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) for 2016. Registration will take place in the rectory between 10:00 am and 4:45 pm.

When you register, we will require a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. The offering for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is \$120. The offering for Confirmation is \$60.

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