

# 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

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

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

**Rev. Michael Braden, S.J.**  
*Weekend Assistant*

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

**Mrs. Anna Mae Stefanelli**  
*Principal*

**Mr. Jonathan Blevis**  
*Pastoral Associate*

**Mr. Ben Rauch**  
*Director of Music*

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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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 13, 2015**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Starting the new school year can be a time of great excitement and anxiety. Help calm your child's fears (and your own) with these teacher-approved tips:

**Meet the new teacher.** For kids, one of the biggest back-to-school fears is "Will I like my new teacher?" Breaking the ice early on is one of the best ways to calm everyone's fears. Take advantage of your school's open house or back-to-school night. Some teachers welcome phone calls or emails — another great opportunity to get to know each other before the year begins. If personal contact with the teacher isn't possible, try locating the teacher's picture on a school website or in a yearbook, so your child can put a name with a face. If your child's teacher sends a welcome letter, be sure to read the letter together.

**Tour the school.** If your school hosts an open house, be sure to go. Familiarizing your child with her environment will help her avoid a nervous stomach on the first day. Together you can meet her teacher, find her desk, or explore the playground. With an older child, you might ask him to give you a tour of the school. This will help refresh his memory and yours.

**Connect with friends.** A familiar friend can make all the difference when heading back to school. You might try calling parents from last year's class and finding out which children are in your child's class this year. Refresh these relationships before school starts by scheduling a play date or a school carpool.

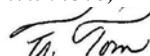
**Tool up.** Obtain the class supply list and take a special shopping trip with your child. Having the right tools will help him feel prepared. While keeping basic needs in mind, allow for a couple of splurges like a cool notebook or a favorite-colored pen. These simple pleasures make going back to school a lot more fun. School supply lists also provide great insight into the school-work ahead. Get your child excited about upcoming projects by explaining how new supplies might be used. Let him practice using supplies that he's not used before — such as colored pencils or a protractor — so he will be comfortable using them in class.

**Avoid last-minute drilling.** When it's almost time to stop playing, give a five-minute warning. Giving clear messages to your child is very important.

**Chat about today's events and tomorrow's plans.** While it is important to support learning throughout the summer, don't spend the last weeks of summer vacation reviewing last year's curriculum. All kids need some down time before the rigors of school begin. For some kids, last-minute drills can heighten anxiety, reminding them of what they've forgotten instead of what they remember.

**Ease into the routine.** Switching from a summer to a school schedule can be stressful to everyone in the household. Avoid first-day-of-school mayhem by practicing your routine a few days in advance. Set the alarm clock, go through your morning rituals, and get in the car or to the bus stop on time. Routines help children feel comfortable, and establishing a solid school routine will make the first day of school go much smoother. ("Back-to-School Tips for Parents" from [www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org))

With love,



### BISHOP THOMAS A. DONATO



It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of The Most Reverend Thomas A. Donato, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, and Regional

Bishop of Hudson County. Born and raised in Jersey City, he loved his hometown and all its people. Bishop Donato was a good friend to the OLC School and was last here in June to bless the new playground at the grand opening. Over the years he has visited our school and said Mass in the OLC Church. He recently celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. A soft-spoken, compassionate man, he will be missed by all who knew him. May he rest in peace.

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

We are now enrolling 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> 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 early October. Registration must be completed before October to insure that we purchased sufficient educational materials for all the children. We do not want children going without their supplies while in class. To compensate for late registrations, we will require a "late registration" fee.



## 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).

## 2015 EVENTS AT OLC

**Drawing Rooms:** New exhibit "Mostly Drawing" can be viewed from September 11 through October 11.

Artist Reception on Sunday, September 13, from 3-6 pm. 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. If you have musical ability, 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:** Coming in October, See bulletin page 4 for details.

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

**Sunday, September 13, 2015**

Is. 50:5-9; Jas. 2:14-18; Mk. 8:27-35

**Sunday, September 20, 2015**

Wis. 2:12, 17-20; Jas. 3:16-4:3; Mk. 9:30-37

## 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 weekends of August 30 328 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,011. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,261, contributing to a weekend collection of \$5,271. This is \$739 below our weekly goal of \$6,000.

For the weekends of and September 6, 347 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$2,903. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,203, 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 ask you to "make up" your contributions. With so many parishioners away for the summer, our collections have suffered very badly. A very important way in which you can support your parish is to enroll in ParishPay. To sign up, go to [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) and follow the prompts. Thank you.

## 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](http://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.



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

**Lectors** – Pat Duemig, **201-955-1495**  
**Serve Donuts After 10:00 am Mass** – call OLC rectory, **201-434-0798**.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 12, 2015</b>
5:00 pm	Stanley and Mary Plewan From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 13, 2015</b>
10:00 am	Gerald O'Connor From <i>Elizabeth and Bradford Piazza</i>
12:30 pm	Rev. Zbigniew Szymanski (22 <sup>nd</sup> Ann.) – 4 <sup>th</sup> Pastor From <i>Parish</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 14, 2015</b>
12:30 am	Maria Wachong From <i>Maria Macedo</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 15, 2015</b>
12:30 pm	Intentions of Tom and Heidi Burke Eccleston & Children From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 16, 2015</b>
12:30 pm	Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 17, 2015</b>
12:30 pm	Annie O'Malley From <i>Mary McGreal</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 18, 2015</b>
12:30 pm	Buenaventura Penaga From <i>Vangie Campomanes</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 19, 2015</b>
5:00 pm	Frances and Bruno Ruskowski From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 20, 2015</b>
10:00 am	John and Mary Trusz From <i>Podolak Family</i>
12:30 pm	Patrick and Ignacio Mangosing From <i>Mark and Valerie Bartolome</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

## STEWARDSHIP



*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."  
- Mark 8:34*

When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well.

## LECTURE SERIES

Father Tom will mediate a ten-part lecture/study group beginning in October (tentatively scheduled for Mondays). The subject will be "Catholicism." It will be based upon a video presentation with speaker Fr. Robert Barron. We presented this lecture series last year, but we will host it

again for those who could not attend last year or for those who missed different topics.

Topics will include:

1. "Amazed and Afraid - The Revelation of God Become Man"
2. "Happy Are We - The Teachings Of Jesus"
3. "The Ineffable Mystery of God - That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought."
4. "Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast - Mary, The Mother of God"
5. "The Indispensable Men - Peter, Paul and The Missionary Adventure"
6. "A Body Both Suffering and Glorious - The Mystical Union of Christ and The Church"
7. "Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven - The Mystery of The Church's Sacrament and Worship"
8. "A Vast Company of Witnesses - The Communion of Saints"
9. "The Fire of His Love - Prayer And The Life of The Spirit"
10. "World Without End - The Last Things"



This presentation promises to be informative, inspirational and spiritual. The group setting will be informal. We will gather in the rectory at 7:30 pm, view the video, discuss it and also socialize. Please follow the bulletin for more details.

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.

## NEW EXHIBIT AT THE DRAWING ROOMS

The "Mostly Drawing" exhibit will be open beginning September 11 through October 11. 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 Ndoeye, 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](mailto:victoryhall1@msn.com). Artist Reception is this Sunday, September 13, from 3-6 pm. The "Mostly Drawing" exhibit will be up during Jersey City Artist Studio Tour Week-end on October 3-4, 2015. We hope you will join us!



## BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS



Bethlehem Handicrafts will be at OLC on September 27. The company sells handcrafted religious articles made in Jerusalem and Bethlehem to support the Catholic Community in the Holy Land. This is the perfect opportunity to purchase one-of-a-kind religious items to give as

special gifts or at Christmas.

## WIDOWS BUTTERFLY RETREAT AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

You are invited to renew and relax at our mid-week retreat with our community of widows. Event is scheduled September 22-24, 2015 (Tuesday through Thursday).



Cost is \$120 per person. Accommodations, meals and all activities are included. Financial aid available. For more information on this program, please call Madge Hempsey at 856-848-5346 or visit their website at: [www.capemay-marianists.org](http://www.capemay-marianists.org).

## 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 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:

**October 4, 2015; December 6, 2015**

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.

## ST. PETER'S PREP OPEN HOUSE

Saint Peter's Preparatory School will be holding its 2015 Fall Open House on Sunday, October 4, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Faculty and staff as well as coaches,

students and parents, will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. Founded in 1872, Saint Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. For more information on the Fall Open House, please call **201-547-6389**.



## COOPERATIVE (COOP) ADMISSION EXAM FOR INCOMING EIGHTH-GRADERS

The Cooperative Admissions Examination for 2015 for Eighth-grade students will be offered on Friday, November 6, 2015. The COOP is for students applying for fall 2016 admission to Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Newark and the Diocese of Paterson. The test will be conducted at established test sites in the Archdiocese of Newark (Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Union, and Rockland counties) and the Diocese of Paterson (Passaic, Morris, and Sussex counties). The COOP is designed to measure scholastic aptitude in verbal and non-verbal abilities, and achievement in reading, mathematics, and language. Beginning September 1, you may obtain an application and handbook from a Catholic elementary or high school. You may also write to the Cooperative Admissions Examination Office at the address below. To apply online, visit the COOP web page at [www.coopexam.org](http://www.coopexam.org) or call 1-888-921-2667 (888-921-COOP) weekdays between 8:30 am and 8:30 pm. The examination fee of \$60.00 will include reporting scores to three high schools of your choice. Applications and fees will be processed from September 1, 2015 through October 13, 2015. By applying early, you will have a much better chance of being assigned to a test site of your choice. For more information, please email: [support@coopexam.org](mailto:support@coopexam.org). You may also contact the Archdiocese of Newark at: [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org) or the Diocese of Paterson at: [www.patersondiocese.org](http://www.patersondiocese.org). The Cooperative Admissions Examination Office address is: MCS Scoring Center, 4603 Middle Country Road, Calverton, NY 11933.



COOP  
EXAM



## 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 beginning September 29. 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 [MommyandMe@olcschool.org](mailto:MommyandMe@olcschool.org) for more information.

