



# 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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 20, 2015**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Traveling through Galilee, Jesus and his disciples stopped in Capernaum. He questioned them about what they were arguing about while they were on the road. "...But they would not answer Him, because they had been arguing among themselves about who among them was the greatest. Jesus sat down, called the twelve to him, and said, 'Whoever wants to be first must place himself last of all and be the servant of all.' Then He took a child and had him stand in front of them. He put his arms around the child and said to His disciples, 'Whoever welcomes in my name one of these children, welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not only me but also the One who sent me.'" Mark 9:30-37

To Jesus, leadership does not mean power but rather, to serve others. To serve is not to be submissive or weak; it is not putting oneself on a lower level than those being served. It is in being totally committed to the good of others that we find our own wellbeing. Jesus takes a child as a symbol of all those who are weak, vulnerable and exploitable. He is asking us to not let our own needs and agendas constantly overshadow the needs of others. The Lord is telling us to serve, protect and care for those less fortunate than ourselves. In doing so, one is recognizing the presence of Jesus and the presence of God in them.

With love,



### 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.



### 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.

### REGISTER WITH YOUR PARISH/ REQUEST FOR PARISHIONER INFORMATION UPDATE

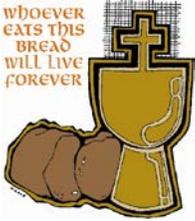


All Catholics should register with a parish. If you have been attending OLC, come to the OLC Rectory any time between the hours of 9:30 am – 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday, and fill out a registration card. If you are currently a parishioner and have changed your address or name within the past year, please notify the office by calling 201-434-0798 or email: [bulletin@olcjc.org](mailto:bulletin@olcjc.org).

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

## 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. 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 2 for details.

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

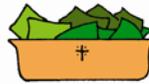
**Sunday, September 20, 2015**

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

**Sunday, September 27, 2015**

Nm. 11:25-29; Jas. 5:1-6;  
Mk. 9:38-43, 45, 47--48

## 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 13, 409 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$4,194. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,261, contributing to a weekend collection of \$6,455. This is \$455 above 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](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.



## 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**.

## TALENTED MUSICIANS!



Can you play a musical instrument or are blessed with a wonderful singing voice? If so, we are in need of your musical ability here at our parish. Please contact Ben Rauch, the OLC Music Director, at: [Directorofmusic@olcj.org](mailto:Directorofmusic@olcj.org).

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>September 19, 2015</b> Frances and Bruno Ruskowski From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>September 20, 2015</b> 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
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 am	<b>September 21, 2015</b> Janey Cheu From <i>Doris and Wolfgang Emden</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>September 22, 2015</b> Richard Paladino From <i>Nataly O'Brien and Christopher Lebenz</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>September 23, 2015</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>September 24, 2015</b> Deceased Members of the Siwik Family From <i>Donna and Mark Simon</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>September 25, 2015</b> Sophie Cross From <i>Mary McGreal</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>September 26, 2015</b> Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Barbara A. Bromirski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>September 27, 2015</b> Augustine and Margarita Fernandes From <i>Erica and Nikhil Panchal</i>
12:30 pm	Priscilla O'Malley From <i>Caryl Forte</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

## STEWARDSHIP



*"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."*  
- Mark 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

## 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.

## 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 Ferara, 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](mailto:victoryhall1@msn.com). The "Mostly Drawing" exhibit will be up during Jersey City Artist Studio Tour Weekend on October 3-4, 2015. We hope you will join us!



## SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS APPEAL

Please take the time to make a pledge or donation to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Your contribution is used to conduct charitable, spiritual and ministerial programs that benefit many throughout the Archdiocese. Your contributions are not used to pay bills or any other expenses associated with the operation of the Archdiocese. To date, we have reached 42% of our goal of \$38,076.00. With your help, we can realize our total parish goal and receive a rebate. Remember, it is only through your commitment that we can provide the services and necessities for the needy in our community. Please be as generous as possible. For those who have already made a contribution, thank you for your support. If you made a pledge and have not received monthly reminders, please call **973-497-4043**.



## 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.

## 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:

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**Altar Servers or Eucharistic Ministers** – Fr.

Tom, OLC rectory, **201-434-0798**

**Choir** – Ben Rauch, email: [Directorofmusic@olcjc.org](mailto:Directorofmusic@olcjc.org).

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

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

## 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



COOP  
EXAM



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.pater-sondiocese.org](http://www.pater-sondiocese.org). The Cooperative Admissions Examination Office address is: MCS Scoring Center, 4603 Middle Country Road, Calverton, NY 11933.

## 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.

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## FAITH WORKS

Please remember to make a donation of non-perishable food items the first weekend in October 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, flour, sugar, condiments, cookies, crackers, as well as toiletries.

## BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS



Bethlehem Handicrafts will be at OLC next week on September 26 and 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.