



OLC

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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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 25, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Bullying or cyberbullying is when one child picks on another child repeatedly. Bullying can be physical, verbal, or social. It can happen at school, on the playground, on the school bus, in the neighborhood, over the Internet, or through mobile devices like cell phones. Here are some tips to prevent and deal with bullying:

When Your Child Is Bullied:

- Alert school officials to the problems and work with them on solutions.
- Teach your child when and how to ask a trusted adult for help.
- Recognize the serious nature of bullying and acknowledge your child's feelings about being bullied.
- Help your child learn how to respond by teaching your child how to:
 - Look the bully in the eye.
 - Stand tall and stay calm in a difficult situation.
 - Walk away.
- Teach your child how to say in a firm voice.
 - "I don't like what you are doing."
 - "Please do NOT talk to me like that."
 - "Why would you say that?"
- Encourage your child to make friends with other children.
- Support activities that interest your child.
- Make sure an adult who knows about the bullying can watch out for your child's safety and well-being when you cannot be there.
- Monitor your child's social media or texting interactions so you can identify problems before they get out of hand.

When Your Child Is the Bully:

- Be sure your child knows that bullying is never OK.
- Set firm and consistent limits on your child's aggressive behavior.
- Be a positive role model. Show children they can get what they want without teasing, threatening, or hurting someone.
- Use effective, non-physical discipline, such as loss of privileges.
- Develop practical solutions with the school principal, teachers, school social workers or psychologists, and parents of the children your child has bullied.

When Your Child Is a Bystander:

- Encourage your child to tell a trusted adult about the bullying. Encourage your child to join with others in telling bullies to stop.
- Help your child support other children who may be bullied. Encourage your child to include these children in activities. (<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/news/Pages/Back-to-School-Tips.aspx>)

With love,



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**.

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 during the week of November 14-18 at 9:00 am. 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.

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.

2016 EVENTS AT OLC

Blessing of Animals: Sunday, October 2, 3:00 pm at the church

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.

Parish picnic: Sunday, October 16. The Prep courtyard in front of their gym. 1:45 pm until....

Pilgrimage to The Basilica Of The National Shrine of The Immaculate Conception: Saturday, October 22, 2016

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Sunday, September 25, 2016

Am. 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tm. 6:11-16; Lk. 16:19-31

Sunday, October 2, 2016

Hb. 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tm. 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk. 17:5-10

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 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 17/18, 385 people attended Mass; the collection in church amounted to \$3,528. The average ParishPay donations for the past 30 days averaged \$1,812 per week. Last week's Sunday collection amounts to \$5,340. This is \$660 below the collection goal of \$6,000 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.

THE DRAWING ROOMS NEW EXHIBIT ARTIST RECEPTION



The Drawing Rooms kicks off its new season with "Pin It Up." The exhibit will be open now through October 9. Jersey City artists will showcase works that can be pinned to the wall. Artist Workshop/Talks on September 24 and 25 from 3:00-6:00 pm. The Drawing Rooms will be a part of JC Artist Studio Tours on October 8 and 9 from 12:00-6:00 pm. The Drawing Rooms is at 180 Grand Street in Jersey City. Gallery hours are Thursday-Friday from 4:00-7:00 pm, Saturday-Sunday from 2:00 pm-6:00 pm. For more information, please call 201-208-8032 or go to their website: www.drawingrooms.org.

BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS

Bethlehem Handicrafts will be this Sunday, September 25 after mass. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	September 24, 2016 Frances and Bruno Ruskowski From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	September 25, 2016 Ron Burke From <i>Barbara and Michael Burke</i>
12:30 pm	Nancy Rivera and Family From <i>Estella Austria</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	September 26, 2016 Intention of Mrs. Alice Tan From <i>Kim Mom</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	September 27, 2016 Intentions of Anne Lepis Arena and Family From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	September 28, 2016 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	September 29, 2016 Daniel Zoltowski From <i>Regina Goskon</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	September 30, 2016 James Riegel From <i>Paul Zwerdling</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	October 1, 2016 Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Julia Nowatkowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	October 2, 2016 Deceased Siwik Family (Grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
12:30 pm	Charles (8 th Ann.) and Mary Czysz From <i>Laura Czysz; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
3:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP



“My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established...” — Luke 16:25-26

When God created the world, He declared that it was good and He gave it to **all** Mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do

not. In today’s Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

PARISH PICNIC

Our parish picnic is planned for Sunday, October 16, 1:30 pm. The location is the Prep courtyard in front of their gym. Last weekend we started to enlist additional volunteers. With an updated list, we can determine where we need more help and where we have sufficient help. If you wish to help, please check below to see how you can sign-up.

In order to make the picnic successful, we need 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 where help is required:

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

The parish supplies sausage, hot dogs, hamburgers, kielbasa, etc. We welcome donations of any food and 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.

You can sign up to help in several ways:

- Signing up in church
- Email us at: email olc@olcjc.org or secretary@olcjc.org
- Calling the rectory (201-434-0798)
- Signing-up online. Go to www.olcjc.org and follow the prompt at the right on the home page.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



In honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, OLC will offer a blessing for pets, Sunday, October 2, 3:00 pm at the church. St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology, could be viewed as the original Earth Day advocate. St. Francis' devotion to God was expressed through his love for all of God's creation. St. Francis cared for the poor and sick, he preached sermons to animals, and praised all creatures as brothers and sisters under God. We hope you will join us on this special day. Please call the rectory at 201-434-0798 with any questions.

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.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL EXPO

Catholic high schools are holding their annual admissions fairs this week. Parents and students can see many schools at once. For more information, please visit: Catholicschoolsnj.org or call 1-973-497-4258.

LECTURE SERIES



Father Tom will mediate a ten-part lecture/study group beginning Monday, October 17, 7:30 pm, in the rectory.. 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 socialize. Please follow the bulletin for more details.

This program is intended 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.

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.

ST. PETER'S PREP OPEN HOUSE

Saint Peter's Preparatory School is holding its 2016 Fall Open House on Sunday, October 2, 1:00 – 4:00 pm. at the school's campus, 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.

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 benefiting many in our community. Thank you for your contributions!