



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

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Rev. Michael Braden, S.J.
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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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 27, 2015

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Bayonne Golf Club is a “Members Only” club. You may play “by invitation only, and private memberships are available for those discerning few.” The club’s brochure implies exclusivity and privilege, and acceptance into the club is only possible after stringent requirements are met.

Any club wanting to restrict its membership would make admission impossible for many looking to join. Many will be disappointed; those accepted would feel privileged and above the outsiders. In Mark 9:38-39 Jesus is not pleased with the disciples’ claim to exclusivity, and admonishes them to focus on how all are one who call upon His name. John and his fellow disciples have an arguably unique status. Jesus’ disciples have mistakenly believed that they are part of an exclusive club where membership and special status is exclusive to the twelve. Jesus reminds them that “every least degree of sincere faith and Christian performance shall be accepted and rewarded.” (*The Christian Miscellany*, Part I, [Edinburgh: John Johnstone, 1842], page 317) John and his companions tell of their encounter with an unnamed exorcist and how they tried to stop the man from continuing his work “...because he wasn’t following them.” (Mark 9:38-39) The disciples appear to be seeking approval from Jesus for their attempts to stop the exorcist because he is not of the twelve. They are surprised at His tolerance and are even more surprised at His response, “For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.” (Mark 9:41) Jesus reminds us that helping others is more than a good deed when it is performed in His name and these kindnesses are rewarded and sanctified. God doesn’t want there to be any obstacles between Him and us. The reading continues with how to deal with temptation. “...If any of you put a stumbling block before the little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you...to be thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off...” (Mark 9:43-43) We are exhorted to remove all stumbling blocks on our path to Enlightenment (not to literally amputate offending limbs but rather, to separate ourselves from any obstacles that might prevent us keep us from joining Him in His Kingdom). The kingdom of Heaven is the only club that is open to all, all you need for membership is to ask for admittance. There is no exclusivity in Jesus.

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 8th grade, 7th 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.

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@olcjc.org.

2015 EVENTS AT OLC

OLC Seniors: The Halloween meeting is on October 14 at 1 pm in the Church Hall. Trip to Platzl Brauhaus in Pomona, NY is October 23. \$50 fee includes meals, transportation, live music and dancing. For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

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. Please contact our music director Ben Rauch at: 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 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 27, 2015

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

Sunday, October 4, 2015

Gn. 2:18-24; Heb. 2:9-11; Mk. 10:2-16

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.

Collection amounts and parishioner attendance statistics for the weekend of September 20 are unavailable because the bulletin was transmitted to the publisher early.

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.parihpay.com and follow the prompts. Thank you.

BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS



Bethlehem Handicrafts will be at OLC this weekend, September 26 and 27. The company sells hand-crafted 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.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES



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. For more information on the Fall Open House, please call **201-547-6389**.

Marist High School in Bayonne will also be holding its fall Open House on Sunday, October 4, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. For more information please contact Ms. Barbara Verdonck, Admission and Special Events Officer, **201-437-4545 ext. 225**.



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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	September 26, 2015 Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Barbara A. Bromirski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	September 27, 2015 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
Monday 12:30 am	September 28, 2015 Intention of Noreen Feehan From <i>Doris and Wolfgang Emden</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	September 29, 2015 Rose Fiorillo From <i>Joe Flynn</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	September 30, 2015 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	October 1, 2015 Janey Young Cheu From <i>Michael and Barbara Burke</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	October 2, 2015 Stanley Klisz From <i>Barbara Bromirski</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	October 3, 2015 Michael Sr. (44 th Ann.) and Frances Krupa From <i>Children and Grandchildren</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	October 4, 2015 Henry Dwulet From <i>Wife and Children</i>
12:30 pm	Thomas H. Eckert From <i>Kathy Eckert</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARDSHIP



"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." - Mark 9:41

Does your life reflect the life of Jesus? Remember, we were made in His image. We tend to forget this. When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them?

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.



EXHIBIT AT THE DRAWING ROOMS

The galleries will be open next week during the Jersey City Artist Studio Tour Week. 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 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. We hope you will join us! The "Mostly Drawing" exhibit is open through October 11.

JERSEY CITY MOMS MEETUP

Have kids? New in town? Want to meet other families? Check out Jersey City Moms Meetup at: www.meetup.com/jersecitymoms. 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.

FALL MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND



Fall is a time when the Lord paints the trees with a splash of color. Would you like Him to paint a splash of loving color in your marriage? Take the opportunity to deepen the colors of your life by sharing with your spouse on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You'll both be glad you did! The next weekend in this area will be October 2-4 in nearby Morristown, NJ. Apply online now at www.wwme.org or call Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016. Space is limited!

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 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.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS & HOLY HOUR



We will celebrate our next *First Friday Devotions*, on Friday, October 2 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This hour will afford you a perfect opportunity for prayerful reflection and a time for peaceful spiritual sustenance. Take a little time for yourself for peaceful reflection and meditation. It is only one hour, but it can take you away from your personal cares.

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@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 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 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. You may also contact the Archdiocese of Newark at: www.rcan.org or the Diocese of Paterson at: 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 MomyandMe@olcschool.org for more information.

FAITH WORKS

Please remember to make a donation of non-perishable food items next weekend 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.