

1911 – 2014

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Our Lady of Czestochowa Catholic Church

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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 to 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 am.

Faith Formation during 10 am Mass

We provide a Faith Formation program called "Children's Liturgy of the Word" for children 2 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 & 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 28, 2014

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians, our second reading this weekend, contains one of the most beautiful Christological hymns in scripture. Paul begins by telling the Philippians, and us, to care for each other, be united in one heart and do nothing out of selfishness and vainglory. He then instructs them, and us, to have the same attitude as Christ Jesus. The Christological hymn follows:

"Though he was in the form of God, he did not deem equality with God something to be grasped, rather, he emptied himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men... obediently accepting death on a cross."

This beautiful Christological hymn speaks very powerfully about humility. It indicates that for God to work through us, we have to take on the humility of Christ. This raises our understanding of the nature of humility which we need to understand. This hymn also explains its Implications.

When we speak of humility, does turning the other cheek come to mind? Does humility imply letting people walk over you? Does it mean weakness? Does it mean that you are not self-willed, not concerned with yourself, your own ways, ideas, and wishes?

The humility that this hymn embodies speaks of taking on the identity of Christ in a positive, active and forceful way that makes a person an active, not passive, follower of Christ. We will see this is an attitude or quality of heart [1 Peter 3:4] whereby a person willingly accepts and submits without resistance to the will of God and strive to serve with one's entire being. This is a sign, not of weakness of character (as some think), but of strength. It requires great self-control to submit to others. The consequences of this are enormous as St. Paul continues to write:

"Because of this, God highly exalted him and bestowed upon him the name above every other name, so that at Jesus' name every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth, and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father, JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!"

Therefore, the path to glory and resurrection is through humble service, giving of oneself sacrificially in service to our God. It takes strength and courage to live this life of humble service. However, the power of the Almighty is such that "He raises up the lowly!"

With love,



LECTURE SERIES



Our ten part lecture/study group will begin Monday, October 6, 7:30 pm. We will meet in the rectory. The subject will be "Catholicism." It will be based upon a video presentation with speaker Fr. Robert Barron. This presentation

promises to be informative, inspirational and spiritual. The group setting will also be informal. We will view a video, discuss it, learn from it and also socialize. Please, follow the bulletin for more details. A registration sign-up form is available in Church this weekend.

The first topic will be, "Amazed and Afraid - The Revelation of God Become Man." This first presentation will illuminate and explains the conviction of the Catholic Faith that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah and the revelation of God become man. We will see how Jesus fulfills the four tasks of the Messiah, according to the Old and New Testaments, and how the living legacy of Christ, God and Messiah, is proclaimed by the Church. Our presentation will address some of the most controversial questions about the life

and identity of Jesus Christ and travels through the mysterious and sacred places of the Holy Land of Israel and the eternal city of Rome.

We anticipate that our second meeting to be Monday, October 20. We will announce any changes in scheduling. To view a clip of this series, click on this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtnH_8oKHUw.

FAITH WORKS



Don't forget that the first weekend of the month, is when we always make a very special appeal, asking all parishioners to make a donation of non-perishable food items. Again, we are asking you to remember your food donations in the future and to please leave them on the table in the rear of the church.

Suggested donations may include: canned coffee, tea, jelly, peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned and dried soups, cereals, pastas and noodles, brown gravies, Italian gravies, toiletries (soaps, shampoos, body washes, tooth paste, tooth brushes, etc.), canned meats and tuna fish, condiments (mayo, mustard, ketchup, salt, pepper, sugar, etc.). Thanks again for your generosity to the neediest of our community.

MASS INTENTIONS



Remembering someone in our prayers (whether alive or deceased) is always important. Because the celebration of the Mass is the highest form of worship the Church celebrates, 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.

If you wish to have a Mass celebrated, simply stop by the rectory, call us at **201-434-0798** or send an e-mail to: secretary@oljc.org.

2014 EVENTS AT OLC

Cultural History Exhibit: Take part in our exhibit, "There To Here" at the Drawing Rooms, 180 Grand St., OLC Convent. You don't have to be an Artist to exhibit. Bring photos/documents, etc. of your own family's history to Jim at the galleries, Thurs.-Fri. 4-7 pm and Sat.-Sun. 2-6 PM. Call **201 823-9393**, or victoryhall1@msn.com. See bulletin for more information.

Lecture Series, October 6, 7:30 pm in Rectory.

October Seniors Meeting: Wednesday, October 8, 1 PM, will be a Halloween/Columbus Day meeting in Church Hall. Come in costume and win a prize. Italian lunch to be served, cost \$10. Final payment towards \$50.00 Stony Hill Trip will be collected.

The OLC Adult Choir: The regular choir rehearsal will take place Sundays at 11:15 AM. The choir will sing at the 12:30 PM Mass on Sundays. If there are any parishioners at OLC who play a musical instrument, we are in need of your musical abilities. Contact our wonderful music director Ben Rauch at:

Directorofmusic@oljc.org

Children's Liturgy: Every Sunday during 10 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 is usually held out of doors.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings. Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, September 28 2014

Ez. 18:25-28; Phil. 2:1-11; Mt. 21:28-32

Sunday, October 5 2014

Is. 5:1-7; Phil. 4:6-9; Mt. 21:33-43

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 are especially generous and who wish to remain anonymous. We need your support for us 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 21, 395 people attended Mass. The collection amounted to \$5,394 of which \$1,995 was contributed by those using ParishPay. This is **\$606 below** our weekly goal. We again need to thank all of those who generously support us! Always remember that your gift is a gift given to the Lord.

If you have been away from church on vacation or traveling, please help us make up our revenue by being extra generous in the collection. Thank you.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS & HOLY HOUR

We will celebrate *First Friday Devotions*, this Friday, October 3, 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.



Benediction
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OLC CHOIR OUTREACH



The OLC Choir will sing at the Cusack Care Center, St. Joseph's, 537 Pavonia Avenue, on Sunday, October 5. The group will gather at the parish at 1:30pm and travel together. If you wish to go along, all are welcome. You can bring a great amount of joy to the residents. Should you have any questions, you can contact Ben Rauch at: Directorofmusic@oljc.org

REGISTER WITH YOUR PARISH!



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

All Catholics should register with a parish. If you have been attending OLC it is fairly simple to make it official. Come to the OLC Rectory any time

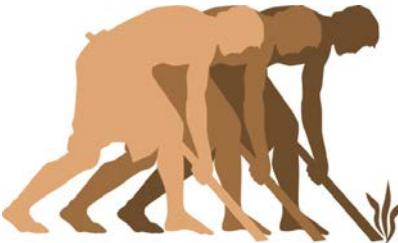
between the hours of 9:30 AM – 5 PM, Monday – Friday, and fill out a registration card. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call, **201-434-0798**.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	September 27, 2014 Charles & Mary Czysz From <i>Laura Czysz and Cathy, Fred, & Allie Savage</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	September 28, 2014 Intention of Daniel Smith From <i>Kathy Eckert</i>
12:30 pm	Jean Wertswa From <i>Teresa Romanski</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 am	September 29, 2014 Jean Wertswa From <i>Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Romanski</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	September 30, 2014 Jean Wertswa From <i>Thomas Bilyk & Family</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	October 1, 2014 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	October 2, 2014 Rose Dobko. From <i>Patricia Terranova</i>
Friday 12:30 am	October 3, 2014 Jean Wertswa From <i>Eddie & Barbara Laskowski</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	October 4, 2014 Michael Krupka, Sr., 43 rd Ann. From <i>Children and Grandchildren</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	October 5, 2014 Martin Quigley From <i>Caroline Kornutick (cousin)</i>
12:30 pm	Henry Dwulet From <i>Wife Mary & Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

STEWARSHIP



"Son, go out and work in the vineyard today." - Matthew 21:28

Christian discipleship is not easy, God never promised it would be. But,

what He did promise is that if we put Him first in all things, He will provide all that we need. Through our daily decisions we have the opportunity to generously share our gifts and help those who may not be in position to help themselves.

COUNSELING SERVICE

A private, independent counseling service will be offering their services utilizing our Counseling Room. Follow the bulletin for additional details.

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 olcjc.org and reference "Formation and Sacraments." Follow the link to "Baptism of Children," or call the rectory. Upcoming dates are:

November 2, 2014, January 4, 2015

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 5, 2014, December 7, 2014

Please register as parishioners before attending the baptism classes. You can register in the rectory Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

DRAWING "OFF THE WALL" EXHIBIT

This month The Victory Hall Drawing Rooms will feature our exhibit "Off the Wall" by artists who create three dimensional art from two dimensional concepts. The artists employ a fantastic variety of inventive material to create a new environment. Join us at the Drawing Rooms, 180 Grand St. You can stop by or call **201 823-9393**, email: victoryhall1@msn.com, the galleries are open Thursday - Friday 4-7 pm, and Saturday - Sunday 2-6 pm, we look forward to seeing you!

MAKE OUR GARDEN GROW



Our faith family said a sad goodbye recently as our friend Donald Puckey passed away. To celebrate his contributions to OLC's rectory office and garden, a group of parishioners is pledging funds to help finish the rectory garden. Once the garden is finished, we hope it will be a place for quiet contemplation, prayer, and gatherings in the midst of our urban area. You can donate, see the progress, and/or even lend a hand once the work is completed to keep our garden growing. If you want to get involved, or offer a donation, please email pastor@olcjc.org and bulletin@olcjc.org.

BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS

Bethlehem Handicrafts will be at OLC the weekend of October 11/12. They sell specially crafted religious articles to support the Catholic Community in the Holy Land. This may be a perfect opportunity to purchase a special religious article you may wish to give as a Christmas gift.

JOIN A PARISH MINISTRY IN 2014!

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 AM Mass – call OLC rectory

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Now that the kids are back in school and your calendar is full of their activities, where have you put time for your spouse and your Marriage Relationship? How about making time to enrich your Marriage by attending a Marriage Encounter. It's a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away. For more information call Mike and Eileen Morgan at **973-827-9606** or email njwwme@peoplepc.com

RCIA

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RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is a program for you if you are an adult or teenager who is not baptized (or was baptized in another Christian community) and you are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church. **RCIA** is a program for baptized Catholics, adults or teens, needing to receive First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. We invite you to become part of a process of spiritual growth and development known as **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). If you are interested, please contact the rectory, **201-434-0798**, or send an email to the rectory, olc@olcjc.org, or feel free to speak Fr. Tom after Mass.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4
The loss of a loved one can have a tremendous impact on our lives and can leave us in need of guidance to address our feelings and experiences. St Thomas the Apostle Church, Bloomfield, NJ, is offering a series of six sessions for the benefit and support of those who have lost a loved one and need a supportive, Christian environment to address their feelings. The remaining sessions are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm, October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. The meetings will be held at the parish center, 60 Byrd Ave., Bloomfield, NJ 07003. To attend, you may contact the Parish Center at **(973) 338-9190** or Anna Graziano at **(973) 338-9538**. All calls are confidential.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN

We are starting to plan for our children's First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2015. It is not too early to start the registration process. If your child needs to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession), Holy Communion or Confirmation, please come to the rectory to register for these classes.



If your child requires the Sacrament of Confirmation, please have your child register in the seventh grade. We are planning a two year program for the reception of this sacrament.

Please, register by coming to the rectory.



In order to register, please bring a legible copy of your child's **baptismal certificate**. There will be a \$60 fee. Classes will be on Sundays; dates will be announced.

Confirmation



ST. PETER'S PREP OPEN HOUSE

Saint Peter's Preparatory School will be holding its 2014 Fall Open House on Sunday, October 5, from 1:00 – 4:00 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**.

RELEVANT RADIO® 1430 AM BRINGS CATHOLIC RADIO TO NEWARK AND NYC

Relevant Radio celebrated its first broadcast on Thursday, August 28, 2014, on WNSW 1430 AM out of Newark, New Jersey. Archbishop John J. Myers stated, "We look forward to working closely with them to bring to all listeners the clear and consistent Catholic message and to share the Truth, Beauty and Goodness of our Faith. As we continue to broaden our efforts in the New Evangelization to spread the good news of the Gospel, Relevant Radio will be of tremendous benefit not only to Catholic people but to people of all faiths to help them understand the Catholic faith more fully, and share it with others." Relevant Radio is a not-for-profit radio network and produces 70 hours of original programming each week. Relevant Radio broadcasts 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year with award-winning hosts.

Tune into 1430 on your AM dial and check it out.