



# 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 – 2017

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

**Rev. Gerard J. Sudol**  
*In Residence*

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

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

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

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

**Mr. Ben Rauch**  
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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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 3, 2017**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

If parents were polled about the most difficult task with regards to their children getting ready for school, many would probably say, "getting to school on time!" Fortunately, there are many things you can do to make the morning go more smoothly and have everyone out the door on time:

1. **Plan outfits ahead of time.** Lay out outfits the night before (or even the next week) and preempt any debate on what's considered school-appropriate attire.
2. **Prep lunch the night before.** If the kids are old enough, let them do it as part of their nightly routine.
3. **Keep backpacks packed.** Besides putting homework away ahead of time, charge the kids' phones on top of their backpacks each night so they are not forgotten. This also solves the "no devices in the bedroom" argument.
4. **Set consequences and stick to them.** The threat of extra chores or no TV time, or docking your kids' allowance each day you leave late may encourage them to work harder to avoid tardiness.
5. **Invest in timers.** Setting a timer to ring intermittently ("15 minutes to the bus! 10 minutes! 5 minutes! Time to go!") is a popular tactic.
6. **Store gear in car.** Store hair gear, socks and even shoes in the back seat for getting ready on-the-go.
7. **Admit you're the weakest link.** Parents aren't immune to lateness either. Designate a tray for your keys if you are always misplacing them, invest in a programmable coffee maker, fill up the gas tank in the evenings to make a smoother start to the day.
8. **Add a little fun to the mix.** Play games at the bus stop, make it a race to see who gets out the door first, or agree to buy a breakfast treat at a stop near the school if everyone makes it out in time.
9. **Start a family calendar.** Field trips won't sneak up on you if the day's events are posted on the fridge. Going paperless? Try the app Cozi for a streamlined system. It syncs with multiple phones and includes daily schedules for each family member.
10. **Be consistent.** Standardizing the essential steps can help. If you do things in the exact same order every morning, it will become routine and you won't feel like you're scrambling or forgetting something.
11. **Stay on top of signatures.** Ask kids about permission slips, tests or report cards the night before. A family folder or inbox can also help keep important paperwork together (and not stuffed in backpacks).
12. **Simplify breakfast.** You can get kids fed and full with healthy breakfast bars, overnight oats or even frit-tata muffins. You can bake them on Sunday, and then reheat all week.
13. **Enforce bedtime.** It's common sense, but a solid night's sleep makes getting up that much easier.

(13 Trick to Help You Get the Kids to School on Time, Good Housekeeping. [www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/parenting/g4491/how-to-get-the-kids-to-school-on-time/?scr=social-email](http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/parenting/g4491/how-to-get-the-kids-to-school-on-time/?scr=social-email). Picard, Caroline July 12 2017.)

With Love,

### 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:

**September 10, 2017; November 5, 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, pre-registration is extremely helpful**). Upcoming dates are:

### October 1, 2017; December 3, 2017

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.

### HAPPY LABOR DAY!



Wishing you and your family a blessed Labor Day! **The mass on Labor Day Monday will be at 9:30 am.**

### WEDDING AT OLC CHURCH

We congratulate Daniel Kelleher, Jr. and Marlie Vodofsky who celebrated their wedding ceremony on Friday, August 25, 2017. May the Lord bless them with many happy years of marital bliss!



## 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](mailto:secretary@olcjc.org).

## 2017 EVENTS AT OLC

**Labor Day Mass:** Will be on Monday at 9:30 am.

**OLC Seniors:** Next meeting is on September 13, 1 pm with a guest speaker (lunch will be served). For more information, please contact Dorothy Bromirski: 201-333-4888.

**The OLC Adult Choir:** The choir rehearsal takes place Sundays, 11:15 am and then sing at the 12:30 pm Mass. For additional information please contact our music director Ben Rauch at: [Directorofmusic@olcjc.org](mailto: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 is usually outside church, but may be held in the church hall depending on weather. Please call the rectory if you wish to volunteer to bring donuts.

**Newport Half Marathon:** On Sunday, September 17, street closures: 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM. Refer to map on page 5 or the website below for details of street closures: [www.newporthalfmarathon.com/race-info/course-map/](http://www.newporthalfmarathon.com/race-info/course-map/).

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

**Sunday, September 3, 2017**

Jer. 20:7-9; Rom. 12:1-2; Mt. 16:21-27

**Sunday, September 10, 2017**

Ez. 33:7-9; Rom. 13:8-10; Mt. 18:15-20

## 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.

**OLC continues to face a financial crisis.** While our collections were up during the Easter Season, they have been dropping below our \$6,000 weekly goal again. Therefore, we still expect financial difficulties as we go forward. We ask a few things of you:

1. Use Parishpay if you cannot attend Mass each weekend.
2. Increase your weekly donation. We really need people to be as generous as possible each week to support the parish.
3. If you do not use Parishpay, please "make up" your regular donation the next time you attend Mass. To sign up for ParishPay, go to [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) and follow the prompts.

For the weekend of August 26/27, 379 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,227. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$1,840 contributing to a weekend collection of \$5,067. This is \$933 **below** 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. Remember that although it is important to support your parish financially, your donation is ultimately a gift back to God for his blessings.

## 2017 COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

This weekend, OLC will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and train seminarians in a region that still struggles from the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help to restore the Church and build the future in the region. Visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (search "Church in Central and Eastern Europe") to learn more.

## ST. PETER'S PREP FALL OPEN HOUSE



Saint Peter's Preparatory School is holding its 2017 Fall Open House on Sunday, October 1 from 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>September 2, 2017</b> Frank DeNicola From <i>Constance Piatkowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>September 3, 2017</b> Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
12:30 pm	Edward Bauch From <i>Ramos Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 9:30 am	<b>September 4, 2017</b> Deceased Members of the Polish Women's Alliance of America From <i>Polish Women's Alliance of America</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>September 5, 2017</b> Catherine Miller From <i>Kim Mom</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>September 6, 2017</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>September 7, 2017</b> Wanda and Edward W. Bromirski From <i>Melanie and Bill</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>September 8, 2017</b> Ann C. Sudol (31 <sup>st</sup> Ann.) From <i>Son</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>September 9, 2017</b> Stanley and Mary Plewan From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>September 10, 2017</b> Intentions of Erin and Celine From <i>Mom</i>
12:30 pm	Arturo Martinez From <i>Monica Donnelly</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

## STEWARDSHIP



*"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" - Matthew 16:26*

St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget

this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

## RETREATS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



**Spirituality of Knitting Retreat (September 12-15, 2017).** Come explore how the work of your hands is also the work of our Creator's hands! Through shared prayer services, presentations, daily Mass and plenty of time to craft in community, we will explore the Spirituality of Knitting. All who knit, crochet or needle-craft with some experience are welcome! Cost is \$150 per person.

**Widows Butterfly Retreat (September 19-21, 2017).** You are invited to renew and relax at our mid-week retreat with our community of widows. For more information on this program, please call Madge Hempsey at 856-848-5346. Cost is \$125 per person.

**Fall Spiritual Getaway Days (September 19-21 and October 3-5, 2017).** Get away from the stresses of every day life! There's no required program to follow. You're invited to join in the daily Eucharist, morning and evening prayer, and meals with the Marianist Community members. Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or spiritual direction are usually available.

Accommodations, meals and all activities are included. Financial aid is available for these programs. For more information on these retreats, please call 609-884-3829 or visit their website at: [www.capemarymarianists.org](http://www.capemarymarianists.org).

## MASS BOOKS

The 2017 Mass Book is now closed for intentions. However, the 2018 Mass Book is still open. Please call 201-434-0798 or stop by the rectory Monday-Friday from 9:30 am-5:00 pm to arrange a mass intention.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



We are enrolling children for the reception of their sacraments (First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) for 2018. Registration will take place in the rectory

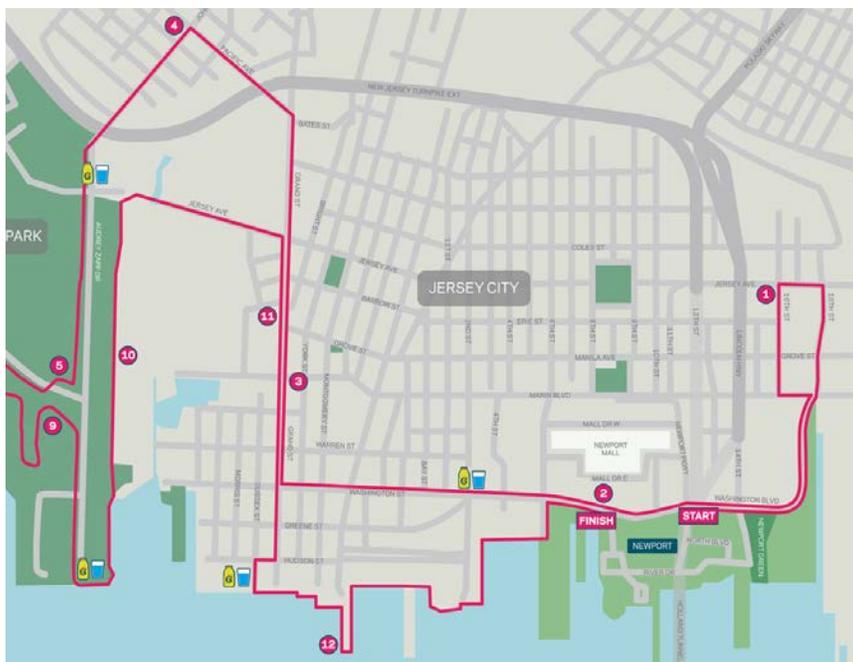
between 10:00 am and 4:45 pm.

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, please call the rectory at **201-434-0798**.



## 2017 NEWPORT LIBERTY HALF-MARATHON



The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Newport Liberty Half-Marathon will take place Sunday, September 17 beginning 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Runners will start the course at Newport. The course of their run will include Washington Blvd. to Washington Avenue turning onto Grand Street. Their return leg will be along Grand Street again. ***This will disrupt traffic in these areas. If you are planning to drive across Grand Street or Washington, you may encounter significant delays at this time. Perhaps, you can park outside the race course and walk the remaining distance.*** For more information about the marathon, please go to <http://www.newporthalfmarathon.com/about-newport/>.

In order to facilitate parking, we will leave our school parking lot open. It is a two-block walk from there to the church. A partial map of the marathon route that affects our area is presented. Please make plans accordingly if you will be driving to the 10:00 am Sunday Mass.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



Our RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will begin this fall. This program is intended for adults who desire to become Catholic. It is also intended for adults who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

If you wish to join in the program, please contact the rectory. After completing the program, an unbaptized candidate will be baptized during the Easter Vigil, 2018. All others will receive their appropriate sacraments during the Easter season 2018.

### BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS

Bethlehem Handicrafts will be at OLC the weekend of September 16-17 after each 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.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF

Catholic Charities is committed to providing Disaster Response and Disaster Recovery services to individuals and families dealing with the aftermath of natural disasters. They provide response coordination and short-term and long-term recovery services in collaboration with other area Disaster Relief agencies, and by working with the Mayor's office on their disaster recovery plan. This means first meeting emergency needs such as shelter, food, and medication assistance for those who have lost everything. To contribute or for

more information, please go to: <https://www.catholiccharities.org>.

### OLC SENIORS - UPCOMING EVENTS

The OLC Seniors have organized several trips for this fall (open to all seniors 50 and over):

**Baltimore and Annapolis, Maryland (September 19-21, 2017).** Cost is \$375 per person/double occupancy and \$500 per person/single occupancy. Price includes motor-coach transportation, lodging, breakfasts and dinners, guided tours of Baltimore, Annapolis and the Naval Academy, harbor cruise, taxes, driver and guide gratuities. Payment is due now.

**Oktoberfest at the Mansion at Mountain Lakes (October 24, 2017).** Fee will cover transportation, lunch and entertainment.

**"Miracle of Christmas" at the Millennium Theater in Pennsylvania (November 15, 2017).** Package includes motor coach transportation, meal at Shady Maple, taxes and meal gratuities.

**Virginia Beach, Virginia (December 4-6, 2017).** Cost is \$355 per person/double occupancy and \$455 per person/single occupancy. Price includes motorcoach transportation, lodging, breakfasts and dinners, Christmas lights at Newport News Park and Virginia Beach, museums, Imax movie, guided tour of Colonial Williamsburg, and much more. A \$25 deposit is due by September 1. Final payment is due by October 1.

**The next meeting is Wednesday, September 13, 2017 in the Church Hall at 1 pm.** There will be a guest speaker. Lunch will be served. **New members are welcome!** For more information, please call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.