



OLC

1911 – 2016

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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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 4, 2016

BAPTISM AT OLC

Dear Parishioners,

We congratulate the following parents who celebrated the baptism of their children at OLC last Sunday. May their children be blessed and kept safe under the Lord's care.



*Mila Grace Caraballo
the daughter of
Juan Carlo & Charisse*



*Julian Edward & Oliver Nicholas
Carvalho
the sons of
Roberto & Aneta*



*Mila Fattoruso
the daughter of
Fernando & Sarune*



*Addison Marie Fenner
the daughter of
Jeffrey & Brenda Lorena Lopez*



*Alessandra Jade Fogliano
the daughter of
Jennifer & Jeffrey*



*Chloe Yoon Seul Koo
the daughter of
Sungji & Grant*

RCIA



RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. This 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 also 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.

Please share this information with anyone who wishes to become Catholic or anyone who needs to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are presently enrolling people so they can receive their Sacraments during the Easter Season of 2017.

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**.

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.

2016 EVENTS AT OLC

OLC Seniors: The first fall meeting will be on September 7 at the Hibachi Grill on 701 Route 440 in Hudson Mall. Fee for lunch is \$10. 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.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Sunday, September 4, 2016

Wis. 9:13-18; Phlm. 9-10, 12-17;
Lk. 14:25-33

Sunday, September 11, 2016

Ex. 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm. 1:12-17;
Lk. 15:1-32

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.paritypay.com and follow the prompts.

For the weekend of August 27/28, 509 people attended Mass; the collection in church amounted to \$2,928. The average ParishPay donations for the past 30 days averaged \$1,881 per week. Last week's Sunday collection amounts to \$4,809. This is \$1,191 below the collection goal of \$6000 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.

ST. PETER'S PREP OPEN HOUSE

Saint Peter's Preparatory School will be holding its 2016 Fall Open House on Sunday, October 2, 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.



HOUSING COUNSELING SERVICES

If you have lived, worked or attended school in Hudson, Essex or Union Counties for the past four years, you may be eligible for free Housing Counseling Services. Assistance is available for foreclosure/homelessness prevention, fair housing education, pre- and post-purchase counseling and more. Translators versed in several languages are available to assist. Sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark and the DCA of ReNew Jersey. For more information, please call the following:

Hudson County 1-973-424-7616

Essex County 1-862-229-4464

Union County 1-862-229-4468

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Saturday 5:00 pm | September 3, 2016 William Bromirski From <i>Kowal Family</i> |
| Sunday 10:00 am | September 4, 2016 Deceased Siwik Family (Grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie From <i>Donna Simon</i> |
| 12:30 pm | Rosette Vaz From <i>Dsouza Family</i> |
| 7:00 pm | People of the Parish |
| Monday 9:30 am | September 5, 2016 Amado Perera From <i>Doris and Wolfgang Emden</i> |
| Tuesday 12:30 pm | September 6, 2016 William G. Waters, Jr. From <i>Michael Burke</i> |
| Wednesday 12:30 pm | September 7, 2016 Communion Service |
| Thursday 12:30 pm | September 8, 2016 Ann C. Sudol, 30 th Ann. From <i>Son</i> |
| Friday 12:30 pm | September 9, 2016 Gloria Colella From <i>Son Steven</i> |
| Saturday 5:00 pm | September 10, 2016 Stanley and Mary Plewan From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i> |
| Sunday 10:00 am | September 11, 2016 Benjamin Paz From <i>Pilar Paz</i> |
| 12:30 pm | Tranquilino Lucero Luzano From <i>daughter Marilyn</i> |
| 7:00 pm | People of the Parish |

**Sanctuary Candle & Bread and Wine
are Offered in Memory of
Barbara Bromirski
From Melanie and Bill**

STEWARDSHIP



*"Every one of you who
does not renounce all his pos-
sessions cannot be my disci-
ple."* – Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or

are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

PROGRAMS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

Weekday Getaways (September 20-22 and October 4-6). Get away from the stresses of everyday life! Join other like-minded adults in daily Eucharist, prayers and meals with the Marianist Community Members. Cost is \$120 per person.

Widows Butterfly Retreat (September 20-22). 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 \$120 per person.

Celebration of Marriage Retreat (September 23-25). This weekend is intended for couples married at least 10 years. Join other couples in Eucharist, prayer, relaxation, socials and "couple time." Cost is \$130 per person.

Accommodations, meals and all activities are included. Financial aid available. For more information on any of these programs, please call 609-884-3829 or visit their website at: www.capemaymarianists.org.

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.

2016 COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

This weekend we are taking the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports Church programs in a region that still struggles from the effects of Soviet rule. Please give generously to the collection this week. Visit www.usccb.org (search "Church in Central and Eastern Europe") to learn more.

PARISH PICNIC



As mentioned in previous bulletins and announced the last few weeks at mass, I want to have our parish picnic in October. The date we have is Sunday, October 16. The location is the Prep courtyard in front of

their gym. We are aware that many parishioners travel in the summer and I will continue to run this article and distribute volunteer sign-up forms. You may also call the rectory at 201-434-0798 or email olc@olcjc.org and secretary@olcjc.org to volunteer or if you have questions. Leave your name and contact information. You can also indicate in what capacity you would like to help.

In order to make the picnic successful, we need to recruit 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 what type of help we require:

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

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

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.

HAVE A BLESSED LABOR DAY

Happy Labor Day! This holiday honors the American labor movement and the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of the country. We consider Labor Day as the unofficial end of summer.

Beginning in the late 19th century, as the trade union and labor movements grew, trade unionists proposed that a day be set aside to celebrate labor. "Labor Day" was promoted by the Central Labor Union and the Knights of Labor, which organized the first parade in New York City. In 1887, Oregon was the first state to make this an official public holiday. By the time it became an official federal holiday in 1894, thirty states were already celebrating Labor Day.

Canada's Labour Day is also celebrated on the first Monday of September. More than 80 countries celebrate International Workers' Day on May 1 – the ancient European holiday of May Day – and several countries have chosen their own dates for Labor Day. (www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Labor_Day)

Prayer for Labor Day

On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor—in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions and in family living.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of Your name.

We lift up to You all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere.

May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity.

May our working and our resting all give praise to You until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in Your Kingdom as You live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.