



# 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*

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**Rev. David Stump, 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 – A Blue Ribbon School**

*Shaping Young Minds for a Brighter Future*

248 Luis Marin Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07302

Grades K - 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: Tiny Tikes Program for 2-year-olds; Pre-Kindergarten Programs for 3- & 4-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.

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 12, 2017**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

November is Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month in New Jersey. Alzheimer's impacts over 500,000 New Jersey residents—the over 170,000 people who have the disease and their family caregivers. Those who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and their family caregivers are often overwhelmed. They need to understand Alzheimer's and to prepare emotionally, financially and practically for this progressive and terminal disease.

Dementia is an umbrella term used to describe over 100 different conditions that impair memory, behavior and thinking. Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia. Scientists don't yet fully understand what causes Alzheimer's disease in most people. While people who are aging normally may forget things as well, they will typically remember them later. The earlier the disease is detected, the earlier can help be sought for the person with Alzheimer's and their caregivers. It is important to distinguish Alzheimer's vs. the signs of normal aging. Key differences are the number of episodes, and the severity and duration of the behavior. The Early warning signs of the disease are:

**Memory loss.** Especially when it comes to recent or important events, names, placement of objects, and other new information vs. periodically and temporarily forgetting names, appointments or where you left your keys

**Disorientation to time and place.** Become lost on your own street or forget where you are, how you got there and how to return home vs. forgetting the day of the week or why you entered a room

**Struggle to complete familiar actions.** Such as brushing teeth, getting dressed, preparing a meal or placing a telephone call vs. sometimes needing help with an electronic device

**Trouble finding the appropriate words, completing sentences, and following directions and conversations.** May repeat and call things by the wrong name vs. occasionally struggle to find the right word

**Poor judgment when making decisions.** Wearing several shirts on a warm day or giving away large sums of money to solicitors vs. making questionable or debatable decisions at times

**Changes in mood or personality.** Increased suspicion, rapid and persistent mood swings, withdrawal and disinterest in usual activities vs. feeling fatigued by work and social obligations now and then or become irritable when a routine is disrupted

**Difficulty with complex mental assignments.** Balancing a checkbook or other tasks involving numbers or following directions vs. making a mistake when balancing a checkbook or occasionally leaving an ingredient out of a recipe.

For more information, please visit the Alzheimer's New Jersey website at [www.alzjn.org](http://www.alzjn.org).

With my 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:

**January 7, 2018; March 4, 2018**

**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:

**December 3, 2017; February 4, 2018**

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.

### LECTURE SERIES



Father Tom is moderating an RCIA lecture/study group. The next meeting will be on Monday November 20 at 7:30 pm, in the rectory. The subjects of our series will be theological topics relating to our Catholic beliefs. Our presentations are based upon a video program with speaker Bishop Robert Barron. We presented this popular lecture series in past years, but this year we will expand upon it.

Topics will include: "The Revelation of God Become Man", "The Teachings Of Jesus", "The Ineffable Mystery of God", "Mary, The Mother of God", "The Indispensable Men - Peter, Paul and Their Missionary Adventure", "The Mystical Union of Christ and The Church", "Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven, The Mystery of The Church's Sacrament and Worship" and more. Follow the bulletin for more details.

## 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).

**OLC Seniors:** Christmas Party on December 13 at the Jacques Reception Center in Middlesex. Cost TBD, transportation will be provided. For information, 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.

**RCIA Lecture Series:** Monday, November 20, 7:30 pm, in the rectory. The topic is "Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God." All are invited.

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

**Sunday, November 12, 2017**

Wis. 6:12-16; 1 Thes. 4:13-18; Mt. 25:1-13

**Sunday, November 19, 2017**

Prv. 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes. 5:1-6; Mt. 25:14-30

## 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.

Recently ParishPay has Transitioned to LPI's WeShare Service. If you use ParishPay, you may experience and see a difference in the services they provide. Others may find it difficult to log on. The Rectory will explore these problems and provide help and additional information.

**We continue 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 an electronic payment service if you cannot attend Mass each weekend. This is possible through LPI's WeShare Services or you may have your bank or financial institution send us a check on a regular basis..
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 November 4/5, 360 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$5,159. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$2,130 contributing to a weekend collection of \$7,289. This is \$1,289 above 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 BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

On November 18 and 19, our parish will take up the 131<sup>st</sup> annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities



from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

SUPPORT THE BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>November 11, 2017</b> Ted Gradowski (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann.) & Brothers John and Frank From <i>Terri Gradowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>November 12, 2017</b> Steven McAllister From <i>Marie Nolan</i>
12:30 pm	Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 13, 2017</b> All Souls Novena
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 14, 2017</b> All Souls Novena
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 15, 2017</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 16, 2017</b> All Souls Novena
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 17, 2017</b> William G. Waters and Family From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>November 18, 2017</b> Barbara Bromirski From <i>Melanie and Bill</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>November 19, 2017</b> Rose Anna Porcella From <i>Miss Thompson's Pre-K4 Class</i>
12:30 pm	Severina Wondolowski From <i>Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Englese</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

**Attend daily Mass.**

***It will make a difference in your life!***

## STEWARDSHIP

*"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."*

- *Matthew 25:13*

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay, how is God calling you to use your gifts today?

*"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."*  
Matthew 25:13, NKJV



## OLC SENIORS - UPCOMING EVENTS

**"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, lmax movie, guided tour of Colonial Williamsburg, and much more.

**Christmas Party on December 13 at the Jacques Reception Center in Middlesex.** Cost TBD, transportation will be provided. **New members are welcome!** Membership and trips are open to all seniors aged 50 and over. For more information, please call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES HURRICANE RELIEF



Catholic Charities USA®

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>.

## FAITH WORKS Food for Those in Need Winter Coat Drive

**"Food for Those in Need."** We are asking all parishioners to be especially generous this time of the year by making donations of non-perishable food items. Leave your donations on the table in the rear of the church. Suggested donations 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, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.), canned meats and tuna fish, and condiments (mayo, mustard, ketchup, salt, pepper, sugar, etc.).



Thanks again for your generosity to the neediest of our community.

OLC will also have a **"Winter Coat Drive."** There are many in Jersey City who need winter coats to stay warm. If you have an extra winter coat (men's, women's or children's) please leave them in the rear of the church. We have local charities that can dispense them to those in need.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASS SCHEDULES FOR 2017

**Reconciliation/Communion at 9:00 am:** November 5, 19; December 3, 17.

**Confirmation at 11:00 am:** November 5, 19; December 3, 17.

**RCIA: 11:00 am:** November 12, 26; December 10.

## OLC'S FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS SONG

**Fa la la la!** OLC is looking for enthusiastic singers for its 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Festival of Christmas Song on December 10 at 4:00 pm. Beginners and non-parishioners are welcome! If interested, please contact Ben Rauch at: [Directorofmusic@olcjc.org](mailto:Directorofmusic@olcjc.org).

## DRAWING ROOMS HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER "TAKE HOME A WORK OF ART"

Join us on Thursday, December 7, 2017 from 7:00-9:00 pm at Gallery 109 at 109 Christopher Columbus Drive in Jersey City. **Help Us To Continue Providing Excellent Programming in Our Unique Space and BRING HOME A FAVORITE ARTIST'S WORK!**

More than Fifty Artists have generously donated original drawings, paintings and sculpture in support of our 5th Holiday Fundraiser, celebrating our 5th year of exhibitions and community programming! The Fundraiser Evening includes wine, hors d'oeuvres from fine restaurants, music, and a raffle of donated artworks. **Your ticket ensures you a work of art of your choice!**

Here's How It Works: Artwork will be selected on the fundraiser evening by a **raffle drawing**, which determines the order in which primary ticket-holders make their selection. With a little bit of luck in the raffle, you can go home with a piece worth several times more

than the cost of a ticket! **Order Ahead! Ticket Price Increases Day of Event! Single Tickets:** Artist \$150/Non-Artist \$200 - entitles one person to admission, refreshments and one work of art. For more information, please visit: [www.drawingrooms.org](http://www.drawingrooms.org).

## OLC CHURCH PICNIC



If you want to see photos from the picnic on October 15, follow this link: <https://olcjc.org/2017/10/16/parish-picnic/>. You may also view them by going to the church website homepage at [www.olcjc.org](http://www.olcjc.org) (it's the first story). Thanks to all the volun-

teers who contributed to a very successful event! Special thanks to Marina Llata for being our friendly roving photography and for putting together the slide show for the website.

## GRACE IN THE LGBT COMMUNITY

Following the lead of Cardinal Joseph Tobin, Our Lady of Grace/St. Joseph Church, Hoboken, invites members of the Hoboken, Jersey City and North Hudson LGBT community to a meeting on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 7:30 pm to discuss the Catholic Millennium's views and experience on cultural and spiritual issues, specifically as they pertain to LGBT matters. Parents and family of the LGBT community are invited. Please spread the word. Registration is not required but you may send an e-mail to Fr. Alex Santora: [padrealex@yahoo.com](mailto:padrealex@yahoo.com) with comments or indication of attendance. Our Lady of Grace Church is located at 411 Clinton Street in Hoboken. For more information, call 201-659-0369.

## FALL FESTIVAL AND HALLOWEEN AT THE OLC SCHOOL



Photos by Nuala Ryan