



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

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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.

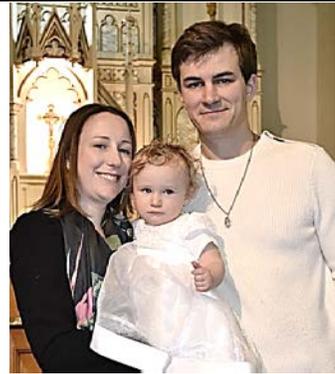
Saints Peter and Paul Church, Hoboken and OLC Church, Jersey City

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.

First Sunday of Advent – December 3, 2017

BAPTISM AT OLC CHURCH

We congratulate the parents who celebrated the baptism of their children on Sunday, November 26, 2017. May the Lord watch over and protect these beautiful children always.



*Sophie Anne-Marie Grace
Henry-Dise the daughter
of Virginie & Kelly*



*Lori Sheejin &
Elin Sheeyoo Kim
the daughters of
Tae & Jeong*



*Olivia Luke Kocubinski
the daughter of
Peter & Heather*



*Whitley Louise McGeough
the daughter of
Paul & Lauren*

OLC CHURCH ADVENT GIVING TREE

Our parish will participate in its annual Advent Giving Tree Program. A Christmas tree will be set up this weekend and decorated with "ornaments," each of which will list the name of an organization or individual, and specific item(s) that you are asked to purchase for a person in need.

To participate in the Giving Tree Program, take one or more ornaments from the tree, purchase the item(s) listed, and attach the "ornament" to the UNWRAPPED package. Bring the gift(s) to church and place them under the Giving Tree no later than Sunday, December 10. All gifts will be delivered during the week of December 11.

For further information, you may call Pat Duemig (201-955-1495) or Maggie Englese (201-963-8761). Thank you in advance for your generosity!



LECTURE SERIES



Father Tom is moderating an RCIA lecture/study group. The next meeting will be this Monday, December 4, 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 Mys-

tery 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.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the solemn belief in the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that she was conceived in the womb free from all stain of sin. It is universally celebrated on December 8, nine months before the feast of the Nativity of Mary, which is celebrated on September 8. It is a celebration of Mary as both the image of the Church and the model of the perfect disciple of Christ. In 2017, it is a holy day of obligation and the OLC masses will be on Friday, 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm.

OLC'S FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS SONG

Fa la la la la! Join us at OLC's 22nd Annual Festival of Christmas Song on December 10 at 4:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

Our special collection for Christmas flowers and holiday decorations is December 16/17. Your generosity helps us pay for our many poinsettias, wreaths, the Christmas tree and other miscellaneous supplies. You can also make a special donation in memory of a loved one.

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.

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.

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, December 4, 7:30 pm, in the rectory. The topic "The Indispensable Men - Peter, Paul and The Missionary Adventure." All are invited.

Next classes for:

Reconciliation/Communion: December 3, **9:00 am**.

Confirmation: December 3, **11:00 am**.

RCIA: December 10, **11:00 am**.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Is. 63:16-17, 19, 64:2-7; 1 Cor. 1:3-9; Mk. 13:33-37

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Is. 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt. 3:8-14; Mk. 1:1-8

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. **If you are having problems with your account, please call Kathy Minihan, our WeShare customer service representative at 732-421-2174.**

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 and follow the prompts.

For the weekend of November 18/19, 373 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$5,106. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$1,935 contributing to a weekend collection of \$7,041. This is \$1,041 above our weekly goal of \$6,000.

For Thanksgiving weekend of November 25/26, 330 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,419. ParishPay donations for the past week were \$1,929 contributing to a weekend collection of \$5,348. This is \$652 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.

*It doesn't do any good
to sit up and take notice
if you keep on sitting.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	December 2, 2017 Edward Bauch From <i>Melanie and Bill Zazula</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	December 3, 2017 Souls in Purgatory From <i>Anonymous</i>
12:30 pm	Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i> People of the Parish
7:00 pm	
Monday 12:30 pm	December 4, 2017 Rose Anna Porcella From <i>OLC School Faculty and Staff</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	December 5, 2017 Deceased Members of the Buono, Hawkes, Lepis and Viverito Families From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	December 6, 2017 Communion Service
Thursday 12:30 pm	December 7, 2017 Dorothy Barry From <i>Anna Mae Stefanelli</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	December 8, 2017 Intention of Hung Tan From <i>Kim Mom</i> People of the Parish
7:00 pm	
Saturday 5:00 pm	December 9, 2017 Chester J. Sienkiewicz From <i>Dorothy Bromirski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	December 10, 2017 Anna Glodek From <i>Daughter and Family</i>
12:30 pm	In Memory of the Kwiatkowski Family From <i>Arthur and Carol</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

Attend daily Mass.

It will make a difference in your life!

STEWARDSHIP



Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.
- Mark 13:33, ESV

“Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come.” - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so

busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long

we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.

OLC SENIORS - UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

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.



THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Elder sisters, brothers, and religious order priests dedicated their lives to service and prayer. Many worked for years for small stipends. As a result, their religious communities now lack adequate retirement savings. You can help by giving during the annual collection. Our parish will take up the annual collection this weekend. For more information, please go to: <http://www.retiredreligious.org>.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASS SCHEDULES FOR 2017

Reconciliation/Communion: December 3, 17, 9:00 am.

Confirmation: December 3, 17, 11:00 am.

RCIA: December 10, 11:00 am

**THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION –
TRINITY DOME COLLECTION**

On December 8, there will be a one-time collection to assist with the completion of the central and final dome in mosaic, that of the Holy Trinity. The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is located in Washington, D.C. and is the largest Roman Catholic church in the United States and North America.

LUCIE GOOSIE TODDLER ENRICHMENT

Lucie Goosie Toddler Enrichment is at OLC Church! Lucie Goosie is a toddler drop-off for children 18 months to 3½ years old. Drop off your little ones in a safe and nurturing environment Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 12 noon. They offer play-based learning, featuring creative movement, music, and literacy development in a social environment. Please check us out on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/luciegoosieplayspace>. To register, please email us at: info@luciegoosie.com.



**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.



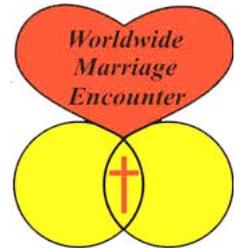
GRACE IN THE LGBT COMMUNITY

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, 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 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.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
WEEKENDS**

“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do,…” Let the Lord into your marriage to do His works by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information contact Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880, or email njwwme@peoplepc.com. **Military families**, are you getting ready to deploy? Is your family trying to reconnect after deployment? Marriage Encounter offers tools of communication that have kept many military marriages strong and happy throughout the ups and downs of military service. Contact your local chaplain or call 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 for more information.



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:

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:

February 4, 2018; April 1, 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.