



OLC

1911 – 2018

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.

Rev. Bryan E. Page
Parish Administrator

Rev. Thomas J. Ciba
Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Gerard J. Sudol
In Residence

Rev. Anthony Azzarto, S.J.
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Rev. David Stump, S.J.
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Mr. Jonathan Blevis
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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 Offering. 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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 4, 2018

BAPTISM AT OLC CHURCH



*Olivia Caitlin Hamilton
the daughter of
James and Jessica*



*Adelaide Carter Krauth
the daughter of
Ashley and Howard*



*Dylan Joseph Messineo
the son of
Joseph and Joanna*

*We congratulate the
parents who
celebrated the
baptism of their
children on Sunday,
January 28, 2018.
May the Lord watch
over and protect these
beautiful children
always.*

FAREWELL

My Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Thank you so very much for the wonderful "send off" you gave me last Sunday as I celebrated my last Sunday mass at OLC. I greatly appreciate everything that went into the celebration. The Mass and the reception in the Church hall were wonderful and I was overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and affection.



I appreciate all of the time and effort that made the occasion such a wonderful experience. As I spoke with so many that afternoon, I wish I could have spent more time with each of you. It was so good to recall wonderful and celebrated friendships. God has been good to me. He has given me so many blessings. In gratitude, I have asked that in lieu of gifts, you make a donation to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital if you desire. I have always had a special place in my heart for children. It breaks my heart to see a child suffer, along with the parents who suffer with their child.

As I enter a new stage in my life, I will not really "retire" but seek out a parish in Pennsylvania where I can assist. There are many such parishes that have only one priest. I will join a local gym to get myself into shape and work on shedding a few pounds. Most importantly, I want to stay in contact.

Should you wish my email address, contact the rectory. My mailing address is:

*PO Box 54
Blakeslee, PA 18619*

God bless you,

WELCOME

Father Tom's successor is Father Bryan Page. He was ordained in 2006 and his most recent assignment has been Parochial Vicar at St. Leo Parish in Elmwood Park, NJ.

Father Bryan's appointment began on February 1st. According to archdiocesan policy, initially he has been appointed as administrator. Appointment as pastor will occur at a later date.

He will officiate at all of the masses the weekend of February 3/4. **There will be a welcome reception for Father Bryan on February 11 after the 10:00 am Mass in the church hall. Please stop by! Refreshments will be served.**



OLC CHURCH ADVENT GIVING TREE

Our parish participated in the annual Advent Giving Tree Program. Thank you for making the holidays brighter for people in need. Special thanks to Pat Duemig and Maggie Englese for coordinating this worthy activity.

Organization	Total Tags on Tree	Gifts Received
<i>Hope House</i>	45	39
<i>Kenmare High School</i>	20	15
<i>OLS Food Pantry</i>	16	15
<i>St. Ann's Home</i>	15	13
<i>St. Lucy's Shelter</i>	16	12
<i>Several Sources</i>	16	14
<i>Seniors</i>	12	10
<i>Veterans</i>	15	14
<i>Village of Families</i>	20	19

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.

Father Bryan Page Welcome Reception: Meet Father Bryan after the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, February 11 in the church hall. Light refreshments will be served. No need to RSVP.

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!

Juice & 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.

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.

OLC Seniors: The next meeting will be on February 14. For more information, please call Dorothy Bromirski, 201-333-4888.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Jb. 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk. 1:29-39

Sunday, February 11, 2018

Lv. 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor. 10:31-11:1; Mk. 1:40-45

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.

ParishPay has transitioned to WeShare Service. If you use ParishPay, you may see a difference in the services they provide. Some parishioners have been dropped by this new company.

To continue to contribute electronically, please go to: <https://olcjc.churchgiving.com/>. Once the screen opens, click on "Regular", "Make a Donation." From there you can register your information and determine what you wish to contribute for Sunday and any other individual collection. If you were not transitioned to the new company, please register again using the above process. If you are having problems with your account, please call Kathy Minihan, our customer service representative at 732-421-2174.

We continue to face a financial crisis. Our collections keep dropping below our \$6,000 weekly goal. 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.
3. If you do not use Electronic giving, please "make up" your regular donation the next time you attend Mass. To sign up for WeShare Service, go to <https://olcjc.churchgiving.com/> and follow the prompts.

For the weekend of January 27/28, 483 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$4,637. WeShare donations for the past week were \$1,905 contributing to a weekend collection of \$6,542. This is \$542 above our weekly goal of \$6,000. Thank you.

If you have been away from church traveling for any reason, we encourage you to "make up" your contributions. Remember to support your parish financially.

BLESSING OF HOMES

Last call to have your home blessed! If you would like to have your home/apartment blessed for the New Year, please call the parish office 201-434-0798 to leave your name, address, and phone number. Also, please mention a convenient time for Father Gerry to return your call so a mutually convenient date and time can be arranged for this blessing. Ideally, all members of your family presently living at home should be present at the time of the blessing, but we know this may not be possible due to each family's work and school schedules.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	February 3, 2018 Helen and Bruno Ruskowski, Jr. From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am 12:30 pm	February 4, 2018 People of the Parish Happy 75 th Birthday to Fr. Marius Koch From <i>Cousins Margie and Lenny Englese</i>
7:00 pm	Protection of Babies in the Womb and their Families From <i>Lifenet</i>
Monday 12:30 pm	February 5, 2018 Angel, Elvira and Angel Grande, Jr. From <i>Norma Sanchez</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	February 6, 2018 Intentions of Jerry and Debbie Burke & Family From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	February 7, 2018 Intentions of the Bob O'Connor and Tony Marinello Families From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	February 8, 2018 Adelaide Klocko From <i>OLC Seniors Group</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	February 9, 2018 Walter F. Sudol (37 th Ann.) From <i>Son</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	February 10, 2018 Rozalia (45 th Ann.) and Ignatius Gradowski From <i>Terri Gradowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm	February 11, 2018 Bobby Englese From <i>Melanie and Bill Zazula</i> William C. Coleman From <i>Edwina Karczewski</i> People of the Parish

Attend daily Mass.

It will make a difference in your life!

STEWARDSHIP



*"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."
- 1 Corinthians 10:31*

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few)

before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

PROGRAM AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



A Retreat for Teachers (February 16-18, 2018).

This retreat, intended for educators of all levels, will provide time to recharge through prayer, reflection and sharing. This weekend will be led by educators and will offer opportunities to be spiritually renewed for the road ahead. Our time will include daily Eucharist, prayer services, individual and group reflection time, and free time to experience the wonders of the beach in winter! Cost is \$135 per person, double occupancy.

Accommodations, meals and all activities are included. Financial aid is available for these programs. For more information on these retreats, please call Anthony Fucci at 609-884-3829 or visit their website at: www.capemaymarianists.org. The Retreat Center is located at 417 Yale Avenue in Cape May Point, NJ.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S COMMISSION DAY OF REFLECTION

The Annual Catholic Women's Commission Day of Reflection is on March 3, 2018 and will be held at Seton Hall University. Come hear well-known inspirational Catholic speakers, learn about and how to grow in your faith, and experience fellowship with other women. Prayer and worship are also an integral part of the day, which includes Holy Mass, a Holy Hour of prayer, the Divine Mercy Chaplet in song, the opportunity to go to confession and an adoration chapel for quiet prayer. The event runs from 8:00 am-4:00 pm and has an English and Spanish track. The main celebrant will be Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin. Cost is \$25 per person (continental breakfast and lunch included); Clergy/Religious Free. For more information email: CatholicWomen@rcan.org or call 1-973-497-4545.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL BIG SMALL SHOW

The biggest small works show in Jersey City is back! Featuring over 100 artists from New Jersey, New York and Connecticut, the exhibit is open through February 17. Affordable artist works range from paintings and framed drawings to three-dimensional works available for purchase. For more information, call 201-208-8032 or email: victoryhall1@msn.com or info@drawing-rooms.org. We hope you will join us! The Drawing Rooms are located at the OLC Convent on 180 Grand Street. Gallery hours are Fridays 4:00-7:00 pm, Saturdays and Sundays 12:00-6:00 pm.



