

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. Gerard J. Sudol
In Residence

Rev. Anthony Azzarto, S.J.
Weekend Assistant

Rev. David Stump, S.J.
Weekend Assistant

Rev. Thomas J. Ciba
Pastor Emeritus

Mrs. Anna Mae Stefanelli
Principal

Mr. Jonathan Blevis
Pastoral Associate

Mr. Ben Rauch
Director of Music

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: 8:00 am (Polish), 10:00 am, 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm

Note: St. Anthony of Padua, 330 Sixth Street, Jersey City, is the Center for Polish Ministry in Jersey City.

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.

Parish Office

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The OLC School

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Little Harbor Academy

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Counseling,* 201-666-2400

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – April 1, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

These last two months have been a whirlwind for me, adjusting to the responsibility as the administrator of OLC, which means caring for everyone God sends my way and, at the same time, getting acquainted with new surroundings, both the neighborhood and a new living environment. There have been some great blessings and a few challenges. All those who are involved at OLC have been such a blessing: the staff, volunteers, and especially Fr. Gerry whom I appreciate for his friendship, his dedication to God, the Church, and our parish. He is a priest who deeply cares about sharing Jesus, with all whom he meets. The challenges I've experienced are small, temporary, and not even worth mentioning, so great has been the joy on my heart and the grace from God that has facilitated the adjustment.

As we come to Easter, it is vital that we realize what we celebrate in this season truly amazing. Think about it like this. In the beginning, God made us and saw that we were very good (GN 1:31). Then over time, human beings pushed away. Like a classic old car, that over time, has turned into a bucket of rust. Over the years it became difficult to keep up with, so it sat out in the rain. This was a much easier way than waxing it weekly and keeping it covered. Now you walk past it and wish it could be restored to its original beauty, and if it is restored becomes better than new with nothing like it on the road that compares. And after appreciating it all the more, caring for it regularly, although can take work, now is a source of joy.

At Easter we celebrate that reality. God made us good, but sometimes we accepted ways of living that were less than good. So He came down to restore us to our original dignity...Better than new! We commemorate the one event that changed the world more than any other. The Resurrection of Jesus, the most pivotal point in human history, and as we celebrate it, we are also called to embrace it. Allowing the Resurrection to transform all our decisions, relationships, hurts, and responsibilities can give us a new lease on life, no longer living from some rusted out version of whom God made, rather completely restored to our original glory, something we can appreciate every week.

Regardless of the difficulties we experience or the successes we enjoy, everything we have and everything we endure are gifts from God that are meant to be shared. Gifts from God are not like any others because, when we share them, we don't lose them; they increase. This is a mystery of faith that helps us to realize the presence of God in our lives and in the lives of those around us.

Easter promises us hope, that no matter what we are going through, Jesus will be with us through it, and despite any challenges we may experience, the Grace of God and good people can always fill us with lasting joy.

May God Bless you always and Happy Easter,

Fr. Bryan



EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Saturday, March 31, 2018

Blessing of Food: 1:00 PM

Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection:
8:00 PM

(Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word,
Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation and
the First Mass of Easter)

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

Masses: 10:00 AM and 12:30 PM

No 7:00 PM Mass

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OLC

Children's Liturgy: Every Sunday during the 10:00 am Mass for 20 minutes. Ages 2 and older. Parents are welcome. No registration required – join in!

Juice and Donuts: Every Sunday after the 10:00 am Mass. Snacks are served either outside or in the

church hall depending on the weather. Please call the rectory at 201-434-0798 if you wish to donate snacks.

The OLC Adult Choir: Rehearsals are held on Sundays at 11:15 am. Participants then sing at the 12:30 pm Mass. Please email the Director of Music, Ben Rauch, at directorofmusic@olcj.org.

OLC Seniors: Group meets monthly. The next meeting is April 11. Lunch will be served. New members welcome (must be 55 and over). For more information, call Dorothy Bromirsky at 201-333-4888.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Sunday, April 1, 2018

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col. 3:1-4;

Jn. 20:1-9; Lk 24:13-35

Sunday, April 8, 2018

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn. 5:1-6;

Jn. 20:19-31

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	March 31, 2018
1:00 pm	Blessing of Food
8:00 pm	Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection
Sunday	April 1, 2018
10:00 am	Mary A. Dwulet From <i>her children</i>
12:30 pm	Dawn Valente From <i>John and Veronica</i>
7:00 pm	No Mass
Monday	April 2, 2018
12:30 pm	Edward John and William Bromirski From <i>Family</i>
Tuesday	April 3, 2018
12:30 pm	Severina Wondolowski From <i>Valerie and Salvatore Piccarillo</i>
Wednesday	April 4, 2018
12:30 pm	Flora Ferrer From <i>L. Nery</i>
Thursday	April 5, 2018
12:30 pm	Nieves Arboleda From <i>Virginia Elbarody</i>
Friday	April 6, 2018
12:30 pm	Intention of Michael Burke and family
Saturday	April 7, 2018
5:00 pm	Chester J. Sienkiewicz From <i>Julia Nowatkowski</i>
Sunday	April 8, 2018
10:00 am	Camille Zampetti Silvestri From <i>Joseph and Jaime DiGeronimo</i>
12:30 pm	Henry and Mary A. Dwulet From <i>Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

Attend daily Mass.

It will make a difference in your life!

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 continue that spiritual and loving connection we had when they

walked this earth.

Remembering someone in our prayers 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. 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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASS SCHEDULES FOR 2018

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Communion: April 15, 29; May 6, **9:00 am.**

Confirmation: April 15, 29; May 6, **11:00 am.**

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:

May 6, 2018; July 1, 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:

April 8, 2018; June 3, 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.

CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK/EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, March 31st (Easter Vigil) at 6:30-7:45 pm – then perform at 8:00 pm

Sunday, April 1st (Easter Sunday) – perform at the 12:30 Mass

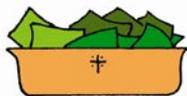
*Easter should satisfy your soul,
not just your sweet tooth.*

OLC CHURCH'S 9TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

We will have our Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday morning, March 31st at 10:00 am. The location is on the parish field at the end of Sussex Street. Children from the earliest ages to age 10 are invited. Bring your Easter baskets or bags. Raindate is Saturday, April 7. Bring your cameras and arrive early! We will need some volunteers to help the Easter Bunny put out the eggs on the field. If you are able to assist, please call the rectory at 201-434-0798.



WEEKLY OFFERING



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publication date.

Thank you for living your financial commitment to our parish. We are grateful for your generosity.

Attendance and collection information for this past weekend, March 24 & 25 is unavailable due to the early bulletin publication date.

STEWARDSHIP



*"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."
- Colossians 3:2*

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia."

Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how He is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

ATTENTION: PARISHPAY/WESHARE CUSTOMERS

If you have been having difficulties with ParishPay or WeShare, please be advised that WeShare passed on erroneous information to the parish. WeShare bought the ParishPay company. ParishPay account information was transferred to WeShare and ParishPay accounts were closed as of January of this year. Parishioners trying to access their account should go to the following website: <https://www.church-giving.com/?pc=wjrwen75>. The correct Customer Service Number is 1-800-950-9952, Option 1.

The ParishPay 2017 Tax Statements from January-September, and the WeShare 2017 Tax Statements from October-December have been mailed out. If you have any questions, please call Barbara at the rectory at 201-434-0798. We apologize for the inconvenience to our parishioners and thank you for your patience.

DOWNTOWN HARVEST COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA)



Our CSA, Downtown Harvest is now preparing for their upcoming season. Enjoy fresh, organic produce (eggs optional) while helping to support sustainable agriculture. During the 24-week season, the farmer brings the members' weekly share to the OLC Church garage. Members share in the risks and rewards of the farmer. For membership information, please go to their website: <http://www.downtownharvest.org> or email: downtownharvestcsajc@gmail.com.

12-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND



Last chance to participate in a European Pilgrimage that will visit sites around Poland, the Czech Republic, Austria, and Hungary from June 4 to June 15. The twelve-day tour departs from New York and goes to Warsaw. Additional information is available through Estela Austria, 32-11 55th Street, Apt 1, Woodside, NY 11377, or by calling 347-605-8625. **Our own Father Gerry Sudol will serve as chaplain for the tour!**

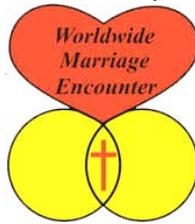
LUCIE GOOSIE TODDLER ENRICHMENT OPEN HOUSE



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 them out on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/luciegoosieplayspace>.

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.



ANNUAL MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION BY ARCHDIOCESE

The Archdiocese will celebrate the annual tradition of honoring couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2018. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by



Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

April 29, 2018 3:00 pm 5 & 25 years (All counties)
 May 6, 2018 3:00 pm 50 years (All counties)

If you wish to participate in these liturgies, please contact the rectory to register.

13th ANNUAL DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

This annual conference will be held on Saturday, April 28 from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm at Cardinal Spellman High School in the Bronx, New York. Featured speaker, Christopher West, is the world's most recognized teacher of St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Fee is \$60 per person; purchase your own breakfast/lunch from the cafeteria or bring your own food. You may register by phone by calling 1-800-462-7426 or online at www.thedivinemercy.org/bronx.

PROGRAMS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



Contemplative Prayer Retreat (April 6-8, 2018):

If you wish to rekindle your contemplative prayer experience, there is no better place than at the retreat house

and beach at Cape May point in early spring. There will be daily Eucharist, input, sharing and quiet personal time to pray and reflect. Cost: \$135 per person.

Widowed in Community (April 27-29, 2018).

When one is first widowed, one feels like no one has ever felt such grief before and no one will understand. Being in the company of others who are willing to share their stories of loss and eventual hope is a step toward becoming whole again. This year will have a new theme. New and returning attendees are welcome. Cost is \$135 per person.

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.

2018 SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS APPEAL

This year's Appeal is a perfect opportunity for us to reflect on God's generosity and to share the blessings we have been given with those around us.

The Annual Appeal provides the poor with food, shelter and clothing; makes religious education, spiritual guidance and CYO programs available for the young; insures the future leadership of the Church with seminarian education and training; and most important, brings Christ's Good News to the people of the Archdiocese. Our parish also benefits by receiving a rebate from the appeal if it exceeds its goal.

It is important for all of us to participate. Please consider making a gift to the 2018 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal.

To learn more about the ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark, please visit www.rcan.org/sharing or like them on face book at 'Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark' or tweet them at @NwkArchdiocese.



SEPARATED/DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUPS



It's true...there's no such thing as "Catholic Divorce"...but millions of Catholics DO get civilly divorced. Maybe you or someone you know has suffered the breakdown of the marriage and family, or maybe they are going through it right now. No matter

how long it's been, the Church is HERE to help. There are 13 parishes in the Archdiocese of Newark who offer a support group for the divorced and/or separated. Contact Lauren Egan at Lauren.Egan@rcan.org or 1-973-497-4327 for more information, or go to: www.rcan.org/separateddivorced-support-groups.