

# OLC

1911 – 2018

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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: 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 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.

**Third Sunday of Easter – April 15, 2018**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

As we enjoy the glory of Easter Joy, it is a fitting time to reflect on our origins of faith, where it all began. The three great Patriarchs of Judaism that St. Luke mentions in the Acts of the Apostles today are also celebrated as saints of the Catholic Church. It was their perseverance and devotion to the one true God that made it possible to establish the Chosen People from whom the Savior of the world would be born.

Very roughly around 2000 B.C. (give or take a century or two!) Abraham responded to an invitation from God to enter into a covenantal relationship with Him. His son Isaac followed the faith of his father, and his son, Jacob, did the same. Jacob would eventually be renamed Israel, and the entire nation of people descended from him would come to be known collectively by the same name. Since Jesus Christ is descended from these Patriarchs, all of us who have been baptized have entered into a familial relationship with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Along with Muslims and the Jewish people, we are all children of Abraham and can implore his intercession as we seek ways to live peacefully together. By drawing on our deep family roots, may our diverse cultures continue to help us to appreciate the richness we all contribute to a healthy society.

God Bless You,

Fr. Bryan

### OLC SCHOOL'S 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TASTE OF JERSEY CITY

Come out for an exciting evening to taste the best cuisines of Jersey City, drink local craft beers, sample many varieties of wines, all while enjoying live entertainment and dancing with the best DJ in town!

What: 6TH ANNUAL TASTE OF JERSEY CITY 2018  
When: Friday, May 11, 2018  
7:00-11:00pm  
Where: Charles & Co  
201 Montgomery, 7th Floor Rooftop  
Admission: \$60 per person (Adults only)  
Purchase Tickets:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taste-of-jersey-city-tickets-33396230023>  
Friends and Family are welcome!

PSA Komegashi

Join us on May 11 from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm at a thrilling new venue—Charles & Co, for an exciting evening to taste the best cuisines of Jersey City, drink local craft beer, sample varieties of wines, all while enjoying live entertainment and dancing with the best DJ in town! Need childcare? Loosie Goosie Daycare will be available that evening to babysit your children if needed. Please contact Yeon Benkovitz at [luciegoosie@gmail.com](mailto:luciegoosie@gmail.com) or 201-988-3076 for childcare information. Tickets for this adults-only event are \$60 per person. All proceeds will benefit the school. You may purchase tickets online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taste-of-jersey-city-tickets-33396230023>.

### SOCIAL AFTER 7:00 PM MASS ON APRIL 15

Join us after 7:00 pm mass on April 15<sup>th</sup> as we keep the conversation and camaraderie going with

pizza and BYOB in the church basement. There's a great sense of community with those of us who attend 7:00 pm Mass and we want you to be a part of it. Who knows what we'll talk about – life, the Gospel, Jersey City...all of the above? We will all contribute to purchase the pizza and feel free to bring your drink of choice to the kitchen in the basement before Mass. If interested in joining your fellow parishioners, please RSVP to [Socialafter7@olcjc.org](mailto:Socialafter7@olcjc.org) by April 14th. 7:00 pm Mass is a beautiful way to end the weekend and begin the new week, we hope to see you there!

### LOOKING FOR ALTAR SERVERS

OLC Church needs altar servers! Any child who is in third grade and has received First Holy Communion, or is a young person in middle school or high school, is welcome to become an altar server in our parish. Prospective altar servers must have their parent's or guardian's permission. Please note that all altar servers will be required to attend some training sessions and to commit to availability for scheduled Saturday/Sunday and Holy Day Masses. This is an important ministry and we hope you will consider it! Parents or guardians, please send an email to the rectory with your child's name, email and phone number to: [bulletin@olcjc.org](mailto:bulletin@olcjc.org).

### BLESSED EASTER WATER



Both the water in the baptismal font and the large bowl at the back of the church were blessed during our Easter Vigil Mass. If you wish, you may take some of this water home with you to use for blessings during the coming year. Simply bring a small bottle or container with you and help yourself the next time you come to church.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>April 14, 2018</b> Julianna (53 <sup>rd</sup> Ann.) and Stanislaw Stapinski From <i>daughter Terri</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>April 15, 2018</b> Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
12:30 pm	Ellen Page From <i>Dougherty Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>April 16, 2018</b> William Bromirski From <i>Wife and Children</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>April 17, 2018</b> Severina Wondolowski From <i>T.J. Smith</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>April 18, 2018</b> Good Health and Healing of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J. and S. Tchao</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>April 19, 2018</b> Intentions of Mike and Patsi Ramella From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>April 20, 2018</b> Lou Lanzillo From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>April 21, 2018</b> Severina Wondolowski From <i>Melanie and Bill Zazula</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>April 22, 2018</b> Camille Zampetti Silvestri From <i>Kate and Nick Bennet</i>
12:30 pm	Mary A. Dwulet From <i>Bendick Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

**Attend daily Mass.**

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

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

**Sunday, April 15, 2018**  
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn. 2:1-5;  
Lk. 24:35-48

**Sunday, April 22, 2018**  
Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn. 3:1-2;  
Jn. 10:11-18

### 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 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@olcj.org](mailto:secretary@olcj.org).

### EASTER FLOWER OFFERING INTENTIONS

The Strasz Family, The Ross Family; Karczewski and Grego Families; Penaga Family, Campomanes Family; Eleanor Kelly, Thomas Kelly, Herbert and Elizabeth Halstead, Roger Halstead, Sam Singer; Deceased Members of the D'Souza and Franco Families, Mrs. Mavian Rodrigues, Fr. Bonaventure Pereira; Nena Toro, Hugo Botero, Margarita Restrepo, Vicente Toro, Mila Guillen, Ofelia Villegas; Pedro and Violeta Mapa, Renato and Carmencita Mapa, Manolo and Alice Mapa, Leopoldo and Julita Marques; Nora and Felix Feehan, Andy Ciba, Catherine Miller; Robert Kazmerski, Mary Sacr, Joan Thrush, Theresa Kazmerski; Victor and Erminia Fenice, Tony and Fannie Messina, Rocky Corozza, Judy Lloyd, Kevin Malley; Warlikowski and Bartascewicz Families.

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASS SCHEDULES FOR 2018

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

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

Youth from Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> during 3:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Jersey City.

Children in our parish will receive their First Holy Communion on Pentecost Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> during Mass at 10:00 am and 12:30 pm here at OLC.

Please keep all of our young parishioners in your prayers!

## 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](mailto:directorofmusic@olcj.org).

**OLC Seniors:** Group meets monthly. The next meeting is May 9. Lunch will be served. New members welcome (must be 55 and over). For more information, call Dorothy Bromirsky at 201-333-4888.

## 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.olcj.org](http://www.olcj.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**

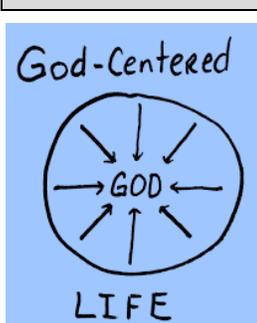
**GATHERING TO UNDERSTAND** is the second part of our Baptism program. If you are preparing for the baptism of your child, this program is **required**. It addresses theology, the responsibilities and requirements of parents and Godparents, etc.

You can register online, by phone, or you can just walk in (**however, pre-registration is extremely helpful**). Upcoming dates are:

**June 3, 2018; August 5, 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.

## STEWARDSHIP



*"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." - Luke 24:36-37*

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

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

For the weekend of April 7 and 8, **379** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,570.64 and WeShare donations were \$3,929 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$7,499.64**. An additional \$3,080 in Easter gifts brings the Easter collection total to **\$27,394.94**. Thank you.

## DOWNTOWN HARVEST COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA)

Our CSA, Downtown Harvest is 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](mailto:downtownharvestcsajc@gmail.com).

## LUCIE GOOSIE TODDLER ENRICHMENT

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/luciegoosiespace>.

## ST. PETER'S PREP OPEN HOUSE

Saint Peter's Preparatory School will be holding its 2018 Spring Open House on Sunday, May 6, from 1:00 – 3:00 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. For more information on the Spring Open House, please call **201-547-6389**. Pre-registration is not required and the entire family is welcome to visit!

## ST. DOMINIC ACADEMY (SDA) SPRING OPEN HOUSE

St. Dominic Academy is holding its 2018 Spring Open House on Wednesday, May 2 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Visitors will have the chance to speak with faculty, staff, students and members of the administrative team. There will be club and athletic demos, academic presentations, tours and complete details about the application process. There is no appointment necessary. SDA is an independent, Catholic college preparatory high school for girls. The school is located at 2572 Kennedy Boulevard in Jersey City. For more information, please call Andrea Apruzzese, Director of Admissions at 201-434-5938 ext. 14 or email [aapruzzese@stdominicacad.com](mailto:aapruzzese@stdominicacad.com). You may also visit their website at [www.stdominicacad.com](http://www.stdominicacad.com).

## REPORTING ABUSE BY CLERGY, RELIGIOUS AND LAY STAFF OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Please contact the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office at 201-795-6400.

## 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.thedivinemercy.org/bronx).

## 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](mailto:Lauren.Egan@rcan.org) or 1-973-497-4327 for more information, or go to: [www.rcan.org/separateddivorced-support-groups](http://www.rcan.org/separateddivorced-support-groups).

## 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.

## PROGRAMS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



### 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.

**Make a New Friend for Life (May 4-6, 2018).** High school students ages 14-18 will have an opportunity to enhance their human and spiritual development. In addition to Mass, prayer and reconciliation, there will be time for personal and group reflection, as well as creative, fun activities. Cost is \$130 per person.

**Mother/Adult Daughter Weekend (May 11-13, 2018).** Here is a wonderful opportunity to nurture your special relationship! Walk on common ground while celebrating your differences. Eucharist, small group sharing, socials and fun! 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](http://www.capemaymarianists.org). The Retreat Center is located at 417 Yale Avenue in Cape May Point, NJ.

## GRACE IN THE LGBT COMMUNITY

Our Lady of Grace/St. Joseph Church, Hoboken, invites members of the Hoboken, Jersey City and North Hudson LGBT community to their next meeting on Wednesday, April 18 at 7:30 pm. The discussion topic will be "Call Me by My Name" a conversation of the importance of, and challenges to, self-identification for LGBTQ Catholics, family and friends. Parents, family and friends 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. For more information, call 201-659-0369. The church is located at 400 Willow Avenue in Hoboken. There is handicap access and a garden entrance, as well as limited parking in the Willow Avenue parking lot.