

OLC

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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 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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 22, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

As I have been settling into Our Lady of Czestochowa, I am enjoying getting to know the members of our parish family, parishioners, staff, members of the various ministries, and all parts of our parish, including The OLC School. You may have heard me mention that I went to Our Lady of Victory school, right here in Jersey City, and just loved it, so I was delighted to be assigned to Our Lady of Czestochowa parish, which is associated with the best school in the Archdiocese.

As you may know, last year there had been a plan to build an extension in the courtyard, but that deal fell through, much to the great disappointment of all concerned. However, sometimes a lost opportunity turns out not to have been the best one after all.

I am very pleased to share some exciting news: This September, the OLC School will be opening a second site for grades 3-8! The new location is only a block from the main school, at Marin and Park. Besides regular technologically well-equipped classrooms, it also has a well-equipped science lab, a full-size gymnasium, a recording studio, and a cafeteria. For the school to grow and thrive, it needs more space and up-to-date facilities. This location has all of that. Furthermore, a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club will broaden our sports programming.

The current school building will still house pre-K through second grade. There will now be enough space to open additional sections at this level, and there is great demand. From this point, the school will be able to grow as these children grow up and stay in our school. In recent years, many applicants had been turned down simply because we did not have space.

This is an exciting time for our parish and school and I would like to encourage our families that are not currently enrolled, to take another look at our parish school. May God bless you always, and please continue to pray for me.

Fr. Bryan

OLC SCHOOL'S 6TH ANNUAL TASTE OF JERSEY CITY



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 or 201-988-3076 for childcare information. Tickets for this adults-only event are \$60 per person. All proceeds will go towards the renovation of the school's Upper Victory Hall. You may purchase tickets online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taste-of-jersey-city-tickets-33396230023>.

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.

MARRIAGE AT OLC CHURCH

We congratulate Marc Lajeunesse and Sarah Ziegler who were joined in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, April 7 at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church. May the Lord bless them with many happy years of marital bliss!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	April 21, 2018 Severina Wondolowski From <i>Melanie and Bill Zazula</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	April 22, 2018 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
Monday 12:30 pm	April 23, 2018 Annabella Mendoza From <i>Edel and Chris Ilao</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	April 24, 2018 Fred "Skip" Fuller From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	April 25, 2018 Good Health and Healing of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J. and S. Tchao</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	April 26, 2018 Severina Wondolowski From <i>Jessica and Shawn Hablitz</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	April 27, 2018 Joseph "Pat" Coffey and Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	April 28, 2018 William, Edward, Wanda and Barbara Bromirski From <i>Melanie and Bill</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	April 29, 2018 Ellen Ann Page From <i>The Zabady Family</i>
12:30 pm	Terri Gradowski From <i>Laura A. Czysz and Ken Heiser</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 22, 2018
Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn. 3:1-2;
Jn. 10:11-18

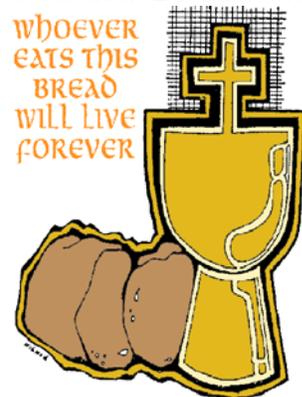
Sunday, April 29, 2018
Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn. 3:18-21;
Jn. 15:1-8

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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASS SCHEDULES FOR 2018

Communion: Sunday -- April 29; May 6, **9:00 am.**
Confirmation: Sunday -- April 29; **11:00 am.**

Youth from Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, May 6th 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 20th 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.

OLC Seniors: Group meets monthly in the church hall. 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.

APRIL MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Celebrant
Sat., 21	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
Sun., 22	10:00 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Fr. Bryan Fr. Gerry Fr. Bryan
Sat., 28	5:00 pm	Fr. Gerry
Sun., 29	10:00 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Fr. Gerry Fr. Bryan Fr. Stump

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.

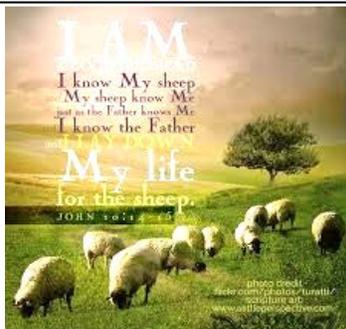
You can register online, by phone, or you can just walk in (**however, pre-registration is extremely helpful**). Upcoming dates are:

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

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." - John 10:14-16



When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in "quiet whispers", so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.

WEEKLY OFFERING

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

For the weekend of April 14 and 15, **485** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,983.02 and WeShare donations were \$1,318 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$5,301.02**. An additional \$540 in Easter gifts brings the Easter collection total to **\$27,934.94**. Thank you.



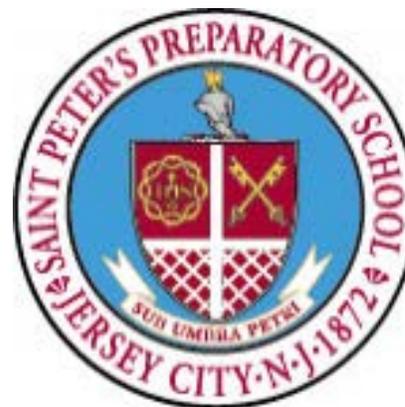
LUCIE GOOSIE TODDLER ENRICHMENT

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. For more information, please check out their website on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/luciegoosieplayspace>.

DOWNTOWN HARVEST COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA)

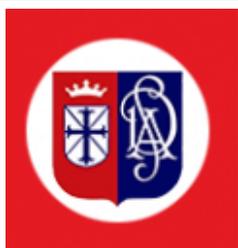
Our CSA, Downtown Harvest is preparing for their upcoming season. Enjoy fresh, organic produce (eggs optional) while helping to support sustainable agriculture. During the 24-week season, the farmer brings the members' weekly share to the OLC Church garage. Members share in the risks and rewards of the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

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. You may also visit their website at www.stdominicacad.com.

13th ANNUAL DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

This annual conference will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018 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/religious are free. 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.thedivine-mercy.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 or 1-973-497-4327 for more information, or go to: www.rcan.org/separateddivorced-support-groups.

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.

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. The Retreat Center is located at 417 Yale Avenue in Cape May Point, NJ.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL



SUPPORT



Strengthening the Church at Home

Launched in 1998, this Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 87 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses. The Subcommittee on the Catholic Home Missions funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, and the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups. OLC will take up this collection April 28/29.