

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. 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 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.

Parish Office
201-434-0798

Fax
201-985-0918

Email
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fr.gerry@olcjc.org
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Websites
www.olcjc.org
www.olcschool.org

The OLC School
201-434-2405

Little Harbor Academy
201-434-6708

Counseling, Ann Tedeschi,
LCSW,*
201-339-3372, 201-725-8154

Counseling, Relief & Solutions
Counseling,* 201-666-2400

*Not affiliated with OLC

Fifth Sunday of Easter – April 29, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

In today's Gospel Jesus refers to Himself as the True Vine (the main stem of the vine) and His Father as the vinegrower. There are many branches on the vine. Some of these branches are laden down with fruit, while others may not produce any fruit at all. Jesus tells us that God removes the branches that aren't bearing fruit and prunes the branches that do bear fruit. Why does He do this?

For those unfamiliar with gardening, pruning encourages fruitfulness and growth through the trimming away of dead, overgrown and superfluous branches or stems. We can all identify with the idea of pruning. There are things about ourselves we'd like to change, improve on or be rid of completely. Even the most committed of Christians are bound to experience similar challenges.

The message is clear: separated from Him, we are not able to bear fruit. He is the source of all our life and of every good thing we do. "You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you...apart from me, you can do nothing." (John 15:3-6) A branch that becomes separated from the trunk, that is Jesus, will wither and die.

Let us, then, allow Jesus into our hearts. Allow His words to make you whole. It is through Jesus that God comes to us and through Jesus and our imitation of Him that we go to God.

God bless you,

Fr. Bryan



BAPTISM AT OLC CHURCH



On Sunday, April 22, five children received the sacrament of Baptism during the 12:30 pm Mass. We congratulate the following children and their families, and may God watch over them always:

- Nicolas Paul Garita, the son of Carlos and Jessica
- Madeline Claire Linker, the daughter of John and Elana
- Garrett Matthew Spencer, the son of Matthew and Marie
- Jaime Yat Ming Wong, the daughter of Daniel and Janette
- Mariella Hanh-Luan Young, the daughter of Darwin and Jessica

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@olcj.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.

OLC SCHOOL'S 6TH ANNUAL TASTE OF JERSEY CITY

Save the Date!

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! 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>.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday 12:30 pm	April 30, 2018 Severina Wondolowski From <i>Maryann Bauch</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	May 1, 2018 Intentions of George, Chandra and Minoche From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	May 2, 2018 Good Health and Healing of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J. and S. Tchao</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	May 3, 2018 Intentions of Debbie Burke an Family From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	May 4, 2018 Intentions of Mary Jean Shalhoub and Family From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	May 5, 2018 Mary and Stanley Plewan, Sr. From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	May 6, 2018 Roger Halstead From <i>Laura Halstead</i>
12:30 pm	Ellen Ann Page From <i>Cmiel 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 29, 2018

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn. 3:18-21;

Jn. 15:1-8

Sunday, May 6, 2018

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn. 4:7-10;

Jn. 15:9-17

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@olcjc.org.



EASTER FLOWER OFFERING INTENTIONS

Additional: Victor and Erminia Fenice, Tony and Fannie Messina, Rocky Corozza, Judy Lloyd and Kevin Malley

SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE FOR 2018

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 Mother's Day, May 13th during Mass at 10:00 am, 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@olcjc.org.

OLC Seniors: Group meets monthly in the church hall. The next meeting is May 2. Lunch will be served. Trip to Cape Cod on May 7-11, \$640 per person. New members welcome (must be 55 and over). For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

APRIL MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

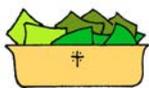
GATHERING TO UNDERSTAND is the second part of our Baptism program. If you are preparing for the baptism of your child, this program is **required**. It addresses theology, the responsibilities and requirements of parents and Godparents, etc.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERING



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

For the weekend of April 21 and 22, **540** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$2,978.40 and WeShare donations were \$1,301 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,279.40**. An additional \$600 in Easter gifts brings the Easter collection total to **\$28,534.94**. Thank you.

FAITH WORKS

Please remember to make a donation of non-perishable food items the first weekend in May to support our "Faith Works Program." This is a very important work of charity that has benefited many in our community. Thank you for your contributions!



STEWARDSHIP



*"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."
- 1 John 3:18*

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

LUCIE GOOSIE TODDLER ENRICHMENT



Lucie Goose 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.



A kindness done is never lost.

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

RETREAT FOR BEREAVED PARENTS



There is no loss like that of one's child. Parents whose children have died will never again be the same. The needs of those who have suffered the loss of a child are special. One of these needs is to share the pain with others who have experienced this very difficult kind of grief.

The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark is sponsoring "A Day of Comfort and Hope" on Saturday, June 2, 2018 from 8:30 am-5:00 pm. This one-day conference, held at Notre Dame R.C. Church in North Caldwell, NJ, is \$25 per person and includes lunch and breakfast. For more information, please call Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 or email eganlaur@rcan.org.

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.



PROGRAMS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



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



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 this weekend.