



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

201-434-0798

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201-985-0918

Email

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Websites

www.olcjc.org

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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

Second Sunday of Easter – April 8, 2018

HOLY WEEK AT OLC CHURCH

Dear Parish Family,

We had a great Easter celebration! Rather than talk about it, we'll just show you. A picture is worth a thousand words...

Happy Easter,

Fr. Bryan



Photos by Adam Ligeralde

SOCIAL AFTER 7:00 PM MASS ON APRIL 15

Join us after 7:00 pm mass on April 15th 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 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.

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 last weekend. 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

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
Monday	April 9, 2018	12:30 pm Antonio Penaga From <i>Vangie Penaga Campomanes</i>
Tuesday	April 10, 2018	12:30 pm Good Health and Intentions of Tess Cuetara From <i>a friend</i>
Wednesday	April 11, 2018	12:30 pm August Fajardo From <i>L. Nery</i>
Thursday	April 12, 2018	12:30 pm Severina Wondolowski From <i>Leszek Sowul</i>
Friday	April 13, 2018	12:30 pm Intentions of Frank and Cheryl Spillane & Family From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Saturday	April 14, 2018	5:00 pm Julianna (53 rd Ann.) and Stanislaw Stapinski From <i>daughter Terri</i>
Sunday	April 15, 2018	10:00 am 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

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 8, 2018

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn. 5:1-6;
Jn. 20:19-31

Sunday, April 15, 2018

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

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

Eleanor Malenckek; Aplan and Ignatious Rodrigues, Philip Menezes; Deceased Members of the Przyblinski and Brozowski Families; Weronika and Eugeniusz Sowul; John and Veronica Tuzinkiewicz; Barbara Rubino, Richard Rubino; Eugenio Arboleda, Nieves C. Arboleda, Mimi Elbarody; Mary, William and Manuel Martinez; William and Edward John Bromirski, John and Helen Hyjek, Hyjek and Ostrowski Families; Dennis J. Piatkowski; Edward and Wanda Bromirski, William Bromirski, Barbara Bromirski, Edward John Bromirski, John and Theresa Zazula; Joseph Przyblinski; Chester Sr., Chester Jr., and Sophie Brozowski; Deceased Members of the Zandalasini Family; Geneva Whitaker; Charles and Mary Czysz & Families and Friends; Bernardino and Gloria Guerrero, Robert and Shirley Gernsheimer, Mercedes Peregrino, Paciencia Guerrero, Dominador Peregrino.

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 6th during 3:00 pm Mass in 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.

Please keep all of our young parishioners in your prayers!

TO OUR VOLUNTEERS...

A heartfelt thank you! We had a wonderful Easter celebration and it was in large part to the efforts of all of the incredible volunteers who generously gave of their time. People worked on the myriad tasks needed on both the frontline and behind the scenes in preparation for Holy Week. Parishioners cleaned and decorated the church, designed and produced the Holy Week and Easter worship programs, and OLC School Girl Scout Troop 10094 donated the eggs for the Easter egg hunt, and other volunteers helped with both setup and cleanup of the egg hunt field. We gratefully acknowledge Jonathan Blevis for preparing RCIA for baptism, eucharist and confirmation, as well as leading the children's liturgy on Easter Sunday. Thanks to Pat Duemig and lectors, Eucharistic ministers and altar servers who served. Thank you to Ben Rauch, organist/choir director, cantors, choir and children's choir, and instrumentalists. Fathers Bryan and Gerry wish to thank the parishioners who brought them Easter goodies!

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. 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.

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



"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with.

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 March 24 & 25, **542** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$5,018.46 and WeShare donations were \$1,581 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$6,599.46**. For Easter Triduum, **1,050** people attended Mass. The Good Friday collection totaled **\$630.14**. For the weekend of March 31 & April 1, the collection in church amounted to \$20,693.94 and WeShare donations were \$3,621 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$24,314.94**. 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.



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! 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 benefit the school. You may purchase tickets online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taste-of-jersey-city-tickets-33396230023>.

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/luciegoosie-playspace>.

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.

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.

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



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.