

# 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; Wednesday – Friday from 2:30 to 3:30 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

**Fax**  
201-985-0918

**Email**  
frb@olcjc.org  
fr.gerry@olcjc.org  
bulletin@olcjc.org

**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

**Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 13, 2018**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

To all of our mothers today, please allow me to say happy mother's day. I do mean more than just biological mothers, I am also speaking to those women who may not have any children of their own, but that act as a mother to someone in need.

A mother teaches faith, hope, and charity. A mother nurtures. A mother guides and protects us as we make choices. A mother makes you feel safe, no matter what the circumstance.

Today, our nation takes an opportunity to celebrate our mothers. Mother's Day did not begin in America, rather hundreds of years ago. It began by people coming back to the church where they were baptized. They recognized that the Church was their mother at the baptismal font. So the idea was that they would celebrate a day when they would go back to their mother church. They would celebrate their faith that they received in that church.

It did not take a whole lot of time after that for people to say, if we are going to celebrate the supernatural life that we have through Holy Mother Church, then it is also fitting that we should visit our mothers, from whom we have natural life. That is the way Mother's Day began. Today we take the opportunity to think about motherhood on both of those levels.

This mother's day, as we celebrate the life of the woman who gave us life, also remember the life of faith we share as we stand with our mother, the Church, who continues to teach us faith, hope, and charity, paving the road to heaven for us, who are still on earth, seeking the will of the Father.

With love,

Fr. Bryan



### MAY MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Celebrant
Sat., 19	5:00 pm	Fr. Gerry
Sun., 20	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Gerry
	7:00 pm	Fr. Bryan

### CONFIRMATION AT OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

We offer congratulations to four candidates who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, May 6 at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Jersey City. Pictured from left to right are Christopher Benkovitz, Alexander Sollecito, Gaetan Panepinto and Michael Benkovitz. We offer them our heartfelt congratulations. Welcome to the OLC community and may God bless them always.



### MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Father, we give you thanks for the many gifts you have given us;

the gift of life, the gift of those who love us.

We thank you today for the gift of our mothers.

We give thanks for our Mothers who have died.

We ask that you bless them and keep them in your care.

We ask your Blessing upon the Mothers who are unable to be with us here today.

May they know how much we love and care for them.

We pray for birth mothers who have loved their children so much they have shared the gift of their child with those who could better care for them and their needs, and give them a secure home.

And we pray for adoptive mothers, that they may always know their special role of being a true mother, a revelation of God's love for their children.

We ask your blessing upon Mothers who have lost children through stillbirth, crib death, accident and tragedy, war and violence that they may have your continuing strength and courage.

We ask your blessing too, upon those who would very much like to be mothers but who are having trouble having a child.

We ask your Blessing upon the Mothers standing before us here. Give them the strength to live the faithful and loving lives you call them to live.

Protect and guide them. Keep them in your care.

We ask this Blessing in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

AMEN.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>May 12, 2018</b> Severina Wondolowski From <i>Dorothy Bromirski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>May 13, 2018</b> Ellen Page From <i>Karen and Michael O'Shea</i>
12:30 pm	Mary Czysz and Family From <i>Laura Czysz, Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 14, 2018</b> Kathie O'Donnell From <i>Kevin Danaher</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 15, 2018</b> Mildred Angelo From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 16, 2018</b> Good Health and Healing of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J. and S. Tchao</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 17, 2018</b> Rocco Coviello From <i>Susan Paul and Greg Kyle</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 18, 2018</b> Simon Bitar From <i>Kerbaj Family</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>May 19, 2018</b> Frank Gradowski (13 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) & brothers John and Ted From <i>Terri Gradowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>May 20, 2018</b> Julian Sz wajka (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann.) and Stanislawa Sasiek From <i>Katarzyna and Mateusz Matejczyk</i>
12:30 pm	Lucy Kirkowski From <i>Wally Padulo</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, May 13, 2018**

Acts 1:1-11; Eph. 1:17-23;

Mk. 16:15-20

**Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018**

Vigil – Gn. 11:1-9; Rom. 8:22-27;

Jn. 7:37-39

Day – Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor. 12:3-7, 12-13;

Jn. 20:19-23

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

## 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).



## SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE FOR 2018



Children of our parish will receive their **First Holy Communion** this Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> during Mass at 10:00 am and on Pentecost Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and 12:30 pm during mass.

Please keep all of our young parishioners in your prayers!

## 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](http://www.olcjc.org) and reference "Formation and Sacraments." Follow the link to "Baptism of Children," or call the rectory. Upcoming dates are:



**July 1, 2018; September 9, 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.

## 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. If you wish to donate snacks, please go to the following website to sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/olcdonutsspring18>. You may also contact Francis Sacr at 201-281-4655.

**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](mailto:directorofmusic@olcjc.org).

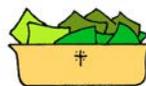
**OLC Seniors:** Group meets monthly in the church hall. The next meeting is June 13. Lunch will be served. New members welcome (must be 55 and over). For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

## BLESSED EASTER WATER



The water in the baptismal font was 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.

## WEEKLY OFFERING



*Weekly*  
**OFFERING**

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

For the weekend of May 5/6, **398** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$5,219 and WeShare donations were \$3,644 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$8,863**. Thank you.

## STEWARDSHIP



*"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God."  
– 1 John 4:15*

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to share your witness with others.

## 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](mailto:downtownharvestcsajc@gmail.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.

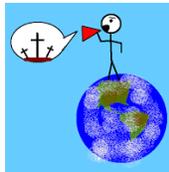
The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark is sponsoring "A Day of Comfort and Hope" on Saturday, June 2, 2018 from 8:30 am-5:00 pm. This one-day conference, held at Notre Dame R.C. Church in North Caldwell, NJ, is \$25 per person and includes lunch and breakfast. For more information,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

## COMMUNICATING GOD'S WORD APPEAL

The Catholic Communication Campaign Collection is this weekend, May 12/13. This annual fund makes possible local Catholic communication and evangelization projects. The CCC helps connect the world with God's word. Half of the funds collected remain in each diocese to support local communication projects. The other half supports the development and production of a wide range of media nationally and worldwide, including the Catholic University and the Church in Latin America



## PROGRAMS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



**Families with Young Children Retreat Weekend (May 18-20, 2018).** This retreat is primarily for parents with children 7 years of age and younger. Reflection,

support, sharing with other parents and spiritual refreshment. Children will be cared for and involved in age-appropriate activities. Cost is \$130 per person (8 years-adult)/\$90 per person (2-7 years)/Free (under 2).

**A Retreat on Spiritual and Aging (June 5-7, 2018).** This mid-week retreat is for men and women over 55 years will address the mystery of aging as God's desire for the fulfillment of our lives and our spiritual development. We will reflect on spiritual insights into the aging process as growth towards becoming our authentic selves. Aging is not failure but a process of "growth and diminishment" with God working on our wisdom and creating us as we truly need to be. There will be input, quiet time, prayer and rituals, small group sharing and daily Eucharist. Cost is \$130 per person.

**Spring Spiritual Getaway (June 12-14, 2018).** There's no required program to follow. You're invited to join in the daily Eucharist, morning and evening prayer, and meals with the Marianist Community members. Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or spiritual direction are usually available. This mid-week retreat is for men and women. Cost is \$125 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.

## DIGITAL PRINTING PROGRAM FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL/JOB-SEEKING YOUTHS

Hudson Community Enterprises is offering a 12-week digital printing program for young people ages 16-24. Students will earn while they learn! Classes will fill up fast. Start dates are June 4, July 2, August 6 and September 10. Applicants must be out of school, unemployed and a Jersey City resident. To schedule a tour or learn more about the program, please call Abbe Morello (ext. 228) or Sarah Barks (ext. 437) at 201-434-3303. Hudson Community Enterprises is located at 68-70 Tuers Avenue in Jersey City.

## NEW JERSEY ADDICTION HOTLINES AND RESOURCES

*Opioid Epidemic Practical Toolkit*  
<https://www.hhs.gov/about/agencies/iea/partnerships/opioid-toolkit/index.html>

*Addiction Services Hotline – 844-276-2777*  
24/7 service providing info/referral to substance abuse treatment agencies statewide

*Licensed Addiction Services Treatment Directory*  
(available by county):  
<https://njsams.rutgers.edu/dastxdirectory/txdirmain.htm>

*NJ Connect for Recovery – 855-652-3737*  
Support services from certified alcohol and drug counselors/peer specialists for both those concerned about their own opioid use and those concerned about a friend/family member