



# 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  
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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

**Pentecost Sunday of Easter – May 20, 2018**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend brings us to the feast of Pentecost, and we reflect upon the Holy Spirit, who is God and the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. Pentecost is the third most important holy day celebrated within the Church, with the first most important being Easter and the second being Christmas. It is considered to be the birthday of the Church because it was on this day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the Church and empowered the Apostles and the other disciples of Jesus to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world. For this reason, the Catholic Church and many other Christians continue to celebrate Pentecost every year on Pentecost Sunday, seven weeks after Easter Sunday, which along with Easter Sunday brings about the Easter Season to last a total of fifty days.



Pentecost is ultimately the celebration of the Holy Spirit Himself because of who He is, what He does for us as individuals, and what He does for the Church as a whole. One place many of us experience the Holy Spirit is in the Sacrament of Confirmation. In this Sacrament, the seal of the Holy Spirit grants us the power of the Holy Spirit, it is an imprint upon our character that helps change us, and it is a seal of God upon our souls.

The Sacrament is usually given by the Bishop to those who have been raised in the Faith around the time of Pentecost each year. However, in the case of converts to the Faith, it is usually given by the priest during the Easter Vigil after the initiates have already visited the Bishop for the Rite of Election.

During this season of the Holy Spirit, I would like to encourage everyone to reflect on your own experiences with the third person of the Blessed Trinity, the Holy Spirit, whether through the Sacrament of Confirmation or other times in life, when you know that God was present. Also, if you haven't been confirmed, for those of you in high school or more seasoned, consider making this the year that you receive this Sacrament, classes will begin in September and registration will start over the summer.

With love,

Fr. Bryan

### MAY MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Celebrant
Sat., 26	5:00 pm	Fr. Gerry
Sun., 27	10:00 am	Fr. Gerry
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Gerry

### FIRST COMMUNION AT OLC CHURCH



We offer congratulations to four children who received the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 13 at OLC Church during the 10:00 am Mass. Pictured are (in alphabetical order): Titan Gerald, Lori Sheejin Kim, Celine Lee and Aiden Panchal.

We offer them our heartfelt congratulations. Welcome to the OLC community and may God bless them always.

### 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).

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 19, 2018</b>
5:00 pm	Frank Gradowski (13 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) & brothers John and Ted From <i>Terri Gradowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 20, 2018</b>
10:00 am	Julian Sz wajka (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann.) and Stanislaw a 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
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 21, 2018</b>
12:30 pm	Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 22, 2018</b>
12:30 pm	Intention of Dinneen Jackson From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 23, 2018</b>
12:30 pm	Good Health and Healing of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J. and S. Tchao</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 24, 2018</b>
12:30 pm	Marge Nierzejewski From <i>Matty and Eddie</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 25, 2018</b>
12:30 pm	Veronica Czarkowski From <i>Denise</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 26, 2018</b>
5:00 pm	Severina Wondolowski From <i>Connie Piatkowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 27, 2018</b>
10:00 am	Lilibeth Teston From <i>Jimenez-Es guerra Family</i>
12:30 pm	John Goveya From <i>Rasquinha 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.*

### **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

### **Sunday, May 27, 2018**

Dt. 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom. 8:14-17; Mt. 28:16-20

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

## WEEKLY OFFERING

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



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For the weekend of May 12/13, 413 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,027.50 and WeShare donations were \$2,346 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$5,373.50**. Thank you.

## 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.



## STEWARDSHIP

"Gifts  
of  
the  
Spirit"

"The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal"

1 Corinthians 12:7



**"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who**

**produces all of them in everyone."**

**- 1 Corinthians 12:4-6**

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances; God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do and guess what – we are not all called to do the same thing!

## 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](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).

*Nobody can do everything, but everybody can do something.*

## 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).



## PROGRAMS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



**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

*NJ MentalHealthCares Helpline – 866-202-4357*

Directs callers to appropriate mental health care service entry points

*NJ Hope Line – 855-654-6735*

24/7 peer support and suicide prevention hotline

*Narcotics Anonymous –*

*24-Hour Helpline: 800-992-0401 or 732-933-0462*

Website: [nanj.org](http://nanj.org)

Community-based nonprofit fellowship of people with opioid use disorder providing 12-Step meetings and other resources

*Alcoholics Anonymous –*

*24-Hour Helpline: 800-245-1377 or 908-687-8566*

Website: [ninja.org](http://ninja.org)

Community-based nonprofit fellowship of people with alcoholism providing 12-Step meetings and other resources

*Family Anonymous – 800-736-9805*

Website: [familiesanonymous.org](http://familiesanonymous.org)

Fellowship for friends/families of people with substance use disorder or related behavioral problems

*Al-Anon/Alateen – 888-425-2666*

Website: [alanon.org](http://alanon.org)

Fellowship for families, friends and children of alcoholics

*Prescription Drug Drop Box Locations (available by county):*

<http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/meddrop/pages/locations.aspx>

*Free Naloxone Trainings in NJ (available by region):*

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhas/initiatives/naloxone.html>