

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.

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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.

The Most Holy Trinity – May 27, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

The last two weekends at Our Lady of Czestochowa saw 31 of our children receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for the very first time. So much preparation has gone into the celebration by many people and we are grateful for all their hard work. We are also grateful to all of the parents who have made the Church important to their children during this formative time in their lives.

Trusting in God's goodness, it is important for all of us to reflect on who has made Christ and His Church important in our lives and to offer a prayer of gratitude for their example, and the sacrifices made on our behalf. We show our gratitude by continuing to share the love of Jesus with others and are encouraged when we feast on His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity each week. As we celebrate our successive communions, whether they be the second, third or 4,012th, may we always be as prepared and excited as that first time, and grateful to God and our families for all that we enjoy. And please also say a prayer for me.

God Bless,

Fr. Bryan

MEMORIAL DAY



The OLC Rectory will be closed on Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day. There will be Mass at 9:30 am. The office will re-open on Tuesday, May 29.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION AT OLC CHURCH

We offer congratulations to 31 children who received the sacrament of First Holy Communion on

Sunday, May 20 at OLC Church during the 10:00 am and 12:30 Masses. We offer them our heartfelt congratulations. Welcome to the OLC community and may God bless them always.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday **May 26, 2018**
 5:00 pm Severina Wondolowski
 From *Connie Piatkowski*

Sunday **May 27, 2018**
 10:00 am Lilibeth Teston
 From *Jimenez-Esguerra Family*

12:30 pm John Goveya
 From *Rasquinha Family*

7:00 pm People of the Parish

Monday **May 28, 2018**
 9:30 pm Calos Penaga
 From *Vangie Penaga Campomanes*

Tuesday **May 29, 2018**
 12:30 pm Maxima Gutierrez
 From *Lourdes Santarosa*

Wednesday **May 30, 2018**
 12:30 pm Good Health and Healing of
 Zhi Jie Tchao
 From *J. and S. Tchao*

Thursday **May 31, 2018**
 12:30 pm Intention of Lazlo Shupansky and
 Family
 From *Michael Burke*

Friday **June 1, 2018**
 12:30 pm Birthday Intention of
 Eugenio Arboleda
 From *Virginia Elbarody*

Saturday **June 2, 2018**
 5:00 pm Bobby Englese
 From *Julia Nowatkowski*

Sunday **June 3, 2018**
 10:00 am Arnel Lacza
 From *Leny Isidro*

12:30 pm Cesar Paguiligan
 From *Leny Isidro*

7:00 pm People of the Parish

***Bread and Wine & Tabernacle Candle
 Are Offered in Memory of
 Alfred and Lillian Julewicz
 from son Philip***

**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 27, 2018
 Dt. 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom. 8:14-17;
 Mt. 28:16-20

Sunday, June 3, 2018
 Ex. 24:3-8; Heb. 9:11-15;
 Mk. 14:12-16, 22-26

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.



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:

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.

JUNE MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Celebrant
Sat., 2	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
Sun., 3	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Sal
	7:00 pm	Fr. Gerry

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OLC

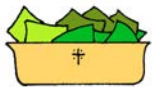
Children's Liturgy: Every Sunday during the 10:00 am Mass for 20 minutes. Ages 2 and older. Parents are welcome. No registration required – join in!

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.

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



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

For the weekend of May 19/20, 678 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$6,741.13 and WeShare donations were \$1,863 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$8,604.13**. Thank you.

Please note that there was an error in last week's bulletin regarding the weekly offering information for the weekend of May 12/13. The correct amount is \$6,541.93 not \$5,373.50.

STEWARDSHIP



"The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..."

- Romans 8:16-17

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

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.downtown-harvest.org> or email: downtownharvestcsajc@gmail.com.



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>.

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



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

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY



Please check out the Little Free Library (LFL) located at Four Corners Park on the corner of Washington and Grand Streets! LFL is a great way to share books. The idea is to "take a book, read a book, donate a book." The donation can be any book, not necessarily the one you borrowed. Adult or children's books are welcome; there is a shelf for each. For more information, please email the LFL steward Melissa, at mafslp97@yahoo.com.

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

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: nnja.org

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

Family Anonymous – 800-736-9805

Website: 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

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>