

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
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

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 6, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Transition is an everyday part of our lives here in downtown Jersey City. As a priest, we are sent by our bishop from one assignment to another. This time can be very challenging as we say goodbye to parishioners, pack all of our stuff, move to a new location and try to adjust to a new environment. All this while continuing to minister to the needs of the people whom we've been sent to while allaying their fears for the change that has occurred in their community. Quite a bit to manage.

At OLC just last week, three families came to me to say goodbye, since they are moving out of our area after starting their family here. In addition, our staff lost a valued member, Jonathan Blevis, who has been devoted to the education of our young people. I would like to thank Jonathan for his years of service to our community, wish him well in all of his endeavors and assure him of our prayers.

As we continue to live our lives as faithful Catholic Christians, it is important to remember that regardless of how comfortable we feel, we are a people on pilgrimage here on earth; heaven is our home. It is nice to be comfortable, however, as Pope Benedict XVI said, "we were not made for comfort but greatness." During times of transition in life, may we always stay close to Christ who is with us in all of the challenges we experience and appreciate times of change as a reminder of who we are, sons and daughters of God, and where we want to be, in paradise with Him.

God Bless you and please continue to pray for me and our parish.

With love,

Fr. Bryan



MAY MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Celebrant
Sat., 5	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
Sun., 6	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Gerry
	7:00 pm	Fr. Stump
Sat., 12	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
Sun., 13	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Gerry
	7:00 pm	Fr. Azzarto
Sat., 19	5:00 pm	Fr. Gerry
Sun., 20	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Gerry
Sat., 26	5:00 pm	Fr. Gerry
Sun., 27	10:00 am	Fr. Gerry
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Gerry

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!




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>.

BLESSED EASTER WATER



you come to church.

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

ANNIVERSARY LITURGY PARTICIPANTS

On Sunday, April 29, Cardinal Joseph Tobin celebrated 5th and 25th wedding anniversary liturgies. Two couples from OLC Church participated in the Mass. Congratulations to Anthony and Marlene Sandkamp on their 25th Wedding Anniversary, and to John and Karen Robinson on their 5th Wedding Anniversary. We wish both couples many more blessed years together.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday 12:30 pm	May 7, 2018 Rev. James Czarnogorski, 3 rd Pastor (69 th Ann.) From <i>People of the Parish</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	May 8, 2018 Anthony an Dolores Lipari From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	May 9, 2018 Good Health and Healing of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J. and S. Tchao</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	May 10, 2018 Intentions of Michael Burke and Family From <i>Michael Burke</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Friday 12:30 pm	May 11, 2018 Intention of Barbara Burke From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	May 12, 2018 Severina Wondolowski From <i>Dorothy Bromirski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	May 13, 2018 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

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 6, 2018

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn. 4:7-10;
Jn. 15:9-17

Sunday, May 13, 2018

Acts 1:1-11; Eph. 1:17-23;
Mk. 16:15-20

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@olcj.org.



EASTER FLOWER OFFERING INTENTIONS

Additional: Stapinski and Vena Family

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.



SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE FOR 2018

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!



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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OLC

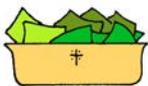
Children's Liturgy: Every Sunday during the 10:00 am Mass for 20 minutes. Ages 2 and older. Parents are welcome. No registration required – join in!

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 to the following website to sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/olcndonutsspring18>. 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.

OLC Seniors: Group meets monthly in the church hall. The next meeting is June 13. 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.

WEEKLY OFFERING

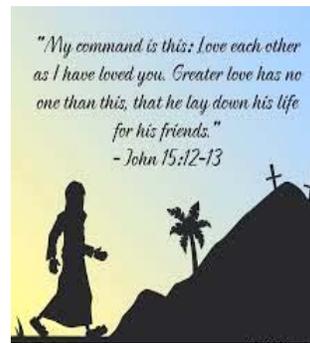


Weekly
OFFERING

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

For the weekend of April 28 and 29, **378** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$2,978.75 and WeShare donations were \$806 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$3,784.75**. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP



"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" - John 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

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.



*Promises are like garbage.
They should be carried
out daily.*

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



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.

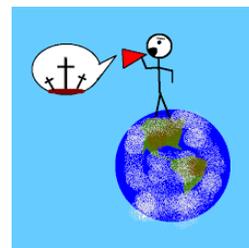
Families with Young Children Retreat Weekend (May 18-20, 2018). This retreat is primarily for parents with children 7 years of age and younger. Reflection, support, sharing with other parents and spiritual refreshment. Children will be cared for and involved in age-appropriate activities. Cost is \$130 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.

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.

COMMUNICATING GOD'S WORD APPEAL

Our next special collection is the Catholic Communication Campaign on 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. **Please make checks out to "Our Lady of Czestochowa Church."**



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.

THANK YOU TEACHERS AND NURSES!

