

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
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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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 17, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

What a powerful image Jesus gives us today, the mustard seed and bush give us a great view beyond the veil that separates heaven and earth. The seed is so tiny, but once it starts growing, it does not stop. Once it has been sown in the ground, the seed takes over; it is impossible to stop it.

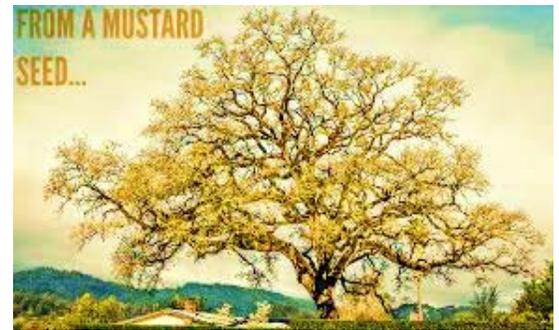
If we treat our faith and the love of God like the mustard seed, things in our world would be entirely different. If people of every ethnicity, nationality, color, station, and place in life, those who make up the Reign of God, can become the full-grown shrub, then it is vital that we be about the work of planting that mustard seed of love and religious integration in every church. Indeed, in every Christian, in every human being, in every circumstance we encounter right now, we have the potential to unleash the roots of the mustard bush. That is the message of the mustard seed parable, planting the Love of Jesus in the heart of every person you encounter.

The mustard seed parable suggests that we look small in comparison to the world's problems, the city's problems or the problems in our own families. But as a part of a contagious kingdom, we are free to run rampant in the world, with the knowledge that the Love of God is real and grows wild when we share it with others.

Live into reality, the Love of Jesus, every day, and trust that when you run rampant with His Love and His Word, the truth of His Love will spread, and surely, it will be impossible to uproot it.

God Bless you and please pray for me,

Fr. Bryan



MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMS



If you are engaged to be married and desire the blessing of God on your union, you must first contact the parish. Ideally, this should be done at least one year in advance of your wedding. A couple may not register for marriage preparation programs until they have met with the priest/deacon preparing them for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Completion of both programs is mandatory.

Pre-Cana Conferences –

July 7, July 8, August 11 from 9:30-4:00 pm at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark NJ
September 22 from 9:30 am-4:00 pm at St. Mary, Jersey City NJ

September 23 at 2:00 pm & September 28 at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Visitation, 234 Fairview Avenue, Paramus NJ

(To register, please visit www.rcan.org/precana. \$100 per couple)

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage –

July 22, August 25, September 16 from 9:00-4:00 pm at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark NJ

August 4 from 9:00-4:00 pm at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 1 Passaic Street, Ridgewood NJ

September 23 from 12:00 noon-6:30 pm at St. Michael, 40 Alden Street, Cranford NJ

September 29 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at St. Stephen, 141 Washington Avenue, Kearny NJ

(To register, please visit www.joyfilledmarriagenj.org. \$125 per couple)

CONFIRMATION AT ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH



On Sunday, June 10, three candidates received the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Stephen's Church in Kearny. We offer our heartfelt congratulations to Rohan Berridge, Max Tierney and Ronan Tierney. Welcome to the OLC community and may God bless them always.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Wishing all fathers, and those who are like fathers to us, a very happy Father's Day!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	June 16, 2018 Theresa Sienkiewicz From <i>Dorothy Bromirski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	June 17, 2018 Michael Gardullo From <i>wife and family</i>
12:30 pm	Charles Czysz and Family From <i>Laura Czysz; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 9:30 pm	June 18, 2018 Rev. Ray DeLis From <i>friend</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	June 19, 2018 Elzbieta Makowska From <i>Teresa Paguzielska</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	June 20, 2018 Good Health and Healing of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J. and S. Tchao</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	June 21, 2018 Santiago Bitar From <i>Kerbaj Family</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	June 22, 2018 Ralph J. Chiarello From <i>David and Peggy Conroy</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	June 23, 2018 Theresa Gradowski From <i>Julia Nowatkowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	June 24, 2018 Juanita I. Muniz From <i>Leny Isidro</i>
12:30 pm	Jan M. Silverman From <i>Fr. Bryan Page</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

Attend daily Mass.

It will make a difference in your life!

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.

JUNE MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Celebrant
Sat., 23	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
Sun., 24	10:00 am	Fr. Gerry
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Azzarto

2018 and 2019 MASS BOOKS



There are still mass intention dates available in the 2018 Mass Book for fall and winter. The 2019 Mass Book will be open for mass intentions beginning July 1. Please call 201-434-0798 or stop by the rectory Monday-Friday from 9:30 am-5:00 pm to arrange a mass intention.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Reflect on today's readings.
Prepare for next Sunday.*

Sunday, June 17, 2018

Ez. 17:22-24; 2 Cor. 5:6-10; Mk.4:26-34

Sunday, June 24, 2018

Is. 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk. 1:57-66, 80

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. **Training sessions will be held in either late June or early July.** 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.



STEWARDSHIP

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body."

- 2 Corinthians 5:10

We are all accountable for the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?



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 classes are

being reviewed and will be posted when they become available. Please call the rectory for more information.

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. Upcoming classes are being reviewed and will be posted when they become available. Please call the rectory for more information.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERING

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

For the weekend of June 9/10, **332** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$2,826.90 and WeShare donations were \$3,279 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$6,105.90**. Thank you.



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>.

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://ti-nyurl.com/olcdonutsspring18>. You may also contact Francis Sacr at 201-281-4655.

The OLC Adult Choir: *The choir rehearsal/performance will switch to our summertime schedule starting this weekend - Sunday, June 17th, 2018.* Summertime choir rehearsal will be on Sundays at 6:30 pm and we will sing right after at the 7:00 pm Mass. (We will do this every week until the beginning of September.)

For more information, please email the Director of Music, Ben Rauch, at directorofmusic@olcjc.org.

OLC Seniors: Group meets monthly in the church hall. Meetings will resume in September. New members welcome (must be 55 and over). For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

SOCIAL AFTER 7:00 PM MASS

June 24th is our next **Social After 7. John's Pizzeria** on Sussex Street is generously donating the pizzas so all you have to do is bring something to drink and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners. The tables will be set up so all we need is you! Those of us who regularly attend the 7:00 pm mass know this will be a beautiful way to end the weekend and this social hour is the icing on the cake...speaking of cakes, did we mention desserts? Yes, there's that too! Please join us on the 24th!



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 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 Morrello (ext. 228) or Sarah Barks (ext. 437) at 201-434-3303. Hudson Community Enterprises is located at 68-70 Tuers Avenue in Jersey City.

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.



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.

SUMMER PROGRAMS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



Single-Parent Family Retreat (July 16-21, 2018).

Join other families (grandparents welcome) for a week of liturgies, presentations, peer group discussions, family sharing, fun activities and swimming in Cape May, NJ. All join in community tasks such as meal clean-up. Cost is \$215 per person (8 years to adults) and \$145 per person (2-7 years). Maximum fee is \$950 per family.

Summer Family Retreat Weeks (One-Week Sessions available from June 25-August 25, 2018).

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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.

JERSEY CITY MOMS MEETUP

Have kids? New in town? Want to meet other families? Check out Jersey City Moms Meetup at: www.meetup.com/jerseycitymoms. The group's overall goal is to foster friendships for moms and their families. They host a variety of family-friendly events that include husbands, partners and extended family members. They help many families connect to the greater JC community by providing opportunities to get together with other moms and families in the neighborhood by setting up play dates, exchanging information, sharing experiences and providing support, as well as connecting to other moms on their message boards.



LOW-COST WELLNESS CLINIC FOR PETS



Liberty Humane Society

We want to help you keep your pet healthy! Liberty Humane Society offers low-cost preventative pet health services to the public every Wednesday from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm.

Pets are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. The Liberty Humane Society is located at 235 Jersey City Blvd. Jersey City, NJ 07305 (across from the Liberty Science Center). For more information, please go to their website at www.libertyhumane.org or call 201-547-4147.

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