

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

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist – June 24, 2018

GRADUATION AT OLC SCHOOL



Eighteen 8th graders from the OLC School graduated on Friday, June 15. We wish them every success and God's blessings in their future endeavors. In alphabetical order, they are: Jude Atchley, Rijah Banerjee, Christopher Benkovitz, Michael Benkovitz, Gwendolyn Clores, Anita Damodar-Desloire, Dylan Espiritu, Logan Gallivan, Juan Obando, Gaetan Panepinto, Juliana Peters, Paulina Polyansky, Alexander Sollecito, Maxwell Tierney, Ronan Tierney, Brian Tarnopolsky, Adithi Vimalanathan, Tyler Wong. Congratulations to the Class of 2018!

SOCIAL THIS SUNDAY 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!



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)

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday 9:30 am	June 25, 2018 Daniel O'Brien From <i>David and Peggy Conroy</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	June 26, 2018 Intention of Deacon Richard Cheu From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	June 27, 2018 Good Health and Healing of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J. and S. Tchao</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	June 28, 2018 For Birthday Wishes for Lily Cantuba From <i>Kim Mom</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	June 29, 2018 Mahoney Family From <i>David and Peggy Conroy</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	June 30, 2018 Theresa Gradowski From <i>Dorothy Bromirski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	July 1, 2018 Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
12:30 pm	Frank DelPrete Jr. From <i>Fr. Bryan Page</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

**Tabernacle Candle in Memory of
Theresa Gradowski
from
Dorothy Bromirski**

**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.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Sunday, June 24, 2018

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

Sunday, July 1, 2018

Wis. 1:13-15, 2:23-2:24; 2 Cor. 8:7, 9, 13-15;
Mk. 5:21-43

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.



JUNE/JULY MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Celebrant
Sat., 30	5:00 pm	Fr. Gerry
Sun., 1	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Gerry
	7:00 pm	Fr. Bryan

STEWARDSHIP



"...Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet."

– Acts 13:25

Stewardship is a lifestyle, it's not a program or a process. It's how we are called to live our lives twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week! It challenges us to live "God-centered" lives, not "self-centered" lives. Reflect on your daily activities, do you do them for the glory of God or for the glory of your own name?

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.

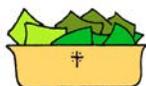
GATHERING TO UNDERSTAND is the second part of our Baptism program. If you are preparing for the baptism of your child, this program is **required**. It addresses theology, the responsibilities and requirements of parents and Godparents, etc. **Upcoming classes are being reviewed and will be posted when 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 16/17, **346** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,163 and WeShare donations were \$1,348 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,511**. Thank you.



Weekly
OFFERING

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

The OLC Adult Choir: 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.

DOWNTOWN HARVEST (CSA) – NEW PICK UP LOCATION!

Our CSA, Downtown Harvest, has a new distribution center just down the street from OLC Church. You may now pick up your produce at the garage located at 170 Sussex Street (at the end of Sussex Street at Van Vorst). For more information, please go to their website: <http://www.downtownharvest.org> or email: downtownharvestcsajc@gmail.com.



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.



WEEKEND PARISHIONER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

St. Lucy Shelter needs volunteers to donate and prepare lunch for the hungry, homeless and their residents on weekends. Approximately 35-40 sandwiches are needed each Saturday and Sunday. Parishioners are asked to supply the bread and meat, make the sandwiches and deliver to the shelter. Lunch is served at 12:00 noon. Donations of water and snacks are also appreciated. Volunteers may stay and serve the residents if they wish. An interested group might consider committing to one day a month to preparing and/or serving in the shelter. For more information or to schedule a date to serve, please contact Lynn Gully at 973-497-4589 or Lynn.Gully@rcan.org. You may also contact Laurie Cherry, Program Manager at St. Lucy's Shelter at 201-656-7201 ext. 121205 or lcherry@ccannj.org.

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 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.

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.

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



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.

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 July 2-August 25, 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 family fee is \$1,300 per family/\$950 per single-parent family.

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.

A prayer is not a wish list.