

# OLC

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# 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.

## 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.

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 15, 2018**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Today in the Gospel Jesus speaks about authority and mission. He lets us know that we are not bound by any of the forces of evil or powers of the enemy; rather, we are empowered by the Spirit of God. He then sends us on a mission to share this message of His love and His power with those around us.

In this gospel He's not sending us to far off lands but rather to our friends and neighbors. By instructing the disciples not to wear sandals, nor take a stick, nor bring any provisions, He is saying, "don't travel too far from home." This is the message to us.

Our neighbors or friends or family will need to know about the incredible power that lies in store for us when we allow Jesus to be the reason for their life. He will not leave us helpless and hopeless, He is the source of strength and joy, which is greater than any of the enemy's tools.

When we recognize our dignity as Christians, we have power over anything that scares us, and then after all our tribulations and trials, our lives can be marked by Joy.

God bless you.

Love,  
Fr. Bryan



### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING SESSION

The training session for altar servers is scheduled for Saturday, July 28 at 12 noon. The class will be about an hour. Please note that it will be required for all altar servers, whether they are new or have already been serving.

If you know a child who is interested in being an altar server, they may also attend the training. 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 in writing or via email. Please note that all altar servers will be required to commit to availability for scheduled Saturday/Sunday and Holy Day Masses. If you have any questions, please call the rectory at 201-434-0798 or via email at [bulletin@olcjc.org](mailto:bulletin@olcjc.org).



### PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH MISSION APPEAL

Fr. Andrzej Gysch, of the Society of African Missions, will be making the Annual Mission Appeal for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith at all the masses this weekend. Please be generous.

### SOCIAL AFTER 7:00 PM MASS

Join us after 7:00 pm mass for the next **Social After 7** on July 29<sup>th</sup> as we keep the conversation and camaraderie going with pizza and BYOB in the church basement. There's a great sense of community with those of us who attend 7:00 pm Mass and we want you to be a part of it. Who knows what we'll talk about – life, the Gospel, Jersey City...all of the above? We will all contribute to purchase the pizza and feel free to bring your drink of choice to the kitchen in the basement before Mass. If interested in joining your fellow parishioners, please RSVP to [Socialafter7@olcjc.org](mailto:Socialafter7@olcjc.org) by July 28th. 7:00 pm Mass is a beautiful way to end the weekend and begin the new week, we hope to see you there!



### PARISH PICNIC

Get ready for the annual parish picnic on Sunday, September 23rd from 2:00-5:00 pm at the rooftop of 50 Christopher Columbus Blvd.

We will need volunteers to set up, cook, serve, help with entertainment, raffle tickets, children's activities, etc. We encourage parishioners to donate food and desserts.

In the next few weeks, we will begin distributing forms at mass requesting volunteers. This is an excellent way to meet and socialize with other parishioners. Please consider helping at this event.

### 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 is now open for mass intentions. 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 July 14, 2018**  
 5:00 pm Theresa Gradowski  
 From *Melanie and Bill Zazula*

**Sunday July 15, 2018**  
 10:00 am Robert John Pietrowitz  
 From *Father Gerry Sudol*  
 12:30 pm Walter and Victoria Czysz & Family  
 From *Laura Czysz; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage*  
 7:00 pm People of the Parish

**Monday July 16, 2018**  
 12:30 pm Intention of Isaiah for school acceptance  
 From *Iris Lim*

**Tuesday July 17, 2018**  
 12:30 pm Intentions of Michael & Barbara Burke  
 From *Michael Burke*

**Wednesday July 18, 2018**  
 12:30 pm Good Health and Healing of Zhi Jie Tchao  
 From *J. and S. Tchao*

**Thursday July 19, 2018**  
 12:30 pm Mario Campomanes  
 From *Vangie Penaga Campomanes*

**Friday July 20, 2018**  
 12:30 pm Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie)  
 From *Donna Simon*

**Saturday July 21, 2018**  
 5:00 pm Theresa Gradowski  
 From *Stephen Nowatkowski & Family*

**Sunday July 22, 2018**  
 10:00 am Michael Madden  
 From *Atchley Family*  
 12:30 pm Mary Dwulet  
 From *family*  
 7:00 pm People of the Parish

**Tabernacle Candle  
 in Memory of  
 Theresa Gradowski  
 from Melanie and Bill Zazula**

**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@olcjc.org](mailto:secretary@olcjc.org).

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

#### Sunday, July 15, 2018

Am. 7:12-15; Eph. 1:3-14; Mk. 6:7-13

#### Sunday, July 22, 2018

Jer. 23:1-6; Eph. 2:13-18; Mk. 6:30-34

### JULY MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Celebrant</i>
Sat., 21	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
Sun., 22	10:00 am	Fr. Gerry
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Azzarto

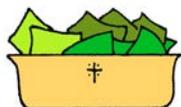
### STEWARDSHIP



*"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts." – Mark 6:8*

How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. When we really put God first in everything and put money and possessions second, we experience more freedom to joyfully serve God and others.

## 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 June 30/July 1, **276** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$2,748 and WeShare donations were \$1,146 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$3,894**. Thank you.

For the weekend of July 7/8, **402** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,266.51 and WeShare donations were \$3,474 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$6,740.51**. Thank you.

## BAPTISM

**GATHERING TO UNDERSTAND** is a **required** part of our Baptism program that addresses theology, the responsibilities and requirements of parents and God-parents, and other essential information. **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.

## 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](mailto:directorofmusic@olcjc.org).

**OLC Seniors:** Group meets monthly in the church hall and plans several one-day activities as well as trips each year. 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: [downtown-harvestcsajc@gmail.com](mailto:downtown-harvestcsajc@gmail.com).

## 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 –

*August 11 - 9:30 am - 4:00 pm*

Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark NJ

*September 22 - 9:30 am - 4:00 pm*

St. Mary, 254 2nd St, Jersey City, NJ

*September 23 at 2:00 pm & September 28 at 7:00 pm*

Our Lady of the Visitation, 234 Fairview Avenue, Paramus, NJ

(Register at [www.rcan.org/precana](http://www.rcan.org/precana). \$100 per couple)

### – God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage –

*July 22, August 25, September 16; 9:00 am - 4:00 pm*

Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark NJ

*August 4; 9:00-4:00 pm*

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 1 Passaic Street, Ridgewood NJ

*September 23 from 12:00 noon-6:30 pm*

St. Michael, 40 Alden Street, Cranford NJ

*September 29 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm*

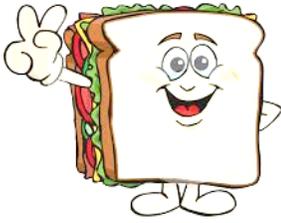
St. Stephen, 141 Washington Avenue, Kearny NJ

(Register at [www.joyfilledmarriagenj.org](http://www.joyfilledmarriagenj.org). \$125 per couple)

## HELP FOR MAGNIFICAT HOME AND MARY'S PLACE

Magnificat Home and Mary's Place are boarding houses and home to 52 women. As they are not shelters, they do not qualify for food from food banks. Magnificat Home and Mary's Place would be grateful for donations of food and/or toiletries. The residents would also welcome company. The Magnificat Home is located at 619 Grove Street; St. Mary's Place is at 14 Greenville Avenue. For more information or to schedule a visit, please contact Lynn Gully at 973-497-4589 or [Lynn.Gully@rcan.org](mailto:Lynn.Gully@rcan.org). You may also contact the Magnificat Home at 201-451-4040.

## SANDWICHES FOR ST. LUCY SHELTER



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](mailto: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](mailto:lcherry@ccannj.org).

## IS YOUR MARRIAGE STRUGGLING OR STRESSFUL?



The Retrouvaille Program helps couples struggling in their marriage to rebuild loving relationships. Although a

Christian program, couples of any faith (or no faith) are welcome. It is a practical program about improving communication, building a stronger marriage, and helping couples rediscover the love they had for each other. Course is a weekend experience (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next scheduled program is August 24-26 in the Diocese of Metuchen. Call Rich and Annette Colasuonno at the Family Life office at 732-243-4573 to register or for more information. You may also go to the website for more details: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.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 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.

## 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](http://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](http://www.libertyhumane.org) or call 201-547-4147.



## SUMMER PROGRAM AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



**Summer Family Retreat Weeks (One-Week Sessions available from July 23-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](http://www.capemaymarianists.org). The Retreat Center is located at 417 Yale Avenue in Cape May Point, NJ.