

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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Join Our Faith Community

Find your home with us and register today. Contact the parish office to sign up and schedule a welcome meeting with Fr. Bryan Page.

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.

Sacrament Classes and 10:00 am “Children’s Liturgy of the Word”

Please check our website for the latest information on sacrament classes. We also provide a Faith Formation program called “Children’s Liturgy of the Word” for children 2½ years+ and their parents during the 10:00 am Sunday Mass.

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

Shaping Young Minds for a Brighter Future

248 Luis Marin Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07302

Grades K – 8 | Blue Ribbon School
MSA-CESS Accredited

201-434-2405 | www.olcschool.org

The Little Harbor Academy

The Early Childhood Division of the OLC School

186 Grand Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Tiny Tikes Program for 2-year-olds;
Pre-K Programs for 3 & 4-year-olds

201-434-6708

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 22, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Can you name something that people carry all the time, that goes with them when they are awake or asleep, and can do amazing things like connect people around the world? For those of you who first thought of cell phones, it is easy to see how such devices can fulfill all of the aspects described in the question. However, a greater connection exists with God's love and it is far more powerful. One struggle that we may find in our daily lives is to hear that connection or God's call to us amid all the things that draw our focus in daily life.

Taking a lesson from today's Gospel, Jesus calls the Disciples away from the crowds to find respite. Work, whether in ministry or in any other field by its nature can be draining and Jesus knows the need of taking a rest. We should see this example as a time to disconnect and allow ourselves to reconnect with God. Whether taking a moment on a park bench, hiking mountain trails, or traveling for weeks with family, God is with us and the signal of God's grace is much easier to hear and connect without the incessant notifications or worries accompanying our work week.

As we continue into the dog days of summer, make sure to make time to disconnect from the bustle of work. Take a breather and listen to God's call in your life. We must always try to make time to refresh ourselves and our spirit, taking time to be present with the Lord. Wherever you may travel this summer, travel safely, share God's love with all you meet, and return to us renewed in mind, body, and spirit.

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.

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.

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 and posting an online volunteer form requesting volunteers. This is an excellent way to meet and socialize with other parishioners. Please consider helping at this event.

SOCIAL AFTER 7:00 PM MASS



Join us after 7:00 pm mass next weekend for the next **Social After 7** on July 29th 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 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!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	July 21, 2018 Theresa Gradowski From <i>Stephen Nowatkowski & Family</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	July 22, 2018 Michael Madden From <i>Atchley Family</i>
12:30 pm	Mary Dwulet From <i>family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	July 23, 2018 Benjamin Paz From <i>Paz Family</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	July 24, 2018 Intentions of Marita Burke From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	July 25, 2018 Good Health and Healing of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J. and S. Tchao</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	July 26, 2018 Delphine Higgins From <i>Her Friends at First Data</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	July 27, 2018 Marcelino Asuzano III From <i>Lourdes Sta Rosa</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	July 28, 2018 Theresa Gradowski From <i>Maggie & Lenny Engelese</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	July 29, 2018 Ellen Ann Page From <i>Donna, Sister Alice, Cindy & Bill</i>
12:30 pm	1 st Pastor – Rev. Constantine Ferdyn <i>104th Anniversary</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

Attend daily Mass and make a difference in your life!

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, July 22, 2018
Jer. 23:1-6; Eph. 2:13-18; Mk. 6:30-34

Sunday, July 29, 2018
2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4: 1-6; Jn 6:1-15

JULY MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 7/28/18	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 7/29/18	10:00 am	Fr. Gerry
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Bryan

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.

STEWARDSHIP



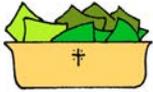
"...come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest awhile." (Mark 6:31)

Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, spend some "alone" time with God.

SACRAMENT PREP – RCIT – RCIA

Religious education classes for students, teens, and adults are in the process of being formed for this fall. Any child registered in the parish between grades 2 through 4 will prepare for First Communion. Children entering 8th grade will prepare for Confirmation. Any teen needing these sacraments will be part of the RCIT program and any adult needing sacraments will join the RCIA program. More details to follow and registration will open soon.

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 July 14/15, 347 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$2,906.65 and WeShare donations were \$1,513 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,419.65**. We also raised \$2,002.60 to support the Society of African Missions. Thank you for your continued support.

BAPTISM

GATHERING TO UNDERSTAND is a *required* part of our Baptism program that addresses theology, the responsibilities and requirements of parents and Godparents, 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.

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: downtownharvestcsajc@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. \$100 per couple)

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

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

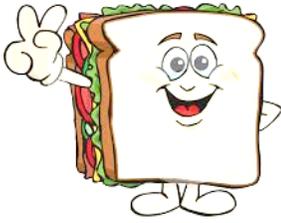
(Register at www.joyfilledmarriagenj.org. \$125 per couple)

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. 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. You may also contact Laurie Cherry, Program Manager at St. Lucy's Shelter at 201-656-7201 ext. 121205 or lcherry@ccannj.org.

IS YOUR MARRIAGE STRUGGLING OR STRESSFUL?



The Retrouaille 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.

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