

**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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## Register Now for Classes:

### First Communion, Confirmation, RCIT, and RCIA

Visit our website at [www.olcjc.org](http://www.olcjc.org) and sign up today for classes in the 2018-2019 cycle. Classes are filling quickly, so don't delay.

## 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.

## 10:00 am “Children’s Liturgy of the Word”

We 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 or 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.

## Catholic School Education

### 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](http://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

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 29, 2018**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,



*Have you ever had something happen to you that you might call a miracle? Whether the birth of a child or a healing from illness, many things could be thought of as miraculous. What makes these things so wonderful is that we can see and experience them even though we may not have expected them to happen. We'd often assume*

*that miracles form in large and grand ways, but God wants us to understand that even if a miracle reaches many people, it can have the simplest beginning.*

*This week's Gospel reading starts a miracle from the smallest available gift offered by a child. As we hear the Disciples discussing what to do among themselves, Jesus takes the loaves and fish and after blessing them, creates the miracle we know as the feeding of the five thousand. After all attending have eaten their fill, the scraps are collected and we can barely believe how this would be possible. Through the miracles performed by Jesus, we can understand that God is the source of all power and can do great things even with small offerings.*

*As we take time this week to reflect on the Gospel, let us call to mind the small gifts we have received that may have been a miracle in our own lives. People giving of their time or limited resources may have changed our day for the better or even changed the direction of our lives. Perhaps, we too can be like the child and even if we may not have enough resources to solve every problem, God can move through us and our gift to bring great miracles. It only takes a sincere heart and a humble gift to reach people on deep levels and remind us all of our great connection in Christ. Let us let God move through us and continue building a world where all needs are fulfilled.*

Love,  
Fr. Bryan

### REGISTER FOR SACRAMENT CLASSES



Sacrament Preparation Schedule:  
Reconciliation, First Communion,  
Confirmation, and RCIA

Classes are forming now for the 2018-2019 class cycle. Classes for children entering grades 2 through 4 will cover First Communion and will be held on Tuesday afternoons at OLC School from 3:30 pm until 5:00 pm. Children entering grade 8 will prepare for Confirmation. Any child who is registered at OLC may attend these classes whether they attend OLC School or public school. A link is available on our website at [www.olcjc.org](http://www.olcjc.org).

Teens and adults requiring sacraments can register on our website for RCIT and RCIA respectively. Please use the form on our website to register and note which class you may need. More details on class times and locations will be shared with those who register.

### 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.

### SIGNATURES NEEDED TO SAVE MONUMENT

We have just learned that more signatures are needed to preserve the Katyn Massacre Memorial in Exchange Place. Many signatures were declared invalid of the original signatures submitted. If you or anyone you know fulfills the following criteria, please consider signing your name after Mass or stopping by the Rectory office on Monday or Tuesday, July 30-31<sup>st</sup> to meet the deadline for August 1, 2018.

All signatures must be from: 1. American citizens 2. who are residents of Jersey City and 3. are registered to vote. The Polish community thanks you for your help so that the lives lost may never be forgotten.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>July 28, 2018</b> Theresa Gradowski From <i>Maggie &amp; Lenny Engelese</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>July 29, 2018</b> Ellen Ann Page From <i>Donna, Sister Alice, Cindy &amp; Bill</i>
12:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Pastor – Rev. Constantine Ferdyn <i>104<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>July 30, 2018</b> Marcelino Asuzano III From <i>Flora Dural</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>July 31, 2018</b> Janey Cheu From <i>Michael Burke</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 1, 2018</b> Good Health and Healing of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J. and S. Tchao</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 2, 2018</b> For the intentions of Sally D'Souza From <i>Joe McGill</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 3, 2018</b> Jeanette Kerbaj From <i>The Kerbaj Family</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>August 4, 2018</b> Helen & Bruno Ruskowski, Jr. From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>August 5, 2018</b> Veronica DeMarzo From <i>Kathy Eckert</i>
12:30 pm	Birthday Intention of Nieves Arboleda From <i>Virginia Elbarody</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 29, 2018**

2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4: 1-6; Jn 6:1-15

**Sunday, August 5, 2018**

Ex 16:2-4; Eph 4:17; 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

### JULY MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 8/4/18	5:00 pm	Fr. Tooman
SUN: 8/5/18	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Azzarto

## 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).

## STEWARDSHIP



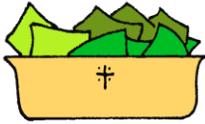
*"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?"*  
(JOHN 6:9)

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. No gift is too small or insignificant!

## JOIN OLC ON A HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

We've studied the Word of God all our lives, now Father Bryan is opening the door for our OLC community to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. This extraordinary tour will travel to major sites along including the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, the Dead Sea, and Jerusalem. In Jerusalem, those on the tour will follow in the footsteps of Jesus as we visit multiple sites, such as the Mount of Olives, Western Wall, Via Dolorosa, and the Garden Tomb. This pilgrimage to the Holy Land will be in the fall of 2019. To move forward in planning we need a minimum of 20 participants. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Roseanna Petruzzelli at 917-714-2100 or email [ropetruzzelli@gmail.com](mailto:ropetruzzelli@gmail.com)

## 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 21/22, **337** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,298.49 and WeShare donations were \$1,021 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4319.49**. 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](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.

## FIRST FRIDAY – AUGUST 3



Join us in a holy hour of worship, music, and opportunities to offer confessions on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The service will begin at 7:30 pm and will conclude at 8:30 pm. Join us after the service for a time of fellowship in the church hall.

## 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 –

*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

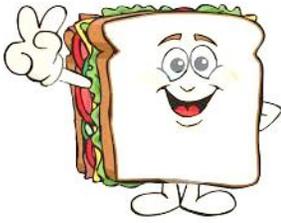
(Register at [www.joyfilledmarriage.org](http://www.joyfilledmarriage.org). \$125 per couple)

## 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 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](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



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](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.