



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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 8, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

This past week we celebrated the birthday of our nation with celebrations, parades, fireworks and feasting, along with other means that need not be enumerated here. It is worth noting that the 4th of July is a somewhat religious holiday. For some insight on this point, we can look to our nation's only Catholic President, John F. Kennedy.

On July 4, 1946, JFK running for his first elected office, a Massachusetts Congressional seat, was the featured speaker at the City of Boston's Independence Day celebration. He said, "The informing spirit of the American character has always been a deep religious sense. Throughout the years, down to the present, a devotion to fundamental religious principles has characterized American thought and action."

Mr. Kennedy went on to say, "Our government was founded on the essential religious idea of integrity of the individual. It was this religious sense which inspired the authors of the Declaration of Independence to write, 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights.'"

This shared secular and religious holiday points to the reality that is at the heart of the Christian faith: the dignity of the human being. Every person ever conceived is invaluable, a treasure to behold, and when we see them as such, it affects our position on immigration, the right to life, care for the elderly, the death penalty and every other decision that concerns humanity.

Our founding fathers recognized this truth; may we recognize how it is still important in our world today.

God Bless you,
Fr. Bryan



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.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH MISSION APPEAL

Fr. Andrzej Grysch, 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 next weekend. Please be generous.

BUDGET CUTS FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS



**YOUR SUPPORT IS WORTH OVER \$3.8M IN FUNDING!
ACT NOW!**



NEW JERSEY NETWORK OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL FAMILIES

Why the State Budget Matters to Our Families

The Governor's Fiscal Year 2019 Budget cuts funding for nonpublic school programs.

These losses directly affect our children's health and safety and mean that we will have to do more with less or go without next year. Meanwhile, public school aid has been increased by \$283MM.

Your voice can and will make a difference in the budget!
Visit the link below to use the Voter Voice system of the NJ Catholic Conference to tell Trenton to restore these budget cuts.

www.njcatholic.org/faith-in-action



Per pupil amounts for Nursing Services and Technology were reduced to \$3.8M.

CONTACT TRENTON NOW!



Per Pupil amount for Nonpublic School Transportation reduced to \$884 again.

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 **NEW JERSEY CATHOLIC CONFERENCE**  **ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**
Serving Bishops, Educators, Parents, & Young Catholics

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	July 7, 2018 Theresa Gradowski From <i>Stephen Nowatkowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	July 8, 2018 Deacon Lawrence Meagher From <i>Father Bryan Page</i>
12:30 pm	Rev. Mariusz E. Koch, C.F.R. – Congratulations on receiving the 2018 St. Andrew's Achievement Award From <i>cousins</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	July 9, 2018 Marcelino "Bambi" Asuzano III From <i>Luvie H. Malicsi</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	July 10, 2018 George and Rita Burke From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	July 11, 2018 Good Health and Healing of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J. and S. Tchao</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	July 12, 2018 Margaret McGill From <i>Joe McGill</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	July 13, 2018 Claire Tuchalski From <i>Val and Sal Piccarillo</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	July 14, 2018 Theresa Gradowski From <i>Melanie and Bill Zazula</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	July 15, 2018 Robert John Pietrowitz From <i>Father Gerry Sudol</i>
12:30 pm	Walter and Victoria Czysz & Family From <i>Laura Czysz; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

Attend daily Mass.

It will make a difference in your life!

whoever
eats this
bread
will live
forever



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.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Sunday, July 8, 2018

Ez. 2:2-5; 2 Cor. 12:7-10; Mk. 6:1-6

Sunday, July 15, 2018

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

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 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@olcjc.org.



JULY MASS SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Celebrant
Sat., 14	5:00 pm	Missionary Father
Sun., 15	10:00 am	Missionary Father
	12:30 pm	Missionary Father
	7:00 pm	Missionary Father

*The best way to knock
the chip off your neighbor's shoulder
is to pat him on the back.*

STEWARDSHIP



“As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, ‘Son of man, I am sending you...’”
- Ezekiel 2:2-3

God asks each of us to do some special work for Him. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. However, do we listen to God when He calls? Do we get up on our feet and use our talent to do the work He asks of us? Remember, God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called.

WEEKLY OFFERING

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

Collection information for the weekend of June 30/July 1 is unavailable due to the early bulletin publication date.



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: 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 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)

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.

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.

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/jerseycity-moms. 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.



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 July 16-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.