

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 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

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 12, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

There are two things from this week that I'd like to share, one is exciting and the other is regarding a loss to our community.

Fr. Anthony Azzarto, S.J. has been in Downtown Jersey City since the 1960's at St. Peter's Prep and helping here at OLC for the last few of them. Fr. Azzarto has shared a great deal of himself with our community and we are very grateful. As Fr. Azzarto moves himself to Fordham for this next stage of his life and priesthood, I encourage you to pray for him, especially during this time of transition.

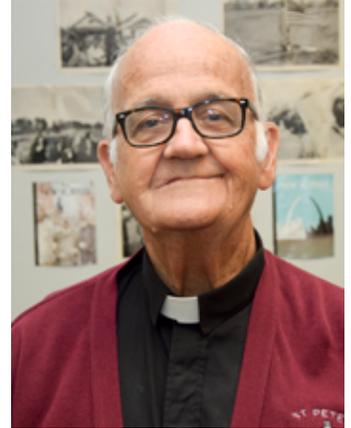
Speaking of prayer, we had an amazing young adult Holy Hour last Friday night, our church was packed with people from the neighborhood and beyond hoping to hear the voice of God speaking to their hearts while bringing Him their deepest prayers and fears.

Fr. Azzarto will always have a home here at OLC whenever he is in the area and I hope you will come join us on Friday, October 5th for our next young adult Holy Hour. In the meantime, please remember to pray for our community in a special way, and the priests that Jesus sends here to serve you.

God bless you.

Love,

Fr. Bryan



YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP MEETING

OLC Church held First Friday Holy Hour on August 3rd followed by a fellowship meeting in the church hall. Over 65 parishioners attended the event! Here is a photo of some of the attendees on their way to Lutze Biergarten after the meeting. (Photo by Adam Ligeralde)



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	August 11, 2018 Stapinski brothers (Henry, Charles, Edward, Joseph, Thomas and John) From <i>sister Terri</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	August 12, 2018 Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
12:30 pm	Michael Gardullo From <i>Marilyn Gardullo and Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	August 13, 2018 Paulino Obed From <i>Kate Garcia</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	August 14, 2018 Intention of Michael Burke From <i>Barbara Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	August 15, 2018 Good health and healing Of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J & S Tchao</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Thursday 12:30 pm	August 16, 2018 Judith Sieg From <i>Joe McGill</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	August 17, 2018 Marcelino Asuzano III From <i>Virginia Arboleda</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	August 18, 2018 Laura and Joseph Jasinski From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	August 19, 2018 Intentions of the Feniello Family From <i>Sister Maria</i>
12:30 pm	Michael Madden and George J. Marano, Jr. From <i>Peters Family</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, August 12, 2018
1 Kgs. 19:4-8; Eph. 4:30—5:2; Jn. 6:41-51

Sunday, August 19, 2018
Prv. 9:1-6; Eph. 5:15-20; Jn. 6:51-58

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AUGUST MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 8/18/18	5:00 pm	Fr. Gerry
SUN: 8/19/18	10:00 am	Fr. Gerry
	12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Fr. Tom R. Fr. Tom R.

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



"Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!"
- 1 KINGS 19:7

Jesus knows that our stewardship journey will be difficult; we are not designed to do it on our own. Fortunately, Jesus gave us the greatest gift of all – the gift of the Eucharist; His own body and blood. When we join our sacrifices with the sacrifice of the Mass, we find the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.

WEEKLY OFFERING

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

For the weekend of August 4/5, **375** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,962.33 and WeShare donations were \$3,489 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$7,451.33**. 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 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. A brief meeting with Fr. Bryan is required at the time of registration.

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-5:00 pm. Children entering grade 8 will prepare for Confirmation. Children registered at OLC Church may attend these classes whether they attend OLC School or another school. A link is available on our website at www.olcjc.org.

Teens and adults requiring sacraments can register on our website for RCIT and RCIA respectively (please note which class you may need. More details on class times and locations will be shared with registrants.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA CELEBRATORY BREAKFAST



In honor of the feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa on Sunday, August 26, we will host a continental breakfast after the 10:00 am Mass in the church hall. Maggie Englese is coordinating the event. If you are available to assist in any way or donate breakfast items, please contact her at 201-895-0691.

SOCIAL AFTER 7:00 PM MASS

Join us after 7:00 pm mass for the next **Social After 7** on August 26th 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 August 22nd. 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 VOLUNTEERS SIGN-UP!

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.

You may now sign-up online through the Sign-up Genius link: <https://tinyurl.com/olcpicnic> or <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4ca9aa23a0fb6-parish>. In the next few weeks, we will distribute volunteer forms at mass. This is an excellent way to meet and socialize with other parishioners. Please consider helping at this event. Contact the chairperson, Priya Rasquinha, at events@olcjc.org for more information.

OLC CHURCH JUNIOR CHOIR OPEN ENROLLMENT

OLC is proud to announce its continued open enrollment in the Junior Choir (ages 7-13) for kids who have or will be receiving their First Holy Communion in 2019. The Junior Choir provides an opportunity for Christian education and music education for children through the medium of song.

Rehearsals will be on every alternate Sunday at 9:30 am. The choir will then sing along with the cantor at the 10:00 am Mass. The first rehearsal will be on Sunday, October 7 at 9:30 am. To sign up, please contact Ben Rauch, the Director of Music, in person or by email at directorofmusic@olcjc.org.

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 resume in September. New members welcome (must be 55 and over). For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. We celebrate this day as a solemnity that marks Mary's end on Earth and her acceptance into Heaven.

The Solemnity of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation. Attending Mass for this feast is required. Our Masses will be 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm.

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.

HELP FOR MAGNIFICAT HOME AND MARY'S PLACE

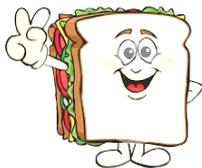


Magnificat Home and Mary's Place are boarding houses and home to 52 women. As they are not shelters, they do not qualify for food from food banks. Magnificat Home and Mary's Place would be grateful for donations of food and/or toiletries.

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 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.

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 –

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

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.nj.org. \$125 per couple)

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.