

**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

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 5, 2018**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

*It is so easy to get wrapped up in our own busyness and concerned about the elements of life with which we are daily confronted. As always, this is where the Lord confronts us and shakes us out of our comfort zone. "Do not work for food that perishes." All the food that we eat will perish, so here food is a synonym for that which gives strength. Some things that provide us with strength will, in time, make us weak, other things that give strength have a more lasting impact and fortify us for later.*

*Think about spending time working out, or fixing your hair. When you stop working out for an extended period, all the strength you had attained is gone, and there may even be some tearing and scarring of your muscles that you now have to deal with. Likewise, I think of a bride who has a team come to do her make up and hair on her wedding day... and the next day there is no lasting impact.*

*Now when we pray, learn elements of the faith or lives of the saints and sacrifice weekly to get to Mass, we instantly feel better about ourselves. When we are active with opportunities that exist at the parish, conversations change in our families and peace settles in our hearts. We realize in a substantial way that we are a part of something much bigger and more important than ourselves.*

*In time, every prayer we say and Mass we attend is held in the heart of Jesus. They not only strengthen us in the moment but continue into eternity. If I can take a small liberty with the Gospel today, I would say it's ok to work for food that perishes, we all need strength now, but put forth at least that same effort for the food that endures to eternal life.*

God bless you.

Love,  
Fr. Bryan

### BAPTISM AT OLC CHURCH



Recently, the following children received the sacrament of Baptism at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church. We congratulate them and their families, and may God watch over them always:

- Henry Kartik Bhalla, the son of Ketan and Kristine
- Eva Rose and Penelope Lily Cash, the daughters of Bradley and Valentina
- Lionor Moscoso Genung, the daughter of John and Milena
- Zoey Evelyn Lyng, the daughter of Michael and Rebecca
- Austin James Sprawka, the son of Brian and Ayanna

### REGISTER FOR SACRAMENT CLASSES



Sacrament Preparation Schedule:

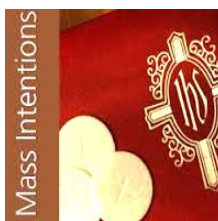
Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation, and RCIA

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



to arrange a mass intention.

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

### 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.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<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
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 6, 2018</b> John and Helen Hyjek From <i>Family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 7, 2018</b> Anna Piatkowski From <i>Luba Zlonczewski</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 8, 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 9, 2018</b> Mimi Elbarody From <i>Virginia Elbarody</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 10, 2018</b> David Conroy From <i>David and Peggy Conroy</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>August 11, 2018</b> Stapinski brothers (Henry, Charles, Edward, Joseph, Thomas and John) From <i>sister Terri</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>August 12, 2018</b> 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

Attend daily Mass and make a difference in your life!

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

**Sunday, August 5, 2018**

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

**Sunday, August 12, 2018**

1 Kgs. 19:4-8; Eph. 4:30—5:2; Jn. 6:41-51

*There is no danger  
of developing eyestrain  
from looking on the  
bright side of things.*

## AUGUST MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 8/11/18	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 8/12/18	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Gerry
	7:00 pm	Fr. Stump

## 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

*"Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not."  
(EXODUS 16:4)*

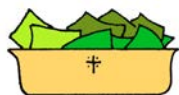


When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our "needs". Living a generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

## 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 28/29, 415 people attended Mass. Collection information was unavailable for this week at time of publication. 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. A brief meeting with Fr. Bryan is required at the time of registration.



## 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://ti-nyurl.com/olcdonutsspring18>. You may also contact Francis Sacra 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.

## FAITH WORKS

Please remember to make a donation of non-perishable food items this weekend to support our "Faith Works Program." This is a very important work of charity that has benefited many in our community. Thank you for your contributions!

As a reminder, we accept all non-perishable foods. We accept soups, canned fish and canned meats, gravies (Italian and brown), pasta, rice, cereals, oat meal, flour, sugar, condiments, cookies, crackers, etc.

We accept toiletries: soaps, shampoos, tooth paste, combs, hair products, etc.

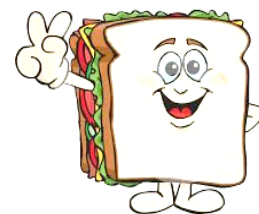
## HELP FOR MAGNIFICAT HOME AND MARY'S PLACE



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

## 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

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)

## 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. The final program start date is 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 August 13-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.