

**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

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 26, 2018**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Recently, I visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Jasna Góra, Poland and my first reaction was how the photographs and reproductions of the Black Madonna simply do not do her justice. How different it was to see her in person!

Having never been to Poland, I wasn't sure what to expect, but soon after entering the Chapel of the Mother of God it was obvious that she understands better than any earthly mother our sorrows, heartaches, and trials.

There is no suffering that she has not shared with us, no sorrow that she has not experienced. In Mary we have a Mother who not only understands us, but who journeys with us and loves us unconditionally, leading us to her Son. All she wants to do is to wrap us up in her protective mantle.

The Black Madonna is not famous because of her beauty or appearance, but because of her love. It is a motherly love that leads her to intercede unceasingly with her Son on our behalf. Our Lady of Czestochowa is known as the Black Madonna due to the smoke of countless candles that have burned in her honor, as her children appeal for her intercession to her Son for every need that could tug on the human heart.

As we gather in our spiritual home here in Jersey City each week, I encourage you to bring our loving mother all of the hopes and hurts that live in your heart while you allow her to pray with you and for you.

Since before Jesus began His public ministry, Mary has interceded on behalf of those in need. Today is a great day to join our prayers with Mary and take her as our own mother, for it has never been known that anyone who flees to Mary's protection, implores her help, or asks for her intercession is left unaided. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

God bless you.

Love,  
Fr. Bryan



### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA CELEBRATORY BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY!

In honor of the feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa this 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 THIS SUNDAY!



Join us this Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, after 7:00 pm mass for the next **Social After 7**. Let's 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. 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>. Volunteer forms are also being distributed 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@olcj.org](mailto:events@olcj.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@olcj.org](mailto:directorofmusic@olcj.org).

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>August 25, 2018</b> Victor Malinek From <i>Laura Czysz; Ken Heiser, Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>August 26, 2018</b> Wiktor Michno From <i>Janina Lazarz</i>
12:30 pm	Ricky Ramos From <i>Marta Galarza</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 27, 2018</b> Intention of Willy Lim From <i>Iris Lim</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 28, 2018</b> Intention of Bobbi Silvera From <i>Barbara and Michael Burke</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 29, 2018</b> Good health and healing Of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J &amp; S Tchao</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 30, 2018</b> Healing Intention of Johannes Kosasih From <i>Iris Lim</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 31, 2018</b> Birthday Intention of Mimi Elbarody From <i>Virginia Elbarody</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>September 1, 2018</b> Linda Wojtowicz From <i>Laura Czysz and Ken Heiser</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>September 2, 2018</b> Matthew "Miecz" F. Michalik (5 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) From <i>wife Annette</i>
12:30 pm	Intention of Joan Butler & for Family Members Living and Deceased From <i>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 26, 2018

Jos. 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph. 5:21-32;  
Jn. 6:60-69

### Sunday, September 2, 2018

Dt. 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas. 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27;  
Mk. 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## SEPTEMBER MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 9/1/18	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 9/2/18	10:00 am	Fr. Gerry
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Tom R.

## MASS INTENTIONS

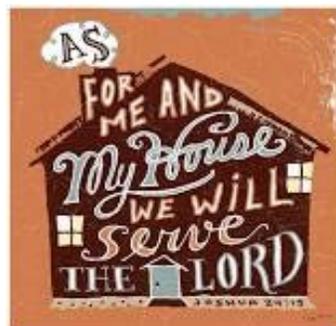
It is a long-standing tradition in many different faiths and cultures to remember, and even venerate, someone's deceased relatives and friends. We keep alive the memory of our deceased relatives and friends by remembering them in our prayers. Through our prayers, we continue that spiritual and loving 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](mailto:secretary@olcjc.org).

## STEWARDSHIP

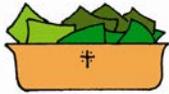


*"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." - JOSHUA 24:15*

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

*Pray now and forever hold your peace.*

## 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 August 18/19, 347 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,241.95 and WeShare donations were \$1,513 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,754.95**. 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.



## 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. Drop off and pick up will be in the dining hall (please use the courtyard entrance). 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. Register using the following link: <https://www.signupgeenius.com/go/4090945aeaa22a5fa7-olcsacrament1>. Also available on our website at [www.olcjc.org](http://www.olcjc.org). Orientation will be on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-4:30 pm. Cost TBD. If your family is not a registered, active member of the OLC Church, you must have permission from the pastor of the church where you are a participating Catholic in order to receive the Sacraments at the OLC Church. Approval rests in the hands of Father Bryan Page, pastor of the OLC Church.

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.

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

## FIRST FRIDAY YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR AND FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Join us in a holy hour of worship, music, and opportunities to offer confessions on Friday, October 5<sup>th</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.



## 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).

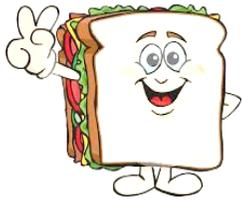
## FAITH WORKS

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! **However, we must ask that only food be left on the back table as we cannot accept clothing at this time.**

## 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).

## 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](http://www.rcan.org/precana). \$100 per couple)

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

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

## IS YOUR CHILD GOING TO HIGH SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?

Attention families of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students planning to attend Catholic high school in Fall 2019!

**Catholic High School Expo**

Catholic high schools are holding their annual High School Expo admission fair next month. Parents and students can meet with representatives from many Catholic high schools from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at Primary Prep at St. Aedan School, 41 Tuers Avenue in Jersey City.

In addition, the High School Placement Test (HSPT®) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Program for Catholic high schools, will be given on Friday, November 9, 2018. Registration for this exam is online at [www.njcoopexam.org](http://www.njcoopexam.org) beginning September 4<sup>th</sup>.



For more information about either the High School Expo or the Cooperative Admissions Program, please go to [www.catholic-schools-nj.org](http://www.catholic-schools-nj.org), call 973-497-4260 or email Ryan L. Michelson, Director of School Advancement at: [Ryan.Michelson@rcan.org](mailto:Ryan.Michelson@rcan.org).

## 2018 COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

OLC will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe next weekend, September 1 and 2. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and train seminarians in a region that still struggles from the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help to restore the Church and build the future in the region. Visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (search "Church in Central and Eastern Europe") to learn more.



## 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.