

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.

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

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 16, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish family,

It becomes so easy to get fixated on bad news and other people's struggles. For the purposes of this letter, I am choosing to focus on good things. It becomes a real challenge to find the positive sometimes but in our parish there are so many good things going on, allow me to share a few of them, so hopefully, you can see how Christ is at work in our community.

Next Sunday, September 23, from 2 to 5 PM we have our parish picnic, and it promises to be an absolute blast. Live music, great food and company, all on a rooftop deck a few blocks from the parish, where you get to bring whatever libations you enjoy most. It promises to be an excellent afternoon for the entire parish community. Feel free to bring a friend who does not go to church here; I am confident they will want a part of what we have, a relationship with God and our neighbors. Can you think of a better way to live the two greatest commandments?

Another aspect of our parish is the educational opportunities that we have for young and old alike. For those in grade school who are hoping to receive Jesus in the Sacrament of Communion or looking to be fully initiated into the church at Confirmation, classes will begin soon. Please sign up right away and reserve a spot for your child. We will also be commencing our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), for anyone who would like to finalize their entry into the Church, receive their Confirmation or even for those fully initiated that would like to learn about Church teaching that they may have missed out or forgotten from their childhood education.

Finally, our parish school has expanded its facility and continues to be the largest primary school in the Archdiocese. A great tribute to the high quality of education and robust community that exists at OLC.

With these things in mind, know that you are part of a community you can be proud of, that is thriving, always seeking to do all we can, and walk with you as you live your relationship with Jesus Christ.

God Bless you and please pray for me.

Fr. Bryan

BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS

Bethlehem Handicrafts will be at OLC Church next weekend, September 22/23 after each mass. The company sells handcrafted religious articles of olive wood made in Jerusalem and Bethlehem to support the Catholic Community in the Holy Land. This is the perfect opportunity to purchase one-of-a-kind religious items to give as special gifts or at Christmas.

REGISTER FOR SACRAMENT CLASSES

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://bit.ly/2N50WEM>. Also available on our website at www.olcjc.org. Orientation will be on Tuesday, September 25th 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.

PARISH PICNIC VOLUNTEERS SIGN-UP!



We will need volunteers at the OLC Parish Picnic to donate food, set up, cook, serve, help with entertainment, raffle tickets, children's activities, etc. You may sign up online through: <https://tinyurl.com/olcpicnic> or fill out a volunteer form distributed at mass. Contact the chairperson, Priya

Rasquinha, at events@olcjc.org for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	September 15, 2018 Stanley and Mary Plewan From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	September 16, 2018 Katherine and Stanislaw Mazurek From <i>Anthony Mazurek</i>
12:30 pm	Michael Gardullo From <i>Marilyn Gardullo and family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	September 17, 2018 Intentions of Evelyn and Mike Thung - Missionaries From <i>Iris Lim</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	September 18, 2018 Buenaventura Penaga From <i>Vangie Penaga Campomanes</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	September 19, 2018 Good health and healing of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J & S Tchao</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	September 20, 2018 Ang Huat Tee From <i>Iris Lim</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	September 21, 2018 Anna Piatkowski From <i>Barbara Bromirski</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	September 22, 2018 Frances and Bruno Ruskowski From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	September 23, 2018 Rene Mair From <i>family</i>
12:30 pm	Mary Russell From <i>Noreen Feehan</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

**Attend daily Mass and
make a difference in your life!**

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.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Is. 50:5-9a; Jas. 2:14-18; Mk. 8:27-35

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Wis. 2:12, 17-20; Jas. 3:16-4:3; Mk. 9:30-37

MASS BOOKS

Although the 2018 Mass Book is closed for intentions, there is still plenty of availability in the 2019 Mass Book. In addition, the Tabernacle Candle, as well as the Bread and Wine, may still be offered in memory of loved ones. Please call 201-434-0798 or stop by the rectory Monday-Friday from 9:30 am-5:00 pm to arrange a mass intention or a Tabernacle Candle or Bread and Wine offering.

STEWARDSHIP



*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."
- MARK 8:34*

When we truly believe that all we

have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well.

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 September 8/9, **350** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,144 and WeShare donations were \$3,084 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$6,228**. Thank you for your continued support.

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 5th. 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.



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. **The next class will be on October 7 at 11:00 am. 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.

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.



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 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@olcj.org.

OLC Seniors: Group meets monthly in the church hall and plans several one-day activities as well as trips each year. The next meeting is on October 10. New members welcome (must be 55 and over). For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

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 –

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

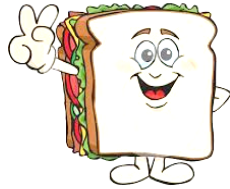
(Register at www.joyfilledmarriage.nj.org. \$125 per couple)

SURVIVING DIVORCE: A 3-DAY RETREAT

The Archdiocese of Newark is sponsoring a three day retreat for the separated and divorced. Each day features DVD sessions that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness and much more. The itinerary includes video presentations and small group discussions. Participants will hear personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families who witness to the healing power of Christ in their lives. **Sessions run Saturday mornings on Oct 27, Nov 17 & Dec 1 between 9am to 1pm.** Each session will cover different topics & discussions. Cost to attend is \$20 including study guide & food. Babysitting provided. To register, go to <https://www.smores.com/4b0g3>. Questions? Lauren Egan 973-497-4327 or Lauren.Egan@rcan.org.

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.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HURRICANE RELIEF

Catholic Charities is committed to providing Disaster Response and Disaster Recovery services to individuals and families dealing with the aftermath of natural disasters. They provide response coordination and short-term and long-term recovery services in collaboration with other area Disaster Relief agencies, and by working with the local Mayor's office on their disaster recovery plan. This means first meeting emergency needs such as shelter, food, and medication assistance for those who have lost everything. To contribute or for more information, please go to: <https://www.catholiccharities.org>.

IS YOUR CHILD GOING TO HIGH SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?

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



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 27th at Primary Prep at St. Aedan School, 41 Tuers Avenue in Jersey City.

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 available online at www.njcoopexam.org.



For more information about either the High School Expo or the Cooperative Admissions Program, please go to www.catholicchoolsnj.org, call 973-497-4260 or email Ryan L. Michelson, Director of School Advancement at: Ryan.Michelson@rcan.org.

MARIST HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



Marist High School in Bayonne will hold its fall Open House on Sunday, September 30, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. For over 60 years, Marist has prepared well-rounded, highly educated, faith-filled learners, ready to excel in college and beyond. If you plan to attend the open house, please RSVP to www.marist.org/openhouse.

ST. DOMINIC ACADEMY (SDA) FALL OPEN HOUSES

St. Dominic Academy is holding its 2018 Fall Open Houses on Wednesday, October 10 from 6:00-8:00 pm and Sunday, October 28 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Visitors will have the chance to speak with faculty, staff, students and members of the administrative team. There is no appointment necessary; just arrive no later than 30 minutes before end time. SDA is an independent, Catholic college preparatory high school for girls. The school is located at 2572 Kennedy Boulevard in Jersey City. For more information, please call 201-434-5938 or visit their website: www.stdominicacad.com.



ST. PETER'S PREP FALL OPEN HOUSE



Saint Peter's Preparatory School is holding its 2018 Fall Open House on Sunday, October 14 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. at the school's campus, Jersey City. Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students and parents, will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. Founded in 1872, Saint Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. For more information on the Fall Open House, please call 201-547-6389.