



**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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 2, 2018**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Last Sunday, August 26, we celebrated Our Lady of Czestochowa's Feast Day during the 10:00 AM mass followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. What a wonderful celebration it was from beginning to end! The mass was a beautiful celebration of Our Lady and the reception brought our parishioners together in a joyful continuation of the celebration. The Parish Hall was full to capacity!

We are blessed with wonderful parishioners and I would like to extend my thanks to those who helped make the day so special particularly to Maggie Englese for chairing the reception and a big thank you to all those volunteers who helped her make the day such a memorable occasion. Some of the volunteers were: Laura Czysz, Diane Strasz, Lenny Englese, Barbara Rzaski, Pat Duemig, Pat Rubino, Doris Emden, Noreen Feehan, Priya Rasquinha, Missy Torres and Kamilla Miesak-Part.

God bless all of you.

Love,  
Fr. Bryan

### OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA FEAST DAY CELEBRATION



Pictures by Lenny Englese

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<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 <i>From Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 9:30 am	<b>September 3, 2018</b> Intention of the Conversion of Sharon Lim From <i>Iris Lim</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>September 4, 2018</b> Intention of the Conversion of Charlene Lin From <i>Iris Lim</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>September 5, 2018</b> Good health and healing Of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J &amp; S Tchao</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>September 6, 2018</b> Michael Burke From <i>Barbara Burke</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>September 7, 2018</b> Celeste Reside From <i>Kim Mom</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>September 8, 2018</b> Ann C. Sudol (32 <sup>nd</sup> Ann.) From <i>son</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>September 9, 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	For the Sacred Heart of Jesus <i>From Vilma David</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, September 2, 2018**

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

**Sunday, September 9, 2018**

Is. 35:4-7a; Jas. 2:1-5; Mk. 7:31-37

### LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

The OLC Rectory will be closed Monday,  
September 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a Mass at 9:30AM

### SEPTEMBER MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 9/8/18	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 9/9/18	10:00 am	Fr. Tom R.
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Bryan

### 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



*"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..."*  
- JAMES 1:22

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship. The hard part is living it! What do you do to live God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

### WEEKLY OFFERING

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

For the weekend of August 25/26, **389** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$2,748.14 and WeShare donations were \$1,206 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$3,954.14**. Thank you for your continued support.

## MARRIAGE AT OLC CHURCH

We congratulate Charles Wilkes and Alexandra Smith who celebrated their wedding ceremony on Saturday, August 25, 2018. May the Lord bless them with many happy years of marital bliss!



## 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:

- Emilia Harper Angolia*, the daughter of Michael and Alyssa
- Aurora Marie Pazos Eduardo*, the daughter of Luis and Carmen
- Anna Katherine Mclsaac*, the daughter of Kevin and Amy

## 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.



## 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.

## 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](mailto: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](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.



## 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@olcj.org](mailto:events@olcj.org) for more information.



**FELLOWSHIP, FOOD & FUN!**

# OLC ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC!

**WHEN:** Sunday, September 23rd from  
2:00-5:00pm

**WHERE:** The rooftop of 50 Christopher  
Columbus Drive.

Live Music, Kids activities and MUCH MORE!

Sign up at:  
[www.tinyurl.com/olcpicnic](http://www.tinyurl.com/olcpicnic)

## BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS



Bethlehem Handicrafts will be at OLC Church the weekend of 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.

## 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.joyfilledmarriagenj.org](http://www.joyfilledmarriagenj.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.

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.catholicchoolsnj.org](http://www.catholicchoolsnj.org), call 973-497-4260 or email Ryan L. Michelson, Director of School Advancement at: [Ryan.Michelson@rcan.org](mailto:Ryan.Michelson@rcan.org).