

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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 9, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

This week's Gospel is another incidence of Jesus caring for those who are suffering from sicknesses and disabilities of one kind or another. It is so encouraging to know that someone could be interested in them and especially to be able to cure them, what a gift from God. In today's world, a great number of people are neglected, who need care and help. There are also a great number of people who are dedicated to the poor and the sick. This is a gift from God, both for them and for the people they help.

Are there possibilities in your own life for some good deeds that could be done for someone you know? If responded to, this is a special gift of God to you. We all have a role in the 'caring' respect of each other.

God Bless,
Fr. Bryan

BAPTISM AT OLC CHURCH



her family, and may God watch over her always.

On Saturday, September 8, 2018, Ruby Yuna Lee, the daughter of Brandon and Amanda, received the sacrament of Baptism at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church. We congratulate her and

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. 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.

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	September 8, 2018 Ann C. Sudol (32 nd Ann.) From <i>family</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	September 9, 2018 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 From <i>Vilma David</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	September 10, 2018 Benjamin Paz From <i>Paz Family</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	September 11, 2018 Intention of Bobbi Silvera From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	September 12, 2018 Good health and healing of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J & S Tchao</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	September 13, 2018 Rev. Zbigniew J. Szymanski, 5 th Pastor (25 th Ann.) From <i>People of the Parish</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	September 14, 2018 Well-Being of Kayen Beevers From <i>Iris Lim</i>
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

Attend daily Mass and make a difference in your life!

The Bread and Wine is offered for the special intention of Marilyn Gardullo from Marilyn

The Tabernacle Candle is offered in memory of Paul Connolly from Joyce Cmiel and family

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 9, 2018

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

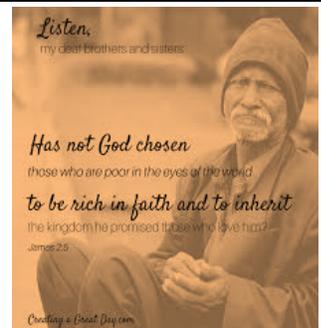
Sunday, September 16, 2018

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

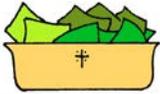
STEWARDSHIP

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" - JAMES 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don't matter and that it's more important to share with those who have less.



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 1/2, 301 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$2780 and WeShare donations were \$1,161 contributing to a weekend collection of \$3941. 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. **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. Meetings resume in September. New members welcome (must be 55 and over). For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

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.

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.



EVENING OF PENANCE AND PRAYER THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART

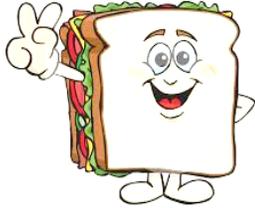
In reparation for and healing of all those impacted by the abuse crisis, particularly the victims, and all of us that make up the Body of Christ, the Cardinal is asking that participation on **Friday, September 14 at 7:30 pm** for all the priests and all the faithful of the Archdiocese take precedent over all other pastoral activities in the Archdiocese. His Eminence is encouraging all to make it a day of fast and abstinence.

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.



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 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. \$125 per couple)

IS YOUR CHILD GOING TO HIGH SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?

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

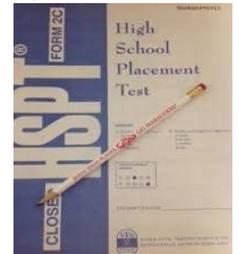
Catholic High School Expo



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 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 online at www.njcoopexam.org beginning September 4th.

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. Please RSVP to www.marist.org/openhouse.

2018 COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA



OLC will take up the Collection for the Catholic University of America this weekend, September 8 and 9. Since 1903, The Catholic University of America has been greatly blessed by the generosity of parishioners around the country through the National Collection. James Cardinal Gibbons, our first chancellor and the ninth Archbishop of Baltimore, once called the collection "the people's endowment." Taking his words to heart, contributions from faithful parishioners have benefited generations of students. Help prepare the next generation of leaders for our Church and Nation. For more information, please go to: <https://engage.catholic.edu>.

It is only by spending one's self that one becomes rich.