

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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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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 14, 2018

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS

Dear Friends in Christ,

Throughout the history of our Church, there has been a great need for men to answer the call to serve Christ and His Church as good and holy priests. At this moment in our Church's history, it seems now more than ever, we need to pray for their generous response.

This weekend, we are so excited to introduce our seminarians to you. Even amidst the unsettling news encircling our Church, these men are willing to dedicate themselves to finding the answer to the question, "Is Jesus calling me to be one of His priests?"

Pope Francis stated on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations in April 2013,

"Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or to the consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community... Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit."

In an attempt to foster a culture of discernment, the Office of Priestly Vocations has recently initiated the Sacred Heart Society for Vocations. The main purpose of this society is for its members to pledge to pray for Vocations on a regular basis and to develop parish-based vocations ministries throughout the Archdiocese. We encourage you to join us in our ministry and pledge to pray that the Lord will send us good and holy priests! We ask that you pray for these men, that they remain open to the Lord's will and that they may receive the grace and courage they need to respond to it.

By God's grace and through your prayers, these men will lay down their lives in humble service to our local Church. To repeat Pope Francis, "Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or to the consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone." Thank you for your willingness to be that someone.

To find out more about the Sacred Heart Society or other vocations programs, please visit NewarkPriest.com or follow us on social media!

Should the Lord be prompting you to start a vocations ministry in your parish, we encourage you to speak with Father Bryan!

God bless you and thank you for welcoming our seminarians this weekend.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Eugenio de la Rama Director
Office of Priestly Vocations Archdiocese of Newark

OLC CHURCH JUNIOR CHOIR

DO YOU LIKE
SINGING?
JOIN OLC CHURCH
JUNIOR CHOIR!

THE JUNIOR CHOIR PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MUSIC EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF SONG!

FOR KIDS AGES 7-13 WHO HAVE OR WILL BE RECEIVING THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN 2019

REHEARSALS WILL BE ON EVERY ALTERNATE SUNDAY AT 9:30AM
First rehearsal will be on Sun, Oct 7th!

TO SIGN UP, CONTACT BEN RAUCH, THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, IN PERSON OR BY EMAIL AT DIRECTOROFMUSIC@OLCJC.ORG

SOCIAL AFTER 7

If you haven't been-- you really should join us for the next *Social After 7* on **October 21st** at 8 PM. Delicious pizza donated by John's Pizzeria on Sussex...great conversations....BYOB!

Mass on Sunday evening can be a beautiful way to end the weekend or just come at 8pm to our social so you can kick your new week off with a smile! Hope to see you there!!



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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	October 13, 2018 Bruno and Mary Listwan & Family From <i>Laura Czysz; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	October 14, 2018 Mary Russell From <i>Kathy Eckert, Doris Emden, Barbara Rzaski, Pat Rubino and Diane Strasz</i>
12:30 pm	Edmundo Acuna From <i>wife and son</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	October 15, 2018 John Manzi From <i>Mila</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	October 16, 2018 Intentions of Doris and Wolfgang Emden From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	October 17, 2018 Good health and healing of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J & S Tchao</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	October 18, 2018 Amy Hulings From <i>Joyce and John Cmiel</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	October 19, 2018 Maria E. Espinoza Leone From <i>Fr. Bryan</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	October 20, 2018 Frances and Al Brzucki From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	October 21, 2018 Anna Piatkowski From <i>John and Francis Dombrowski</i>
12:30 pm	Mary Russell From <i>Noreen Feehan</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

***The Tabernacle Candle
is Offered in Memory of
Karita Arumugam
From the Arumugam Family***

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

OCTOBER MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 10/20/18	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 10/21/18	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Ernie
	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@olcj.org.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, October 14, 2018

Wis. 7:7-11; Heb. 4:12-13; Mk. 10:17-30

Sunday, October 21, 2018

Is. 53:10-11; Heb. 4:14-16; Mk. 10:35-45

BAPTISM

GATHERING TO UNDERSTAND is a **required** part of our Baptism program that addresses theology, the responsibilities and requirements of parents and God-parents, and other essential information. **The next class will be on December 2nd at 11:00 am. Please call the rectory for more information.**

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 October 6/7, **342** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,289.79. WeShare donations were \$3,134 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$6,423.79**. Thank you for your continued support.

STEWARDSHIP

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

- Mark 10:25

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, we are all called to be generous with all our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts: our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charitable works.



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/olcdonutsfall2018>. You may also contact Francis Sacra at 201-281-4655.

The OLC Adult Choir: Choir rehearsal will be every Sunday at 11:15 am-12:15 pm and we will sing right after at the 12:30 pm Mass. No experience necessary, all are welcome! For more information, please email the Director of Music, Ben Rauch, at directorofmusic@olcjc.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 November 14. New members welcome (must be 55 and over). For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

OLC PARISHIONER WRITES A PLAY!

Our faithful lector, Martin Casella, has written a new play, *Black Tom Island*. It concerns the infamous 1916 terrorist explosion in Jersey City and is set in the rectory of OLC. It opens at Union's Premiere Stages this month. For tickets visit www.premierestagesatkean.com.



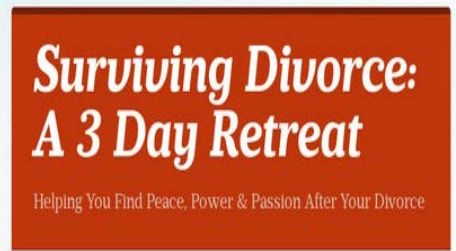
*If you find yourself in a hole,
the first thing to do is stop digging.*

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.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



The World Mission Sunday celebration highlights the outreach of local churches through priests, religious and laity among the poor and marginalized half a world away. Life-changing help is provided to mission churches in territories covering more than half the globe. OLC will take up this special collection next weekend, October 21-22. Founded by the Venerable Pauline Jaricot in 1822 in France, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith seeks prayer and sacrifice for the world's Missions, now some 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America.

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>.



PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

Each and every day all over the world, expectant moms will feel their baby's first kick; parents will listen to their newborn's first cry; and families will celebrate the birthday of a healthy baby. Tragically, nearly 1,400 New Jersey families experience the loss of a baby during pregnancy or infancy every year.

October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. In particular, October 15th is designated "National Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Day". This day focuses on raising public awareness about the problem of pregnancy loss and infant death, which includes miscarriage, stillbirth, sudden infant death syndrome, or the death of a newborn. On this day in many parts of the world, people will light a candle and offer prayers in memory of those lost babies, born and unborn. Bereaved parents, their families and friends, unite with each other and others across the world to commemorate the lives of babies who died by participating in the International Wave of Light, by lighting candles at 7:00 p.m. in their respective time zones for one hour.

We encourage you to read this month's cover article *Mourning A Miscarriage* in the New Jersey Catholic publication. The Archdiocese of Newark will be providing a special day to honor and commemorate these children and comfort those who are grieving a loss later this year.

PERINATAL LOSS RESOURCE LIST

Local Grief Support Groups (Not faith-based)

- **Pockets of Light* – Montclair NJ 973-619-4277
- **St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center* – Paterson NJ 973-754-3828
- **Healing Hearts, Men's Support Group & Pregnancy After A Loss at Valley Hospital* – Ridgewood NJ 201-447-8539
- **Overlook Medical Center* – Summit NJ 908-522-2946
- **St. Barnabas Perinatal Loss Group* – Livingston NJ 973-322-5745
- **Pregnancy & Newborn Loss Support Group-UMC Hackensack NJ* – 201-608-2333
- **Perinatal Bereavement Support Group – Englewood Hospital* 201-608-2333
- **The Hudson Shea Foundation* – Ridgewood NJ 845-553-5088 (Men)
- **Holy Name Medical Center* – Teaneck NJ 201-833-3058
- **Compassionate Friends (Bergen/Passaic)* – 201-567-0089

Catholic & Christian Online Resources

- **All Embrace* – www.allembrace.com
- **Catholic Miscarriage Support* – www.catholicmiscarriagesupport.com
- **Elizabeth Ministry* – www.elizabethministry.com
- **The Apostolate of Hannah's Tears* – www.hannahstears.net

**Sufficient Grace Ministries* – www.sufficientgraceministries.org

**Babies Remembered* – www.wintergreenpress.org

Other Resources

**Pockets of Light* – www.PocketsofLight.org

**Share Pregnancy & Infant Loss* – www.national-share.org

**Hope After Loss* – www.hopeafterloss.org

**Partnership for Maternal & Child Health* – www.partnershipmch.org

Blogs/Online Groups

**Lost Innocent* – <https://lostinnocentsblog.wordpress.com/>

**Mommy To A Little Saint* – Facebook Group

Books

**Sufficient Grace* by Kelly Gerken

**I Never Held You: Miscarriage, Grief, Healing and Recovery* by Ellen M. DuBois

**Empty Arms: Coping with Miscarriage, Stillbirth and Infant Death* by Sherokee Ilse

**A Silent Sorrow: Pregnancy Loss – Guidance and Support for You and Your Family* by Ingrid Kohn

Prayer Books

**Mourning a Miscarriage* – Prayers for a Couple Grieving the Death of Their Unborn Child by The Elizabeth Ministry

**The Original Mothers Manual* by S.J. A. Francis Coomes

ST. DOMINIC ACADEMY (SDA) FALL OPEN HOUSE



St. Dominic Academy is holding its 2018 Fall Open House on 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 **today, 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.