

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 28, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Today is the feast of St. Jude, the Patron Saint of Hope and impossible causes, along with being one of Jesus’ original twelve Apostles. He preached the Gospel with great passion, often in the most difficult circumstances and through the power of the Holy Spirit, he made profound differences in people’s lives as he offered them the Word of God.

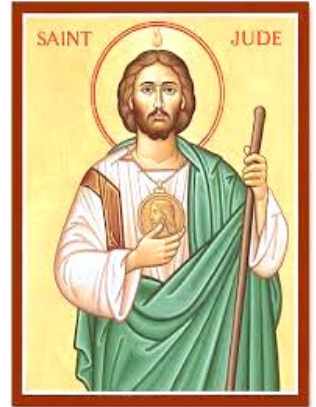
After the death and resurrection of Jesus, St. Jude traveled with St. Simon preaching and building up the foundations of the early Church. St. Jude died a martyr’s death for his unwavering faith. His body was later brought to Rome and placed in a crypt under St. Peter’s Basilica.

After his death, many turned to St. Jude for his intercession in prayer. During the Middle Ages, St. Jude was widely venerated, but most likely due to the confusion between his name and that of Judas Iscariot, he slipped into temporary obscurity. In the early 20th century, St. Jude Thaddeus was relatively unknown to the general Catholic population in the US.

During the Great Depression and World War II, thousands of men, women, and children prayed with devotion to the “patron saint of hopeless causes”. Today, millions of people around the world turn to St. Jude, the Patron of Hope, for his intercession and prayers. Today is a good day to turn towards Jesus with St. Jude, for any areas of life that seem to be without hope, as we seek a source of strength and inspiration in our faith.

God bless you and please pray for me,

Fr. Bryan



CHILDREN’S LITURGY AND JUNIOR CHOIR GROUPS CAN DRIVE

I “Can” Answer Jesus’ Call to Help Others! The children’s liturgy and kids choir groups will be collecting food cans for a local food pantry during the first two weeks of November. It is an opportunity to help communities in need while showing the kids that it is important to put into practice Jesus’ message of thinking about and serving others. If you would like to donate a can (or two!), please drop them off in the designated box in the back of the church or during the children’s liturgy. Please direct any questions to: childrenliturgy@olcj.org.



ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints Day Services will be held on Thursday, November 1st at 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm. It is a holy day of obligation for Catholics. It was instituted to honor all the saints, known and unknown, and, according to Pope Urban IV, to supply any deficiencies in the faithful’s celebration of saints’ feasts during the year.



ALL SOULS DAY

The All Souls Day Service will be held on Friday, November 2nd at 12:30 pm. We believe that those Holy Souls for whom we pray will continue to pray for us and our acts of charity toward them now will ensure that they remember us before the throne of God when we are most in need of prayers. Include those whom you loved in this year’s Mass for All Souls.



HELP WANTED!

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JUICE & DONUTS

EVERY SUNDAY AFTER THE 10:00 AM MASS. SNACKS ARE SERVED EITHER OUTSIDE OR IN THE CHURCH HALL (WEATHER DEPENDENT)

We’re looking for YOUR help! If you wish to DONATE snacks & beverages, please go to the following website to sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/olcdonutsfall2018>.

SOCIAL AFTER 7

Our next *Social After 7* will be on Sunday, **November 18th** at 8 PM. Delicious pizza donated by John’s Pizzeria on Sussex...great conversations with your fellow parishioners...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 INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	October 27, 2018 John Stapinski (31 st Ann.) From <i>wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	October 28, 2018 Joseph Reagan From <i>Noreen Feehan</i>
12:30 pm	Henry Skee Dombrowski From <i>Maggie and Lenny Englese</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	October 29, 2018 Rev. Ignatius Szudrowicz, 2 nd Pastor (72 nd Ann.) From <i>People of the Parish</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	October 30, 2018 Intentions of the Mueller Family From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	October 31, 2018 Good health and healing of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J & S Tchao</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	November 1, 2018 Rene Chavez Tronqued From <i>Mapa Families</i>
7:00 pm	From <i>People of the Parish</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	November 2, 2018 All Souls Novena From <i>the Parish</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	November 3, 2018 Gerise Smith Carter From <i>Jeanne Bohlen Oppel</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	November 4, 2018 Henry Skee Dombrowski From <i>Jessica and Sean Hablitz</i>
12:30 pm	Rene Chavez Tronqued From <i>Jimalu Mapa</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

***The Tabernacle Candle
is Offered in Memory of
Dorothy Fernandes Rasquinha
From Pravin and Priya Rasquinha***

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

NOVEMBER MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 11/3/18	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 11/4/18	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	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.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Jer. 31:7-9; Heb. 5:1-6; Mk. 10:46-52

Sunday, November 4, 2018

Dt. 6:2-6; Heb. 7:23-28; Mk. 12:28-34

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 December 2nd at 11:00 am.** Please call the rectory for more information.



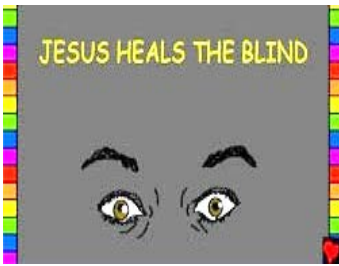
WEEKLY OFFERING



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

For the weekend of October 20/21, **464** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,507.02. WeShare donations were \$1,086 contributing to a week-end collection of **\$4,593.02**. Thank you for your continued support.

STEWARDSHIP



“And Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.”
- MARK 10:52

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. But, if you focus on the positive, not the negative, focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common and you will see God's active presence in your daily life.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OLC

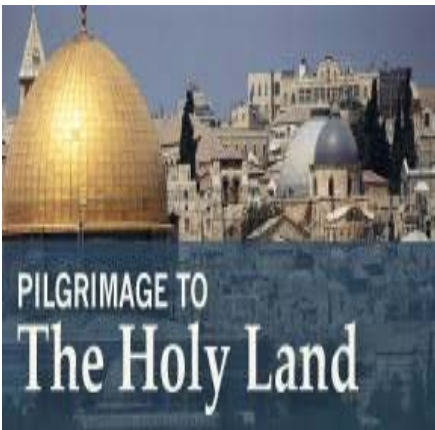


Children's Liturgy: Every Sunday during the 10:00 am Mass for 20 minutes. Ages 2 and older. Parents are welcome. No registration required – join in!

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.

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.

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.catholic-charities.org>.



2018 BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

On November 17 and 18, our parish will take up the 132nd annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection.



SUPPORT THE BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

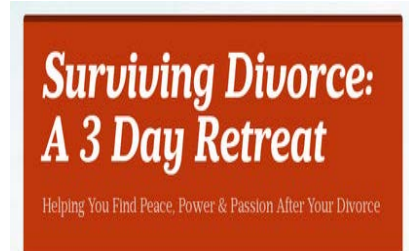
Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native

communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

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 October 27, November 17 and December 1 between 9am to 1pm. Each session will cover different topics & discussions. Cost to attend is \$20 including study guide and food. Free babysitting will be provided. To register, go to <https://www.smores.com/4b0g3>. For more information, please contact Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 or email: Lauren.Egan@rcan.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. 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. Please share the list below with anyone who would benefit from any of the resources.

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.sufficient-graceministries.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

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

PROGRAMS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

Beatitudes Weekday Retreat (November 6-8, 2018). In Matthew 5, Jesus' blessings are promised in each of the beatitudes. But what do they really mean? This retreat will help us explore how God's blessings are real, and how they provide great rewards even in situations when those blessings may not be apparent. We will pray, reflect and share on our understanding of how Jesus' "guidelines" for growth in our spiritual life are a reality. Facilitated by Sr. Grace Walle, FMI and Carol Weiss. Cost is \$130 per person.

A Retreat on Male Spirituality (November 16-18, 2018). This weekend, open to men of all ages, focuses on unique male issues on the spiritual journey. The retreat will consist of Eucharist and other prayer, input, quiet time, small group sharing, socializing, and fun within a supportive, intentional community of men. Cost is \$135 per person.

Family Advent Weekends (November 30-December 2, 2018, December 7-9 and December 14-16, 2018). Come prepare for the liturgical season. Special weekend themes focus on family activities and preparations related to the season, emphasizing the significance of bringing Jesus to others. Cost is \$130 per person (8 years-adult)/\$90 per person (2-7 years)/Free Under 2.

Accommodations, meals and all activities are included with price. Financial aid is available for these programs (see website for application). For more information on this retreat, please call 609-884-3829 or visit their website at: www.capemaymarianists.org.