

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 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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 7, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish family,

Since marriage can be a rather hot topic, I am appealing to another pastor for some substance for this week's pastors letter. Below is an excerpt from a homily by Pope Francis on Marriage:

The Gospel passage for the day, from the Gospel of St. Mark, speaks of the intentions of the Pharisees, who asked Jesus a question precisely in order to test Him. Pope Francis described questions of this kind, about what you can or can't do, as casuistic. He explained: "Not the great 'yes' or 'no,' with which we are familiar. This is God." Instead, the Pharisees reduce the Christian life, the way of following God, to a question of "yes, you can," or "no, you can't." The question posed by the Pharisees concerned marriage; they wanted to know if it was lawful for a husband to divorce his wife. But, Jesus goes beyond the simple question of lawfulness, going back to the "the beginning." Jesus speaks about marriage as it is in itself, perhaps the greatest thing created by God in those seven days of Creation.

Jesus words in the Gospel are very strong. Jesus "lays aside the problem of separation and goes to the beauty of the couple," who ought to be one.

We must not focus, like these doctors do, on [the answer] "Yes, you can" divide a marriage, or "No, you can't." At times there is a misfortune, when it doesn't work, and it is better to separate in order to avoid a world war. But this is a misfortune. Let us go and look at the positive.

There was a couple who were celebrating 60 years of marriage. He said he asked them, "Are you happy?" They looked at one another, and with tears in their eyes, answered, "We are in love!"

It's true that there are difficulties, there are problems with children or with the couple themselves, arguments and fights... but the important thing is that the flesh remains one, and you can overcome, you can overcome, you can overcome. And this is not only a sacrament for them, but also for the Church, a sacrament, as it were, that attracts attention: "See, love is possible!" And love is capable of allowing you to live your whole life "in love": in joy and in sorrow, with the problems of children, and their own problems... but always going forward. In sickness and in health, but always going forward. This is beautiful.

We are created in God's image and likeness; and for this reason, marriage likewise becomes an image of God. This makes marriage very beautiful, the Pope said. "Matrimony is a silent homily for everyone else, a daily homily."

It's sad when this is not news: the newspapers, the TV news shows, don't consider this news. But this couple, together for so many years... it's not news. Scandal, divorce, separation – these are considered newsworthy. (Although at times its necessary to separate, as I said, to avoid a greater evil). The image of God isn't news. But this is the beauty of marriage. This couple is the image and likeness of God. And this is our news, the Christian news.

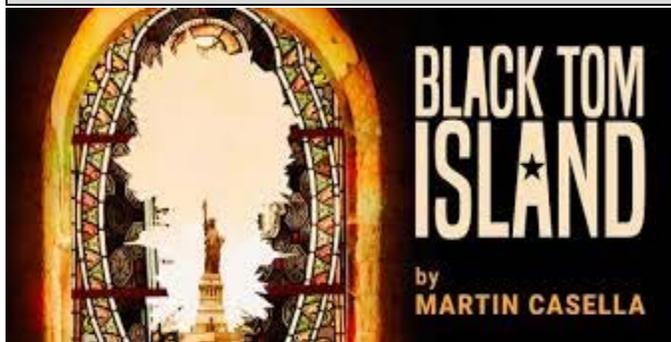
Patience is the most important virtue.

He concluded his homily with a prayer that the Lord "might give to the Church and to society a more profound and more beautiful understanding of marriage so that we all might be able to appreciate and reflect upon that the image and likeness of God is present in marriage."

God Bless you and please pray for me,

Fr. Bryan

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.

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!!

OLC CHOIR VISIT TO ST. JOSEPH'S HOME

The OLC choir will visit the St. Joseph's Home for the blind and elderly on Saturday, October 13 to perform at 2 pm. Hymns from the current worship aid will be sung. No experience necessary. If interested in joining them, please contact Ben Rauch at directorofmusic@olcjc.org.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	October 6, 2018 Ignatius (65 th Ann.) and Rozalia Gradowski From <i>Terri Gradowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	October 7, 2018 Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
12:30 pm	Mary Russell From <i>Noreen Feehan</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 9:30 am	October 8, 2018 Marge Hiza From <i>Kathy Eckert</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	October 9, 2018 Intentions of the Mueller Family From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	October 10, 2018 Good health and healing of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J & S Tchao</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	October 11, 2018 Amy Hulings From <i>John Cmiel</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	October 12, 2018 Michael Gardullo From <i>Marilyn Gardullo and Family</i>
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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

whoever
eats this
bread
will live
forever



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.

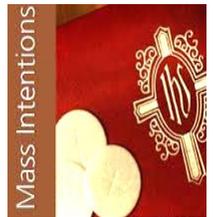
Take the time to have a Mass celebrated for your loved ones. Simply stop by the rectory, call us at **201-434-0798** or send an e-mail to: secretary@olcjc.org.

OCTOBER MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 10/6/18	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 10/7/18	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Bryan

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.



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 29/30, **350** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,617.70. WeShare donations were \$896 contributing to a week-end collection of **\$4,513.70**. Thank you for your continued support.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, October 7, 2018

Gn. 2:18-24; Heb. 2:9-11; Mk. 10:2-16

Sunday, October 14, 2018

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

STEWARDSHIP

“So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.”

- Genesis 2:19



The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

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. 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 RCIA. More details on class times and locations will be shared with registrants.

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.

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/olcdonutsfall2018>. You may also contact Francis Sacr 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 October 10. New members welcome (must be 55 and over). For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

OLC CHURCH JUNIOR CHOIR

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 the weekend of 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.

REPORTING ABUSE BY CLERGY, RELIGIOUS AND LAY STAFF OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Please contact the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office at 201-795-6400.

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.smore.com/4b0g3>. Questions? Lauren Egan 973-497-4327 or Lauren.Egan@rcan.org.

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>.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA CELEBRATION

On Saturday, October 13th, the World Apostolate of Fatima will celebrate the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, and her request to not offend the Lord our God, and to continue to pray the rosary every day for peace. Place your petitions before Our Lady; visit the Holy House USA with crushed stone from the Holy House of Loreto (the actual baldacchino and altar over which the

last great apparition of Fatima took place); and the largest extant piece of the tree upon which Our Lady stood at Fatima. Confessions at 10:30 am/Rosary Procession at 12:00 noon/Holy Mass at 1:15 pm with Celebrant Most Rev. Nicholas A. DiMarzio, followed by Eucharistic Procession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Fatima Farewell Procession, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Brown Scapular Enrollment. *Note:* Talks at the Holy House USA concerning relics and Fatima at 10:30 a.m., and following Divine Mercy Chaplet till 5 p.m. Guest Speaker will be Rev. Luke Fletcher, C.F.R. For more info please visit: www.bluearmy.com or call 908-689-1700. Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine is located at 674 Mt.View Road East, Asbury NJ 08802.

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

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

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.

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.

