



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 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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 30, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish family,

I would like to thank Chairperson Priya Rasquinha and her Picnic Committee, for the wonderful picnic that was held on Sunday, September 23rd at the rooftop of 50 Christopher Columbus Drive.

During most of the picnic the rain stayed away so everyone could enjoy all the delicious food, live music and raffles. Shirali Acosta created a truly "Fun Zone" for the kids. They loved the games, crafts, facepainting and the bounce castle. Also, thank you to all the wonderful volunteers. A very big thank you to all the parishioners who donated food, served as grillmasters, handled the raffles, did set-up and clean-up. I would be remiss if I didn't thank our custodian Jerome Ransom for bringing tables, coolers, supplies, and whatever was needed to make this another successful picnic for OLC. I am already looking forward to next year!

God Bless you and please pray for me,
Fr. Bryan



Photos by Izabella Williams



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 in October. For tickets visit www.premierestagesat-kean.com.

FIRST FRIDAY YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR AND FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Join us in a holy hour of worship, music, and opportunities to offer confessions next 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.



OLC CHURCH JUNIOR CHOIR

SIGN UP NOW!

DO YOU LIKE SINGING?

JOIN OLC CHURCH JUNIOR CHOIR!

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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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	September 29, 2018 Charles (10 th Ann.) and Mary Czyszk From <i>Laura Czyszk; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	September 30, 2018 Henry and Mary A. Dwulet From <i>family</i>
12:30 pm	Intention of Helen Rokosz From <i>children and grandchildren</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	October 1, 2018 Monica Shroder From <i>Nancy Bennett</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	October 2, 2018 Intentions of Kieran and Muller Families From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	October 3, 2018 Good health and healing of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J & S Tchao</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	October 4, 2018 Monica Shroder From <i>Peggy Bennett</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	October 5, 2018 Margaret McGill From <i>Compliance Team Lord Abbett</i>
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

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

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.

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.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, September 30, 2018

Nm. 11:25-29; Jas. 5:1-6; Mk. 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Sunday, October 7, 2018

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

STEWARDSHIP

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward."

- MARK 9:41



Does your life reflect the life of Jesus? Remember, we were made in His image. We tend to forget this. When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them?

WEEKLY OFFERING



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

For the weekend of September 22/23, **350** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,168.67. WeShare donation information was unavailable for this week. Thank you for your continued support.

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://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.

Adults requiring sacraments can register on our website for RCIA. More details on class times and locations will be shared with registrants.

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!!



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: 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.

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.

FAITH WORKS

Please remember to make a donation of non-perishable food items this weekend to support our "Faith Works Program." This is a very important work of charity that has benefited many in our community. Thank you for your contributions! **However, we must ask that only food be left on the back table as we cannot accept clothing at this time.**

SURVIVING DIVORCE: A 3-DAY RETREAT

Surviving Divorce: A 3 Day Retreat

Helping You Find Peace, Power & Passion After Your Divorce

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.

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.

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.



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.catholicsschoolsnj.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.

