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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.

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

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 11, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your positive response to my request last weekend. For those who were worshipping elsewhere last weekend and for a more complete understanding of why we do what we do, leading up to Advent I am going to offer some further reflections and reiterations of my homily last week.

The most frequent question I have received since arriving at OLC is, "why do some people stand and some people kneel during the consecration?" Some of the answers I received have to do with the structural integrity of the church (please lower kneelers gently), while the church was being renovated there weren't always kneelers available, customs elsewhere in the world and freedom of expression of worship that were not explicitly detailed by the bishops.

Since then, there have been several rounds of construction on the church to ensure its soundness and further clarification by the U.S. Bishops regarding posture at Mass. Specifically the latest revision to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), released in June 2011, that spells out norms for Mass in the United States.

We are in a parish where many people are here for a few months or a few years, and it seems more charitable that we be more in line with the universal Church and less particular. I have asked that starting in Advent, the first week of December, we all kneel during the Eucharistic prayer, from the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) to the Great Amen and again after the Lamb of God until you come forward for communion or a blessing. Remaining kneeling until Jesus is returned to the tabernacle and the doors of the tabernacle are closed.

Change can always be confusing and difficult if anyone has a problem, question or concern, please bring it directly to me, either after Mass or send me a note and we can sit down and talk. If the Church is full and you are standing in the back, it would be appropriate to remain standing, you do not have to kneel on the floor. It may be awkward for a month or two; however, I am confident that we can navigate this just fine.

One posture doesn't mean you are more holy or praying better, but it is vital that we pray together and as the Church asks. There is an ancient church axiom, *Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi* (as we worship, so we believe, so we live). Outward postures are meant to help us assume inward attitudes, as we worship the Lord together, may we do so with grateful and humble hearts for all He does for us.

God bless you and please pray for me.

Love, Fr. Bryan

LAST WEEK FOR THE 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@olcjc.org.

SOCIAL AFTER 7

Our next Social After 7 will be next 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 you can kick your new week off with a smile! Hope to see you there!!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	November 10, 2018 John Gradowski (35 th Ann.) & brothers Frank and Ted From <i>Terri Gradowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	November 11, 2018 Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
12:30 pm	Linda Wojtowicz From <i>Laura Czysz and Ken Heiser</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	November 12, 2018 All Souls Novena
Tuesday 12:30 pm	November 13, 2018 All Souls Novena
Wednesday 12:30 pm	November 14, 2018 Good health and healing of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J & S Tchao</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	November 15, 2018 All Souls Novena
Friday 12:30 pm	November 16, 2018 All Souls Novena
Saturday 5:00 pm	November 17, 2018 Ted Gradowski (3 rd Ann.) From <i>wife Terri</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	November 18, 2018 Ellen Ann Page From <i>Vicky Giancaspro</i>
12:30 pm	Julius and Sophie Moskal From <i>their daughter</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

NOVEMBER MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 11/17/18	5:00 pm	Fr. Dominic
SUN: 11/18/18	10:00 am	Fr. Dominic
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Bryan

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, November 11, 2018

1 Kgs. 17:10-16; Heb. 9:24-28; Mk. 12:38-44

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Dn. 12:1-3; Heb. 10:11-14, 18; Mk. 13:24-32

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.

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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 11:15 am. Please call the rectory for more information.**

BAPTISM AT OLC CHURCH



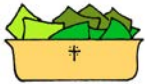
On Sunday, October 28, 2018, the following children received the sacrament of Baptism at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church. We congratulate them and their families, and may God watch over them always:

**Declan Andrew Callahan*, the son of Brian and Margaret

**Connor James Hayes*, the son of Brendan and Kerry

**Harrison Reed Mihelc*, the son of Eric and Erika

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 November 3/4, 454 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$4,736.02, WeShare donations were \$1,101.01 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$5,837.03**. Thank you for your continued support.

STEWARDSHIP



"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living."

- MARK 12:43-44

Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?

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 THE OLC CHURCH PRAYER GROUP!



The newly-formed OLC Prayer Group meets daily Monday-Friday at church after the 12:30 PM Mass. They begin praying at 1:15 PM and finish between 2:00 PM-2:15 PM. Every

day, they pray The Rosary, Divine Mercy and Devotion to Our Lady of Czestochowa. In addition, they add a different devotion each day. If you are interested in joining the prayer group, please contact Chona Veluz via email at: cjveluz@aol.com.

OLC JUNIOR CHOIR

DO YOU LIKE SINGING?
JOIN OLC CHURCH JUNIOR CHOIR!

SIGN UP NOW!

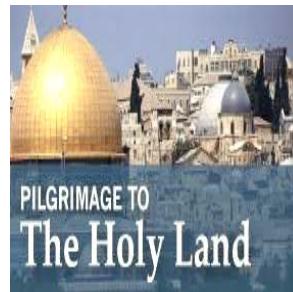
THE JUNIOR CHOIR PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MUSIC EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF SONG!

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

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.catholiccharities.org>.



2018 BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION



SUPPORT THE BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

On November 17 and 18, our parish will take up the 132nd annual National 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!

PROGRAMS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



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.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR VICTIMS OF CLERGY ABUSE

A second prayer service in recognition and hope for the victims of clergy abuse, for the families of the accused, and for the Church will be held on Friday, November 30, at 7:30 PM in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. will lead this prayer service, under the theme of "Longing for Life...We Wait in Darkness".

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES OUTREACH TO LOW-INCOME SENIORS

Your One-Stop Application for Benefits and Savings in New Jersey

You May Qualify for Programs If:

- You are a resident of the State of New Jersey
- You are age 65 or older
- You are between the ages of 18 and 64 and receiving Social Security Disability benefits
- You meet certain income requirements

Benefits and Programs:

- Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD)
- Hearing Aid Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (HAAAD)
- Lifeline Utility Assistance
- Medicare Savings Programs
- Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program

Additional Savings Programs:

- Universal Service Fund (USF)
- Low-Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP)
- Property Tax Freeze
- Reduced Motor Vehicle Fees
- Low-Cost Spaying/Neutering

Get Help Now and Save Today!
 NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services
 1-800-792-9745 www.aging.nj.gov

PRAYER FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN

*Gracious God,
 We give thanks for military men and women,
 both from the past and present,
 and for their courageous service
 and sacrifice to our country
 and its people to secure the blessings of life, liberty,
 and justice for all.
 May our remembrance be a timely reminder
 that our freedom was purchased at high cost,
 and should not be taken for granted.
 Give us resolve to labor in faithful service to you until
 all share the benefits of freedom, justice, and peace;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.*

