

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

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 18, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Parish Family,

This week we will celebrate Thanksgiving, a time to remember all that we are grateful for. Every time we pray, especially at Mass, we are offering an act of Thanksgiving to God. With everything we can get so stressed about, this is a great reminder to recall those things for which we are grateful.

For me, I am so grateful for all of you who continue to make Christ present in your homes and this community. This past weekend brought so many families and children to the Family Mass to celebrate and pray together. The children helped teach me and all who were present about the things that really matter to God, namely, kindness, mercy, patience and having a generous heart every day.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, let gratitude and generosity be more important than all other feelings. Spending time celebrating with our family that we may not see every week may also cause a little stress, so let the lessons taught by the children prevail in our hearts, as we make Jesus present to all we come in contact with through the same kindness, mercy, and generosity that He shares with us every day.

God bless you and please pray for me.

Love, Fr. Bryan

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



The rectory will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Take time this weekend to give thanks to the Lord for your blessings.

Thanksgiving Day Mass (Nov. 22): 9:30 AM

Friday after Thanksgiving Mass (Nov. 23): 12:30 PM

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, November 11, 2018, Ella Thiha Rutkowski, the daughter of Rick and Mimi, received the sacrament of Baptism at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church. We congratulate Ella and her family, and may God watch over her always.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday 12:30 pm	November 19, 2018 Michael Gardullo From <i>Marilyn Gardullo and family</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	November 20, 2018 Intentions of Nick and Terry Colaneri From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	November 21, 2018 Good health and healing of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J & S Tchao</i>
Thursday 9:30 am	November 22, 2018 Ed and Marge Strasz From <i>daughter</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	November 23, 2018 Mary Russell From <i>Doris Emden</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	November 24, 2018 Claire Tuchalski From <i>Dorothy Bromirski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	November 25, 2018 Mary Yovino From <i>Nancy Bennett</i>
12:30 pm	Lucille Carroll From <i>Laura Czysz and Ken Heiser</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: 11/24/18	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 11/25/18	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Ernie
	7:00 pm	Fr. Stump

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, November 18, 2018

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

Sunday, November 25, 2018

Dn. 7:13-14; Rev. 1:5-8; Jn. 18:33b-37

OLC'S FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS SONG

Fa la la la! OLC is looking for enthusiastic singers for its 23rd Annual Festival of Christmas Song on December 16 at 4:00 pm. Beginners and non-parishioners are welcome! If interested, please sign up at: <https://ti-nyurl.com/festivalofchristmassong>.



LITURGY

Please remember, beginning in December 2018 with Advent, the practice of OLC will be to kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer, from the Holy Holy to the Great Amen and then from the Lamb of God until coming forward to receive Communion or a blessing, then to remain kneeling until the tabernacle doors are closed. If you missed this announcement please refer to the pastor's letter in the bulletin from November 11, 2018. If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to reach out to Fr. Bryan.

WEEKLY OFFERING

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

For the weekend of November 10/11, **478** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$4,389.76. WeShare donations were \$3,009 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$7,398.76**.

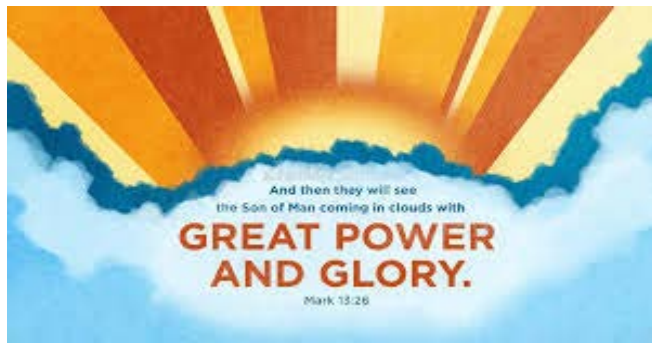


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Thank you for all of your support to our parish.

STEWARDSHIP

"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory." - MARK 13:26



We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?" How will you respond?

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 December 12. New members welcome (must be 55 and over). For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

OLC CHURCH ADVENT GIVING TREE



Our parish will participate in its annual Advent Giving Tree Program. A Christmas tree will be set up and decorated with "ornaments," each of which will list the name of an organization or individual,

and specific item(s) that you are asked to purchase for a person in need.

To participate in the Giving Tree Program, take one or more ornaments from the tree, purchase the item(s) listed, and attach the "ornament" to the UNWRAPPED package. Bring the gift(s) to church and place them under the Giving Tree **no later than Sunday, December 9**. All gifts will be delivered during the week of December 10.

For further information, you may call Pat Duemig (201-955-1495) or Maggie Englese (201-963-8761). Thank you in advance for your generosity!

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS



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.

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

This weekend, 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!

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".

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMS

If you are engaged to be married and desire the blessing of God on your union, you must first contact the parish. Ideally, this should be done at least one year in advance of your wedding. A couple may not register for marriage preparation programs until they have met with the priest/deacon preparing them for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Completion of both programs is mandatory.

Pre-Cana Conferences –

January 27 from 1:30-7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Visitation, 234 Fairview Avenue, Paramus NJ
February 2 from 10:00 am-6:30 pm at St. Theresa, 541 Washington Avenue, Kenilworth NJ
February 22 at 8:00 pm & *February 23* at 8:00 am at St. John the Apostle, Linden NJ
February 23 from 12:00 noon-6:30 pm at St. Joseph the Carpenter, 157 E. Fourth Avenue, Roselle NJ
 (To register, please visit www.rcan.org/precana. \$100 per couple)

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage –

January 5 from 9:00-4:00 pm at St. Theresa, 541 Washington Avenue, Kenilworth NJ
January 26 from 9:00-4:00 pm at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark NJ
February 9 from 9:00-4:00 pm at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark NJ
February 17 from 12:00 pm-6:30 pm at St. Michael, 40 Alden Sreet, Cranford NJ
 (To register, please visit www.joyfilledmarriagenj.org. \$125 per couple)

PROGRAM AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



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. Grandparents and other significant family members are welcome! 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 the Marianist Family Retreat website at: www.cape-maymarianists.org.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES OUTREACH TO LOW-INCOME SENIORS

NJSave

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

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NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services
 1-800-792-9745 www.aging.nj.gov

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