

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – November 25, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

As the Church year comes to a close, we celebrate the victory of Christ over all things, a message we need after such a difficult year in the Catholic world. The readings for the Feast of Christ the King evoke three images that are somewhat paradoxical and may give us some insight into how Jesus still reigns in our world.

In the modern world, we don't typically think of a head of state in such a caring role. Most world leaders are inaccessible to us, existing behind many layers of security and staff. Jesus, however, is a King who is more present to us than we are to ourselves. Johnny Cash has a great song that captures this sentiment, "I talk to Jesus every day".

It is important that we do not reduce the noun "care" to meaning only "that which comforts and consoles." It can be that, but not always! Sometimes the "caring" thing to do is to rebuke, warn, or even punish. God never ceases to care for us.

Jesus is a Conquering King. While at times it seems that evil triumphs, God is working. One by one, He is putting all His enemies under His feet. One day, even death itself will be destroyed. The paradox of the cross shouts to us that God conquers, not by brutality and cruel strength, but by love, forgiveness, and mercy—things the world dismisses as weak.

This conquering King does not force us to be His subjects and live in His kingdom. Jesus is a King who respects our freedom to decide whether to have Him as our King and to accept the virtues of His kingdom—or not. This King, though all-powerful, does not force His kingship and laws. He offers them to all and allows each of us to decide.

Christ is a Concealed King. The Gospel teaches us that Christ will come again to judge the living and the dead. In this second coming, we will discover that we have known Him all along, having met Him in the hungry, thirsty, sick, lonely, a foreigner, in prison, and a stranger. He is in the discouraged loved one who cannot find a job; He is in children, who need to be taught and encouraged; He is in a co-worker who just lost his wife; he is in the patient who was diagnosed with cancer; He is in the lost family member who needs to be drawn back to the Sacraments. He is even in you, in your struggles and needs.

Jesus our King is the strangest one you will ever meet: a caring and close King, a conquering King who never forces, a King who is hungry and thirsty, and reigns from the cross. A King who dies so that we don't have to, a King who washes our feet and comes to serve rather than to be served. He is a King who rules with love, not force. He is a King you meet every day: in the Eucharist, in the poor, in His Word, in the events of your day, and in your very own heart.

God bless you and please pray for me,

Fr. Bryan

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS



OLC'S FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS SONG

OLC is looking for enthusiastic singers for its 23rd Annual Festival of Christmas. Beginners and non-parishioners are welcome! If interested, please sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/festivalofchristmassong>.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday 12:30 pm	November 26, 2018 Flaviano and Salud Maglasang From <i>daughter Mila</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	November 27, 2018 Intention of Barbara Burke From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	November 28, 2018 Good health and healing of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J & S Tchao</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	November 29, 2018 Mary Russell From <i>Doris Emden</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	November 30, 2018 Larry Kaplan From <i>Joe McGill</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	December 1, 2018 Walter Rzaski Jr. From <i>Barbara Rzaski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	December 2, 2018 Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
12:30 pm	Edwin Chociej & Michael and Sofia Chociej From <i>daughter</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

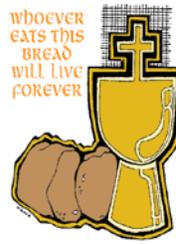
Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, November 25, 2018
Dn. 7:13-14; Rev. 1:5-8;
Jn. 18:33b-37

Sunday, December 2, 2018
Jer. 33:14-16; 1 Thes. 3:12-4:2;
Lk. 21:25-28, 34-36

Thanks and giving go together.

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@olcj.org.

NOVEMBER MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 12/1/18	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 12/2/18	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Bryan

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.**



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



Attendance and collection information for the weekend of November 24/25 was unavailable due to the early bulletin publication date.

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

STEWARDSHIP

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" - JOHN 18:36



How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

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.

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 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!

OLC SCHOOL VISIT

On Friday, October 26 Our Lady of Czestochowa Church had some very special visitors--the OLC School's 2nd graders. With Father Bryan as their enthusiastic tour guide, the eager youngsters received an exclusive tour of the sanctuary.



THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Elder sisters, brothers, and religious order priests dedicated their lives to service and prayer. Many worked for years for small stipends. As a result, their religious communities now lack adequate retirement savings. You can help by giving during the annual collection at your local Catholic parish. Our parish will take up the annual collection on December 1/2. For more information, please go to: <http://www.retiredreligious.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".

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.joyfilledmarriage.nj.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



NJ Save



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
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 1-800-792-9745 www.aging.nj.gov



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