

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-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 4, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

When people we love have expectations of us that are not communicated, living up to them can be a real challenge. The good news is that this weekend, Jesus clearly lays out what He expects of us, the problem is figuring out how to do it.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.

The second is this:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Looking at this as one instruction is overwhelming, however, if we break it down, it is much more manageable. Love your God with all your heart. We love the Lord with our hearts when we have an active prayer life, when we quiet down the noise of the world and the chaos of our day and listen again for the still voice that speaks to us in the silence of our hearts. When we allow God to soften our hearts from all of the events we experience that can harden them over time.

Love the Lord with all your soul. We love the Lord with our soul when we make time to give glory to God and engage in a commitment to the Sacraments, namely regular confession and weekly Mass. Helping to prepare children, your own and any that have been entrusted to you as a godchild, for their active participation in the Church, something that is becoming increasingly important every day.

The main difference between these two is that loving the Lord with our heart has to do with our personal relationship with God and Loving the Lord with our soul has to do with our communal relationship with Him.

Love the Lord with all your mind, and with all your strength. Here we engage our natural, as opposed to supernatural, senses. Making time to engage elements of the Church that we struggle with or simply do not understand is loving God with our mind. It can be so easy to read things we agree with, or that makes sense to us, but seeking to understand teachings from the perspective of the Church can often help heal our hearts and relationships.

Understanding that the spiritual life takes great effort (strength), to pray, to worship, to understand/teach and preserve every day and every week is vital to living a faithful life. If we take this systematic approach to living our relationship with God, then loving our neighbor as ourselves will be infinitely more reasonable.

God bless you and please pray for me,

Fr. Bryan

OLC CHOIR VISIT TO ST. JOSEPH'S HOME



On Saturday, October 13, members of the OLC adult and Junior Choirs visited the St. Joseph's Home for the blind and elderly. The residents sang along with the choir to hymns. The choir enjoyed it as much as the residents did!

(Photos by Shirali Acosta and Ben Rauch)



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	November 3, 2018 Gerise Smith Carter From <i>Jeanne Bohlen Oppel</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	November 4, 2018 Henry Skee Dombrowski From <i>Jessica and Sean Hablitz</i>
12:30 pm	Rene Chavez Tronqued From <i>Jimalu Mapa</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	November 5, 2018 All Souls Novena
Tuesday 12:30 pm	November 6, 2018 All Souls Novena
Wednesday 12:30 pm	November 7, 2018 Good health and healing of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J & S Tchao</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	November 8, 2018 All Souls Novena
Friday 12:30 pm	November 9, 2018 All Souls Novena
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

***The Bread and Wine
is Offered in Memory of
Andrea Placenti
From Kyle and Kerry Benn***

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

NOVEMBER MASS SCHEDULE

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

*When you harbor bitterness,
happiness will dock elsewhere.*

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.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, November 4, 2018

Dt. 6:2-6; Heb. 7:23-28; Mk. 12:28-34

Sunday, November 11, 2018

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

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 11:00 am.** Please call the rectory for more information.



WEEKLY OFFERING



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

For the weekend of October 27/28, **342** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,367.65, WeShare donations were \$636 contributing to a week-end collection of **\$4,003.65**. Thank you for your continued support.

STEWARDSHIP



"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." - MARK 12:33

Of all the gifts that God gives us the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of love, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts, not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

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.

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

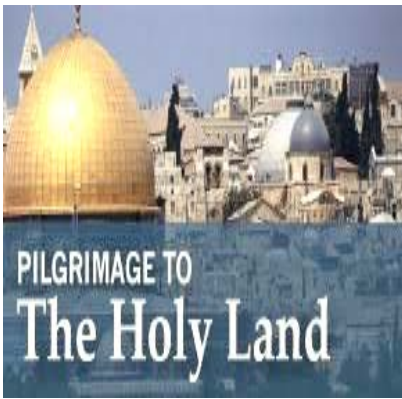
Our next *Social After 7* will be on Sunday, **November 18th** at 8 PM. Delicious pizza donated by John's Pizzeria on Sussex...great conversations with your fellow parishioners...BYOB!

Mass on Sunday evening can be a beautiful way you can kick your new week off with a smile! Hope to see you there!!



HELP WANTED!

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.catholic-charities.org>.



2018 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



SUPPORT THE BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

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



Beatitudes Weekday Retreat (November 6-8, 2018). In Matthew 5, Jesus' blessings are promised in each of the beatitudes. But what do they really mean? This retreat will help us explore how God's blessings are real, and how they provide great rewards even in situations when those blessings may not be apparent. We will pray, reflect and share on our understanding of how Jesus' "guidelines" for growth in our spiritual life are a reality. Facilitated by Sr. Grace Walle, FMI and Carol Weiss. Cost is \$130 per person.

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 their families for 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".