



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

Third Sunday of Advent – December 16, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. This weekend is Gaudete Sunday, when during our preparation for Christmas, we look to all the light that is in our world. This week, I would like to take a moment to thank all of you for being light to others. Through our Giving Tree, Be an Elf and Festival of Christmas Song, we have been able to be light to all the organizations you see below:

HOPE HOUSE - a residence for mothers and children in Jersey City
KENMARE HIGH SCHOOL
OUR LADY OF SORROWS FOOD PANTRY in Jersey City
OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SENIORS
ST. ANN'S HOME FOR THE AGED in Jersey City
ST. LUCY'S SHELTER in Jersey City
SEVERAL SOURCES FOUNDATION
OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SENIORS
Rehab, Nursing & Boarding Homes for U.S. VETERANS
VILLAGE OF FAMILIES
IN JESUS NAME
CHRIST THE KING PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY in Jersey City

Your generosity has or will make a difference in the life of someone, or some community, that needed to know they are not alone. As we patiently await the celebration of the birth of our Savior, it is important not to overlook those who are in need. May our small acts of charity as a community this Christmas, awaken in each one of us, a keen awareness of how close Jesus is to us, and how He sends us to care for others. God bless you.

Love,
Father Bryan

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE AT OLC

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

7:30 PM Parish Penance Service

Monday, December 24, 2018 (Christmas Eve)

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

11:30 PM Christmas Caroling

12:00 AM Midnight Mass

Tuesday, December 25, 2018 (Christmas Day)

10:00 AM Mass

12:30 PM Mass

No Evening Mass

Monday, December 31, 2018 (New Year's Eve)

12:30 PM Mass

5:00 PM Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary

Monday, January 1, 2019

(New Year's Day, Solemnity of Mary)

12:30 PM Mass

7:00 PM Mass

OPLATEK ~ CHRISTMAS WAFERS

The tradition of Oplatek or Christmas Wafers originated in Poland during Early Christian times. The entire family gathers with the Oplatek and shares it with one another. The tradition is one that is easy, fun, and deeply meaningful to introduce to the family anytime during the Christmas season. If you would like to obtain some Oplatek, it is available at the Rectory.

ADVENT

Before Christmas arrives,
we celebrate ADVENT

The third Sunday of Advent begins
December 15TH



DECORATING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Six volunteers are needed to help decorate the church on Saturday, December 22 from 1:00-4:00 pm. Assistance is needed to hang wreaths, set up the tree, string lights, etc. Even if you can only spare one hour, it will be appreciated! If interested, please call the rectory at 201-434-0798.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 12:30 pm	December 15, 2018 Bruno and Frances Ruskowski From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	December 16, 2018 Stanislaw Jarosz From <i>Jozefa Butrym</i>
12:30 pm	Eugenio Elbarody From <i>Virginia Elbarody</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	December 17, 2018 Sonny Dizon From <i>Edel Eloriaga</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	December 18, 2018 Intentions of Jerry and Debbie Burke & family From <i>Michael Burke</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	December 19, 2018 Good health and healing of Zhi Jie Tchao From <i>J & S Tchao</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	December 20, 2018 David Penaga From <i>Vangie Penaga Campomanes</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	December 21, 2018 Jane McAteer From <i>David and Peggy Conroy</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	December 22, 2018 Thomas Gonzalez (1 st Ann.) From <i>wife and son</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	December 23, 2018 Jadwiga Dobosz From <i>Jozefa Butrym</i>
12:30 pm	Henry and Mary A. Dwulet From <i>family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

***The Tabernacle Candle & Bread and Wine
are offered in Memory of
Thomas Eckert
From Kathy Eckert
Attend daily Mass and
make a difference in your life!***

DECEMBER MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 12/22/18	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 12/23/18	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Stump

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, December 16, 2018

Zep. 3:14-18; Phil. 4:4-7; Lk. 3:10-18

Sunday, December 23, 2018

Mi. 5:1-4; Heb. 10:5-10; Lk. 1:39-45

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 on February 3, 2019 at 11:15 am. Please call the rectory for more information.**



WEEKLY OFFERING



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For the weekend of December 8/9, **524** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,746.02. WeShare donations were \$3,019 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$6,765.02**.

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

STEWARDSHIP

TELL GOD WHAT YOU NEED



*"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."
- PHILIPPIANS 4:6*

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

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. Meetings resume in January 2019. New members welcome (must be 55 and over). For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

2019 OLC WALL CALENDARS

Don't forget to pick up your free 2019 OLC Calendar after you leave Mass! They are on the tables in the back of the church. Many thanks to the McLaughlin Funeral Home for donating them.



OLC CHURCH ADVENT GIVING TREE



Thank you for your participation in our annual Advent Giving Tree program. The gifts were delivered this past week to many appreciative recipients. Special thanks to Pat Duemig and Maggie Englese

for organizing this worthy endeavor.

LITURGY

Please remember, 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.

OLC SCHOOL 8TH GRADE RING CEREMONY

On Friday, December 7, OLC School's eighth graders and their parents had a breakfast of bacon and eggs served in the church hall. Afterwards, they headed upstairs for the first ever ring ceremony to be held at the OLC Church under the watchful gaze of the Black Madonna. Tears were shed, two rings ended up on the wrong fingers but all ended well as you can see on the students' beaming faces.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

Our special collection for Christmas flowers and holiday decorations is this weekend, December 16. Your generosity helps us pay for our many poinsettias, and other miscellaneous supplies. You can also make a special donation in memory of a loved-one.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS



JUICE AND DONUTS

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EVERY SUNDAY AFTER THE 10:00 AM MASS. SNACKS ARE SERVED EITHER OUTSIDE OR IN THE CHURCH HALL (WEATHER DEPENDENT)

We're looking for YOUR help!
If you wish to DONATE snacks & beverages, please go to the following website to sign up
<https://tinyurl.com/olcdonutschedule>

JOIN THE OLC CHURCH PRAYER GROUP!

The 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.



FOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED

We are asking all parishioners to be especially generous this time of the year by making donations of non-perishable food items. Leave your donations on the table in the rear of the church. Suggested donations include: canned coffee, tea, jelly, peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned and dried soups, cereals, pastas and noodles, brown gravies, Italian gravies, toiletries (soaps, shampoos, body washes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.), canned meats and tuna fish, and condiments (mayo, mustard, ketchup, salt, pepper, sugar, etc.). Thanks again for your generosity to the neediest of our community.



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.joyfilledmarriagej.org. \$125 per couple)

*When you don't have anything to pray about,
thank God that you don't*