



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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – December 30, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR



Photos by Matty Hiott, Priya Rasquinha & Izabella Williams



Dear Parish Family,

On Sunday, December 16, OLC held its 23rd annual "Festival of Christmas Song." The Adult, Junior, Children's Choirs, and our special guests, Christ the King Choir, performed brilliantly! Everyone was in a holiday mood!

Afterwards, we all headed down to the church hall for a wonderful party and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. After taking pictures with many eager children (and some not so eager), the Clauses departed with the "Be an Elf" gifts being distributed to the kids in the In Jesus' Name Program in Hoboken. In addition, proceeds from the photo session and raffle were donated to the Music Ministry at Christ the King.

The best part of the event was seeing how it all worked out wonderfully and seeing our parishioners having a great time thanks to the hard work and dedication of our terrific volunteers who made the concert, party and charitable endeavors happen. My thanks go out to everyone of them and to all of you for taking part. I look forward to seeing many more community events in the future. Wishing everyone a blessed and healthy, happy new year!

God Bless you and please pray for me.

Love, Fr. Bryan

BAPTISMS AT OLC CHURCH

On Saturday, December 22, 2018, the following children received the sacrament of Baptism at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church:

Anaira Grace Dsouza, the daughter of Kevin and Binaisha

Lily Leona Leung, the daughter of Denis and Qi

Nora Marie O'Connor, the daughter of John and Mollie

We congratulate Anaira, Lily, Nora and their families, and may God watch over them always.

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.**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The OLC Church rectory will be closed on Monday, December 31st and Tuesday, January 1st in observance of the New Year holiday. The office will re-open on Wednesday, January 2nd. We wish you a joyous and blessed new year.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE AT OLC

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

12:30 PM Mass

5:00 PM Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

(New Year's Day, Solemnity of Mary)

12:30 PM Mass

7:00 PM Mass

SOLEMNITY OF MARY



Tuesday, January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. In 2019, it is a holy day of obligation. Vigil Mass on December 31st will be at 5:00 pm and Masses on January 1st will be at 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm. The feast is a celebration

of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word". Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace", the Solemnity of Mary, honors her as the "Queen of Peace". New Year's Day is also designated as the "World Day of Peace", further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	December 29, 2018 John Plewan From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	December 30, 2018 Elzbieta Makowska From <i>Teresa Paguzielska</i>
12:30 pm	Sophie Niziol From <i>grandsons Michael and Mark</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	December 31, 2018 V.J. George From <i>Greg Thanjan</i>
5:00 pm	Richard Sowers From <i>Kathleen and Doug Kovalsky</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	January 1, 2019 Norman Medrano From <i>Kate Garcia</i>
7:00 pm	Doug Feder From <i>Stefanelli Family</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	January 2, 2019 Romeo Alvarez From <i>Stephanie and Paul Anciano</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	January 3, 2019 Robert Peters From <i>Peters Family</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	January 4, 2019 Catherine Guerra (3 rd Ann.) From <i>family</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	January 5, 2019 William and Barbara Bromirski From <i>Yolanda and Henry Lupinska</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	January 6, 2019 Joseph Mancuso From <i>Maggie and Lenny Englese</i>
12:30 pm	Anna Kozlowski From <i>Michael and Mark Niziol</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

DECEMBER MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 1/5/19	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 1/6/19	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Dominic
	7:00 pm	Fr. Bryan

*The road to success is lined with
many tempting parking spaces.*

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.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, December 30, 2018

1 Sm. 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn. 3:1-2, 21-24;
Lk. 2:41-52

Sunday, January 6, 2019

Is. 60:1-6; Eph. 3:2-3a, 5-6;
Mt. 2:1-12

WEEKLY OFFERING



For the weekend of December 15/16, **418** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$4,059.02. WeShare donations were \$753 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,812.02**.

Collection information for the weekend of December 22/23 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.

2019 OLC WALL CALENDARS

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



STEWARDSHIP



"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." - 1 JOHN 3:1

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

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.

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>

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

Please remember the appeal made by Nancy Warlikowski a couple of weeks ago regarding the tradition at OLC Church of giving a special gift for Christmas.

With the donations of past Christmas appeals, we were able to renovate the organ, rebuild the towers, add a much needed ramp and many other repairs. Last year, our appeal was for the renovation of the hall and kitchen in the church basement. We are again appealing to your generosity so we may add to last year's funds and make the renovation a reality.

We are suggesting a family gift of \$400, either as a one-time donation or donated over several months. However, no gift is too small or too big. Please consider making a sacrificial gift, whether big or small. Envelopes were included in your member packet and they are also available in the pews. Thank you and God bless you during this Christmas Season.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER INTENTIONS

Penaga Family, Campomanes Family; William Bromirski, Rose & Michael Peccatelle; Olan Gallagher, Attracta Gallagher, John & Mary Kornutik, Carrie & Vincent Gallagher, Evelyn & Leo Caffery, Mary Cafferty, Evelyn Waters; Dolores Puertas Pineda, Concepcion Pineda Gamboa, Salvador Gamboa, Ernesto Pineda Gamboa, Azuceno Pineda Gamboa; Deceased members of the Guerrero-Gernsheimer Family; Michael, Letizia & John Gardullo, Catherine, James Sr., & James Uffer Jr., Mary & Bernard, Nie William & Catherine Uffer-Filge, Columba & Michael Gardullo; Charles and Mary Czysz & Families & Friends; Strasz Family, Ross Family; Nora & Felix Feehan, Catherine Miller, Andy Ciba, Mary Russell; Geneva Whitaker; Nieves Arboleda, Eugenio Arboleda; Joseph Przyblinski, Chester & Sophie Brozowski, Chester & Noreen Brozowski; Joseph Przyblinski, Brozowski Family, Gazdowicz Family; John & Veronica Tuzinkiewicz; Nowatkowski Family, Matulewicz Family, Stapinski Family; Dennis J. Piatkowski; William & Edward J. Bromirski, Helen & John Hyjek, Ostrowski Family; Rzaski Family; Rubino Family; Englese & Koch Families; Weronika Sowul, Eugeniusz Sowul; Eleanor & Tom Kelly, Elizabeth & Herbert Halstead, Sam Singer, Roger Halstead; Sophia & Stan Rzeckowski, Adam & Julia Sikolowski, Alan Sokolowski, Mike Provenzano, Joe Spino, Larry Servonico, Frank & Jean Oley; Karczewki & Grego Family; Severina & Zygmund Wondowlowski, Gladys & Elmer Duemig; Julewicz & Dzialewicz Families

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.



Each year, many parishes and school groups from our Archdiocese travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in the March. If your parish or school would like to attend the March but are not able to charter a bus, please contact Patty Decker at 973-497-4348 or via email at patricia.decker@rcan.org to be connected to parishes/schools that have room on their bus. For more information, please go to the March for Life website at www.marchforlife.org.

2019 MARCH FOR LIFE

On January 18, 2019, thousands of people—young and old—will once again come together in a peaceful manner to affirm the sanctity of life and protest the 1973 Roe-v-Wade Supreme Court decision that allowed abortion to be legal in all 50 states.



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PROGRAM AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



Young Adult Retreat (February 8-10, 2019). This weekend is for young adults (age 22 -35, married or single) who wish to examine their personal faith in relation to God, self, family members and others. There will be a time for Eucharist, prayer experiences, faith sharing and social interaction. This retreat tends to fill quickly so please send your application in as early as possible. Cost is \$135 per person.

Accommodations, meals and all activities are included with price. Financial aid is available for this program (see website for application). For more information on this retreat, please call Anthony Fucci at 609-884-3829 or visit the Marianist Family Retreat website at: www.capemaymarianists.org.

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.org. \$125 per couple)

2018 NEW JERSEY TAX AMNESTY

Under a new law signed in July, the Division of Taxation has been authorized to implement a tax amnesty program, providing taxpayers with the opportunity to file past tax returns and/or pay back taxes along with only half of the interest due as of November 1, 2018. **The 2018 New Jersey Tax Amnesty began November 15, 2018 and ends January 15, 2019.** Amnesty will only apply to outstanding tax filings or payments that are reportable on a tax return due on or after February 1, 2009 and prior to September 1, 2017. For additional information on the Tax Amnesty program, including downloadable documents in both English and Spanish, please visit: TaxAmnesty.nj.gov.

