



OLC

1911 – 2019

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 10, 2019

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

"World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life."

Here's one testimony to marriage.....

I married later in life – 35 to be exact. This would probably not be worth mentioning were it not for the fact that my siblings and I were the American-born children of immigrant parents with what could politely be called "old-fashioned" ideas about men and women's roles. College and career, eventually a wife and kids were the expected goals for males. Marriage, however, was the primary goal for every respectable female—and the earlier she wed, the better. Over the years, many of my young relatives and childhood friends followed this path (with varying degrees of success). Each wedding announcement would prompt a relative, usually my mother, to inquire, "When are *you* getting married? The older you are the harder it is to find someone...stay married...have children...etc., etc., etc...." Most of the time, these types of comments did not bother me. Although life was hectic with a fulltime job and college classes in the evening, I was very happy despite not having a "special someone". There were friends and family to share life and fun activities with. Marriage is a sacred, lifetime commitment and I would not be pressured into it for the wrong reasons.

Fast-forward more than a dozen years later and I'm now (*finally* my mother would say) engaged to a wonderful man. Although sure of the relationship, doubts began to plague me nevertheless. Are we too old? Are we both too used to being single and set in our ways to make a marriage work? What if we do or say the wrong thing at the wrong time? Are we destined to fail? Are love, dedication and wanting to share a life together enough? Feelings of fear and inadequacy plagued me until my fiancé and I spoke to a marriage counselor.

We spoke at length of many things. The most important was to have faith in God. He reveals His closeness to us in our distress and to never fear that your imperfections are unforgivable. God summons us to respond to His grace. Every couple experiences moments of distress, frustration, and difficulty. It requires a great deal of faith and fortitude to persevere over the challenges that try your patience. Be kind, tolerant, loving and forgiving to one another. It was good advice then and now. Try we did...and still do, almost nineteen years later. I do not regret marrying when I did nor to whom. ~ Barbara Peters, Parish Secretary

REGISTER FOR SACRAMENT CLASSES



Sacramental Preparation
Registration for First Communion and Confirmation will begin soon. If you have a child that will be in first or second grade or seventh or eighth grade in the Fall of 2019, please stay tuned for more information. Likewise, if you know someone who has fallen away from the Catholic Church and will have a child in those grades next year, please encourage them to come back. It may be your invitation that brings them home.

SOCIAL AFTER 7

If you haven't been--you really should join us on **Sunday, February 24th** for the next *Social After 7* after the 7:00 PM mass. Delicious pizza donated by John's Pizzeria on Sussex...great conversation....BYOB!

Mass on Sunday evening can be a beautiful way to end the weekend or just come at 8 PM to our social so you can kick your new week off with a smile! Hope to see you there!!



JOIN THE OLC CHURCH JUNIOR CHOIR!

DO YOU LIKE
SINGING?

**SIGN UP
NOW**

JOIN OLC CHURCH
JR. CHOIR

For kids ages 7-13 who have or will be receiving
their First Holy Communion in 2019

To sign up contact
Ben Rauch

Director of Music
In person or via email at
directorofmusic@olcjc.org



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	February 9, 2019 William (Bill) Bromirski From <i>Judy Fedorczak</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	February 10, 2019 Cesar Paguiligan From <i>Leny Isidro</i>
12:30 pm	Walter F. Sudol From <i>family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	February 11, 2019 Blanche Szczepanski From <i>Anna Lisznianski</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	February 12, 2019 Blanche Szczepanski From <i>Mr. and Mrs. William Bricki</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	February 13, 2019 Michael Gardullo From <i>Marilyn Gardullo</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	February 14, 2019 John and Helen Hyjek From <i>family</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	February 15, 2019 Patricia Whalen From <i>OLC Seniors</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	February 16, 2019 Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Wanda and Alfred Maragni</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	February 17, 2019 Sam Conti From <i>Maureen Dillon</i>
12:30 pm	Tanios Kerbaj From <i>Kerbaj Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

FEBRUARY MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 2/16/19	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 2/17/19	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Dominic
	7:00 pm	Fr. Rocco

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, February 10, 2019

Is. 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Lk. 5:1-11

Sunday, February 17, 2019

Jer. 17:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:12, 16-20; Lk. 6:17, 20-26

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.

2019 MASS BOOK

The 2019 Mass Book is open for mass intentions. In addition, the Tabernacle Candle, as well as the Bread and Wine, may be offered in memory of loved ones. Please call 201-434-0798 or stop by the rectory Monday-Friday from 9:30 am-5:00 pm to make arrangements.



WEEKLY OFFERING



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For the weekend of February 2/3, **510** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,823.14. WeShare donations were \$871 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,694.14**.

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

*Anger is one
letter short of danger.*

STEWARDSHIP



"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!' - Isaiah 6:8

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

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. Next meeting is February 13 at 1:00 PM. New members welcome (must be 55 and over). For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

JUICE AND DONUTS

HELP WANTED

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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: civeluz@aol.com.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Congratulations on your new blessing! If you are looking to have your baby baptized at OLC, you are having your baby baptized elsewhere and need preparation or have been asked to attend a class to be a godparent, please contact the rectory and sign up for our class. Please note, the class occurs five times per year, the next one will be April 7 after the 10:00 AM Mass.



2019 COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

OLC will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe the weekend of February 23/24. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and train seminarians in a region that still struggles from the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help to restore the Church and build the future in the region. Visit www.usccb.org (search "Church in Central and Eastern Europe") to learn more.



DOWNTOWN HARVEST COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA)

Our CSA, Downtown Harvest, is now preparing for their 15th season. Enjoy fresh, organic produce while helping support sustainable agriculture. During the 24-week season, the farmer delivers weekly shares to the OLC Church garage at 180 Sussex Street. Members share in the risks and rewards of the farmer. For membership information, please go to their website: <http://www.downtownharvest.org/> or email: downtownharvestcsajc@gmail.com.



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. For more information, please go to the Archdiocese of Newark website: www.rcan.org

Pre-Cana Conferences –

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 –

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)

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? If you agree then you'll want to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 or email mikeandjanetwme@gmail.com.

ANNUAL MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION BY ARCHDIOCESE



The Archdiocese will honor couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2019. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

April 28, 2019 3:00 pm 50 years (All counties)
June 2, 2019 3:00 pm 5 & 25 years (All counties)

If you wish to participate in these liturgies, please contact the rectory at 201-434-0798 to register.

HOUSING COUNSELING SERVICES

If you have lived, worked or attended school in Hudson, Essex or Union Counties for the past four years, you may be eligible for free Housing Counseling Services. Assistance is available for foreclosure/homelessness prevention, fair housing education, pre- and post-purchase counseling and more. Translators versed in several languages are available to assist. Sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark and the DCA of ReNew Jersey. For more information, please call the following:

Hudson County 1-973-424-7616
Essex County 1-862-229-4464
Union County 1-862-229-4468

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Polish Cultural Foundation, a non-profit organization located in Clark, New Jersey, is offering a number of \$2,000 scholarships for the fall semester of 2019. Applicants must be of Polish descent, New Jersey residents, U.S. citizens or permanent residents. They must have completed their freshman year at an accredited college or university and have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. The application is available on the website for the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark (<http://www.polishculturalfoundation.org/en>).

REBOOT LIVE COMING TO HOBOKEN

God didn't create us to just get by: He created us to live life to the full. This is your chance to rediscover God and rediscover the life you were made for.

REBOOT! is for ages 12 to grandparents. So bring the whole family and invite your friends as well!

Tickets are selling fast! To purchase tickets, contact Brenda Rivera at 201-320-7302, visit www.stannahoboken.com or go to www.RealLifeCatholic.com.

REBOOT
a life-changing event
FEATURING INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED
SPEAKER, AUTHOR, AND TV HOST
CHRIS STEFANICK
WEDNESDAY
March 27, 2019
7:00PM - 9:30PM
Saint Ann Catholic Church
704 Jefferson Street
Hoboken, NJ 07030
Tickets: \$25
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