

**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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Monday-Friday  
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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](http://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 Baptism of the Lord – January 13, 2019**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we jump from events that occurred during the childhood years of Jesus, like His Birth and His Epiphany where the Magi recognized Him as the king of all peoples, to His Baptism, which took place during His adult years. The affirmation here is for St. John and for us to point his disciples to their new master -- the Anointed Christ -- Jesus, true Son of the Living God.

The Gospel reading explains that St. John the Baptist was in the wilderness, proclaiming a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins and telling people what they must do to atone for their sins. Because of his message and actions, people were filled with expectation, asking in their hearts whether St. John might be the Christ. St. John clarified any question they might have had about his identity by comparing his Baptism with the Baptism that Christ would inaugurate.

Christ teaches us that we are to live as He did, giving one's life selflessly to others, for the sake of others. So Christ Jesus, who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and the spiritually cleansing fire of Divine Love, gives those gifts to one baptized, restoring the balance between Agape (God's unconditional love for us) and Eros (human love). This restoring between Agape and Eros is excellently described by Pope St. John Paul II in his work The Theology of the Body. He wrote, "While our first parents were created in original innocence, solitude, unity, and nakedness, pure and holy, they discarded God's gift of self. This is why we now need Baptism and the Sacraments to continuously heal our broken but dignified humanity."

Let's draw out some implications for ourselves, who have been redeemed through the Holy Baptism of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit brought about through the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. When the effects of original sin were overturned by the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the grace of God's divine love in the waters of Baptism, we have become justified, made righteous in God's eyes. We became adopted sons and daughters of the Father. We became brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, and therefore the heirs of hope in eternal life.

As we affirm that Jesus is God, He can confer divine gifts through the Holy Sacraments He instituted for us. In the Sacrament of Baptism, He breathes His very life into us, the gift of the Holy Spirit and the fire of His Divine Love. So when each of us was baptized, it is as if God reached down from heaven and cradled us each in His arms and once again spoke those words, "You are my beloved son." "You are my beloved daughter." "With you I am well pleased."

Therefore, we have great dignity. He restored the balance between Agape and Eros, overturned by Original Sin, which accounts for our brokenness, and offers us the grace to live upright and holy lives. Now we are invited to participate with that Divine Grace throughout our whole lives, so that we may claim our place, as heirs in the hope of eternal life.

Love,

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

### BLESSINGS OF HOMES FOR 2019



If you would like to have your home/apartment blessed for the New Year, please contact Fr. Bryan directly to make arrangements – [frb@olcjc.org](mailto:frb@olcjc.org). Ideally, all members of your family presently living at home should be present at the time of the blessing, but we know this may not be possible due to each family's work and school schedules.

### 2018 PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY STATEMENTS



Be on the lookout for parishioner contribution summary statements for 2018. They will be mailed out later this month in time for tax season.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER INTENTIONS

Additional Christmas flower donations were made in memory of: deceased members of the Bartosiewicz and Warlikowski families

### ADVENT GIVING TREE 2018

The Advent Giving Tree project was a success! Thank you for your generosity. May you be rewarded with the gifts of peace, joy and the happiness that comes from helping others. 160 tags were placed on the Giving Tree; 151 gifts were returned and distributed to the following organizations:



Organization	Tree Tags	Gifts Received
Hope House	48	44
Kenmare H.S.	13	10
OLS Food Pantry	13	12
St. Ann's Home	13	12
St. Lucy's Shelter	13	10
Seniors	14	12
Several Sources	13	13
Veterans	13	12
Village of Families	20	18

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>January 12, 2019</b> Anna Piatkowski From <i>Florence Kyc</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>January 13, 2019</b> Michael Gardullo From <i>Marilyn Gardullo</i>
12:30 pm	Stefan Komorowski From <i>Jozefa Butrym</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 14, 2019</b> Rosalie Kemper From <i>Joseph McGill</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 15, 2019</b> Thomas C. Shannon Jr. From <i>Joseph McGill</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 16, 2019</b> Maryann Spinelli From <i>Joseph McGill</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 17, 2019</b> Joan M. Kurylka From <i>Donna Wright</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 18, 2019</b> Regino del Villar From <i>L. Nery</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>January 19, 2019</b> Ramiro Austeria From <i>Estela</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>January 20, 2019</b> Anna Piatkowski From <i>Sonny Morena</i>
12:30 pm	Jerome Williams From <i>Laura Czysz and Ken Heiser</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: 1/19/19	5:00 pm	Msgr. Paul
SUN: 1/20/19	10:00 am	Msgr. Paul
	12:30 pm	Msgr. Paul
	7:00 pm	Fr. Stump

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday*

**Sunday, January 13, 2019**

Is. 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti. 2:11-14, 3:4-7;  
Lk. 3:15-16, 21-22

**Sunday, January 20, 2019**

Is. 62:1-5; 1 Cor. 12:4-11;  
Jn. 2:1-11

## 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](mailto:secretary@olcjc.org).

## WEEKLY OFFERING



For the weekend of December 22/23, **347** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,234.79. WeShare donations were \$861 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,095.79**.

For the weekend of December 29/30, **413** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$2,904.32. WeShare donations were \$1,456 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,360.32**.

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

## STEWARDSHIP



*"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' "* - Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to "die" to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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 February 2019. 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 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](mailto:cjveluz@aol.com).

## JUICE AND DONUTS

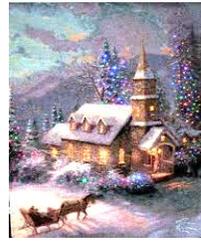
**HELP WANTED**

### JUICE & DONUTS

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>

## CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL



If you have not done so yet, please remember the appeal made by Nancy Warlikowski last month 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 church. Thank you and God bless you.

## 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.



## 2019 MASS BOOK

The 2019 Mass Book is open for mass intentions. Please call 201-434-0798 or stop by the rectory Monday-Friday from 9:30 am-5:00 pm to arrange a mass intention.



## COMMUNICATING GOD'S WORD APPEAL

Our next special collection is the Catholic Communication Campaign the weekend of January 26/27. This annual fund makes possible local Catholic communication and evangelization projects. The CCC helps connect the world with God's word. Half of the funds collected remain in each diocese to support local communication projects. The other half supports the development and production of a wide range of media nationally and worldwide, including the Catholic University and the Church in Latin America. **Please make checks out to "Our Lady of Czestochowa Church."**



## 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. 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](mailto: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](http://www.marchforlife.org).

## 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](http://www.capemaymarianists.org).

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS



**When all the hustle-bustle of the holidays are over.....** 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](mailto:mikeandjanetwme@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](http://www.rcan.org)

### 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](http://www.rcan.org/precana). \$100 per couple)

### God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage –

*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](http://www.joyfilledmarriage.org). \$125 per couple)

## ANNUAL MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION BY ARCHDIOCESE

The Archdiocese will celebrate the annual tradition of honoring 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.