

**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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### Office Hours

Monday-Friday

9:30 am-5:00 pm

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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

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 20, 2019**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

We do not have any miracles at the wedding of Cana, what we do have is a simple sign. A miracle is akin to a trick, a magician pulling a rabbit out of his hat or sawing a woman in half. Remember In Exodus we see magicians making their staffs dance just like Moses did. This must have seemed miraculous.

A sign points to something beyond itself. When we see red exit letters above the doorway we know that's how to get out of a room. When we see dark heavy clouds rolling in, we know to take cover. When we see filthy wash water becoming fine wine, we know the person who did this has power greater than anything else we can ever experience. It may also follow that our lives, marked by filth and sin, can be an occasion to demonstrate Gods power.

It is for this reason that here, the disciples start to realize there's more to Jesus than meets the eye. Before the wedding at Cana, it was merely the power of His personality that attracted people to Jesus. Now they are seeing both who He is, and what He can do. Namely, He has power over the elements of the earth and possibly the path to heaven.

When we realize that Jesus has power over all the elements in our lives, then we two will start to believe in Him more fully. Each and every day, as we come to understand who He is, only then we will see the blessings and struggles we experienced in this life, are a pale shadow of the glory yet to come.

Love,

Fr. Bryan



### HAPPY MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY!



The Our Lady of Czestochowa Church rectory will be closed on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### 2018 PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY STATEMENTS



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

### SOCIAL AFTER 7

If you haven't been--you really should join us for the next *Social After 7* on **January 27<sup>th</sup>** at 8 PM. 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!!



### FAMILY MASS AND BREAKFAST



## FAMILY MASS AT OLC

JANUARY 27, 2019 @ 10 A.M.

- Kid friendly liturgy
- Food
- Kids activity
- Meet fellow parishioners

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT 11 A.M., STAY AFTER MASS OR COME EARLY TO 12:30 P.M. MASS  
SIGN UP AT [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/OLCFAMILYMASS](https://tinyurl.com/olcfamilymass)

*Instead of counting your days,  
make your days count.*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<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
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 21, 2019</b> John Wasielewski From <i>Mr. and Mrs. America Francioso</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 22, 2019</b> Ronald R. Baliatico From <i>Antonina Tamburello</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 23, 2019</b> Raymond Semienick From <i>Patty and Frank Orrico &amp; Family</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 24, 2019</b> Joan M. Kurylka From <i>Donna Colella</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 25, 2019</b> Raymond Semienick From <i>Mr. and Mrs. John Kirpan</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>January 26, 2019</b> Irene Szczesny From <i>Teresa Romanski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>January 27, 2019</b> Jean Zelinski From <i>Edith Rifenburg</i>
12:30 pm	Joseph Wondolowski From <i>Judith Olenhaus &amp; Family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

## 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.

## JANUARY MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 1/26/19	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 1/27/19	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, January 20, 2019**

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

### **Sunday, January 27, 2019**

Neh. 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor. 12:12-30; Lk. 1:1-4,  
4:14-21

## 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

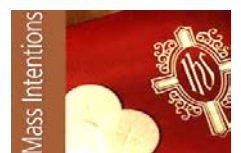
connection we had when they walked this earth.

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.

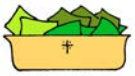
Take the time to have a Mass celebrated for your loved ones. Simply stop by the rectory, call us at **201-434-0798** or send an e-mail to: [secretary@olcjc.org](mailto:secretary@olcjc.org).

## 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 January 5/6, **442** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$4,408.08. WeShare donations were \$3,605 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$8,013.08**.

For the weekend of January 12/13, **535** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,499.50. WeShare donations were \$731 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,230.50**.

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

## STEWARDSHIP

*"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."  
- 1 Corinthians 12:7*



St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you, feel His love, peace and joy!

## 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.

## 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.

## 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

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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 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](mailto:directorofmusic@olcjc.org)

## 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.**

## 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.

## 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).

## 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.

## 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)

## DOWNTOWN HARVEST COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA)



Our CSA, Downtown Harvest, is now preparing for their 15<sup>th</sup> 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.downtown-harvest.org/> or email: [downtownharvestcsajc@gmail.com](mailto:downtownharvestcsajc@gmail.com).