

**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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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

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 27, 2019**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

As the first month of our new year comes to a close, our ambitious resolutions are most likely over also. This then becomes a nice time to think realistically about what we are hoping this new year brings. This weekend we are having two socials; one for breakfast and one in the evening with pizza, both with great people and great times.

Something I am hoping to see is a greater sense of community here at OLC. There already exists a wonderful community, but I hope to see people making new and lasting friendships, born out of prayer, great events and intellectual engagements of the faith. In addition to our engaging baptism preparation, marriage ministry, beautiful liturgies, and fantastic events, we will be starting a small group faith studies in the coming weeks, this is something I hope you find as exciting as I do.

A parish is a place to meet Jesus in the Sacraments, but it is also a home. Here in our home, whether you are here for a few months or many years, I pray each day brings new encounters that help you to know God better and fortifies you and your family with all that you will ever need. Building our home on the foundation of faith, friendship, intellectual engagement, and charity will ensure that we are fulfilling all that God could ever ask of us, which is infinitely more important than any passing resolution.

God Bless you.

Love,  
Fr. Bryan



### 2018 PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY STATEMENTS



Be on the lookout for parishioner contribution summary statements for 2018. They were mailed out last week in time for tax season.

### 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.**



### SOCIAL AFTER 7

If you haven't been--you really should join us **this Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>** 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!!

### CONVALIDATION OF MARRIAGE



On Sunday, January 13, Doug and Kathleen Kovalsky celebrated a Convalidation of Marriage during the 12:30 PM Mass. We offer our congratulations on their marriage being blessed with the sacrament of Holy Matrimony and wish them many more happy years together.

### 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)

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<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
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 28, 2019</b> June Martin From <i>John Coyle &amp; Family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 29, 2019</b> Carol Sisto From <i>Kara Dean</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 30, 2019</b> For the Intentions of Marilyn Gardullo From <i>daughter Mari</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 31, 2019</b> Anita Co From <i>Jean Omg and John Omg</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>February 1, 2019</b> Joseph Wondolowski From <i>Maureen Murphy</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>February 2, 2019</b> Helen and Bruno Ruskowski, Jr. From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>February 3, 2019</b> Kevin Crimmins From <i>Maureen Dillon</i>
12:30 pm	Ester Orellano From <i>Gay Lutton</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.

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### Sunday, January 27, 2019

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

### Sunday, February 3, 2019

Jer. 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor. 12:31-13:13; Lk. 4:21-30

## 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](mailto: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



For the weekend of January 19/20, **344** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,721.56. WeShare donations were \$978 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,699.56**.

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

## STEWARDSHIP



*“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...”  
- Nehemiah 8:10*

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need without expecting anything in return.

## 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: [civeluz@aol.com](mailto:civeluz@aol.com).

## 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 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

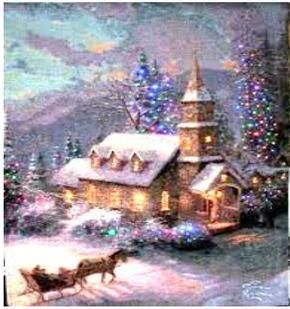
To sign up contact Ben Rauch  
Director of Music  
In person or via email at [directorofmusic@olcjc.org](mailto:directorofmusic@olcjc.org)

## 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.downtownharvest.org/> or email: [downtownharvestcsajc@gmail.com](mailto:downtownharvestcsajc@gmail.com).

## CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL



If you have not done so, it is not too late to donate to our **Annual Christmas Appeal**.

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 very excited to start this project and with your help it will be possible.

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. You may also choose to donate through WeShare. 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).

## 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 [mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com](mailto:mikeandjanetwwme@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.

## 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 –

*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 –

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

*The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.*