

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

The Epiphany of the Lord – January 6, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

A new year gives us an opportunity to reflect on our blessings and struggles over the past year as we look with hope to the days ahead. In his message to Rome and the world, Pope Francis calls us to nurture a greater fraternity in our immediate world and pray for a healing of stressed relationships among nations.

Jersey City was recently noted as the most diverse city in the country, and Paulus Hook is the most diverse neighborhood in the city, which makes this call to fraternity or community, something we need to take very seriously. With so many people coming from different parts of the world, it is easy to feel lost and alone. It is easy to forget that we are part of a larger human family, and when that reality breaks down, the rest of the bonds that bind us are likely to follow. This truth is the basis of the Christian vision of humanity. Without the fraternity that Jesus Christ has bestowed on us, our efforts for a more just world fall short, and even our best plans and projects risk being soulless and empty.

Like the shepherds, magi, and kings who first gathered with the Holy Family at the stable, they arrived alone or in tiny cliques, but after encountering Jesus, they no doubt left with a great understanding of their true identities as sons and daughters of God. They came at the individual message of an angel and departed with a collective understanding that God works among people of every nation and culture, who have different ideas, yet are capable of respecting and listening to one another. He called people with different religions and systems of belief, and through it all, Jesus reveals the face of God to all those who seek Him.

May the little Child whom we contemplate in the manger, in the cold of the night, watch over all the children of the world, and every frail, vulnerable and discarded person. May all of us receive peace and consolation from the birth of the Savior and in the knowledge that the one heavenly Father loves us. May we realize anew that we are brothers and sisters called to seek Him not only in the manger, but also in our hearts and our community.

God bless you.

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.

CHURCH DECORATOR VOLUNTEERS

Our church is beautifully decorated for the holidays because of some wonderful volunteers! A number of parishioners came to church on Saturday, December 22, to decorate the church for Christmas. They did a marvelous job. Thank you so very much for helping.



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. 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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER INTENTIONS

Additional Christmas flower donations were made in memory of: Butler Family, living and deceased; Deceased members of the Willis, Markowski, Kukowski and Marchlewski Families.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday 12:30 pm	January 7, 2019 Frank DeMuzio From <i>Chris DeCoro</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	January 8, 2019 Maria Adele Celauro From <i>Maria Macedo</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	January 9, 2019 Lucy Sala From <i>Andrew and Laura Sala</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	January 10, 2019 Joan M. Kurylka From <i>David Conroy</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	January 11, 2019 Julia Kyc (33 rd Ann.) From <i>family</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	January 12, 2019 Anna Piatkowski From <i>Florence Kyc</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	January 13, 2019 Michael Gardullo From <i>Marilyn Gardullo</i>
12:30 pm	Stefan Komorowski From <i>Jozefa Butrym</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: 1/12/19	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 1/13/19	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Dominic

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, January 6, 2019

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

Sunday, January 13, 2019

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

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.

WEEKLY OFFERING



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Collection information for the weekends of December 22/23 and December 29/30 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.

STEWARDSHIP



"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

– *Matthew 2:11*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow. Each of us is called to open our gifts before Jesus, offering Him what He needs. If you have trouble with this idea, keep one of the Magi from our Nativity set on your desk all year as a reminder to bring your gifts to Jesus.

Courage is fear that has said its prayers.

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



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>

The poster features a stylized illustration of a glass of juice with a straw and two donuts with white frosting and red sprinkles.

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: civeluz@aol.com.



CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL



If you have not done so yet, please remember the appeal made by Nancy Warlikowski a few 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.

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.



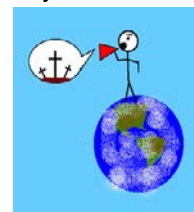
2019 MASS BOOK

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 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.

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.

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.

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 –

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 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.joyfilledmarriagejnj.org. \$125 per couple)

2018 NEW JERSEY TAX AMNESTY

Under a new law signed last 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.

