

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 17, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

As announced a little over a week ago, Cardinal Tobin has appointed me as the pastor of OLC, a slight but important distinction from being administrator. The term of a pastor is at least a six year appointment while an administrator is a more temporary position.

Since arriving back home in Jersey City last February, everyone in the parish has been incredibly welcoming and supportive. Over the past year, we have continued to build a Christian Community, something that has been done very well here for decades and with the grace of God, will continue.

What I hope to see in the coming years is a community built around four main areas, spiritual/Sacramental, care for those in need, intellectual engagement and community minded. When a Christian community is deliberately trying to meet Jesus and introduces Him to others through the Sacraments and prayer, continuous learning of the teachings of the faith and live the life of Jesus, spending time with one another in and out of Church and are mindful of Jesus in the less fortunate, it can grow and be a source of strength.

During these difficult times for the Church, it is vital that each one of us draws closer to Jesus with our goal being the change we want to see in the world. OLC will only continue to be such a great parish if each one of us realizes the difference we can make in the community and in the lives of those around us. Being a Catholic today is a challenge, but no more of a challenge than ever before. The Church has often been a lightning rod that attracted the ire of the world, just because the current crisis is one of our own making, doesn't make this time any different. The solution is always the same. "Set your hearts on His kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well, and do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (MT 6:33-34)

If today is a day we are grateful for all the blessings God gives us, and we allow that gratitude to pour into the lives of those around us, then we can be confident that God's presence in our lives and our community can continue to change the world for the better for many years to come.

God bless you and please pray for me.

Love,
Fr. Bryan

HAPPY PRESIDENTS' DAY!



The Our Lady of Czestochowa Church rectory will be closed on Monday, February 18th in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday. The office will re-open on Tuesday, February 19th. Mass will be celebrated at 12:30 PM.

2018 CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you for your support of OLC Church's 2018 annual Christmas Appeal. The amount of the collection to date is **\$40,367**. Through your stewardship, we can continue to make necessary repairs to the church, in particular the renovation of the church hall. OLC will remain a vibrant Waterfront parish and continue to be a Paulus Hook community icon.



*If you count all your blessings,
you'll always be in the black.*

PROGRAM FEATURING THE OLC CHURCH & CHRIST THE KING CHURCH CHOIRS

Marching America Letters of Freedom



WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY
HENRY C. RAWLS

FEATURING THE CHOIRS OF
CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
&
OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA
JERSEY CITY

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 24, 2019
2:00 PM

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
768 OCEAN AVENUE
JERSEY CITY, NJ

FREE ADMISSION
201-333-4862

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday 12:30 pm	February 18, 2019 Blanche Szczepanski From <i>Wladyslawa Wasnieska</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	February 19, 2019 Rev. Walter Niedzwicki, 6 th Pastor (25 th Ann.) From People of the Parish
Wednesday 12:30 pm	February 20, 2019 Preciosa Echevarria From <i>Edel Eloriaga</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	February 21, 2019 Joseph Ciba (9 th Ann.) From <i>family</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	February 22, 2019 Michael Gardullo From <i>daughter Mari</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	February 23, 2019 Birthday Intention for Minda Sese From <i>Cynthia Reyes</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	February 24, 2019 Michael Burke From <i>Matty Hiott and Barbara Peters</i>
12:30 pm	Eduardo Sese From <i>Cynthia Reyes</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: 2/23/19	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 2/24/19	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Dominic

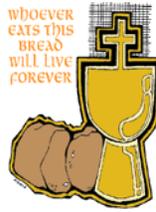
WEEKLY OFFERING



For the weekend of February 9/10, **434** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$2,899.02. WeShare donations were \$2,839 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$5,738.02**.

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

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.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

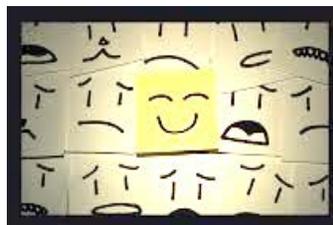
Sunday, February 17, 2019

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

Sunday, February 24, 2019

1 Sm. 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor. 15:45-49;
Lk. 6:27-38

STEWARDSHIP



"Blessed are you when people hate you, ... exclude and insult you, and denounce your name... on account of the Son of Man."

- Luke 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OLC

WHAT'S GOING ON?

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 March 13 at 1:00 PM. 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.



REGISTER FOR SACRAMENT CLASSES

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.



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.



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.



2019 COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

OLC will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe next weekend, 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.



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

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 –

March 1 & 3 on Friday at 7:45 pm and Sunday at 2:00 pm at St. Peter the Apostle Church, River Edge NJ

March 2 & 3 on Saturday at 7:00 pm and Sunday at 1:30 pm at St. Stephen, Kearny NJ

March 2 from 9:30 am-5:00 pm at St. Raphael, Livingston NJ

March 9 from 9:30 am-4:00 pm at St. Mary, 219 Third Street, Jersey City NJ

(To register, please visit www.rcan.org/precana. \$100 per couple)

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage –

March 3 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark NJ

March 16 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Church, 3026 Kennedy Boulevard, Jersey City NJ

March 23 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at St. Mary, Closter NJ

March 31 from 12:00 noon-6:30 pm at St. Michael, Cranford NJ

(To register, please visit www.joyfilledmarriagenj.org. \$125 per couple)

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

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
705 Jefferson Street
Hoboken, NJ 07030

Tickets: \$25

INFO/PURCHASE TICKETS:
201.659.1114
RealLifeCatholic.com/reboot

real life

God didn't create us to just get by: He created us to live life to the full. This is your chance to re-discover God and re-discover 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.