

**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

9:30 am-5:00 pm

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Counseling,\* 201-666-2400

\*Not affiliated with OLC

## 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

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 3, 2019**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Our second reading is one that you have no doubt heard countless times at weddings. In this epic ode to love, the Apostle Paul described 15 characteristics of love to the believers in the church at Corinth. Here are some thoughts about various aspects of love between brothers and sisters in Christ:

Love is patient. This kind of patient love bears with offenses and is slow to repay or punish those who offend. However, it does not imply indifference, which would ignore an offense, rather, patient love is often used to describe God.

Love is kind. Kindness is similar to patience but refers to how we treat others. It especially implies a love that reacts with goodness toward those who have been ill-treated.

Love does not envy. This kind of love appreciates and rejoices when others are blessed with good things and is not discouraged when others experience success.

Love does not boast. Boast means "bragging without foundation". It recognizes that our achievements are a combination of God's gifts and our reception of those gifts.

Love is not proud or not overly self-confident but is more concerned with others than one's own self. This love does not insist on getting its own way.

Love keeps no record of wrongs but offers forgiveness instead, even when offenses are repeated. It is a love that doesn't keep track of every wrong thing that people do and hold it against them.

Hope-filled love encourages others to press forward in the faith and endures even through the most difficult trials.

Love Never Fails. This kind of love goes beyond the boundaries of ordinary love. It is eternal, divine, and will never cease.

God Bless you.

Love,  
Fr. Bryan



### 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.



### 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.

### SOCIAL AFTER 7

If you haven't been--you really should join us on **Sunday, February 24<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!!



### BAPTISM AT OLC



On Saturday, January 26, two children received the sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate the following children and their families, and may God watch over them always:

•*Sophia Eleanor Garbaccio*, the daughter of Julian and Monika

•*Emma Lyn Schuster*, the daughter of Joseph and Heather

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<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
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>February 4, 2019</b> James Fruge Pena From <i>T.J. and JoJo Nocum</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>February 5, 2019</b> Ronald H. Wieczorek From <i>Mr. and Mrs. John Cirelli</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>February 6, 2019</b> Sally Zidiak From <i>Frances Sobel</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>February 7, 2019</b> Ronald H. Wieczorek From <i>Barbara and Steve Warning</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>February 8, 2019</b> Sally Zidiak From <i>Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Englese</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>February 9, 2019</b> William (Bill) Bromirski From <i>Judy Fedorczak</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>February 10, 2019</b> Cesar Paguiligan From <i>Leny Isidro</i>
12:30 pm	Walter F. Sudol From <i>family</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: 2/9/19	5:00 pm	Fr. Dominic
SUN: 2/10/19	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Dominic
	7:00 pm	Fr. Bryan

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### **Sunday, February 3, 2019**

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

### **Sunday, February 10, 2019**

Is. 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Lk. 5:1-11

## 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).

## 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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**OFFERING**

For the weekend of January 26/27, **481** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to \$3,258.46. WeShare donations were \$526 contributing to a weekend collection of **\$3,784.46**.

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

*Forgive your enemies.  
It messes with their heads.*

## STEWARDSHIP

*"Love is patient, love is kind.  
It is not jealous, it is not  
pompous."*

- 1 Corinthians 13:4

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Pray to become less "self-centered" and become more "God-centered".



## 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 inter-

ested in joining the prayer group, please contact Chona Veluz via email at: [civeluz@aol.com](mailto:civeluz@aol.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 the weekend of 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](http://www.usccb.org) (search "Church in Central and Eastern Europe") to learn more.



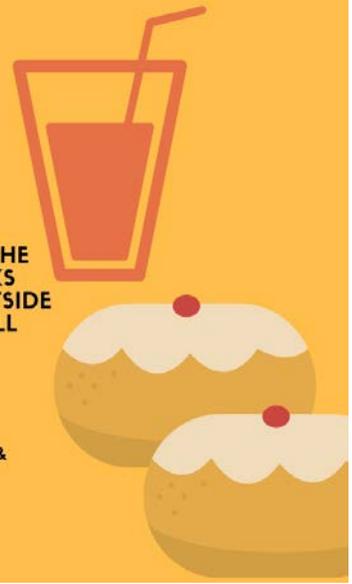
## JUICE AND DONUTS

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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?

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).



**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).

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

**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.

**HOUSING COUNSELING SERVICES**



**Housing Counseling Services, Inc.**

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>).