

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.

Parish Office

201-434-0798

Fax

201-985-0918

Website

www.olcjc.org

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

9:30 am-5:00 pm

Counseling, Ann Tedeschi, LCSW,*

201-339-3372, 201-725-8154

Counseling, Relief & Solutions

Counseling,* 201-666-2400

*Not affiliated with OLC

Catholic School Education

The OLC School

Shaping Young Minds for a Brighter Future

Lower School

248 Luis Marin Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07302

Grades K – 2

Upper School

225 Morris Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07302

Grades 3 – 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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 24, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Jesus delivers what will come to be known as the "Golden Rule," a standard bearer that rises to the top as the most consistent, prevalent and universal rule of them all. Treat others in the same way that you would want to be treated. In the workplace, the Golden Rule means that you would not take advantage of someone or lie to get ahead because you would not want others doing that to you. The Golden Rule is one of the most concise principles of ethics you can find anywhere.

It doesn't replace your moral, ethical standards or norms but gives you something stable and reliable that you can sink your teeth into. Our world needs a universal standard like the Golden Rule to keep us unified as we move into a more global marketplace. It speaks to everyone despite his or her culture or notion of morality. Only a powerful yet flexible principle such as the Golden Rule can serve as a moral steppingstone for anyone toward good ethics.

What the Golden Rule implies is that each individual has worth and value. That is, the person on the other side is just as worthy of justice as you are. When you imagine yourself in the shoes of that other person, he or she must have the same level of humanity, dignity, and sense of fairness as you would want. In this way, the Golden Rule transcends divisions of class, status, or race.

The struggle in applying the Golden Rule is that it sounds good on paper but quickly dissolves when the heat is turned up. Herein lies the strength in having something simple and flexible. It applies to any situation and requires little mental or emotional energy to implement. If you practice it enough, putting yourself in the place of others will become an unconscious reflex.

By living the Golden Rule, you open yourself up to a process of change. The mere act of thinking about how your actions affect others changes your life. It's like waking up and seeing the world in a whole new way - through the eyes of another. It's a way of letting go of self and allowing a gradual transformation to change your character from the inside out to live more consistently like Jesus.

God bless you and please pray for me.

Love,
Fr. Bryan

MARRIAGE AT OLC



We congratulate Rex Cordero and Samantha Stollery who were joined in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, February 16 at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church. May the Lord bless them with many happy years of marital bliss!

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.downtown-harvest.org/> or email: downtownharvestcsajc@gmail.com.



*He who throws mud
only loses ground.*

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 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
Monday 12:30 pm	February 25, 2019 Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	February 26, 2019 Veronica Malta From Betty and Chris Skok
Wednesday 12:30 pm	February 27, 2019 Veronica Malta From <i>Mr. and Mrs. John Kirpan</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	February 28, 2019 Michael Gardullo From <i>family</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	March 1, 2019 Veronica Malta From <i>John Kirpan</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	March 2, 2019 Dennis Piatkowski From <i>George Wojcik</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	March 3, 2019 Charles Chee From <i>Julie Chee</i>
12:30 pm	Martin Dalton From <i>Maureen Dillon</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

***The Bread and Wine & Tabernacle Candle
are offered in Memory of
David and Isabel Botelho & Leonilda Braga
from daughter/niece***

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, February 24, 2019

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

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Sir. 27:4-7; 1 Cor. 15:54-58;
Lk. 6:39-45

MARCH MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 3/2/19	5:00 pm	Fr. Dominic
SUN: 3/3/19	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Dominic

WEEKLY OFFERING



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For the weekend of February 16/17, **409** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$3,541.02**. WeShare donations were **\$472** contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,013.02**

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.

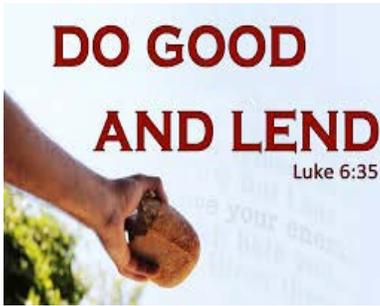
Take the time to have a Mass celebrated for your loved ones. Simply stop by the rectory, call us at **201-434-0798** or send an e-mail to: secretary@olcj.org.

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.

STEWARDSHIP



"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back." - Luke 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of

us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Mercy and compassion will put us on the path to holiness.

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.

The OLC Prayer Group: Prayer group meets daily Monday-Friday at church after the 12:30 PM Mass. Prayers begin at 1:15 with the Rosary, Divine Mercy, Devotion to Our Lady of Czestochowa plus a different devotion daily. For more information, please email Chona Veluz at cjveluz@aol.com.

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.

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.



2019 COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

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

A glass of juice and two donuts. The text "HELP WANTED" is in a red speech bubble. The text "JUICE & DONUTS" is in large letters. The text "EVERY SUNDAY AFTER THE 10:00 AM MASS. SNACKS ARE SERVED EITHER OUTSIDE OR IN THE CHURCH HALL (WEATHER DEPENDENT)" is in smaller letters. The text "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" is at the bottom.

JOIN THE OLC CHURCH JUNIOR CHOIR!

A group of children singing. The text "DO YOU LIKE SINGING?" is in large letters. The text "JOIN OLC CHURCH JR. CHOIR" is in smaller letters. The text "For kids ages 7-13 who have or will be receiving their First Holy Communion in 2019" is in smaller letters. The text "To sign up contact Ben Rauch" is in smaller letters. The text "Director of Music In person or via email at directorofmusic@olcjc.org" is in smaller letters.

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.

REBOOT LIVE COMING TO HOBOKEN



God didn't create us to just get by: He created us to live life to the full. This is your chance to rediscover God and rediscover the life you were made for.

REBOOT! is for ages 12 to grandparents. So bring the whole family and invite your friends as well to see this life-changing event on March 27!

Tickets are selling fast! To purchase tickets, contact Brenda Rivera at 201-320-7302, visit www.stanhoboken.com or go to www.RealLifeCatholic.com.

CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAM

Join presenter Greg Mattison on Saturday, March 16 from 9:30 AM-12:00 PM for "Climate Change: What Do We Know and What Can We Do?" A growing body of evidence supports the conclusion that we are witnessing remarkable changes in our environment. In this discussion we will explore some of this evidence, as well as what appears to be driving this change. We will also touch upon how these changes are affecting natural and cultural systems and possible ways we can mediate these effects. Fee of \$25-\$35 (pay within your means) includes breakfast as well as program at the Caldwell Dominican Motherhouse in Caldwell NJ. For more information, please visit www.lumenctr.org.

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>).