



**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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## 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*

#### 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](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

**First Sunday of Lent – March 10, 2019**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

On Ash Wednesday we began our journey with Christ. As a journey that will last for about six and a half weeks, the Lenten season presents to us the opportunity of re-living the Paschal mystery of Christ. It exposes us to other dimensions of life, and thus, equips us for the glory of Easter.

This first Sunday of Lent starts on a hopeful and joyful note. The readings bring in view concepts like faith, salvation, and victory over sin. These remind us of the need to praise God for the great wonders He worked for our fathers in faith. Through our participation, this Lent, God is ready to extend the same phenomena to us.

This season we are to be mindful of the fact that temptations abound, just as the devil tempted our Lord in our gospel. The tempter is always looking for our point of weakness. This was why once he realized that Christ was very hungry he felt it was an opportunity to attack Him.

As we continue through Lent, try to identify the places of weakness where the enemy may be able to speak to us. It is also beneficial to examine our consciences for those places we may have already created room for him to work and bring them to confession. In addition to our regular Saturday evening confessions at 4 pm, all the priest from the Downtown Deanery will be hearing confessions the next few Mondays in one of the parishes:

March 11 - OLC    March 18 - Holy Rosary    March 25 - St. Mary    April 1 - St. Michael    April 8 - St. Anthony

As St. Paul writes: "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but they are mighty through God for pulling down Strongholds" (2 Cor. 10:4). Our weapons this season must include a solid faith in God, prayer, uprightness, good works, the word of God and good confession, regardless of how long it has been.

Lent is a time to live differently. It is time to let Jesus be alive in us.

God Bless you and please pray for me,

Fr. Bryan



### 2019 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2019 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 16, 2019.**

### OLC CHURCH PASTOR INSTALLATION



*A farmer learns more from a bad harvest than from a good one.*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>March 9, 2019</b> Dominador C. Ynaya From <i>Manny C. Tuason</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>March 10, 2019</b> Kevin Crimmins From <i>Pam Augusta</i>
12:30 pm	Michael Burke From <i>Father Bryan and OLC Parishioners</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>March 11, 2019</b> Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>March 12, 2019</b> Santiago Bitar From <i>Kerbaj Family</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>March 13, 2019</b> Michael Gardullo From <i>Marilyn Gardullo</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>March 14, 2019</b> Ana and Adolfo Castillo From <i>Margarita Ortiz</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>March 15, 2019</b> Joseph Stapinski From <i>Aversa Family</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>March 16, 2019</b> Mary (43 <sup>rd</sup> Ann.) and Charles Czys From <i>Laura Czys; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>March 17, 2019</b> John and Letizia Gardullo From <i>Marilyn Gardullo</i>
12:30 pm	Eduardo Sese From <i>Cynthia Reyes</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, March 10, 2019**

Dt. 26:4-10; Rom. 10:8-13; Lk. 4:1-13

**Sunday, March 17, 2019**

Gn. 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil. 3:17-4:1; Lk. 9:28b-36

## MARCH MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 3/16/19	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 3/17/19	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Rocco

## WEEKLY OFFERING

For the weekend of March 2/3, **460** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$3,849.02**. WeShare/ParishGiving donations were **\$465**, Venmo donations were **\$89** contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,403.02**.

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



## PARISH GIVING IS NOW AT OLC!

Father Bryan and your Finance Council are pleased to announce that *Parish Giving*, our new platform for sustained online giving, is “live” at OLC and available for enrollment.



Father Bryan and the Finance Council agreed that our present platform, *We*

*Share* has been less than our parish—and our parishioners—deserve.

To enroll in *Parish Giving*, visit the parish website and click on the *Parish Giving* logo.

We Share will be discontinued shortly after Easter Sunday. For those who need to unsubscribe to We Share, navigate to <http://4lpi.com/my-account/>, click on “donor support” and follow the FAQ instructions to “cancel your donor account.”

We truly hope you will seize this great opportunity to be dedicated stewards of your parish and participate in *Parish Giving*.

Very truly yours,  
Your Parish Finance Council

## STEWARDSHIP

*“I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me.”  
- Deuteronomy 26:10*

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your “first fruits”, the best that you have to offer, or do you give leftovers? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION



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** at 11:15 AM.

## 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.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## 2019 BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

On March 30/31, our parish will take up the 133<sup>rd</sup> annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

## NEW! JOIN A SMALL SHARING GROUP



You are invited Thursday evenings, beginning March 14, from 7-8:45 PM  
For More information contact [victor@olcjc.org](mailto:victor@olcjc.org)

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## 2019 OLC FISH FRY COMING SOON!

**OLC** Fish Fry

**WHEN: APRIL 13, 2019**

**WHERE: ST. PETERS PREP COMMONS**  
ENTRANCE ON VAN VORST ST. & GRAND ST.

**TIME: 6:30 -9:30 P.M.**

**COST: ADULTS \$20, KIDS \$10\***

**3 WAYS TO GET YOUR TICKETS**  
AFTER MASS WEEKEND OF MARCH (17TH, 24TH, 31ST) APRIL 7TH  
AT THE PARISH OFFICE M-F BETWEEN 9:30-4:30 P.M.  
VIA VENMO

\* A TICKET IS REQUIRED TO ENTER  
RIGHTS OF ADMISSION RESERVE  
\* FOR KIDS 12 & BELOW

## 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>

## 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 –

March 31 from 8:30 am-4:00 pm at St. Elizabeth, Wyckoff NJ

April 27 from 9:30 am-4:00 pm at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark 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 –

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](http://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.stannhoboken.com](http://www.stannhoboken.com) or go to [www.RealLifeCatholic.com](http://www.RealLifeCatholic.com).

## HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

# DISCOVER THE JOY OF BEING A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER



Share a memory. Hold a Hand. Lend an Ear. Touch a Heart.

Visiting Nurse Association Health Group will provide you with training and support to enhance your gifts of compassion, commitment and companionship to those nearing end of life.



Bring a supportive presence and companionship through home visitation



Comfort and bereavement calls in our office



Provide Administrative support on a variety of projects that enhance our patients' care

Interested in becoming a volunteer?  
Contact: Volunteer Coordinator at  
973-370-8130 or  
volunteercoordinator@vnahg.org

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A partnership with VNA Health Group

## 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](http://www.lumenctr.org).



## 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>).