

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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Custodian

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

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Fax

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Website

www.olcjc.org

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

9:30 am-5:00 pm

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201-339-3372, 201-725-8154

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Counseling,* 201-666-2400

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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

Second Sunday of Lent – March 17, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Since the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis has been calling all people of God, to a summarize his agenda with the phrase "pastoral conversion." Conversion is about a change of mind and heart that affects all the baptized. The source of this is our encounter with Jesus Christ and especially the experience of his forgiveness, love, and mercy.

Pope Francis insists that the church, the people of God, must go out to encounter others and share the experience of God's love. We do this by inviting people to personally encounter the living Christ.

The starting point is a matter of experience, is an event, and not a proposition to subscribe to with the mind. Doctrine and morality certainly do count, but the church's mission to evangelize does not start there.

Directing the church's outreach to the invitation to experience Christ's love brings with it an ability to engage in real dialogue. Pastoral conversion demands the capacity to encounter others and respect their views, even when they differ from our own. Openness to others is not just a nice gesture, being polite, or showing tolerance, it is a way to witness to God's universal love. True dialogue reveals respect for the dignity of people, even one's "enemies," in a world where polarization, taking sides, and culture wars are so very common.

Pastoral conversion means that the faithful at large assume responsibility for the church's mission. Pope Francis suggests that "missionary disciple" is the term that best captures the fullness of the baptismal call. The distinction between clergy and laity is not helpful for an evangelizing church. What this means is that all of us must stop thinking of the church mainly as an institution, everything has to be transformed into mission.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are three traditional activities of Lent. They can be viewed as the embodiment of pastoral conversion that requires noticing our dependency on God and others through prayer, the experiencing of hunger or the of the poor, and giving of your substance to those in need. Pastoral conversion is just another name for living the incarnate love of God manifested at Holy Week, the final destination of our Lenten journey.

God Bless you and please pray for me,
Fr. Bryan

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

OLC CHURCH PASTOR INSTALLATION



The poster features a sunburst graphic at the top right. The word "Installation" is written in a large, elegant script. Below it, in smaller capital letters, is "THE FORMAL INSTALLATION OF". The name "FR. BRYAN E. PAGE" is prominently displayed in green. A gold cross is on the left side. The text at the bottom states: "as Pastor of OLC Church will be held on March 24, 2019 at 12:30 p.m."

2019 OLC FISH FRY



The poster is circular with a white background and a dark green border. It features the OLC logo and a fish icon. The text provides details for the event: "WHEN: APRIL 13, 2019", "WHERE: ST. PETERS PREP COMMONS", "ENTRANCE ON VAN VORST ST. & GRAND ST.", "TIME: 6:30 -9:30 P.M.", and "COST: ADULTS \$20, KIDS \$10*". It also lists ticketing information: "3 WAYS TO GET YOUR TICKETS", "AFTER MASS WEEKEND OF MARCH (17TH, 24TH, 31ST) APRIL 7TH", and "AT THE PARISH OFFICE M-F BETWEEN 9:30-4:30 P.M. VIA VENMO". A small logo is at the bottom center. A legend at the bottom right explains the asterisk: "* A TICKET IS REQUIRED TO ENTER", "* RIGHTS OF ADMISSION RESERVE", and "* FOR KIDS 12 & BELOW".

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	March 16, 2019 Mary (43 rd Ann.) and Charles Czynsz From <i>Laura Czynsz; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	March 17, 2019 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
Monday 12:30 pm	March 18, 2019 Charles Brunhoelzl From <i>Barbara Rzaski</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	March 19, 2019 Joseph Gualario From <i>Peters Family</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	March 20, 2019 Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	March 21, 2019 Marta D. Bitar From <i>Kerbaj Family</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	March 22, 2019 Rev. Martin Piasecki (24 th Ann.), 4 th Pastor
Saturday 5:00 pm	March 23, 2019 Ramiro Austeria From <i>Estela</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	March 24, 2019 Lucille Podolak From <i>sons and family</i>
12:30 pm	Ellen Ann Page From <i>son and family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

***The Bread and Wine & Tabernacle Candle
are Offered in Memory of
Alfred and Lillian Julewicz
from son Philip***

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### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

**Sunday, March 17, 2019**

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

**Sunday, March 24, 2019**

Ex. 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk. 13:1-9



Your financial support of our Catholic community is greatly appreciated and very important. Having a sustained consistent income that we can count on helps relieve one major headache from my plate and that of the Finance Council's, making managing the finances of the parish that much easier.

Here are the ways you can support your parish:

- 1. Parish Giving** - this is perhaps the best way because every week or month – whatever you choose – there will be a deposit made directly to the parish from your bank account or credit card. This is support our parish can count on, rain or shine, regardless of whatever difficulties may crop-up motivating or moving your family Saturday evening or Sunday morning. Registering with a parish is a long-standing tradition in the Roman Catholic Church. If you regularly attend Mass at OLC, I encourage you to register and declare your membership in our family of faith. You do not need to be registered in the parish to use Parish Giving. If you are registered, you may still wish to receive envelopes to place in the basket before the Altar of God at the Offertory each week and check the box on the envelope that says "I use ParishGiving".
- 2. Church envelopes with cash or checks** - registered families and single parishioners who enjoy the ritual of examining their finances each week and making a donation can utilize this long-standing tradition in the Church. It is good for the soul and the parish.
- 3. Loose cash and checks** - these are always appreciated and accepted without any qualification at OLC.
- 4. VENMO** - for those visiting our parish or for those who forgot their donation at home, we accept VENMO for charitable support. Our handle is [OLCJC](#), please feel free to include a prayer request or statement with something you are grateful for along with your donation.

Please know how grateful I am for your support of our parish as we continue our mission to make disciples of all nations.

God bless,  
Fr. Bryan

### WEEKLY OFFERING

For the weekend of March 9/10, **511** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$3,870.26**. WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$2,878**, Venmo donations were **\$72** contributing to a weekend collection of **\$6,820.26**.

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

## 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!

**Confessions/Sacrament of Reconciliation:** The Downtown Deanery will be hearing

confessions at 7:00 PM during the next four Mondays (in addition to Saturdays at 4:00 PM at OLC Church): *March 18* at Holy Rosary, *March 25* at St. Mary, *April 1* at St. Michael and *April 8* at St. Anthony.

**Family Mass:** March 31 at 10:00 AM. Breakfast served at 11:00 AM in the church hall. Kid-friendly liturgy, kids activities, meet fellow parishioners. No RSVP required!

**Juice and Donuts:** Served after the Sunday 10:00 AM Mass either outside or in the church hall depending on weather. If you wish to donate snacks and beverages, please go to the following website to sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/olcdonutschedule>.

**Pastor Installation:** The formal installation of Father Bryan Page as Pastor of OLC Church will be held on Sunday, March 24 at 12:30 PM. Reception to follow. RSVP by March 16. For more information, please email [events@olcjc.org](mailto:events@olcjc.org).

**Social After 7:** The next one will be on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 PM in the church hall. Delicious pizza donated by John's Pizzeria... BYOB! Meet other parishioners! For more information email Marlene at [cocoton@aol.com](mailto:cocoton@aol.com).

**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 Alpha Group:** Small Sharing Group meets Thursdays in the church hall from 7:00 pm-8:45 pm. Next meeting is March 21. For more information, contact Victor DiSanzo at [victor@olcjc.org](mailto:victor@olcjc.org).

**OLC Fish Fry:** Annual Fish Fry will be on Saturday April 13 from 6:30 pm-9:30 pm at St. Peter's Prep Commons. Cost is \$20 for Adults/\$10 Kids 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased at the parish office during the week, after masses the weekends of March 17, 24, 31, April 1 and via Venmo.

**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 April 10 at 1:00 PM. New members welcome (must be 55 and over). For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

## MARCH MASS SCHEDULE

| DAY          | TIME                            | CELEBRANT                                 |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| SAT: 3/23/19 | 5:00 pm                         | Fr. Bryan                                 |
| SUN: 3/24/19 | 10:00 am<br>12:30 pm<br>7:00 pm | Fr. Dominick<br>Installation<br>Fr. Stump |

## STEWARDSHIP

*"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." - Genesis 15:7*

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you invest equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?



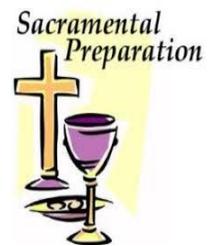
## BAPTISM PREPARATION

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.



## SOCIAL AFTER 7



If you haven't been -- you really should join us after the 7:00 PM mass for the next **Social After 7** on **March 31<sup>st</sup>**. Delicious pizza donated by John's Pizzeria on Sussex...great conversations....BYOB!

Mass on Sunday evening can be a beautiful way to end the weekend or just come at 8:00 PM to our social so you can kick your new week off with a smile! Hope to see you there!!

**NEW! JOIN ALPHA SHARING GROUP**



**OLC CHURCH'S 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We will have our Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday morning, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. The location is on the parish field at the end of Sussex Street. Children from the earliest ages to age 10 are invited. Bring your Easter baskets or bags. Rain-date is Saturday, April 27. Bring your cameras and arrive early! We will need some volunteers to help the Easter Bunny put out the eggs on the field. If you are able to assist, please call the rectory at 201-434-0798.



**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.

**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 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)

**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).

**HAVING A MARY HEART IN A MARTHA WORLD**

Join presenter Anita Constance, S.C. on Tuesday, April 2 from 5:30 PM-7:45 PM for supper followed by the presentation "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World." We are Martha; we are Mary. Both women present us with the dilemma of living well with the reality of our lives. Their gospel story is about finding intimacy with God in the busy-ness of every day. Together they invite us to answer Jesus' invitation to wholeness, to balance our lives by answering the needs of others from the home of God within us. Fee of \$25-\$35 (pay within your means) includes supper as well as program at the Caldwell Dominican Motherhouse in Caldwell NJ. For more information, please visit [www.lumenctr.org](http://www.lumenctr.org).

