

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

Third Sunday of Lent – March 24, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

The first time I had a potato pierogi was in college, and in many ways this was my first introduction to Polish culture. Growing up in a mostly Italian-American household, macaroni was almost always on the menu, and our stories and customs of the old world came mostly from the boot-shaped peninsula.

As the years went on, especially in seminary, I became much more immersed in the cultures that comprise the wider catholic world and it opened my eyes to how much larger our faith is than that which was nurtured in me on Boyd Avenue.

Today, as I am being installed pastor of our Lady of Czestochowa in downtown Jersey City, my own roots and the experience of the larger church are vital for living the responsibility of the priesthood for which Jesus has called me. Our community boasts of its diversity. We have, in this small church, representatives from all over the globe, a blending of cultures, cuisines, and approaches to faith, that have the power to lead countless souls to Jesus Christ.

As our church throughout the world is going through very difficult times and purification, our parish, in this densely populated part of the diocese, has become a home for many who are far from their families and a re-engagement in a faith they thought they would leave behind.

We are so blessed in this parish with so many generous and talented individuals that have a heart for Jesus and love for His Church. I'm humbled to serve you and am grateful to God and Cardinal Tobin for the trust they have in me to lead this community. As we continue to travel on this journey of faith, I am depending on your prayers and continued excitement at making Jesus present in our community, as we do our part, right here in downtown Jersey City, in building the kingdom of God.

God Bless you and please pray for me,

Fr. Bryan



FAMILY MASS



MARCH 31, 2019 @ 10 A.M.

- Kid friendly liturgy
- Food
- Kids activity
- Meet fellow parishioners

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AFTER MASS AT 11 A.M.,
OR COME EARLY TO 12:30 P.M. MASS

SOCIAL AFTER 7

Come join us after the 7:00 PM mass for the next *Social After 7* on **March 31st**. 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!!

OLC FISH FRY

MOLL 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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday 12:30 pm	March 25, 2019 Rev. Raul E.L. Comesanas From <i>OLC Parishioners</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	March 26, 2019 Michael Burke From <i>Doris Emden</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	March 27, 2019 Vera Diamond From <i>Joyce, John and John</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	March 28, 2019 Florence Kyc (6 th Ann.) From <i>family</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	March 29, 2019 Stephen Michael Williams From <i>Michael and Katherine</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	March 30, 2019 Patricia Lillis From <i>Anna Mae Stefanelli</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	March 31, 2019 Weldon Williams From <i>family</i>
12:30 pm	Henry and Margaret Heiser From <i>Laura Czysz and Ken Heiser</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***

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, March 24, 2019

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

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Jos. 5:9a, 10-12, 2 Cor. 5:17-21,
Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32

*We seldom lose our faith by a blowout.
Usually it's a slow leak.*



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. However, 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 16/17, **574** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$3,113.85**. WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$602**, Venmo donations were **\$59** contributing to a weekend collection of **\$3,774.85**.

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

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!

Confessions/Sacrament of Reconciliation: The Downtown

Deanery will be hearing confessions at 7:00 PM during the next three Mondays (in addition to Saturdays at 4:00 PM at OLC Church or by appointment with the pastor): *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>.

Social After 7: The next one will be on March 31st 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.

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 Alpha Group: Small Sharing Group meets Thursdays in the church hall from 7:00 pm-8:45 pm. Next meeting is March 28. For more information, contact Victor DiSanzo at 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 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.

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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you are looking to have your baby baptized at OLC, 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. The next one will be **April 7** at 11:15 AM.

MARCH MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 3/30/19	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 3/31/19	10:00 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Fr. Bryan Fr. Dominick Fr. Bryan

STEWARDSHIP

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" - Luke 13:7

Behold, for 3 years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any
Luke 13:7



We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

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.

NEW! JOIN ALPHA SHARING GROUP

explore
life
faith
meaning

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

Alpha

**OLC CHURCH EASTER DECORATING—
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



Volunteers will be needed to help decorate the church on Holy Thursday, April 18 and Holy Saturday, April 20. If interested, please call the rectory at 201-434-0798. We'd appreciate even an hour of your time. Thank you!

**OLC CHURCH'S 10TH ANNUAL
EASTER EGG HUNT—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We will have our Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday morning, April 20th 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. Raindate 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.



OLC SENIORS DAY TRIP



The OLC Seniors have scheduled a day trip on Wednesday May 22 to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to see the new play "Jesus". Fee of \$145 per person includes round-trip bus transportation, buffet meal at Shady Maple, show ticket, taxes and gratuities. Bus will depart at 8:00 am from OLC Church. Full payment is due by April 13. For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

**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

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. \$100 per couple)

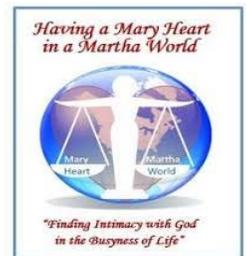
God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage –

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

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

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

Anita Constance, S.C. presents "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" on April 2 from 5:30 PM-7:45 PM. Martha and Mary 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.



ST. PETER'S PREP OPEN HOUSE

Saint Peter's Preparatory School will be holding its 2019 Spring Open House on Sunday, May 5, from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students and parents, will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. For more information on the Spring Open House, please call **201-547-6389**. Pre-registration is not required and the entire family is welcome to visit!