



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.

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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – March 3, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

When we suffer a heart attack, we are likely to change our diet and other things in our life. We eat less red meat and fast food; we drink less and begin to exercise more so that we can be healthy. When we flare up at a friend, sibling, parent, child or spouse, we recognize our wrong and we apologize. We then try to make up for our infraction so we can be happy. However, when we sin against God, we sometimes decide to live in that torture. We allow a short term outlet to become a full blown habit. An innocent relationship turns into an emotional affair, wreaking havoc on all those around us. Our faith asks us to find a priest, confess our sin, and then try to live without our sin, so we can be holy.

As we approach lent, this is our time to take stock of our lives and substantially reorganize them, so that they can be filled with things that bring grace and free from things that cause sin.

The truth is that Jesus came to tell us and show us we are not alone. That bad habits can be kicked if we try, because when we step away from God, we take others with us. And that hurts everyone. Jesus came to forgive sins, and He left priests here to do it in His place.

Jesus does not want us to believe that we are alone, that we have to live in our sins. He knows the power of sharing our heart with others. So priests are there to take your sins, and replace them with God's peace. Go to confession, whether it has been a week or 50 years, go and unburden yourself from the spiritual suffering. The next few Mondays, in Downtown Jersey City at 7:00 PM, there will be one parish with many priests hearing confession.

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

Make this lent, these next few weeks different. Bring your family to Church, eat together as often as possible, pray before you eat. Call the family together and set time apart to read the Gospel. Spend time with those who are important to you, no matter how awkward it may seem at first. Offer a real sacrifice, give up something that brings you real comfort, TV, coffee, or something big. Create good habits, and stick to them. Make them grow. This time of the year is meant to be different, so let it. Allow God to help you to be healthy, happy and holy so that His promise of peace, can reign in our lives.

God bless you and please pray for me.

Love,
Fr. Bryan

BAPTISM AT OLC



On Saturday, February 23, three children received the sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate the following children and their families, and may God watch over them always:

Oliver Anderson Claricia-Cabrera,
the son of Andrew and Mara

Maeve Helen Hassell,
the daughter of Chris and Angela

Samuel Peter Kelly,
the son of Stephen and Elizabeth

OLC CHURCH AND CHRIST THE KING CHURCH CHOIRS PERFORMANCE

On Sunday, February 24 the OLC Church and Christ the King Church choirs performed "Marching America: Letters of Freedom" written and directed by Henry C. Rawls, Director of Music and Liturgy for Christ the King Church.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday 12:30 pm	March 4, 2019 Victoria Crisafi From <i>Mary Ellen McGill</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	March 5, 2019 Lois McLean From <i>Mary Ellen McGill</i>
Wednesday 7:30 am	March 6, 2019 Joseph Stapinski From <i>Walter and Rachel Chowanec</i>
12:30 pm	Intentions of Joanna Diaz From <i>Joan Butler</i>
7:00 pm	Joseph Stapinski From <i>Mary Wasielewski</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	March 7, 2019 Wanda and Edward Bromirski From <i>Melanie and Bill</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	March 8, 2019 Michael Burke From <i>Mary Golden</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	March 9, 2019 Dominador C. Ynaya From <i>Manny C. Tuason</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	March 10, 2019 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

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, March 3, 2019
Sir. 27:4-7; 1 Cor. 15:54-58;
Lk. 6:39-45

Sunday, March 10, 2019
Dt. 26:4-10; Rom. 10:8-13;
Lk. 4:1-13

MARCH MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 3/9/19	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 3/10/19	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Dominic
	7:00 pm	Fr. Bryan

WEEKLY OFFERING

For the weekend of February 23/24, **414** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$2,969.87**. WeShare/ParishGiving donations were **\$1,035**, Venmo donations were **\$142** contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,146.87**.



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

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." - Luke 6:43

Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.



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.

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.

Sacramental Preparation



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>



JOIN THE OLC CHURCH JUNIOR CHOIR!

DO YOU LIKE SINGING?

SIGN UP NOW

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



SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS APPEAL

As members of the Catholic Church of Newark, we are united by a common mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ -- to proclaim the Gospel, to pass on the faith to the next generation through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and vulnerable. The 2019 Sharing God's Blessings Appeal binds us more closely to this mission through our stewardship of God's many gifts.

Your support of this year's Sharing God's Blessings Appeal will have a direct impact in the lives of those served through the ministries and programs of this Archdiocese. With this in mind, we encourage the faithful to consider making a pledge to the Annual Appeal. Committing to a recurring monthly gift may allow you to give more generously and in a way that best aligns with your budget. Thank you for your kind consideration!

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 9 from 9:30 am-4:00 pm at St. Mary, 219 Third Street, Jersey City NJ

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 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.joyfilledmarriage.nj.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.stannahoboken.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.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

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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

Barnabas Health | RW Barnabas HEALTH
Home Care and Hospice

A partnership with VNA Health Group

We encourage volunteers to wait one year following the death of a loved one.

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>).