

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

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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

Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 31, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

What an incredible day! Thank you for all of your support and encouragement, especially as we celebrated my installation as your pastor last weekend. I am excited to serve you and all the OLC community and I am counting on your prayers to sustain me for the years to come. In the meantime, here are some photos of the Mass and party for you to enjoy. God bless you always and please pray for me.

Love,
Fr. Bryan



Photos by Izabella Williams

FAMILY MASS THIS SUNDAY!



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

If you haven't been -- you really should join us after the 7:00 PM mass for the next *Social After 7* this Sunday, **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'S ANNUAL 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

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| 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 |
| Monday 12:30 pm | April 1, 2019 Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Houghton From <i>OLC Parishioners</i> |
| Tuesday 12:30 pm | April 2, 2019 Nieves Arboleda From <i>Virginia</i> |
| Wednesday 12:30 pm | April 3, 2019 Margaret McGill From <i>Compliance Team at Lord Abbett</i> |
| Thursday 12:30 pm | April 4, 2019 Francis Ciba (16 th Ann.) From <i>family</i> |
| Friday 12:30 pm | April 5, 2019 Marjanna Kopec From <i>grandson</i> |
| Saturday 5:00 pm | April 6, 2019 Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Stephen Nowatkowski and LeAnn Roarty</i> |
| Sunday 10:00 am | April 7, 2019 Helen Wisniewski From <i>grandson Joseph Wisniewski</i> |
| 12:30 pm | Helen Wisniewski From <i>Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Zakrzewski</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 31, 2019
Jos. 5:9a, 10-12, 2 Cor. 5:17-21,
Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, April 7, 2019
Is. 43:16-21, Phil. 3:8-14,
Jn. 8:1-11

*Strength in prayer
is better than length in prayer.*



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 23/24, **772** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$4,679.79**. WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$1,206.09**, Venmo donations were **\$39** contributing to a weekend collection of **\$5,924.88**

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 two Mondays (in addition to Saturdays at 4:00 PM at OLC Church or by appointment with the pastor): *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 is today March 31st after the 7:00 PM in the church hall. Delicious pizza donated by John's Pizzeria... BYOB! Meet other parishioners! For more information email Marlene at co-coton@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 April 4. 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 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.

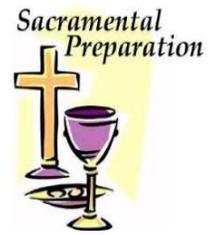
OLC Seniors: Group meets monthly in the church hall and plans several one-day activities as well as trips each year. Next meeting is April 10 at 1:00 PM. New members welcome (must be 55 and over). For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

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. **Gathering to Understand is next Sunday, 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.



JOIN ALPHA SHARING GROUP



APRIL MASS SCHEDULE

| DAY | TIME | CELEBRANT |
|-------------|----------|--------------|
| SAT: 4/6/19 | 5:00 pm | Fr. Bryan |
| SUN: 4/7/19 | 10:00 am | Fr. Bryan |
| | 12:30 pm | Fr. Bryan |
| | 7:00 pm | Fr. Dominick |

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 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 SENIORS DAY TRIP



The OLC Seniors have scheduled a day trip on Wednesday May 22 to the Sight and Sound Thea-

ter 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.

STEWARDSHIP

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." - Joshua 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.



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 –

April 13 from 9:30 am-5:00 pm at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in Roseland NJ
April 27 from 9:30 am-4:00 pm at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark NJ
April 27 from 9:00 am-4:30 pm at St. Catharine in Glen Rock NJ
April 28, 30 at 3:00 pm on Sunday and 7:30 pm on Tuesday at St. Matthew in Ridgefield NJ

(To register, please visit www.rcan.org/precana. \$100 per couple)

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage –

April 7 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark NJ
April 13 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at St. Stephen in Kearny NJ
April 27 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes in Mountainside NJ

(To register, please visit www.joyfilledmarriage.nj.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 busyness 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

St. 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!