



**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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\*Not affiliated with OLC

## 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

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – April 21, 2019**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

The Easter season is a great time to celebrate, and we have so very much to be thankful for here at OLC. Over the past year and a half, the parish has grown in both size and a sense of community. People meet at our events and friendships are born. Few things make me happier than hearing of parishioners meeting over doughnuts in the Church Hall and then getting together for dinner or play dates, weaving an even tighter web of relationship, while so many things in our society seem to make people feel isolated and alone.

This is one of the most important aspects of a parish community: noticing another who is trying to build a relationship with Jesus through His Church. This goes for the many non-Catholics who worship with us every week as well. Our parish is rich in diversity; so many people bring aspects of their cultures to our gatherings, spiritual and social, and we are the better for it.

Our parish is a great microcosm of Catholicism. We have young and old, Jersey City natives and transplants from all ends of the earth, lifelong believers and many who are new to Christianity. We are busting with couples preparing for marriage, babies being baptized, and if you have been to the 10 a.m. Mass, you know how many families are trying to pass along their faith to their young ones.

We are blest, but we cannot take any of these blessings for granted. As we are searching for a new principal for our parish school, I ask for your prayers that God sends us the leader He wants for us, and also prayers of thanksgiving for Mrs. Stefanelli as she enters retirement. May she enjoy her time with family and rest knowing that she has done a great job leading the school for the last 10 years.

We're also planning some social outreach efforts over the next year in addition to our small group opportunities, so please prayerfully consider being involved—or even talk to me about possibly leading a group.

Finally, please continue to witness to your faith and invite others to explore joining the Church through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation). Your invitation can be the most powerful one in another's journey to recognize the presence of Jesus in their life.

There are many good things going on in the Catholic community of downtown Jersey City, and especially at our parish. Please continue to pray for me as we travel together in hopes of rising with Jesus at the Resurrection.

Have a blessed Easter!!

Love,  
Fr. Bryan

### 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 **April 28<sup>th</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!!

### OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA SCHOOL'S 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TASTE OF JERSEY CITY

An exciting evening to taste the best cuisines of Jersey City, sample beverages from local providers,

and socialize with the OLC and Jersey City community, all while enjoying live entertainment on the rooftop! Join us on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Charles & Co. on 201 Montgomery, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Jersey City. Tickets available exclusively at: [olctasteoffer-seycity2019.eventbrite.com](http://olctasteoffer-seycity2019.eventbrite.com). Early bird pricing \$65 per person (including service charge).

### 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 pm	<b>April 20, 2019</b> Easter Vigil, for People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>April 21, 2019</b> Catherine and James Uffer From <i>Marilyn Gardullo</i>
12:30 pm	Edward and Wanda Bromirski From <i>Melanie and Bill</i> <b>No Evening Mass</b>
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>April 22, 2019</b> Ramiro Austeria From <i>Estela</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>April 23, 2019</b> John V. Pisarick Sr. From <i>Michael and Katherine</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>April 24, 2019</b> Donald F. Bonito From <i>Michael and Katherine</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>April 25, 2019</b> Angel Sr., Elvira and Angel Jr. Grande From <i>Norma</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>April 26, 2019</b> Kathleen Shea From <i>Nancy Bennett</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>April 27, 2019</b> Blessings for Matty and Ed Hiott on their 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary From <i>family</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>April 28, 2019</b> Rev. Msgr. William J. Linder From <i>OLC Parishioners</i>
12:30 pm	Helen Wisniewski From <i>Mr. and Mrs. Al Chowanec</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, April 21, 2019**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col. 3:1-4; Jn. 20:1-9;  
Lk. 24:13-35

### **Sunday, April 28, 2019**

Acts 5:12-16; Rv. 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19;  
Jn. 20:19-31

*There's no use in doing a kindness  
if you do it a day too late.*

## OLC EASTER GIFT APPEAL



The Easter Gift Appeal is a long-standing tradition at OLC in which we ask parishioners to make their offering at Easter a special one by taking humble pride in being good stewards of our parish and being generous in response to the Appeal.

The Easter Gift Appeal is dedicated to shoring up the parish operating account that strains under the financial stress of unavoidable increases in normal operating expenses, including: utilities and supplies, maintenance, insurance, compensation, and—just as in our personal lives—the occasional unanticipated (and not budgeted) expenses that always seem to crop up.

The effect of lost income from the convent is still being felt, and will be for the foreseeable future. However, the operating account remains in the black for the immediate future, largely thanks to your generosity in meeting last year's \$30,000 Easter Gift goal. Thank you again!

Our goal for this Easter is to raise \$35,000; just slightly higher than last year and truly needed. This goal is achievable if all those who participated last year made a sacrificial increase in their Easter gift by just 10%, and if those who are new to the parish or, for whatever reason, did not participate last year do so this year.

The suggested Easter gift is \$200. This is not a floor or a ceiling. Your Easter gift depends on what your conscience dictates and your means allow. Please prayerfully consider your participation in this year's Easter Appeal.

Wishing you a continued holy Lent and a blessed Easter to come,

Your Parish Finance Council

## WEEKLY OFFERING

Collection information for the weekend of April 13/14 is unavailable due to the early bulletin publication date.



*Weekly*  
**OFFERING**

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

## APRIL MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 4/27/19	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 4/28/19	10:00 am	Fr. Dominic
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Bryan

## 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:** Confessions may be heard on Saturdays at

4:00 PM at OLC Church or by appointment with the pastor. Please call 201-434-0798 to schedule.

**First Holy Communion/Confirmation:** The candidates from the 2018-2019 Reconciliation/Communion class will receive First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. The candidates from the 2018-2019 Confirmation class are scheduled to receive Confirmation on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:30 pm.

**Family Mass:** May 19 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 April 28<sup>th</sup> after the 7:00 PM mass 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](mailto: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@olcj.org](mailto:directorofmusic@olcj.org).

**OLC Alpha Group:** Small Sharing Group meets Thursdays in the church hall from 7:00 pm-8:45 pm. Next meeting is April 25. For more information, contact Victor DiSanzo at [victor@olcj.org](mailto:victor@olcj.org).

**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 May 8 at 1:00 PM. Day trip on Thursday May 23 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. New members welcome (must be 55 and over). For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

## STEWARDSHIP



*"He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." - Acts 10:38*

On this Easter Sunday, open your hearts to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. God is love and we are made in His image and likeness. Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray for guidance on how to live your life and give thanks for all that He has given you.

## EASTER FLOWER OFFERING INTENTIONS



Strasz Family, Ross Family; George P. Garrander, Angela Garrander, Gary P. Garrander; Michael G. Gardullo, John and Letizia Gardullo, Catherine and James Uffer, All Suffering Souls in Purgatory; Penaga Family, Campomanes Family; Michael and Rose Piccarillo, William and Edward Bromusto; Liam Mendez Booth; Nena Toro, Vicente Toro, Amparo Toro, Hugo Botero, Pepe Restrep, Margarita Restrepo, Ofelia Villegas, Luz de Pereira, Lucia Pereira; Mary McCabe; Adolfo Ortega; Karczewski and Grego Family; Eleanor and Tom Kelly, Herber and Elizabeth Halstead; Sam Singer; Roger Halstead; Nowatkowski Family, Matulewicz Family, Stapinski Family; Epifanio Tuason "Dad"; Barbara Rubino, Richard Rubino; Charles and Mary Czysz & Family & Friends; Joseph Przyblinski, Chester Sr. and Sophie Brozowski; Gazdowicz Family; Donna Brown; Joseph Przyblinski, Chester and Noreen Brozowski, Anne and Paul Mikula, Stasia and Edward Bonczek; John and Veronica Tuzinkiewicz; Aponia Rodrigues, Ignatious Rodrigues, Philip Meneres, Rajesh Bhoste; Salvador Gamboa, Conception P. Gamboa, Dolores Puertas Pineda, Delfin Pineda, Ernesto Gamboa; Bernardino and Gloria Guerrero, Robert and Shirley Gernsheimer, Dominador Peregrino, Mercedes Peregrino, Paciencia Guerrero; Weronika Sowul, Eugeniusz Sowul; Catherine Miller, Andy Ciba, Nora and Felix Feehan; Edward, Wanda and Edward J. Bromirski; Barbara Bromirski; John, Teresa and John Zazula; William and Helen Bromirski; John and Mary Pietrowicz; Bill and Edward J. Bromirski, John and Helen Hyjek; Dennis J. Piatkowski; Eugenio Arboleda, Nieves Arboleda, Mimi Elbarody; Genever Whitaker

## 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 Baptism Preparation Class is Sunday, June 2 at 11:15 AM.

## SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE FOR 2019



On Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM, children from our parish will receive their **First Holy Communion** here at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church.

Youth from our parish will receive the Sacrament of **Confirmation** on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM also at OLC Church. Bishop Manuel Cruz will preside.

Please keep all of our young parishioners in your prayers!

## OLC SENIORS DAY TRIP



The OLC Seniors have scheduled a day trip on Thursday May 23 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 now due. For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

## NAVIGATING BACK TO THE CHURCH WE THOUGHT WE WERE – AND BEYOND

Shamed, mortified, and deeply saddened by the scandalous revelations that have come to light concerning our beloved church over the past few months, how do we Catholics recover? Can things ever be the same as they were so short a time ago? Should they be, or is a new Pentecost awaiting us? A time to think, pray and to decide. Program scheduled for Tuesday May 7 from 5:30 pm-7:45 pm. Presenter: Father Richard Rento, S.T.L. Fee of \$25-\$35 (pay within your means) includes supper as well as presentation at the Caldwell Dominican Motherhouse in Caldwell NJ. For more information, please visit [www.lumenctr.org](http://www.lumenctr.org).

## SEPARATED/DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUPS



It's true...there's no such thing as "Catholic Divorce"...but millions of Catholics DO get civilly divorced. Maybe you or someone you know has suffered the breakdown of the marriage and family, or maybe they are going through it right now. No matter how long it's been, the Church is HERE to help. There are 13 parishes in the Archdiocese of Newark who offer a support group for the divorced and/or separated. Contact Lauren Egan at [Lauren.Egan@rcan.org](mailto:Lauren.Egan@rcan.org) or 1-973-497-4327 for more information, or go to: [www.rcan.org/separateddivorced-support-groups](http://www.rcan.org/separateddivorced-support-groups).

## 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 –

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](http://www.rcan.org/precana). \$100 per couple)

### God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage –

April 27 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes in Mountainside 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 and twenty-five 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:

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.

## ST. DOMINIC ACADEMY (SDA) OPEN HOUSE

SDA will hold its Spring Open House on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, between the hours of 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Visitors will have the chance to speak with faculty, staff, students and members of the administrative team. There is no appointment necessary but please arrive no later than 7:00 pm. SDA is an independent, Catholic college preparatory high school for girls. The school is located at 2572 Kennedy Boulevard in Jersey City. For more information, please call **201-434-5938** or visit their website: [www.stdominicacad.com](http://www.stdominicacad.com).

## ST. PETER'S PREP OPEN HOUSE

St. Peter's Preparatory School will be holding its 2019 Spring Open House on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 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!