

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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Office Hours

Monday-Friday

9:30 am-5:00 pm

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

Second Sunday of Easter – April 28, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Being a Catholic means being comfortable with failure and fear. Before Jesus underwent His passion, the cross was a sign of failure, the most feared means of torment offered by the Roman government. After the Resurrection, it became the ultimate sign of victory.

The way we get comfortable with failure is by continuing to get back up when we fall. We do this through confession, the great gift of God given to us through the very Scripture we read today.

Fear is something we cannot deal with alone; when we try, it becomes crippling. This is one of the most critical reasons Jesus gave us the church. When the disciples were gathered together, they shared their fears with one another, Jesus appeared to them, and they got stronger.

They learned that God lives to forgive. When you're alone in your sins, when you're alone in your fears, it is easy to feel forgotten or to think that God didn't notice you. However, when we realize that God forgives everyone who has the courage to be sorry, we begin to realize the beauty of our faith. It's not about being worthy of forgiveness or slipping under the radar, but rather how important it is to trust in His Divine Mercy.



Love,
Fr. Bryan

OLC SCHOOL'S TASTE OF JERSEY CITY

YOU ARE INVITED!

SEVENTH ANNUAL EVENT

TASTE of Jersey City 2019

FRIDAY, MAY 17 AT 7PM

CHARLES & CO / 7TH FLOOR ROOFTOP
201 MONTGOMERY / JERSEY CITY

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW
OLCTASTEOFJERSEYCITY2019.EVENTBRITE.COM

SILVERMAN **Kamegashi** **PSA**

The invitation is a light blue square with a circular logo in the center. The logo features a chef's hat and crossed utensils (a spoon and a fork) above the text "TASTE of Jersey City 2019". The text "SEVENTH ANNUAL EVENT" is written in a semi-circle above the logo, and "DON'T MISS OLC SCHOOL'S TASTE THE BEST CUISINES OF JERSEY CITY" is written in a semi-circle below it. Below the logo, the event date and time are listed, followed by the venue address. At the bottom, there is a call to action to get tickets and a website link. Logos for Silverman, Kamegashi, and PSA are at the very bottom.

TO OUR VOLUNTEERS...

A heartfelt **thank you!**

We had a wonderful Easter celebration and it was due in large part to the efforts of all of the incredible volunteers who generously gave of their time. People worked on the myriad tasks needed on both the front-line and behind the scenes in preparation for Holy Week. Parishioners worked tirelessly to organize another successful Fish Fry, clean and decorate the church, and design and produce the Holy Week and Easter worship programs. Former OLC School students filled the eggs for the Easter egg hunt, and other volunteers helped with both setup and cleanup of the egg hunt field. We gratefully acknowledge Deacon Paul Pak for preparing RCIA candidates, and the parents who led the children's liturgy on Easter Sunday. Thanks to Pat Duemig and the lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and altar servers who served. And thank you to Ben Rauch, our organist/choir director, and the cantors, choir, children's choir, and instrumentalists.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	April 27, 2019 Blessings for Matty and Ed Hiott on their 50 th Wedding Anniversary From <i>family</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	April 28, 2019 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
Monday 12:30 pm	April 29, 2019 Kathleen Shea From <i>Peggy Bennett</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	April 30, 2019 Michael Burke From <i>Doris Emden</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	May 1, 2019 Barbara Speck From <i>Joyce, John and John</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	May 2, 2019 Jon Krill From <i>Nancy Bennett</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	May 3, 2019 Arturo Cespedes From <i>Art Dancel</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	May 4, 2019 Barbara Anne Laucius From <i>Jeanne Bohlen Oppel</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	May 5, 2019 Helen Wisniewski From <i>Masters Family</i>
12:30 pm	Rev. George L. Mader From <i>OLC Parishioners</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

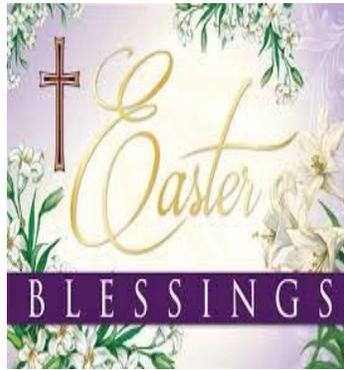
Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, April 28, 2019
Acts 5:12-16; Rv. 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19;
Jn. 20:19-31

Sunday, May 5, 2019
Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv. 5:11-14;
Jn. 21:1-19

*We can resist anything
except temptation.*

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.

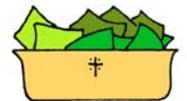
The suggested Easter gift is \$200. This is not a floor or a ceiling. Your Easter gift depends on what your conscience dictates and your means allow. Please prayerfully consider your participation in this year's Easter Appeal.

Wishing you a blessed Eastertide,
Your Parish Finance Council

WEEKLY OFFERING

For the weekend of April 13/14, **741** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$3,559.02**, WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$2,820**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$6,379.02**.

For the weekend of April 20/21, **932** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$20,666**. WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$3,018.91** and Venmo donations were **\$512** contributing to a weekend collection of **\$24,196.91**.



Weekly
OFFERING

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: 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 and Communion class will receive First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 4th 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 May 19th 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.

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.

OLC Alpha Group: Small Sharing Group meets Thursdays in the church hall from 7:00 pm-8:45 pm. Next meeting is May 2nd. For more information, contact Victor DiSanzo at 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.

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 15 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.

MAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

STEWARDSHIP

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" - John 20:21

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. Look for opportunities to share His peace, not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, we receive the peace of Jesus Christ.



EASTER FLOWER OFFERING INTENTIONS



Deceased members of the Martinez-Fernandez Families; Maria Losca, Adelaide Scanlon, Leonardo Annese; Lucille Ronca

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.



BAPTISM PREPARATION



Baptism Preparation Class

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.

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, "Je-

sus". 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.

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 or 1-973-497-4327 for more information, or go to: www.rcan.org/separateddivorced-support-groups.



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 at an anniversary liturgy celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin on **June 2 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Please contact the Parish Office 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 –

May 4 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Linden NJ

May 11 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at the Church of the Annunciation in Paramus NJ

May 19 from 9:00 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 –

May 11 from 10:30 am-6:30 pm at St. Mary in Nutley

May 25 from 1:30 pm-5:30 pm at St. Casimir in Newark

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

ST. DOMINIC ACADEMY (SDA) OPEN HOUSE

SDA will hold its Spring Open House on Wednesday, May 1st, 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.



ST. PETER'S PREP OPEN HOUSE



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