

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 12, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Happy Mother's Day!

This past week, Duchess of Sussex became the mother of a royal baby boy and it garnered a great deal of attention. And here on Sussex Street in Jersey City, we're celebrating Jesus at a church dedicated to His own blessed mother.

Dear mothers, expectant mothers, potential mothers, hopeful mothers, and mothers contemplating more children, Our Lady gives us a perfect example of faith and courage. She said "Yes" to God when He revealed His plan for her at the Annunciation and witnessed all the moments of Jesus' life, from His first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana to His condemnation and execution on Good Friday. Her faith saved the world.

Let us appreciate our Blessed Mother – and all our mothers – today and every day. God bless you always and please pray for me.

Love,
Fr. Bryan

SOCIAL AFTER 7



If you haven't been -- you really should join us next Sunday after the 7:00 PM mass for the next *Social After 7* on **May 19th**. 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!!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

To all mothers, and those who are like mothers to us, we wish you a blessed day!

FAMILY MASS AT OLC



MAY 19, 2019 AT 10 A.M.

- Kid friendly liturgy
- Kids activity
- Meet fellow parishioners

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

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/OLCFAMILYMASSMAY19](https://tinyurl.com/olcfamilymassmay19)



A Mother's Day Prayer

In the name of
JESUS CHRIST,
we lift up all
MOTHERS today.

Happy Mother's Day



We thank them for their
sacrifices so that we can
have a life of contentment.
Grant them favour, Lord
and may they have a
wonderful place in existence
in Your heart of **GRACE**.

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*What your heart possesses,
your life expresses.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	May 11, 2019 Mary and Stanley Plewan, Sr. From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	May 12, 2019 Michael Gardullo (1 st Ann.) From <i>Marilyn Gardullo</i>
12:30 pm	Mary Czysz and Family From <i>Laura Czysz; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	May 13, 2019 Apolonia (Pauline) Spera From <i>Matty and Eddie</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	May 14, 2019 Gloria Colella From <i>son Steven</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	May 15, 2019 Amira Kerbaj From <i>family</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	May 16, 2019 Rev. John E. Basil From <i>OLC Parishioners</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	May 17, 2019 Simon Bitar From <i>Kerbaj Family</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	May 18, 2019 Irene Hume From <i>Barbara, Blanche and Donna Przyblinski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	May 19, 2019 Victoria and Antoni Michno From <i>daughter Janina</i>
12:30 pm	Lucy Kirkowski From <i>Wally Padulo</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

***The Tabernacle Candle & Bread and Wine
are Offered in Memory of
Irene Hume
from
Barbara, Blanche and Donna Przyblinski***

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, May 12, 2019
Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv. 7:9, 14b-17;
Jn. 10:27-30

Sunday, May 19, 2019
Acts 14:21-27; Rv. 21:1-5a;
Jn. 13:31-33a, 34-35

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!

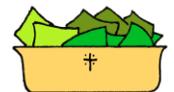
Our goal for this Easter is to raise \$35,000; just slightly higher than last year and truly needed. This goal is achievable if all those who participated last year made a sacrificial increase in their Easter gift by just 10%, and if those who are new to the parish or, for whatever reason, did not participate 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 May 4/5, 514 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$2,892.94**. WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$4,151.72** and Venmo donations were **\$35** contributing to a weekend collection of **\$7,079.66**.



Weekly
OFFERING

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

MAY MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 5/18/19	5:00 pm	Fr. Dominic
SUN: 5/19/19	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	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.

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 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 May 16th. For more information, contact Victor DiSanzo at victor@olcjc.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 civeluz@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.

STEWARDSHIP

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." - Acts 13:52

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy – a joy that others notice and are attracted to.



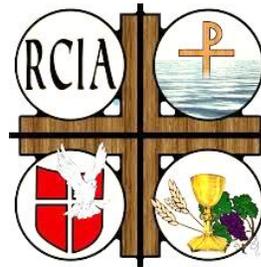
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT OLC



On Saturday, May 4th, the following children received the sacrament of First Holy Communion. We congratulate them and their families, and may God watch over them always:

<i>Emma Boveda</i>	<i>Parker Melvin</i>
<i>Glynis Burnett</i>	<i>Allessandra Moss</i>
<i>Evangeline Carr</i>	<i>Eva Nancy</i>
<i>Caitlin Connolly</i>	<i>Marcella Ona</i>
<i>Alice Cox</i>	<i>Nicholas Ortiz</i>
<i>Caitlin Espiritu</i>	<i>Emiliano Padierna</i>
<i>Marcus Garrett</i>	<i>Angelica Perry</i>
<i>Isabel Gonzalez</i>	<i>Julian Rasquinha</i>
<i>Ronan Haberbush</i>	<i>June Samuelsen</i>
<i>Callie Hayek</i>	<i>Antheia Seaman</i>
<i>Isabella Hernandez</i>	<i>Alexandria Surdukowski</i>
<i>Nicholas Jie</i>	<i>Natasha Titus</i>
<i>Micheal Kerr</i>	<i>Katarina Viducic</i>
<i>Isabella Massa</i>	<i>Eleanor Wynne</i>

RCIA CANDIDATES INITIATED AT OLC



During the Easter Vigil Mass on April 20, ten parishioners were received into the Catholic Church. They received the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation. We congratulate the following RCIA candidates and their families, and may God watch over them

always:

<i>Mary Atchley</i>	<i>Meghan Leary</i>
<i>Dominique Connolly</i>	<i>Matthew Lester</i>
<i>Renaldo Correa</i>	<i>Min Michelle Lin</i>
<i>Richard Geniso</i>	<i>Carlos Rojas</i>
<i>Jongwoo (Jay) Kim</i>	<i>Eliza Truscott</i>

BAPTISM PREPARATION



If you're having your baby baptized at OLC or another church, or are becoming 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, "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.

OLC SCHOOL'S TASTE OF JERSEY CITY – THIS FRIDAY!



DOWNTOWN HARVEST COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA)

Our CSA, Downtown Harvest, is now preparing for their 15th season. Enjoy fresh, organic produce while helping support sustainable agriculture. During the 24-week season, the farmer delivers weekly shares to the OLC Church garage at 180 Sussex Street. Members share in the risks and rewards of the farmer. For membership information, please go to their website: <http://www.downtownharvest.org/> or email: downtownharvestcsajc@gmail.com.

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 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 25 from 1:30 pm-5:30 pm at St. Casimir in Newark (To register, please visit www.joyfilledmarriagejnj.org. \$125 per couple)

PROGRAMS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

A Retreat on Spirituality and Aging (June 4-6, 2019). This mid-week retreat is for men and women over 55 years will address the mystery of aging as God's desire for the fulfillment of our lives and our spiritual development. We will reflect on spiritual insights into the aging process as growth towards becoming our authentic selves. Aging is not failure but a process of "growth and diminishment" with God working on our wisdom and creating us as we truly need to be. There will be input, quiet time, prayer and rituals, small group sharing and daily Eucharist. Cost is \$140 per person.

Spring Spiritual Getaway (June 11-13, 2019). There's no required program to follow. You're invited to join in the daily Eucharist, morning and evening prayer, and meals with the Marianist Community members. Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or spiritual direction are usually available. This mid-week retreat is for men and women. Cost is \$130 per person.

Accommodations, meals and all activities are included. Financial aid is available for these programs. For more information on these retreats, please call Anthony Fucci at 609-884-3829 or visit their website at: www.capemaymarianists.org. The Retreat Center is located at 417 Yale Avenue in Cape May Point, NJ.