

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.

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

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Monday-Friday

9:30 am-5:30 pm

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 26, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Communities are tested by how they endure struggles. Do they come together, or do they crumble? As our ceiling is falling into our church and our regular worship will be disrupted for a few months, we will see the strength of our parish.

Although the physical structure of our church may need some upkeep for everyone to remain safe, the spiritual structure of our parish is sound. We have been growing in many ways, including expanding out the door at Mass, coming together for family breakfasts, enjoying breathtaking views during our fall BBQ, meeting in small groups to grow in understanding of Jesus, and countless other events, all the while forging relationships with those around us. This will surely take us through this season of inconvenience when we will once again celebrate peacefully in our beautiful church, dedicated to the Virgin of Czestochowa.

In today's Gospel, Jesus leaves us His Peace, which cannot be found in this world. As we pray together and find our way through this stressful time, it is vital that we never allow the difficulties that surround us to steal the Peace left to us by Jesus.

God bless you and please pray for me,
Fr. Bryan

MEMORIAL DAY RECTORY CLOSURE



We wish you a safe and blessed holiday.

The OLC Church rectory will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am. The office will re-open on Tuesday, May 28, at 9:30

MAY 19 FAMILY MASS AND BREAKFAST

Faith, family, fun and food was abundant at our last Family Mass and breakfast! It was very well attended and everyone had a great time. Hope you'll join us next time.



OLC GOES TO ST. PETER'S

While our Church ceiling is being repaired, Our Lady of Czestochowa will be holding Saturday evening and all Sunday Masses at St. Peter's Church, located on the corner of Van Vorst and Grand Streets. Please use the Van Vorst Street entrance.

Daily Masses will be held in our Church Hall, which is next door to the Church, through the gate and down the stairs.

Thank you to St. Peter's for their generosity in hosting us.

BAPTISM PREPARATION NEXT SUNDAY

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.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	May 25, 2019
5:00 pm	Andrew Ciba (5 th Ann.) From <i>family</i>
Sunday	May 26, 2019
10:00 am	Eugene Wydrzynski From <i>Mark Romanski</i>
12:30 pm	Gene Warlikowski From <i>Claire</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday	May 27, 2019
9:30 am	Rev. Msgr. Francis R. Seymour, KHS From <i>OLC Parishioners</i>
Tuesday	May 28, 2019
12:30 pm	Carlos Penaga From <i>Vangie</i>
Wednesday	May 29, 2019
12:30 pm	Jaime Francisco From <i>Marissa</i>
Thursday	May 30, 2019 – ASCENSION THURSDAY
12:30 pm	Sr. Bridget O'Shea, CJSP From <i>OLC Parishioners</i>
7:00 pm	Cecelia Saldanha From <i>family</i>
Friday	May 31, 2019
12:30 pm	Cecelia Saldanha From <i>family</i>
Saturday	June 1, 2019
5:00 pm	Nieves and Eugenio Arboleda From <i>Virginia</i>
Sunday	June 2, 2019
10:00 am	Rosario Contreras From <i>Maggie and Lenny Englese</i>
12:30 pm	Eugene Wydrzynski From <i>Ted and Deana Johnson</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

The Bread and Wine & Tabernacle Candle are offered in Memory of Alfred and Lillian Julewicz from son Philip

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, May 26, 2019

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv. 21:10-14, 22-23;
Jn. 14:23-29

Sunday, June 2, 2019

Acts 7:55-60; Rv. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20;
Jn. 17:20-26

PARISH GIVING AND OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



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Thank you to all those who have signed up for Parish Giving. As Fr. Bryan has noted, participation in Parish Giving is perhaps the best way to practice stewardship and contribute to the financial wellbeing of

your parish. Lest there be any doubt, donations in any form—electronic, cash, or check— are always welcome and appreciated. Practice your stewardship as the Holy Spirit moves you to do.

For We Share users who have yet to migrate to Parish Giving, please do so at your earliest possible convenience. **We Share will be phased out at the end of May.** Instructions for terminating We Share can be found on the We Share website. Click on “Support” at the top of the page, and then “Donor Support” in the middle of the next page, and follow the instructions. All reports say this is easy.

Several parishioners have asked whether, after enrolling in Parish Giving, they can still receive traditional envelopes to place in the basket at the foot of the Altar of God at the Offertory, as is our custom at OLC; a beautiful custom that finds roots in scripture (e.g. *Deut. 26:4*). The answer is yes.

If you already receive envelopes you will continue to do so after you enroll. If you don't receive envelopes but wish to, simply contact the parish office.

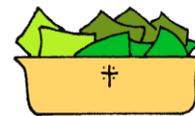
In closing, we ask you to please prayerfully consider participating in Parish Giving. It is a true “win-win” arrangement. And please do participate in our beautiful OLC custom of personally, or as a family, approaching the Altar of God at the Offertory with your financial gift as an outward sign of your internal gratitude for His gifts that He has bestowed on you. The Council is exploring additional ways to facilitate this.

Yours in faith,
Your Parish Finance Council

WEEKLY OFFERING

For the weekend of May 18/19, **564** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$2,669.35**. WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$1,501.51** and Venmo donations were **\$62**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,232.86**.

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



Weekly
OFFERING

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: Resumes in the fall at 10:00 AM. Breakfast served at 11:00 AM in the Church Hall. Kid-friendly liturgy and activities; meet fellow parishioners and bring a friend! No RSVP required!

Juice & Donuts: Served after every 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: June 16th 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 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 30th. For more information, contact Victor DiSanzo at victor@olcjc.org.

OLC Community Health & Fitness Event: Jump start your fitness goals on Saturday, June 8, from 9:30 PM-10:30 PM with "Spring It On!", a monthly fitness and wellness program led by Dr. Rick Rutkowski, DPT of The Body Lab Jersey City. Presentation will be followed by a complimentary no-sweat exercise class. Bring the whole family for fun and fitness!

OLC Prayer Group: Prayer group meets daily Monday-Friday at church after the 12:30 PM Mass. Prayers begin at 1:15 PM with the Rosary, Divine Mercy, Devotion to Our Lady of Czestochowa, and a different devotion daily. For more information, please email Chona Veluz at cjveluz@aol.com.

OLC Seniors: Group meets monthly (except in July and August) in the Church Hall and plans several one-day activities as well as trips each year. Next meeting is June 12 at 1:00 PM. New members welcome (must be 55 and over). For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

JUNE MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 6/1/19	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 6/2/19	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Dominick
	7:00 pm	Fr. Bryan

OLC CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

DO YOU LIKE
SINGING?

JOIN OLC CHURCH
JR. CHOIR

For kids ages 7-13 who have or will be receiving
their First Holy Communion in 2019

**SIGN UP
NOW**

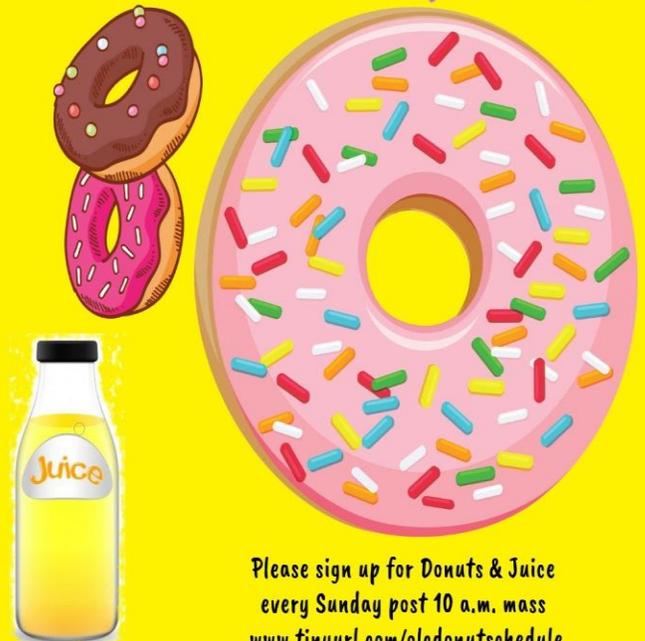
To sign up contact
Ben Rauch

Director of Music
In person or via email at
directorofmusic@olcjc.org



DONUTS AND JUICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We DONUT know what we
would do without your help!



Please sign up for Donuts & Juice
every Sunday post 10 a.m. mass
www.tinyurl.com/olcdonutschedule

STEWARDSHIP

*"...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."
- John 14:27*

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you.

OLC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY EVENT

SPRING IT ON!

OLC Community Health and Fitness Event
Saturday, June 8th @ 9:30 pm-10:30pm
OLC Church Hall

It is not too late to SPRING into your Summer 2019 Fitness Goals! Now is a great time to re-evaluate your health and fitness routine (or simply start one!) Jump start your fitness goals with the launch of "Spring it On!", a monthly fitness and wellness program led by **Dr. Rick Rutkowski, DPT of The Body Lab Jersey City**. Join us for a short discussion on the latest strategies for fitness, wellness, and lifestyle management, followed by a complimentary no-sweat exercise class. This fun, low impact, yet highly effective class, allows you to safely and efficiently work out to lose weight and get strong. Bring the whole family for fun and fitness!



PROGRAMS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

A Retreat on Spirituality and Aging (June 4-6).

This mid-week retreat is for men and women over 55 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. 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). 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.

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 –

June 1 from 9:30 am-4:00 pm at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark

June 1 from 9:00 am-6:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes in West Orange

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

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage –

June 9 from 12:00 noon-6:30 pm at St. Michael in Cranford

June 22 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Ridgewood

June 23 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark

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

GRIEVING PARENTS RETREAT



A One-Day Spiritual Retreat for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago

All Are Welcome!

Saturday, June 8, 2019

*Notre Dame RC Church
359 Central Avenue
North Caldwell, NJ 07006
9:30 am – 7:00 pm*

**PRE-REGISTRATION
REQUIRED!**

Register at www.emgpn.org or Mail in the form on the other side Before May 28, 2019

\$25/person or \$40/couple
Registration fee includes three meals and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available.

For more information: Email: Lauren.Egan@rcan.org Call: 973-497-4327

Losing a child under any circumstance is horrendous. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously.

Just as he comforted his grieving disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus comforts us and we comfort each other in this very special Catholic ministry.

Join other Emmaus Parent Companions and our Archdiocese of Newark team in a warm and loving place... to think, to talk, to feel, and to pray. Find compassion, rest, and peace... at least for a time.

