



# 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](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

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#### Office Hours

Monday-Friday

9:30 am-5:30 pm

**Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 19, 2019**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Today's Gospel lays out the essence of Christian perfection. To prepare the disciples for life without Him, Jesus gave them a new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you."

What a tall order, to love someone as Jesus loves us. We're supposed to love the person who cuts in line, who sabotages us at work, who exposes our secrets, as much as Jesus loves us? Jesus, who died on a cross for our sins?

He isn't asking us to hang on a cross for our coworkers or neighbors, but we could do a better job of loving them on an everyday basis. Couldn't we let the person with one item behind us in line go ahead of us at the supermarket? Couldn't we be more patient with our children and their math homework, or think kindly of other drivers instead of muttering under our breath (or shouting out our negative thoughts)?

Little acts of kindness like these, performed regularly and thoughtfully, will improve the lives of others and our lives, too. Great. But how about moving up to a larger act of kindness? Once we let someone cut the line, can we also extend that care to praying for them, and then praying for other people in addition to our own requests? Can we extend that love at work, guiding our business practices to the greater good?

Can we then extend this divine advice to include *everyone* -- people with political leanings opposed to ours, people who have hurt us deeply, convicted criminals? Because Jesus did. He loved everyone and commands the same of us. Not requests, not suggests, but *commands*. By making our decisions based on His commands, all will know that we are His disciples.

God bless you always and please pray for me.

Love,

Fr. Bryan

### FAMILY MASS AT OLC THIS SUNDAY!



### SOCIAL AFTER 7 THIS SUNDAY!



If you haven't been -- you really should join us this weekend after the 7:00 PM mass for the next *Social After 7* this Sunday, **May 19<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!!

### REGISTER FOR SACRAMENT CLASSES

Registration for First Communion and Confirmation has begun. If you have a child who will be in first or second grade or seventh or eighth grade in the fall of 2019, please complete the registration form on the OLC website under the 'Faith Formation & Sacraments' tab. The OLC Church website is [www.olcjc.org](http://www.olcjc.org). 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'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.

*God's gifts come  
wrapped in people.*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>May 18, 2019</b> Irene Hume From <i>Barbara, Blanche and Donna Przyblinski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>May 19, 2019</b> 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
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 20, 2019</b> Amira Kerbaj From <i>family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 21, 2019</b> Deceased members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 22, 2019</b> Jaime Francisco From <i>Cheryl</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 23, 2019</b> Rev. John J. Lester From <i>OLC Parishioners</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 24, 2019</b> Rev. Michael J. Moran From <i>OLC Parishioners</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>May 25, 2019</b> Andrew Ciba (5 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) From <i>family</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>May 26, 2019</b> Eugene Wydrzynski From <i>Mark Romanski</i>
12:30 pm	Gene Warlikowski From <i>Claire</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday*

**Sunday, May 19, 2019**

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

**Sunday, May 26, 2019**

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

## PARISH GIVING AND OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



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OR TO ACCESS ACCOUNT](#)

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 11/12, **591** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$2,643.79**. WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$1,652.67** and Venmo donations were **\$107**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,403.46**.



*Weekly*  
**OFFERING**

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

## CONFIRMATION AT OLC

On Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, the following eighth graders received the sacrament of Confirmation. It was the first time in years that Confirmation was celebrated at OLC. Bishop Manuel A. Cruz presided over the momentous occasion. We congratulate them and their families, and may God watch over them always:

Aidan D'Antuono	Antoine Hurtado-Barzac
Chelsea Delsoin	Tim Lupberger
Teresa Gerald	Daniella Skop
Cassiel Graullera	Ashley Tosado
Maurice Williams	



## MAY MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 5/25/19	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 5/26/19	10:00 am	Msgr. Paul
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Rocco

## STEWARDSHIP

*"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - John 13:34*

It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes strength and courage to love someone when we feel unappreciated, used or feel our opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage to "love my neighbor" when he may be someone I don't like, someone I don't know or someone who doesn't look like me.

## 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 Parish 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 Parish 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:** This Sunday, May 19<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 [cocoton@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 23<sup>rd</sup>. For more information, contact Victor DiSanzo at [victor@olcjc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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. Day trip on Thursday May 23 to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to see the new play "Jesus." New members welcome (must be 55 and over). For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

## 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. 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).** 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](http://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](http://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](http://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  
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.joyfilledmarriagenj.org](http://www.joyfilledmarriagenj.org). \$125 per couple)

## GRIEVING PARENTS RETREAT

**The Emmaus Ministry**  
FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

[www.emmausministryforgrievingparents.org](http://www.emmausministryforgrievingparents.org)

*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.emmabp.org](http://www.emmabp.org) or Mail in the form on the other side Before May 28, 2019

**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.

**\$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](mailto:Lauren.Egan@rcan.org) Call: 973-497-4327

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