

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](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

**Third Sunday of Easter – May 5, 2019**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Immigration and labor are always in the news these days. This past Wednesday, we celebrated an immigrant and laborer. The father of all immigrants and all workers, really. With his wife and Child, Joseph led the most famous family of refugees away from everything and everyone they knew, into an unfamiliar and uncertain land.

St. Joseph took the Christ Child and His Mother to Egypt, because the angel of God told him to. Naturally, he was fearful, but fortunately Joseph did not live his life based on his disappointments, past hurts, or the opinions of those around him. Instead, he was always open to the will of God, and had compassion for our Blessed Mother and her Divine Son.

Joseph's example must have been a formative influence for the young Jesus. Perhaps His early life, living in a culture where Jews were the minority, gave Our Lord a natural comfort level with different peoples and cultures.

Jesus is not afraid to come to us, even if it means working outside of presumed convention. I can only imagine He learned it from Joseph, His natural foster father, and His Immaculate Mother in a Holy Family that is anything but conventional. Jesus has no fear or predisposed judgment. It's not in His nature. However, He knows what it is to be the outcast; to be lost and found, to be suspected and accused, to be betrayed and used, to be beaten and abused.

Throughout our lives, each of us may come face to face with a painful reality from which we must flee. The question is, will we respond to God's grace in obedience to Him, as did St. Joseph? What pains and disappointments do we allow to rule our lives? What hurts leave our hearts raw, unwilling to suffer further difficulty or the judgment of others?

Are we mocked or bullied, the victims of infidelity or abuse? Have we suffered the effects of a family split by divorce, rejection, or abandonment? Some souls for whom we labor have tried to flee from drugs or alcohol, gambling, or other compulsive behaviors.

Whatever it may be, let us ask God to reveal the danger from which we need to be rescued and run to the protective arms of St. Joseph. We seek his powerful intercession as Mary sought him. We ask him to carry us when we are tired as even Jesus, the Child, asked him. We beg Joseph to heal our hearts so that we can remain open to those in our lives, especially in our families and community.

God is Love, and because of He is the Son of God, Jesus shows us the way to love Him with all our hearts, and all our souls, and all our minds. But perhaps, because He is the Son of Joseph, Jesus has taught us how to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Love,  
Fr. Bryan

### BAPTISM AT OLC



On Saturday, April 27, these children received the sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate them and their families, and may God watch over them always:

*Calvin August Robinson,*  
the son of John and Karen

*Hudson James Soucheck,*  
the son of Andrew and Nicole

*Sydney Elena Sylvester,*  
the daughter of Robert and Ericka

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>May 4, 2019</b> Barbara Anne Laucius From <i>Jeanne Bohlen Oppel</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>May 5, 2019</b> 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
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 6, 2019</b> Rev. James Czarnogorski, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Pastor (70 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) From <i>OLC Parishioners</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 7, 2019</b> For the health of Nello Colella From <i>son Steven</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 8, 2019</b> Otto Lucas Page From <i>family</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 9, 2019</b> Martha Rubino From <i>John, Joyce and John</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>May 10, 2019</b> Rosario Contreras From <i>Jessica and Sean Hablitz</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>May 11, 2019</b> Mary and Stanley Plewan, Sr. From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>May 12, 2019</b> Michael Gardullo (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann.) From <i>Marilyn Gardullo</i>
12:30 pm	Mary Cysz and Family From <i>Laura Cysz; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</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, May 5, 2019**

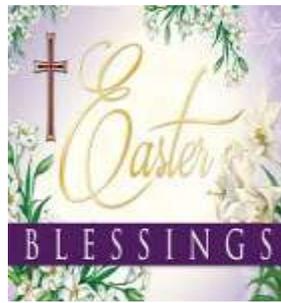
Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv. 5:11-14; Jn. 21:1-19

**Sunday, May 12, 2019**

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

*You can't do everything at once,  
but you can do something.*

## 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 27/28, **581** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$3,312.60**. WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$2,276.18** and Venmo donations were **\$35** contributing to a weekend collection of **\$5,623.78**.



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

## MAY MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 5/11/19	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 5/12/19	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Dominic

## 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.

**Confirmation:** 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 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 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 May 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 [civeluz@aol.com](mailto: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

*"Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'"*  
- John 21:17



All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus and others. Discern how God is calling you to use your time in prayer, your talent in charitable works and your treasure to assist those who are in need. Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps advance the mission of our parish and greater Church.

## EASTER FLOWER OFFERING INTENTIONS

Additional Easter flower offering intentions: In memory of the Kamiensky Family

## THANK YOU NURSES AND TEACHERS!



## 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.

## 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).

## 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](http://www.rcan.org)

### Pre-Cana Conferences –

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](http://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.joyfilledmarriagenj.org](http://www.joyfilledmarriagenj.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](http://www.capemaymarianists.org).



The Retreat Center is located at 417 Yale Avenue in Cape May Point, NJ.