

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter – June 2, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Ascension Thursday was earlier this week. This holy day of obligation commemorates the day Jesus left earth and ascended into heaven, leaving the limits of His physical body behind.

The conundrum of Christianity is that Jesus is here and He isn't here. Remember the memorial acclamation: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. He IS risen and He WILL come again. But where is He now?

He's right here, because it's the job of every person of the Christian faith to be Jesus in the world. And we have to show Him to the world. Some days it's pretty easy to be Christlike; other days, not so much. Sometimes we really have to reach down deep for Him, through patience, perseverance, and prayer.

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us a gift from His father, and prays that we can see how great God's love is for us. After all His suffering, He thinks only of us. To represent Him here on earth is a privilege.

God bless you always and please pray for me.

Love,

Fr. Bryan

REGISTER FOR SACRAMENT CLASSES

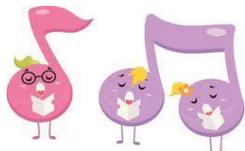
Registration for First Communion and Confirmation has begun. If your child will be in first or second grade or seventh or eighth grade in the fall of 2019, please complete the registration form on the OLC website under the 'Faith Formation & Sacraments' tab on www.olcj.org. Likewise, if you know someone 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 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 Baptism Preparation class. The next one is on Sunday, August 4, at 11:15 am.

SING WITH OLC AT ST. ANN'S HOME



Join us **next Saturday, June 8th**, at 1:45 pm at PeaceCare St. Ann's Home, 198 Old Bergen Road, Jersey City. Show starts at 2:00 pm and lasts an hour. All are welcome! Bring friends and family! You don't have to come to any rehearsals to sing at the home. We will be singing hymns from the current Easter season Worship Aide. If you need a ride, please meet at 1:00 pm in front of OLC! For more information, contact Ben at directorofmusic@olcj.org.

OLC GOES TO ST. PETER'S PREP



**MASS HAS MOVED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
SATURDAY VIGIL AND SUNDAY MASSES
ARE AT ST. PETER'S PREP
ON THE CORNER OF VAN VORST AND GRAND**

(USE THE VAN VORST STREET ENTRANCE)

**SATURDAY: 4 PM CONFESSION, 5 PM MASS
SUNDAY: 10 AM, 12:30 PM, 7 PM MASSES**

**SUNDAY 8 A.M. POLISH MASS
AND WEEKDAY 12:30 MASS
ARE IN OLC'S CHURCH HALL**

*Hold your tongue, but not
your prayers.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday	June 3, 2019
12:30 pm	Intentions of Good Health for Alfredo Alinson From <i>Sr. Thelma Alinson</i>
Tuesday	June 4, 2019
12:30 pm	Nello Colella From <i>Noreen Feehan</i>
Wednesday	June 5, 2019
12:30 pm	Fernando and Pakito Samson From <i>L. Nery</i>
Thursday	June 6, 2019
12:30 pm	Eugene Wydrzynski From <i>David and Susan Awad</i>
Friday	June 7, 2019
12:30 pm	Cecelia Wendolowski From <i>Laura Bilick Bufis and family</i>
Saturday	June 8, 2019
5:00 pm	Cecelia Saldanha From <i>family</i>
Sunday	June 9, 2019
10:00 am	Zygmund and Severina (2 nd Ann.) Wondolowski From <i>daughter Pat Duemig</i>
12:30 pm	Eugene Wydrzynski From <i>Helen and Ray Madej</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, June 2, 2019

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

Sunday, June 9, 2019

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

OLC EASTER GIFT APPEAL – PENTECOST IS COMING



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.

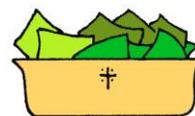
The 50 days of Easter come to a close Pentecost Sunday. If you have already responded to the Easter Gift Appeal, thank you! If you haven't yet participated, please prayerfully consider doing so. Participation would be a great way to celebrate Pentecost - the Birthday of the Church.

Yours in faith,
Your Parish Finance Council

WEEKLY OFFERING

For the weekend of May 25/26, **355** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$3,204.98**. WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$1,737.49** and Venmo donations were **\$65**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$5,007.47**.

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



Weekly
OFFERING

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OLC

**WHAT'S
GOING ON?**

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 O'Keefe Commons at St. Peter's Prep or by appointment with the pastor.

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 in O'Keefe Commons at St. Peter's Prep. If you wish to donate snacks and beverages, please sign up at: <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 from 7:00 PM-8:45 PM. Next meeting is June 6th. 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 AM-10:30 AM 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 in the Church Hall 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 civeluz@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: 6/8/19	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 6/9/19	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Rocco

OLC CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

When We Sing, We Pray Twice

Join the OLC Jr Choir

For kids 7 yrs +
The Jr Choir sings twice a month at 10 a.m. mass
Rehearsals mid week
To join contact Ben Rauch at directorofmusic@olcjc.org

DONUTS AND JUICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We DON'T 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

2019 MASS BOOK

The 2019 Mass Book has many dates available for mass intentions. In addition, the Tabernacle Candle, as well as the Bread and Wine, may be offered in memory of loved ones. Please call 201-434-0798 or stop by the rectory Monday-Friday from 9:30 am-5:00 pm to make arrangements.

STEWARDSHIP



"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

- Revelations 22:13

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle; it should influence how I make all my daily decisions.

OLC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY EVENT

SPRING IT ON!

OLC Community Health and Fitness Event
Saturday, June 8th @ 9:30 am-10:30 am
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!



PROGRAM AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

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 –

July 7 from 9:30 am-4:00 pm at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark

August 10 from 9:30 am-4:00 pm at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark

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

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage –

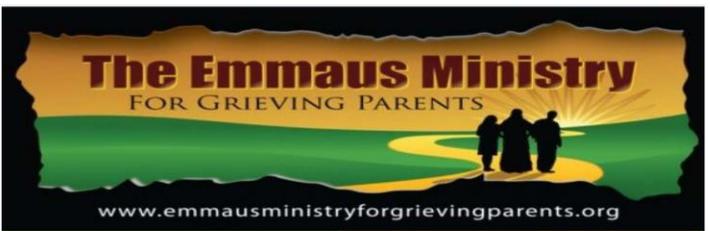
June 9 from 12:00 noon-6:30 pm at St. Michael in Cranford

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.emfgp.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.

