

# 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-5:30 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

**The Most Holy Trinity – June 16, 2019**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Happy Father's Day!

Falling as it does after Mother's Day, Memorial Day weekend, graduations, and the end of the school year, and before the excitement of vacations and summer fun, this day sometimes gets lost in the shuffle. But we owe a high debt of thanks to the dedicated fathers in our lives. Their support, patience, strength, and kindness, even though we might not have recognized these qualities when we were kids, are the foundation of the family. Thanks, dads.

It is also important to recognize that God our Father is the perfect Father, knowing all the pains and the joys that we go through. He is always patient, forgiving, available, loving, generous, wise, and all-knowing. His love is always there for us, waiting for us to turn toward Him. He knows us intimately and wants only the best for us.

As we set aside this day to celebrate you, I want to encourage you to embrace your heavenly Father's love for you. God has appointed you the priests of your homes, the lovers, protectors, and representation of God to your children, and so He has also equipped, anointed, and empowered you for success. Allow His unconditional, eternal, and unfailing love to wash over you and fill you. No matter what is happening around you, know that you can rest safe and secure in His perfect love.

Thanks be to God.

God bless you always, and please pray for me.

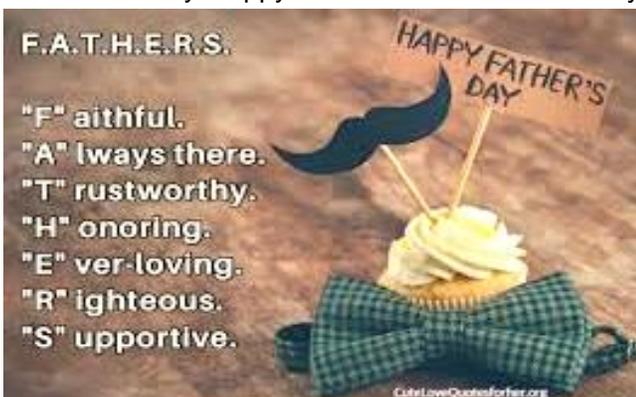
Love,  
Fr. Bryan

### 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](http://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.

### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

To fathers everywhere, and those who are like fathers to us, whether they are still with us or not, we wish them a very happy and blessed Father's Day!



### OLC AT PEACECARE ST. ANN'S HOME

On Saturday June 8, OLC's Music Director, Ben Rauch, along with 25 parishioners, helped to lead the residents of St. Ann's home in song. Everyone, young and old, enjoyed performing Easter hymns.



**SOCIAL AFTER 7 THIS SUNDAY ON JUNE 16!**



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 15, 2019</b>
5:00 pm	William McGuire From <i>Kathleen and Doug Kovalsky</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 16, 2019</b>
10:00 am	Jack Kmita From <i>wife and daughters</i>
12:30 pm	Charles Czysz and family From <i>Laura Czysz and Cathy, Fred, &amp; Allie Savage</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 17, 2019</b>
12:30 pm	Marta D. Bitar From <i>Kerbaj Family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 18, 2019</b>
12:30 pm	Birthday Blessings for Dolores Staniszewski From <i>Steven and Dana</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 19, 2019</b>
12:30 pm	Teresita F. Nery From <i>L. Nery</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 20, 2019</b>
12:30 pm	Rev. Roy DeLeo (5 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) From <i>friend</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 21, 2019</b>
12:30 pm	Santiago Bitar From <i>Kerbaj Family</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 22, 2019</b>
5:00 pm	Donna Brown From <i>Blanche, Barbara and Donna Przyblinski</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 23, 2019</b>
10:00 am	Alexander Chowanec From <i>Maggie and Lenny Englese</i>
12:30 pm	Edward Ciba (16 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) From <i>family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

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

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

**Sunday, June 16, 2019**

Prv 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16: 12-15

**Sunday, June 23, 2019**

Gn. 14:18-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; Lk. 9:11b-17



Your financial support of our Catholic community is greatly appreciated and very important. Having a sustained, consistent income that we can count on helps relieve one major headache from my plate and that of the Finance Council's, making managing the finances of the parish that much easier.

Here are the ways you can support your parish:

**1. Parish Giving** - This is perhaps the best way because every week or month – whatever you choose – there will be a deposit made directly to the parish from your bank account or credit card. This is support our parish can count on, rain or shine, regardless of whatever difficulties may crop up motivating or moving your family Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

Registering with a parish is a long-standing tradition in the Roman Catholic Church. If you regularly attend Mass at OLC, I encourage you to register and declare your membership in our family of faith. However, you do not need to be registered in the parish to use Parish Giving. If you are registered, you may still wish to receive envelopes to place in the basket before the Altar of God at the Offertory each week and check the box on the envelope that says "I use Parish Giving."

**2. Church envelopes with cash or checks** - Registered families and single parishioners who enjoy the ritual of examining their finances each week and making a donation can utilize this long-standing tradition in the Church. It is good for the soul and the parish.

**3. Loose cash and checks** - These are always appreciated and accepted without any qualification at OLC.

**4. Venmo** - for those visiting our parish or for those who forgot their donation at home, we accept Venmo. Our handle is *OLCJC*, please feel free to include a prayer request or statement with something you are grateful for along with your donation.

Please know how grateful I am for your support of our parish as we continue our mission to make disciples of all nations.

God bless,  
Fr. Bryan

## WEEKLY OFFERING

For the weekend of June 8/9, **456** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$3,417.95**. WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$3,670.88** and Venmo donations were **\$110**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$7,198.83**. Thank you for living your financial commitment to our parish. We are grateful for your generosity.

## 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:** Sunday, June 16<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 from 7:00 PM-8:45 PM. Next meeting is June 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Victor DiSanzo at [victor@olcjc.org](mailto:victor@olcjc.org).

**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](mailto: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. 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: 6/22/19	5:00 pm	Fr. Dominick
SUN: 6/23/19	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Stump

*All God's angels  
come to us disguised.*

## BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS



**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.

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.tinyurl.com/olcdonutschedule)

## 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**

## JOIN OLC ON A HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE



Would you like to have a life-changing and never-to-be forgotten experience? It is our joy to invite you on a trip to the Bible Lands where you will find a new dimension in understanding Christian history and the life of Jesus our Messiah. We

will visit places where Jesus walked, lived, taught, performed miracles, where He was crucified and raised from the dead. We will take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee; take communion at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and have daily Mass service with Fr. Bryan Page. This 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land will be in November of 2020. Estimated price per person \$2,999 (includes airfare from Newark, hotels, excursions, entrance fees, breakfast and dinner daily, three lunches). If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Tour Host Roseanna Petruzzelli at 917-714-2100 or email [ropetruzzelli@gmail.com](mailto:ropetruzzelli@gmail.com), or Jerusalem Tours at 888-373-8687.

## STEWARDSHIP



*"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth..." - JOHN 16:13*

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us know and live the truth. To prepare ourselves, we need to open our hearts to receive this gift before we can give it.

Develop a daily prayer routine. Talk and listen to the Holy Spirit. This is best done in silence, when we can hear His response.

## 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 –

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](http://www.rcan.org/precana). \$100 per couple)

### God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage –

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](http://www.joyfilledmarriage.org). \$125 per couple)

## JERSEY CITY MOMS MEETUP

Have kids? New in town? Want to meet other families? Check out Jersey City Moms Meetup at: [www.meetup.com/jerseycitymoms](http://www.meetup.com/jerseycitymoms). The group's overall

goal is to foster friendships for moms and their families. They host a variety of family-friendly events that include husbands, partners and extended family members. They help many families connect to the greater JC community by providing opportunities to get together with other moms and families in the neighborhood by setting up play dates, exchanging information, sharing experiences and providing support, as well as connecting to other moms on their message boards.



## LOW-COST WELLNESS CLINIC FOR PETS

We want to help you keep your pet healthy! Liberty Humane Society offers low-cost preventative pet health services to the public every Wednesday from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm. Pets are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. The Liberty Humane Society is located at 235 Jersey City Blvd. Jersey City, NJ 07305 (across from the Liberty Science Center). For more information, please go to their website at [www.libertyhumane.org](http://www.libertyhumane.org) or call 201-547-4147.

