

**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 Body and Blood of Christ – June 23, 2019**

## FROM THE DEACON

Dear Parish Family,

In the year 1246, a Belgian visionary, mystic, and Prioress of the convent of Augustinians, Juliana of Mount-Cornillon, also known as Saint Juliana of Liège, by age twenty had been receiving visions directly from Christ. He asked her to make every possible effort to establish a Solemnity in honor of His Most Holy Body and Blood.

Juliana tried to keep these visions secret and not take from them any glory, because she knew the glory belonged only to Christ. But she eventually confided in the local bishop, Robert de Thorete, and he established the first Solemnity of Corpus Christi in his diocese. This celebration spread from Liège, to Germany, Dacia, Bohemia, and Moravia, and finally to the rest of the world, where we now celebrate it after the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.

The celebration of Corpus Christi is strictly related to our faith in the real, physical presence of Jesus Christ in the form of bread and wine. As Catholics, we believe that during the Consecration, the Holy Spirit descends on the bread and wine, and their very essence is transformed into the real Body and Blood of Christ.

The miracle of the Holy Eucharist changes their substance, but the bread and wine keep the same taste and form.

Eucharistic miracles have also gone beyond faith and have been scientifically proven and documented. The most famous is the Miracle in Lanciano in the eighth century, where the bread was changed into a human heart muscle and the wine into five solid globules of blood. The Church had independent scientists test these items and found that the “bread” was actual human flesh from a person from the Middle East who was in an agonal state, and the “wine” was type AB blood. This reminds me that the same blood flows in the body of Jesus and His heavenly Father.

Concluding this historical and theological reflection, I often remember my childhood, where I see in my mind’s eye the city of Gdansk-Zaspa in Poland, where I grew up. “Corpus Christi” was celebrated on Thursday and it was a holiday. Crowds marched at Mass and afterward, processing behind the Most Blessed Sacrament. The main streets were closed, houses were decorated with the Eucharistic symbols, little girls in white dresses laid flowers before the Sacrament, and the incense poured from the altar boys’ bells. My heart has grown. The people knelt, unafraid, on the stations before the Holy Eucharist on the hard ground, without a care for their clothes.

I remember and miss those people with tenderness, who did not spare their own knees kneeling in the very hard streets, because they knew that their knees belonged to Christ and Christ belonged to them.

In Christ,

Deacon Kamil Belling



### GRADUATION AT THE OLC SCHOOL!

Twenty-four 8<sup>th</sup> graders from the OLC School graduated on Friday, June 14. We wish our latest graduates every success and God’s blessings in their future endeavors. In alphabetical order, they are: Brisco Anderson, Bryce Anderson, Elijah Anderson, Chelsea Delsoin, Dylan Faust, Teresa Gerald, Theodore Godfrey Jr., Cassiel Graullera, Antoine Hurtado-Barzac, Anthony Iglesias Jr., Lillian Ji, Kyle Lecaros, Tim Lupberger, Ryan Maharaj, James Miceli, Tarran Mohan, Gabrielle Morton, Nicole Nashed, Danny Nile-Zaki, Ethan Peña, Daniella Skop, Ashley Tosado, Aarushi Vatsyayan, and Maurice Williams. Congratulations to the Class of 2019! (Photo by Julia Chan)



### 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.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 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>June 22, 2019</b> Donna Brown From <i>Blanche, Barbara and Donna Przyblinski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>June 23, 2019</b> 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
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>June 24, 2019</b> Gloria Colella From <i>son Steven and family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>June 25, 2019</b> Joseph Reagan From <i>Kim Mom</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>June 26, 2019</b> Vladimir Zvarych From <i>Steven and Dana</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>June 27, 2019</b> Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>June 28, 2019</b> Ann C. Sudol From <i>family</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>June 29, 2019</b> Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Ralph, Donna and Kathryn Kowalik</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>June 30, 2019</b> Intention of Rev. Mariusz Eugene Kock on the 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination From <i>Maggie and Lenny Englese</i>
12:30 pm	Rev. Edward P. Szpiech From <i>OLC Parish</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 23, 2019**

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

**Sunday, June 30, 2019**

1 Kgs. 19:16b, 19-21; Gal. 5:1, 13-18;  
Lk. 9:51-62



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 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 15/16, **493** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$3,579.46** and WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$1,316.65**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,896.11**. Thank you for living your financial commitment to our parish. We are grateful for your generosity.

## 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

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, July 28<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:** Meetings have concluded for this cycle. Watch future bulletins for more information.

**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.

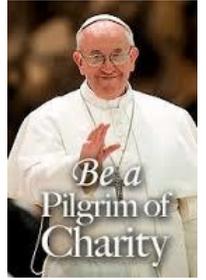
### JUNE MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 6/29/19	5:00 pm	Msgr. Paul
SUN: 6/30/19	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Dominick

*Prayer should be your first choice,  
not your last resort.*

## PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

OLC's Peter's Pence Collection will be taken on June 29 and 30. Peter's Pence unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Its purpose is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. Please contribute to this worthy endeavor.



## 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

*"They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets."*  
- LUKE 9:17

The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when we share what we have, even if it doesn't seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! God blesses all the gifts we offer and makes them wondrous.



## 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 –

July 14 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark

August 3 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Ridgewood

August 24 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.

