

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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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

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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 30, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

There is incredible competition for our attention today and Jesus reminds us that good spiritual health, a loving family life, and a productive professional career all come from the same place: getting priorities in proper order.

He's not saying that we cannot mourn our loved ones, as it seems in today's Gospel, but rather that we cannot allow our spiritual lives or the work of God to take a backseat to anything (especially swimming, soccer, fill in the blank...).

When we create sacred space in our day, week, and life, it becomes much easier to distinguish the voice of God from the noise in the world around us. Some things we might consider cutting back on in order to create that space include:

Social media: It's so addicting to scroll around on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, checking out pictures and news and contributing our own updates. But a few minutes can become an hour or two before we know it.

Excessive children's activities: Parents can spend entire weekends driving to and from practices, games, rehearsals, and other activities. Kids need enrichment, sure, but evaluate if that's the best use of the family's time and resources, especially the resources of attention and commitment.

Entertainment: Another rabbit hole we can very easily fall into is television. Catching up on our favorite shows can turn into sitting on the couch for hours, binge-watching entire series. The quality of programming has gone up in recent years, but even good shows should be part of a balanced life.

Work: Of course we're supporting ourselves and putting a roof over the family's head, but staying late at the office is much healthier as an exception than as a habit. Setting expectations and healthy boundaries can be difficult, but can reap incalculable rewards for your family and relationship with God. Your co-workers might follow your example, develop more of a sense of urgency during the workday, and leave at a humane time as well. Revolution!

Create space for God in your life every day and enjoy the freedom that only comes from Jesus Christ.

God bless you always and please pray for me.

Love,
Fr. Bryan



INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY RECTORY CLOSURE



The OLC Church Rectory will be closed on Thursday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am. The office will re-open on Friday, July 5th. Wishing you a blessed and safe holiday.

BAPTISM AT OLC CHURCH



On Saturday, June 22nd, Ethan James Zatek, the son of Paul and Jacklyn, received the sacrament of Baptism at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church. We congratulate Ethan and his family and may God watch over him always.

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.



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. 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CONTINUES AT PREP!



Children continue having fun as they learn at OLC Church during Children's Liturgy every Sunday during the 10:00 am Mass. Olivia created her Holy Trinity triangle in class two weeks ago. For kids ages two and up (parents welcome)!

Photo by Izabella Williams

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	June 29, 2019 Dennis Piatkowski From <i>Ralph, Donna and Kathryn Kowalik</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	June 30, 2019 Intention of Rev. Mariusz Eugene Koch on the 50 th 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
Monday 12:30 pm	July 1, 2019 Al Ancheta From <i>Marie H.</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	July 2, 2019 Nello Colella From <i>son Steven and family</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	July 3, 2019 Jack Kmita From wife and daughters
Thursday 9:30 am	July 4, 2019 Thomas Eckert From <i>wife Kathy</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	July 5, 2019 Gerald Yeo From <i>Julie and family</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	July 6, 2019 Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	July 7, 2019 Patricia Dunham From <i>Maggie and Lenny Englese</i>
12:30 pm	Cecelia Wendolowski From <i>Mr. and Mrs. Richard Olenhaus</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

The Tabernacle Candle
&
Bread and Wine
are Offered in Memory of
Thomas Eckert
from wife Kathy

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, June 30, 2019

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

Sunday, July 7, 2019

Is.66:10-14c; Gal. 6:14-18; Lk. 10:1-12, 17-20



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 22/23, **438** people attended Mass. Collection information is unavailable for this week. 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, July 28th, 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@olcj.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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP



"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love."
- GALATIANS 5:13

We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to "live the good life." But Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God's work here on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.

OLC CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

An advertisement for the OLC Jr Choir. It features a background of colorful musical notes and a treble clef. The text reads: "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", and "To join contact Ben Rauch at directorofmusic@olcj.org". Below the text is an illustration of a group of diverse children sitting in a circle, each holding a book with a musical note on the cover.

DONUTS AND JUICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

An advertisement for Donuts and Juice Volunteers. It features a bright yellow background. At the top, the text reads: "We DONUT know what we would do without your help!". Below this are illustrations of three donuts (one chocolate, one pink, one large pink with colorful sprinkles) and a bottle of orange juice labeled "Juice". At the bottom, the text reads: "Please sign up for Donuts & Juice every Sunday post 10 a.m. mass" and "www.tinyurl.com/olcdonutschedule".

*Sometimes what you catch
is not what you bait your hook for.*

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)

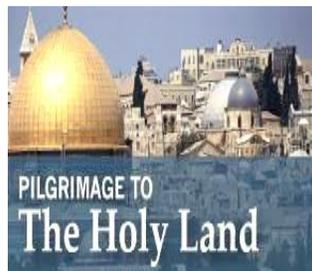
SATURDAY: 4 PM CONFESSION, 5 PM MASS

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**

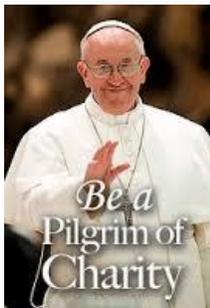
JOIN OLC ON A HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

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, or Jerusalem Tours at 888-373-8687.



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

OLC's Peter's Pence Collection will be taken this weekend. 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.



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 –

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. \$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. 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 or call 201-547-4147.

