

**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

**Pentecost Sunday – June 9, 2019**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

On May 22, 2005, I, along with 16 other men, were ordained deacons for the Archdiocese of Newark. In fact, every priest is ordained a deacon, generally exercising that ministry for at least one year, before getting ordained to the priesthood.

The role of deacon was first introduced during biblical times to care for the community's widows; St. Stephen was one of the first, along with six others. Deacons served a critical role in the early church and continue to do so today. Deacons can perform baptisms, witness marriages, perform funeral and burial services outside of Mass, distribute Holy Communion, and preach the homily. They cannot absolve sin (i.e., hear confessions or anoint the sick) or consecrate bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ (say a complete Mass). Similar to priests, deacons must pray the Divine Office, a set of specific prayers based on the Book of Psalms, each day.

During my diaconate 14 years ago, I was exposed to many elements of priestly life and ministry, which helped to make me into the priest I am today. The pastor and community of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Ridgewood, NJ, allowed me the privilege to serve the community to the best of my ability and instilled in me a desire to evangelize -- which, I pray, is still alive in me today.

This weekend we are celebrating the feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit, someone every Christian relies on daily. The Holy Spirit is instrumental in the calling and forming of priests; however, the Holy Spirit also trusts in the help of the community to respond. Let us take time to pray to the Holy Spirit for our community as we welcome our transitional deacon, Kamil, asking that his experience at OLC be as invaluable to his priesthood as mine was, and that he will bring many souls to Jesus.

God bless you always and please pray for me.

Love,

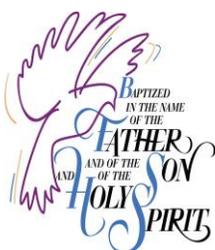
Fr. Bryan

### 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.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 AT OLC CHURCH



On Saturday, June 1, **Emma Ann Geldhof**, daughter of Matt Geldhof and Sara Rudolph, received the sacrament of Baptism at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church. We congratulate her and her family, and may God watch over them always.

### 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**

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 8, 2019</b>
5:00 pm	Cecilia Saldanha From <i>Family</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 9, 2019</b>
10:00 am	Zygmund and Severina (2 <sup>nd</sup> 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
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 10, 2019</b>
12:30 pm	Eustace Anselmi From <i>Kim Mom</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 11, 2019</b>
12:30 pm	Nello Colella From <i>Doris Emden</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 12, 2019</b>
12:30 pm	Nello Collella From <i>Kim Mom</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 13, 2019</b>
12:30 pm	Michael Gardullo From <i>Marilyn Gardullo</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 14, 2019</b>
12:30 pm	Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
<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

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

**Sunday, June 9, 2019**

Acts 2:1-11; Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

**Sunday, June 16, 2019**

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

### OLC EASTER GIFT APPEAL – PENTECOST IS HERE



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.

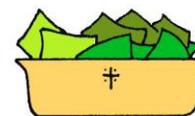
The 50 days of Easter come to a close this Sunday. If you have already responded to the Easter Gift Appeal, thank you! If you haven't yet participated, please prayerfully consider doing so. Participation would be a great way to celebrate Pentecost - the birthday of the Church.

Yours in faith,  
Your Parish Finance Council

### WEEKLY OFFERING

For the weekend of June 1/2, **396** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$3,453**. WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$1,874.52** and Venmo donations were **\$20**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$5,347.52**.

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:** 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@olcj.org](mailto:directorofmusic@olcj.org).

**OLC Alpha Group:** Small Sharing Group meets Thursdays from 7:00 PM-8:45 PM. Next meeting is June 13<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Victor DiSanzo at [victor@olcj.org](mailto:victor@olcj.org).

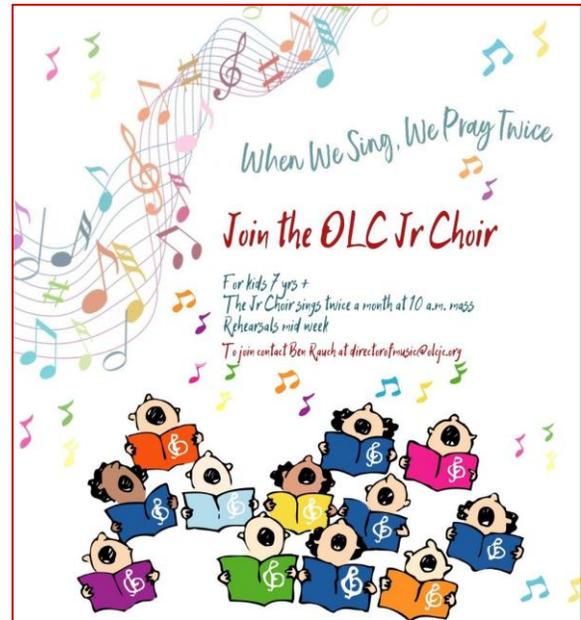
**OLC Prayer Group:** Prayer group meets daily Monday-Friday in the Church Hall after the 12:30 PM Mass. Prayers begin at 1:15 PM with the Rosary, Divine Mercy, Devotion to Our Lady of Czestochowa, and a different devotion daily. For more information, please email Chona Veluz at [civeluz@aol.com](mailto:civeluz@aol.com).

**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. 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: 6/15/19	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 6/16/19	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Bryan
	7:00 pm	Fr. Bryan

## OLC CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHOIR



## 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)

## EASTER FLOWER OFFERING INTENTIONS

Additional: Alfred and Lillian Julewicz  
Thomas Samson

## 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.

## SOCIAL AFTER SEVEN ON JUNE 16



## ANNIVERSARY LITURGY CELEBRATED

Congratulations to Andrea and Esteban Mozo, who celebrated their fifth anniversary at the annual Mass said by Cardinal Tobin at the Cathedral Basilica in Newark. This liturgy is celebrated every year. Look for your opportunity in 2020!

*Conscience is God's built-in warning system.*

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

## 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.

## NEW JERSEY ADDICTION HELP

### Addiction Services Hotline – 844-276-2777

24/7 service providing info/referral to substance abuse treatment agencies statewide

### NJ Connect for Recovery – 855-652-3737

Support services from certified alcohol and drug counselors/peer specialists for both those concerned about their own opioid use and those concerned about a friend/family member

### Alcoholics Anonymous –

**24-Hour Helpline: 800-245-1377 or 908-687-8566**

Website: [aa.org](http://aa.org)

Community-based nonprofit fellowship of people with alcoholism providing 12-step meetings and other resources