



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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 4, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

You can't take it with you -- how powerfully this message is conveyed in today's Gospel parable. This lucky, wealthy man, whose land (and, let's face it, slaves) produced a "bountiful harvest," thought only of himself when faced with success. He didn't give a thought to sharing his great fortune with others, of helping the poor; although he had more material means than he needed, he was poor in generosity, justice, and kindness.

These days, the trend is to lighten our load, to declutter, to minimize our possessions. Marie Kondo, Swedish Death Cleaning – there's lots of information out there helping us to divest. And they're right – we should share our bounty with others for two reasons: first, it's the right thing to do, and second, we never know when our lives will be demanded of us. Our time on earth might be limited – so instead of wasting it by buying and hoarding stuff, let's share what we have and walk lightly through life. "...though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

God bless you always and please pray for me.

Love,
Fr. Bryan



BAPTISM AT OLC CHURCH



On Saturday, July 27th, four children received the sacrament of Baptism at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church. We welcome our newest members and may God watch over them and their families always:

*Emma Kate Colaco, daughter of Carl and Simone

*Joy Anna Nyamekye Okobea Gyamfi, daughter of Yaw and Christine

*Quinn Thomas Moreno, son of Blaine and Erica

*Abigail Reese Romanczuk, daughter of Matthew and Katie

JOIN OLC PARISHIONERS WHO CARE

Join OLC parishioners
Julie & Eva Garvey
as they serve homeless
mothers & children at a
neighborhood community

Where: Temple Beth El, Jersey City
When: 08/11-08/18

For more details contact Julie at ufficioja@gmail.com
Or
Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/familypromiseaug>

OLC ANNUAL PICNIC SEPTEMBER 15

LIVE MUSIC+GAMES+FOOD
PARISH PICNIC

(family fun without the fuss)

SEPTEMBER 15
2-5PM / ROOFTOP
50 CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS
www.tinyurl.com/olcpicnic2019

PLEASE RSVP ! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Notice: Our custom at OLC picnics is to have a roving photographer take pictures to capture fun fellowship moments that we can later share and reminisce on when later published in the parish website. We respect the privacy of all our parishioners, especially those of tender years. If you do not want any photos of you – or your children – to be published on the parish website, please email events@olc.org and we'll make appropriate arrangements.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	August 3, 2019 Helen and Bruno Ruskowski, Jr. From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	August 4, 2019 Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
12:30 pm	Michael Kyc (29 th Ann.) From <i>family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	August 5, 2019 Catherine and James Uffer From <i>Marilyn Gardullo</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	August 6, 2019 Jeannette Kerbaj From <i>Kerbaj family</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	August 7, 2019 Mimi Elbarody From <i>Virginia</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	August 8, 2019 Noel Rodrigues and Veronica Low From <i>Garvey family</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	August 9, 2019 Oscelyn Farias From <i>Rasquinha family</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	August 10, 2019 Catherine and James Uffer From <i>Marilyn Gardullo</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	August 4, 2019 Angel Garbriel Diaz Vazquez From <i>Diaz Guerra family</i>
12:30 pm	Beatrice Gazdos (15 th Ann.) From <i>friend</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

Expecting the world to treat you fairly because you are "good" is like expecting the bull not to charge because you are a vegetarian.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, August 4, 2019

Ecc. 1:2, 2:21-23; Col. 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk. 12:13-21

Sunday, August 11, 2019

Wis. 18:6-9; Heb. 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk. 12:32-48

PARISH GIVING



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." To sign up, go to <https://www.parishgiving.org>
- 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.
- 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 July 27/28, 476 people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$3,730.52**, Venmo donations were **\$17**, and WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$1,335.80**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$5,083.32**.



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: *Resumes in September.* 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.* Breakfast served at 11:00 AM in the Church Hall. Kid-friendly liturgy and activities; meet fellow parishioners and bring a friend!

Juice & Doughnuts: 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, August 18th, 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 6:15 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 Church Junior Choir: *Resumes in mid-August.* For kids 7 years and older. The Junior Choir sings twice a month at the 10:00 AM Mass. Rehearsals are mid-week in the church hall. For more information, please email the Director of Music, Ben Rauch, at directorofmusic@olcjc.org.

OLC Alpha Group: Meetings have concluded for this cycle. Watch future bulletins for more information. For more information, please email the Director of Music, Ben Rauch, at directorofmusic@olcjc.org.

OLC Baptism Preparation Class: The next class is on Sunday, October 6 at 11:15 AM. Required if you're having your baby baptized at OLC or another church, or are becoming a godparent.

OLC Church Annual Picnic: Will be held on Sunday, September 15 at 2:00 PM at 50 Columbus Boulevard's rooftop.

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 cjveluz@aol.com.

OLC Seniors: *Meetings resume in the fall.* Group schedules one-day excursions and trips. New members welcome (must be 55 and over). For more information, call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

OLC Soccer Team: Practice is underway every Saturday! Email Bobby Kovachev for more information at bobby.kovachev@yahoo.com or sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/olcsoccer>.

REGISTER FOR SACRAMENT CLASSES

We're currently registering students for First Communion and Confirmation. If your child will be in first or second grade or seventh or eighth grade in September, please go to the 'Faith Formation and Sacraments' tab at www.olcjc.org and fill out a registration form.

And if you know someone who has fallen away from the Church and will have a child in those grades next year, invite them to register. It may be your encouragement that brings the whole family home.



DOUGHNUTS & JUICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

OLC SUNDAY DOUGHNUTS

JUST GOT BETTER

\$5 PER DOZEN

AT



To sign up and for more details log onto
www.tinyurl.com/olcdonutschedule

JOIN OLC ON A HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

HOLY LAND TOUR 2020

10 DAY JOURNEY
THROUGH ISRAEL
EARLY NOVEMBER

*Final dates and pricing to be confirmed.
Rough pricing is \$2,999 per person from Newark, NJ.*

For More information please contact
Roseanna Petruzzelli
917-714-2100
ropetruzzelli@gmail.com
or
Jerusalem Tours @ 888-373-8687

*Space is limited- \$300 deposit required
to hold your place.*



BAPTISM PREPARATION



Baptism Preparation Class

If you are looking to have your baby baptized at OLC, having your baby baptized elsewhere and need preparation, or have been asked to attend a class to be a godparent, please contact the rectory and sign up for our class. The next Baptism Preparation Class is on Sunday, October 6, at 11:15 AM.

OLC CHURCH SOCCER TEAM – PRACTICE IS UNDERWAY!

GRAB YOUR BOOTS & JOIN US
PRACTICE IS UNDERWAY

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For details log onto
www.tinyurl.com/olesoccer

CELEBRATE OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On August 13, celebrate Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima, and the 100th anniversary of the building of the Capelinha requested by Our Lady. Pray at the Holy House USA containing crushed stone from the Holy House of Loreto, the actual altar and baldacchino over which the last great vision of Fatima took place, and the largest extant piece of the tree upon which Our Lady stood at Fatima.

Schedule: 10:30 AM-Confessions, 12:00 PM-Rosary Procession, 12:30 PM-Guest Speaker: Rev. Matthew Mauriello, 1:15 pm-Holy Mass-Celebrant: Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, Eucharistic Procession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Fatima Farewell Procession, Talk at Holy House USA at 10:30 AM and 3:30 pm, Talk at Capelinha at 3:30 PM. The National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima is located at

674 Mt.View Rd. E., Asbury, NJ 08802. For more information, please call 908-689-1700 x224 or visit their website: <http://www.bluearmy.com>.



SUMMER PROGRAM AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER



Summer Family Retreat Weeks (One-Week Sessions available through August 24, 2019). Join other families (grandparents welcome) for a week of liturgies, presentations, peer group discussions, family sharing, fun activities and swimming in Cape May, NJ. All join in community tasks such as meal clean-up. Cost is \$220 per person (8 years to adults) and \$145 per child (2-7 years). Maximum family fee is \$1,350 per family.

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.

FREE AHA FAMILY & FRIENDS® ADULT, CHILD, INFANT CPR CLASS

Jersey City Medical Center is offering the American Heart Association's Family & Friends CPR Course on September 25 from 2-4 PM at the JCMC EMS Headquarters at 415 Montgomery Street in Jersey City. The course is geared towards members of



the community who want to learn basic CPR but do not need a course completion card. To register go to www.rwjbh.org/cpr or call 888-277-2281. Space is limited, so sign up early.

STEWARDSHIP



"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."
– Luke 12:15

The Gospel message today is contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle and become more "other-centered" and less "self-centered."

