

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

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 21, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Who are you? Martha or Mary? Jesus tells us we should be Mary, but Martha is the one getting the job done. Martha makes sure that there's in fact a lunch to serve to Jesus, that Mary has a place to sleep, and that their household runs smoothly. She's annoyed: "Lord, tell her to do her share!" Martha wants justice.

Jesus sees Martha's frustration and calms her: "There is need of only one thing" – Jesus Himself. No matter where we are or who we are, Jesus is calling us to bring ourselves to Him.

But it's so hard to let go of the Martha mindset! We live in the world, where lunch must be prepared and served and cleaned up, and then there's lunch tomorrow, and dinner, and breakfast, and so on, forever. There's always something to do. ALWAYS.

But we can't all live like Mary, either. The physical world must go on as well. We need to balance our care of the physical world with taking care of our spiritual needs.

We can do this in very simple ways: saying a prayer every time we start the car, for example, or first thing in the morning. And we need to spend extended time with Jesus too: attending Mass regularly and spending time in prayer and meditation. We can find balance. There is need of only one thing.

God bless you always and please pray for me.

Love,
Fr. Bryan



OLC CHURCH SOCCER TEAM FORMING!

JOIN ★ **CONNECT** ★ **BUILD**
THE OLC SOCCER TEAM WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS COMRADERY

SCORE

For details contact
Bobby Kovachev at bobby.kovachev@yahoo.com
OR sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/olcsoccer>

SOCIAL AFTER SEVEN

OLC ANNUAL PICNIC SEPTEMBER 15

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WHEN: SEPTEMBER 15, 2019
WHERE: 50 CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS (ROOFTOP)
TIME: 2-5 P.M.
LIVE MUSIC, KIDS' ACTIVITIES AND MUCH MORE
To RSVP AND SIGN UP, LOG ONTO
WWW.TINYURL.COM/OLCPICNIC2019

NOTICE: PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT THE PICNIC WILL BE POSTED ON ALL OLC COMMUNICATION. PLEASE CONTACT 761-882-8822 IF YOU HAVE ANY OBJECTION.

JOIN OLC ON A HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Pizza Social

GOOD TIMES,
GOOD PEOPLE,
GREAT PIZZA!!

Sunday- July 28
post 7 p.m. mass

At the
OLC School Cafeteria

USE THE RAMP THROUGH THE GATE ACCESS

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.*



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	July 20, 2019 Cecilia Saldanha From <i>family</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	July 21, 2019 Walter Podolak From <i>sons and family</i>
12:30 pm	Amira Kerbaj From <i>Laura Czysz and Ken Heiser</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	July 22, 2019 Rodolfo Arrieta Escueta From <i>Edelwina Eloriaga</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	July 23, 2019 Benjamin Paz From <i>Pilar and Family</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	July 24, 2019 Neil Rocha From <i>Edel Eloriaga</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	July 25, 2019 Donald Puckey (5 th Ann.) From <i>friend</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	July 26, 2019 Irene Szczesny From <i>Susan Awad</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	July 27, 2019 Fr. Mariusz Koch, 50 th anniversary of Ordination From <i>Julia Nowatkowski and family</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	July 28, 2019 Irene Szczesny From <i>Anna Plucienkowski</i>
12:30 pm	Mary Mierzejewski From <i>Claire Warlikowski</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, July 21, 2019
D Gn. 18:1-10a; Col. 1:24-28; Lk. 10:38-42

Sunday, July 28, 2019
Gn. 18:20-32; Col. 2:12-14; Lk. 11:1-13

STEWARDSHIP

*In the Holy Land are two ancient bodies of water. Both are fed by the Jordan River. In one, fish play and roots find sustenance. In the other, there is no splash of fish, no sound of bird, no leaf around. The difference is not in the Jordan, for it empties into both, but in the Sea of Galilee: for every drop taken in one goes out. It gives and lives. The other gives nothing. And it is called the **Dead Sea**. William Sloane Coffin, former pastor at Riverside Church, New York City.*

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 6/7, **423** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$3,020**, Venmo donations were **\$40** and WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$1,814.50**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,874.50**.

For the weekend of July 13/14, **430** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$2,611.75**, Venmo donations were **\$7** and WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$1,234.50**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$3,853.25**.

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

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@olcjc.org.

OLC Alpha Group: Meetings have concluded for this cycle. Watch future bulletins for more information.

OLC Baptism Preparation Class: The next class is on Sunday, August 4 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 civeluz@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: New soccer team is forming! Email Bobby Kovachev for more information at bobby.kovachev@yahoo.com or sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/olcsoccer>.

*If you're too busy to pray,
you're too busy.*

REGISTER FOR SACRAMENT CLASSES



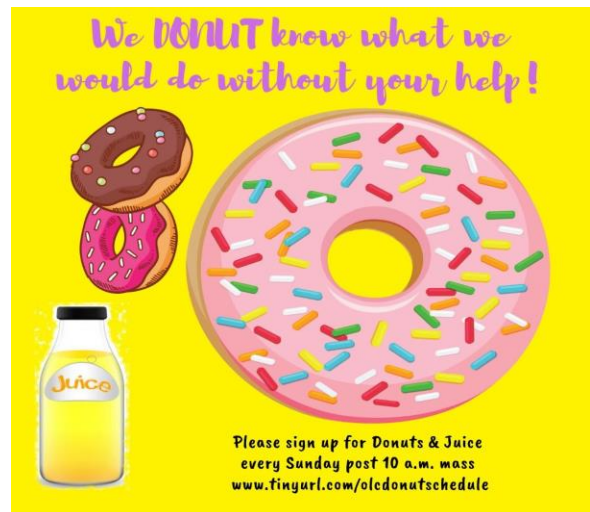
We're currently registering students for First Communion and Confirmation. If your child will be in first or second grade or seventh or eighth grade in September, please go to the 'Faith Formation and Sacraments' tab at www.olcjc.org and fill out a registration form.

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.

OLC CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHOIR



DONUTS AND JUICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



JERSEY CITY FOOD RESOURCES

The following organizations have food pantries, soup kitchens and/or other food resources. All are located in Jersey City. Please call each location for more information:



St. Mary's Parish Food Pantry

254 2nd Street and Erie
201-434-8500

Salvation Army

562 Bergen Avenue
201-435-7355 Ext. 23

Five Corners Sharing Place

440-448 Hoboken Avenue
201-963-5518

Our Lady of Sorrows/Mary House

93 Clerk Street
201-433-0626

Mt. Sinai Gospel Church

27-53 Prescott Street
201-434-6025

Good News Bible Mission

32 Dales Avenue
201-451-3012

Old Bergen Church

1 Highland Avenue
201-433-1815

Let's Celebrate

46-48 Fairview Avenue
201-433-5438

Bethany Lutheran Church

2015 Kennedy Boulevard
201-432-8773

Mt. Olive Baptist Church

400 Arlington Avenue
201-432-8795

Damascus Christian Church

114-120 Logan Avenue
201-213-3088

Mount Pisgah AME Food Pantry

354 Forrest Street
201-435-3680/201-303-2729

The Hope Center

43 Charles Street
201-798-1234 Ext. 303

Glorious Blessed Assurance Church

100 Ocean Avenue
732-668-1069

Curries Woods Tenant Task Force

65-67 Ruby Brown Terrace
201-433-3218

Jersey City Episcopal CDC

68 Storms Avenue
201-209-9301

Mission House of Grace, Inc.

293 Pacific Avenue
201-324-0085

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

85 Wayne Street
201-432-9319

Thessalonians Community Outreach Center

85 Ocean Avenue
201-433-8167

The Cityline Church

1510 Kennedy Boulevard
201-332-0970

St. John's Lutheran Church

155 North Street
201-589-1781

Better Tomorrows

471 Pacific Avenue
201-395-0909

Seed Planters Outreach Center

120 Danforth Avenue
551-689-4770

St. Lucy's Shelter

619 Grove Street
201-656-7201 Ext. 303

Grace Community Services

39 Erie Street
201-659-2211

CAUSE

739 Bergen Avenue
201-432-2824

Riverside Cares

317 3rd Street
201-798-0642

Christ Hospital (food pantry on-site)

176 Palisade Avenue
201-795-8439