

# 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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[www.olcjc.org](http://www.olcjc.org)

#### 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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 7, 2019

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

How many people can play on a team? Baseball uses nine players on defense and one at a time on offense, with the possibility of other players on base. But the teams are much larger than that. Teams need back-up players.

During the ministry of Jesus there were many on the team as well: crowds, disciples, apostles, and a special few. In the Gospel of Matthew, there are only twelve disciples, and they were also the twelve apostles (Matt 10:1-2). But Luke has a much more expansive view of discipleship. In fact, in Acts, he invents a feminine form of the word to mention Tabitha, a female disciple (9:36). And in today's Gospel we have the mission of the seventy-two! Nearly anyone could be on the team!

Aside from this story in Luke we never hear about the seventy-two again. But surely these people were some of the early evangelizers after the Resurrection. Though it might be easier to imagine the Twelve with Peter at the head, knowing who is "on the team" and who isn't, today's Gospel reading invites us to consider a much more complex picture: There weren't such tight boundaries around who could or could not be a disciple. Instead, the situation seems to have been more fluid or dynamic. Jesus was content to send (the word "apostle" means "one sent") more than the Twelve on mission. And while the seventy-two are not specifically called disciples or apostles, they go to the places He intends to visit. This simple lesson gives us great hope today. And it reflects our lives pretty accurately too, with dynamic, fluid relationships.

Many of us like to draw boundaries, establishing membership and determining limits. But life is not often like that. Our lived realities are much more complex, and perhaps that's part of the reason we seek to create order! We might ask ourselves, Who are the "seventy-two" today? And are we part of that large group sent to places where Jesus intends to visit? Just because we are not part of the Twelve does not mean we don't have a mission. These seventy-two were critical to the ministry of Jesus. They prepared the way for Him. In looking to a New Testament example of our call in life, there is something worthy of emulation here.

Love, Fr. Bryan

### FAITH WORKS



Please remember to make a donation of non-perishable food items to support our "Faith Works Program." Toiletries such as hairbrushes/combs, toothpaste, toothbrushes and soap, etc. are also welcome. This is a very important work of charity that has benefited many in our community. Thank you for your contributions!

### 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](mailto:bobby.kovachev@yahoo.com)  
OR sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/olcsoccer>



### OLC ANNUAL PICNIC



**OLC ANNUAL PICNIC**

SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2019  
AT 2PM  
50 COLUMBUS ROOF TOP

**SAVE THE DATE**

### 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.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>July 6, 2019</b> Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>July 7, 2019</b> Patricia Bonham 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
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>July 8, 2019</b> Cecelia Wendolowski From <i>Betty and Chris Skok</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>July 9, 2019</b> Cecelia Wendolowski From <i>Teresa Romanski</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>July 10, 2019</b> Irene Szczesny From <i>Lorraine Krisinski</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>July 11, 2019</b> Joan Ciba (9 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) From <i>family</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>July 12, 2019</b> Walter F. Sudol From <i>family</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>July 13, 2019</b> Michael Gardullo From <i>Marilyn Gardullo</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>July 14, 2019</b> Irene Szczesny From <i>Judith Olenhaus</i>
12:30 pm	Walter and Victoria Czysz and family From <i>Laura Czysz; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</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, July 7, 2019**  
Is. 66:10-14c; Gal. 6:14-18;  
Lk. 10:1-12, 17-20

**Sunday, July 14, 2019**  
Dt. 30:10-14; Col. 1:15-20;  
Lk. 10:25-27



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

Attendance and collection information for the weekend of June 29/30 is unavailable due to the early bulletin publication date. 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 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@olcj.org](mailto:directorofmusic@olcj.org).

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

**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](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.

**OLC Soccer Team:** New soccer is forming! Email Bobby Kovachev for more information at [bob-by.kovachev@yahoo.com](mailto:bob-by.kovachev@yahoo.com) or sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/olcsoccer>.

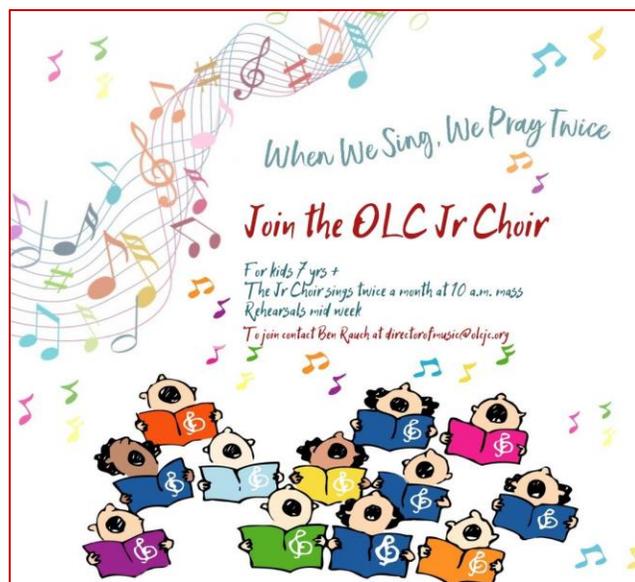
## BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

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.

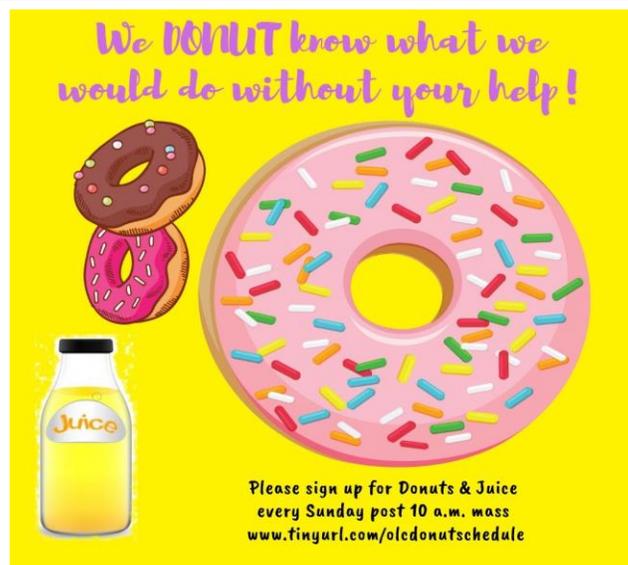


Baptism  
Preparation  
Class

## OLC CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHOIR



## DONUTS AND JUICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



## SOCIAL AFTER 7



## 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.*



## 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

## 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.

*Eternal life insurance—  
you are the soul beneficiary.*

## 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 –

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

## SUMMER PROGRAM AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

**Summer Family Retreat Weeks (One-Week Sessions available from July 15-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 \$215 per person (8 years to adults) and \$145 per person (2-7 years). Maximum family fee is \$1,300 per family/\$950 per single-parent 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](http://www.capemaymarianists.org). The Retreat Center is located at 417 Yale Avenue in Cape May Point, NJ.

## 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.

