



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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 14, 2019

FROM THE DEACON

Dear Parish Family,

They say that after you hit your thirties, time goes by like a race. I'm experiencing this now more than ever before.

After I was ordained a deacon in May I felt totally brand new, cut directly from God's fabric. I felt such a wave of blessings flowing over me that I was less nervous and more composed, even while driving.

That same day, I also received my parish assignment—Our Lady of Czestochowa in Jersey City. My first reaction was "Our Lady leads me," but then I started Googling, and I said to myself, "Our Lady of Czestochowa, excellent, but in Jersey City? This is probably a mistake." But I packed my things and on June 5th after a few conversations with the pastor on the phone, I came to the parish.

My first impression of the parish was Father Bryan, in whom I found a man for whom God is not just an addition to his life, but the real deal. He really impressed me.

Also, I was nervous about preparing couples for marriage and other new sacramental duties. It wasn't as difficult as I thought. Even my first baptism was pretty good, although I think I read almost every part of the baptismal ritual! I was happy that small Ethan joined our Catholic community.

After a month of being here and working on homilies and different projects, I'm happy to be a part of this team. I'm always learning something new: how to be more patient, how to spread the Gospel better. The best reward for me is seeing a person who really was touched by God through my weak words or homilies. That is the best reward a deacon or priest can ever receive.

I'll be away for the rest of this summer, visiting my family in Poland, making a pilgrimage to Rome, and spending some time at the seminary. I'll be back in September. In the meantime, let all of you be in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary, growing in faith and protected from all evil influences.

You are in my prayers before God. May God bless you.

Your deacon,
Kamil Belling

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

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.



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.

Pizza Social

GOOD TIMES,
GOOD PEOPLE,
GREAT PIZZA!!

Sunday – July 28
post 7 p.m. Mass

Location
olc School Cafeteria

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	July 13, 2019 Michael Gardullo From <i>Marilyn Gardullo</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	July 14, 2019 Irene Szczesny From <i>Judith Olenhaus</i>
12:30 pm	Walter and Victoria Czyns and family From <i>Laura Czyns; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	July 15, 2019 Mario Campomanes From <i>Vangie</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	July 16, 2019 Rev. Constantine Ferdyn, 1 st Pastor – 105 th Ann. From <i>OLC Parishioners</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	July 17, 2019 Heracleo Agaloos From <i>Fr. Bryan</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	July 18, 2019 Joseph Reagan (1 st Ann.) From <i>family</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	July 19, 2019 Rev. Paul J. Lehman From <i>OLC Parishioners</i>
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 Czyns and Ken Heiser</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

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

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

STEWARDSHIP

*"Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"
- LUKE 10:37*

This was Jesus' command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and the Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. This means loving someone you may not know or someone who looks different from you or someone you may not like. All without expecting anything in return.

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 June 22/23, **438** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$3,181**, Venmo donations were **\$62** and WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$1,700.29**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,943.29**.

For the weekend of June 29/30, **392** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$2,479**, Venmo donations were **\$37** and WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$2,131.47**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,610.47**.

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. 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>.

*Most people wish to serve God,
but only in an advisory capacity.*

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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 Corner 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 Storm 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