

**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

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 28, 2019**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

“Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you.” What comforting words from our heavenly Father, giving us support in addition to His limitless love for us!

Does this mean that we can have anything we want, whenever we want? Although God always answers our prayers, sometimes the answer is No. God does give us good things all the time. He doesn't give us scorpions or snakes, He doesn't give us malicious torments or unnecessary difficulties. He gives us wholesome, useful things because He loves us. When we receive challenges it's to help us grow, or to help others in need.

The key is to recognize that everything that happens is a good thing. Say a longtime situation – with a career, a business, a relationship -- breaks up. The circumstances are painful; you must separate in order to find peace. Is this a good thing from God? It can be – eventually. After the pain subsides, and life goes on, we find something much better, which fits our talents and inclinations and brings joy where there used to be pain, when we are open to the will of God.

It often takes time to realize God's goodness; this wait is called faith.

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

### SOCIAL AFTER SEVEN THIS SUNDAY!

**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

### 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](http://www.tinyurl.com/olcpicnic2019)

**PLEASE RSVP ! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**Note:** Photographs taken at the picnic will be posted on all OLC communications. Please contact us at [events@olcjc.org](mailto:events@olcjc.org) if you have any objections.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>July 27, 2019</b> Fr. Mariusz Koch, 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ordination From <i>Julia Nowatkowski and family</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>July 28, 2019</b> Irene Szczesny From <i>Anna Plucienkowski</i>
12:30 pm	Mary Mierzejewski From <i>Claire Warlikowski</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>July 29, 2019</b> Irene Szczesny From <i>Mark Romanski</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>July 30, 2019</b> Lourdes Buencamino From <i>Flora and John McGinty</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>July 31, 2019</b> Irene Szczesny From <i>Jennie Braunum</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 1, 2019</b> Jaroslaw Zvorych From <i>Steven and Dane</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 2, 2019</b> Josephine Sielski From <i>McCullough children</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>August 3, 2019</b> Helen and Bruno Ruskowski, Jr. From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>August 4, 2019</b> 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 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) From <i>family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

*The brook would lose its song  
if God removed the rocks.*

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

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

**Sunday, August 4, 2019**  
Eccl. 1:2, 2:21-23; Col. 3:1-5, 9-11;  
Lk. 12:13-21

## 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 20/21, **437** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$3,022.73**, Venmo donations were **\$32**, and WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$1,735.87**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,790.60**.



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 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 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 [cjveluz@aol.com](mailto: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.

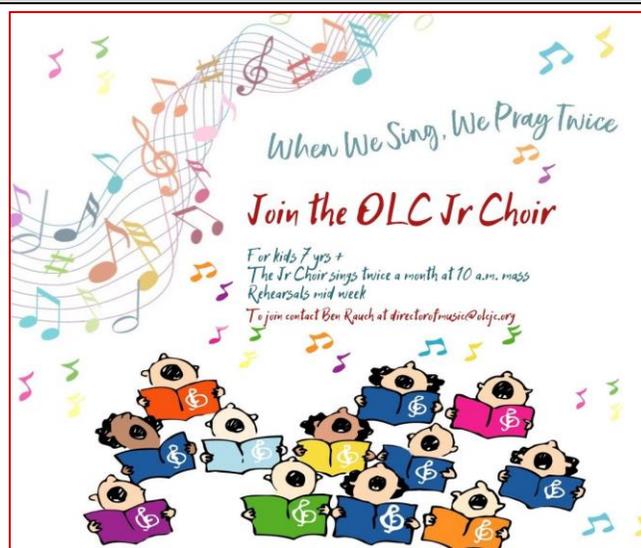
**OLC Soccer Team:** New soccer team is forming! Email Bobby Kovachev for more information at [bobby.kovachev@yahoo.com](mailto:bobby.kovachev@yahoo.com) or sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/olcsoccer>.

## 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.olcj.org](http://www.olcj.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



## 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](mailto:ropetruzzelli@gmail.com)  
or  
Jerusalem Tours @ 888-373-8687

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

**SPEAKER FROM THE CRUDEM FOUNDATION  
THIS WEEKEND  
(MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN APPEAL)**

David G. Butler, M.D., Chairman of the Board of Directors for The CRUDEM Foundation, will speak at all Masses this weekend. CRUDEM, the Center for the Rural Development of Milot, was started by the French Canadian Brothers of the Sacred Heart in 1968. Their mission was to improve the living conditions in the rural community of Milot in northern Haiti. The centerpiece of the mission is Hôpital Sacre Coeur (Hospital of the Sacred Heart), established in 1986 with 12 beds. Now a 200-bed hospital, it is the center of medical care for 250,000 people and one of the few remaining hospitals in the country. The hospital is staffed by 24 full-time Haitian physicians and 400 other medical and support personnel. In addition, more than 150 medical volunteers come to Milot each year to help care for the sick of the region. There is no government funding for the hospital and it is supported entirely by donations and whatever little the people can offer. An alliance with Holy Name Medical Center in Teaneck, NJ, has helped to stabilize Hôpital Sacre Coeur. However, natural disasters and various epidemics have strained their resources, complicated by starvation and civil unrest. Sacre Coeur is grateful for any help offered; every dollar donated goes to patient care. For more information, go to their website: [www.crudem.org](http://www.crudem.org).

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

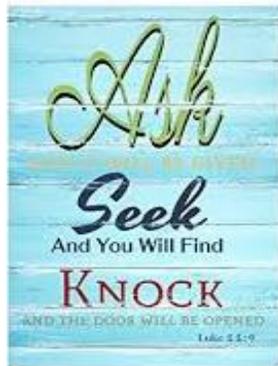


If you are looking to have your baby baptized at OLC, having your baby baptized elsewhere and need preparation, or have been asked to attend a class to be a godparent, please contact the rectory and sign up for our class. The next Baptism Preparation Class is next Sunday, August 4, at 11:15 AM.

**STEWARDSHIP**

*Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." – Luke 11:9*

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.



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

**FAMILY & FRIENDS®** 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](http://www.rwjbh.org/cpr) or call 888-277-2281. Space is limited, so sign up early.

**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](http://www.capemaymarianists.org). The Retreat Center is located at 417 Yale Avenue in Cape May Point, NJ.