

# 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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 11, 2019

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

This Thursday, we are celebrating the Assumption of our Blessed Mother into Heaven. It's a holy day of obligation – one of three Holy Days dedicated to Our Lady. Since there are only six Holy Days (outside of Sundays), that means half of them honor Mary. The takeaway here is that Mary is important, not just a random figure in history.

To take this thought a bit further, there have only two times in history the Pope has ever used his power to declare something infallible, and both times were to teach something about Mary. The first time was to declare the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother and second was our current feast, the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. (Please note, the Pope is only infallible in matters of faith and morals. Don't be afraid to play Scrabble with him.)

Mary is the model for our own faith. From the humility of her YES at the Annunciation, through her arduous trek to Bethlehem where she gave birth in a stable, Mary raised the Son of God as a refugee in a foreign land and was present for His miracles, crucifixion, and resurrection. Mary had a powerful influence with Jesus on earth (John 2:5) and continues to intercede for us in heaven.

Mary accepted everything from God in perfect fidelity and shows us how to live our faith in her Son today. Since the wedding feast at Cana, her intercession on our behalf has been documented and effective. Continue to petition Mary every day, whether you call her Our Lady of Częstochowa, the Blessed Mother, Star of the Sea, or any of her dozens of titles, and never underestimate the power of the prayers of the Mother of God to assist us in our life on earth and ensure our entry into heaven.

God bless you always and please pray for me.

Love,

Fr. Bryan

### ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



**Thursday, August 15** is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. We celebrate this day as a solemnity that marks Mary's end on Earth and her acceptance into Heaven.

**The Solemnity of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation. Attending Mass for this feast is required. Our Masses will be 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm.**

### SOCIAL AFTER 7



8 P.M. AT  
OLC SCHOOL

SOCIAL  
AFTER  
SEVEN

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18  
PIZZA FROM JOHN'S  
CONVERSATION BY YOU  
BYOB

### 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!

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@olcic.org](mailto:events@olcic.org) and we'll make appropriate arrangements.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>August 10, 2019</b> Catherine and James Uffer From <i>Marilyn Gardullo</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>August 11, 2019</b> Angel Gabriel Diaz Vasquez From <i>Diaz Guerra family</i>
12:30 pm	Beatrice Gazdos (15 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) From <i>friend</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 12, 2019</b> Joseph D'Amato From <i>John Coyle and family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 13, 2019</b> Michael Gardullo From <i>Marilyn Gardullo</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 14, 2019</b> Rosemare DellaPorte From <i>Fr. Bryan</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 15, 2019</b> Rosemare DellaPorte From <i>Steven and Dana</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 16, 2019</b> Gloria Colella From <i>Steven and Dana</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>August 17, 2019</b> Laura and Joseph Jasinski From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>August 18, 2019</b> Grace Kenny From <i>Marc McCabe</i>
12:30 pm	Pat Bonham From <i>Laura Czysz and Ken Heiser</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

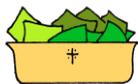
### Sunday, August 11, 2019

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

### Sunday, August 18, 2019

Jer. 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb. 12:1-4; Lk. 12:49-53

## WEEKLY OFFERING



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For the weekend of August 3/4, **413** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$2,827.60**, Venmo donations were **\$22**, and WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$1,737.53**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,587.13**.

Thank you for living your financial commitment to our parish. We are grateful for your generosity.

## 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.paritygiving.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

## CRUDEM FOUNDATION COLLECTION (MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN APPEAL)

Two weeks ago, Dr. David G. Butler, Chairman of the Board of Directors for The CRUDEM Foundation, spoke at OLC Church about the organization's work in Milot, Haiti, especially the hospital. The Haitian people suffer through natural disasters, epidemics, starvation and civil unrest and need help. To date, the church collection for CRUDEM totals **\$2,276**. Every dollar goes to patient care. Thank you for reaching out to those in need.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OLC

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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 18<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 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](mailto:directorofmusic@olcjc.org).

**OLC Church Junior Choir:** *Resumes in September.* 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Drive'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:** Practice is underway every Saturday! 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.olcjc.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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

#olesoccerteam



For details log onto  
[www.tinyurl.com/olesoccer](http://www.tinyurl.com/olesoccer)

## 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.

## SURVIVING DIVORCE: A THREE-DAY RETREAT

# Surviving Divorce: A 3 Day Retreat

Saturday mornings from 9am to 1pm  
September 28th, October 26th & November 16th

### Helping You Find Peace, Power & Passion After Your Divorce

The Archdiocese of Newark is sponsoring a 3 day retreat for the separated and divorced. Each day features DVD sessions that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness and much more. The itinerary includes video presentations and small group discussions. Participants will hear personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families who witness to the healing power of Christ in their lives. Whether you got divorced ten days ago or ten years ago, this program offers valuable insight & support. Sessions run from 9am to 1pm. Each session will cover different topics & discussions. We are also offering a fourth optional session on December 7th covering related topics such as: dealing with the family & children, finances, & moving forward.



**Where?** Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament  
28 Livingston Avenue  
Roseland, NJ 07068  
Founders Hall (Red building)  
Exit 5B off of Rt. 280

### How do I register for the retreat?

Register online: <https://conta.cc/31gcKqr>  
Register by phone: 973-497-4327

The cost of the entire retreat is \$20.00 and includes the cost of a personal guide book, refreshments & light lunch.

Archdiocese of Newark Family Life Ministry

[www.rcan.org/loss-transition](http://www.rcan.org/loss-transition)

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



## STEWARDSHIP



*"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."  
- Luke 12:34*

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in Heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more time in the things of Heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

