

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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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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 18, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

The language we heard from Jesus this weekend is not something we are very familiar with, but is completely consistent with the whole of Sacred Scripture. On the surface, it seems like He is saying that family discord is a good thing, that conflict in the household is doing the will of God. This may bring us consolation if this is the situation we find ourselves living in, but is not the message, it is merely an illustration of His point.

Jesus is telling us that living with passion and cutting things out of our life are essential for those who hope to be disciples and witnesses of the Gospel. When He says, "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!", He is not asking us to commit arson. The fire He speaks of are the tongues of fire that descended upon Mary and the Apostles at Pentecost and that we receive at Confirmation. His hope is that we allow the Holy Spirit into our lives and share the contagious nature of God to all we encounter, whether at home, work, or play. And if others are not interested in the joy and freedom God offers, we cannot live down to their expectations but continue to elevate all who are open to the Peace of Christ.

The only way for the earth to be set ablaze is by our living the Gospel and trying to love those around us. It is the Love of God we manifest in our relationships that enables the Holy Spirit to blaze in our midst. The fire Jesus speaks of is stoked as we cling to the Sacraments and daily realize our NEED for them, as the Sacraments are more important to our lives than air to breathe.

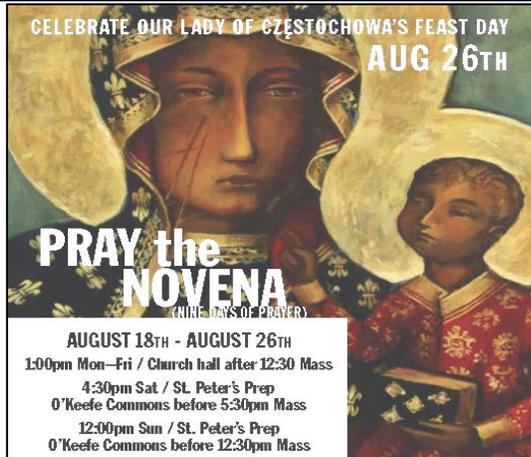
As we continue to make Christ and His Church a priority in our lives and families, we get closer to being numbered among the great cloud of witnesses (the saints) whose examples inspire all who know their story. They were the ones who have prepared the earth for Jesus in the past, we are the ones He is calling today. Together, when we persevere in running the race that lays before us and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, we will rejoice in the Kingdom of God.

God bless you always and please pray for me.

Love,

Fr. Bryan

NOVENA FOR OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA



CELEBRATE OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA'S FEAST DAY
AUG 26TH

PRAY the NOVENA
(NINE DAYS OF PRAYER)

AUGUST 18TH - AUGUST 26TH
1:00pm Mon-Fri / Church hall after 12:30 Mass
4:30pm Sat / St. Peter's Prep
O'Keefe Commons before 5:30pm Mass
12:00pm Sun / St. Peter's Prep
O'Keefe Commons before 12:30pm Mass

SOCIAL AFTER 7 THIS SUNDAY



OLC
PIZZA
SOCIAL
AUGUST 18TH
POST 7 PM 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
2-5 PM
ROOFTOP
50 CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS
www.tinyurl.com/olcpicnic2019
PLEASE RSVP
VOLUNTEERS ARE 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 published on the parish website. We respect the privacy of all our parishioners, especially those of tender years. Please e-mail events@olejc.org if you do not want any photos of you or your children to be published on the parish website.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	August 17, 2019 Laura and Joseph Jasinski From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	August 18, 2019 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
Monday 12:30 pm	August 19, 2019 Edwin Jimenez From <i>mom</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	August 20, 2019 Josephine Sielski From <i>Joseph Terpak</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	August 21, 2019 Josephine Sielski From <i>Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stavar</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	August 22, 2019 Gloria Colella From <i>son Steven and family</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	August 23, 2019 Josephine Sielski From <i>Josephine Blocky and Richard</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	August 24, 2019 Jeff Quinn From <i>Laura Czysz and Ken Heiser</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	August 25, 2019 Josephine Sielski From <i>Irene Holinka</i>
12:30 pm	Amira Kerbaj From <i>John and Madeline Kerbage</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

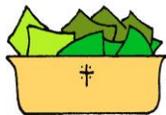
Sunday, August 18, 2019

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

Sunday, August 25, 2019

Is. 66:18-21; Heb. 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk. 13:22-30

WEEKLY OFFERING



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Attendance and collection information for August 10 and 11 will be available shortly. Thank you, as always, for living your financial commitment to our parish. We appreciate 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.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

STEWARDSHIP

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." - Luke 12:51

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, and stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage, and religious liberty.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OLC

WHAT'S
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, September 29th 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 6:15 PM and we will sing right after at the 7 p.m. Mass. No experience necessary, all are welcome! For more information, please email the Director of Music, Ben Rauch, at 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.

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, October 6 at 11:15 AM. The course is required if you're having your baby baptized at OLC or another church, or are becoming a godparent.

OLC Church Annual Picnic: Will be on Sunday, September 15 at 2:00 PM at 50 Columbus Blvd.'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.

OLC Soccer Team: Practice every Saturday! Email Bobby Kovachev for more information at bobby.kovachev@yahoo.com or sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/olcsoccer>.

*May the power of love
overcome the love of power.*

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.

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.



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.*



DOUGHNUTS & JUICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

OLC SUNDAY DOUGHNUTS
JUST GOT BETTER
\$5 PER DOZEN
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To sign up and for more details log onto
www.tinyurl/olcdonutschedule



OLC CHURCH SOCCER TEAM – PRACTICE IS UNDERWAY!

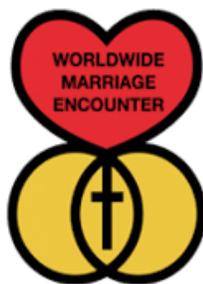
GRAB YOUR BOOTS & JOIN US
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For details log onto
www.tinyurl.com/olsoccer

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Hey married couples, why don't you go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! The next Marriage Encounter Weekend in North Jersey will be held on September 27-29. Go to www.wme.org to find other dates and locations. For more information contact Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016/609-335-6880 or email mikeandjanetwme@gmail.com.



SURVIVING DIVORCE: A THREE-DAY RETREAT

The Archdiocese of Newark is sponsoring a 3-day retreat for the separated/divorced. Retreat dates are September 28th, October 26th and November 16th from 9am to 1pm at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in Roseland, NJ.

Surviving Divorce: A 3 Day Retreat

Helping You Find Peace, Power & Passion After Your Divorce

Daily presentations 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 the healing power of Christ in their lives. Whether you were divorced ten days ago or ten years ago, this program offers valuable insight and support.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided at each session. We also are offering a fourth optional session on Saturday, December 7th covering related topics such as dealing with the family and children, finances, and moving forward. The cost of the entire retreat is \$20.00 and includes the cost of the personal guidebook, refreshments and lunch. For more information or to register, go to <https://conta.cc/31gcKqr> or call 973-497-4327.

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. The course is for those who want to learn basic CPR but do not need a course completion card. To register go to www.rwjbh.org/cpr or call 888-277-2281.

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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. The Retreat Center is located at 417 Yale Avenue in Cape May Point, NJ.

