

**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

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 25, 2019**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Patience is a virtue, but not when it comes to building your relationship with God. The Gospel has urgency, and we have no idea when the Lord will return, so don't wait until the last minute.

Don't wait until you've learned some "real" prayers, or you have worn out rosary in hand – pray, in your own words. Share your heart with God, all of your hopes and fears, struggles, and successes. Although He may know them already, He loves to hear from His children. This is one of the best ways to build a stable relationship with God, dedicated time for conversational prayer.

Don't wait to come to Mass until you've been to confession, or until the kids are old enough to behave – just come to Mass. You are always welcome, and so are your children. The distractions in the world are getting louder and more sophisticated; if they don't learn how to hear the voice of God now, they may never learn.

The number of those who struggle to believe in God are growing; now is the time to make Jesus real in their lives. For those who have the time to attend daily Mass (22 minutes), there is no better way to put your relationship with God on steroids.

Today is the day the Lord Jesus is hoping you let Him in, as He stands and knocks at the door of your heart.

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 AUG 18TH-AUG 26TH

1:00 pm Mon-Fri/Church Hall  
after 12:30 pm Mass

4:30 pm Sat/St. Peter's Prep  
O'Keefe Commons  
before 5:00 pm Mass

12:00 pm Sun/St. Peter's Prep  
O'Keefe Commons  
before 12:30 pm Mass

### CONVALIDATION OF MARRIAGE AT OLC



On Saturday, August 17, Joseph and Candace Perry celebrated a Convalidation of Marriage. We offer our congratulations on their marriage being blessed with the sacrament of Holy Matrimony and wish them many more happy years together.

### 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](http://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@olcjc.org](mailto:events@olcjc.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

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>August 24, 2019</b> Jeff Quinn From <i>Laura Czysz and Ken Heiser</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>August 25, 2019</b> 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
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 26, 2019</b> Wiktorja Michno (13 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) From <i>daughter, Janina and family</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 27, 2019</b> Josephine Sielski From <i>Jean Kurzinka</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 28, 2019</b> Helen Gabrush From <i>Harry and Felicia Stewart</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 29, 2019</b> Nello Colella From <i>Pat Duemig</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>August 30, 2019</b> Helen Gabrush From <i>Mary and Eleanore Porowski</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>August 31, 2019</b> Charles and Mary Czysz From <i>Laura Czysz, Cathy, Fred, &amp; Allie Savage</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>September 1, 2019</b> Helen Gabrush From <i>Mary Wysowata</i>
12:30 pm	Deceased members of the Siwik Family (Katherine, Alexander, Helen, and Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday*

### **Sunday, August 25, 2019**

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

### **Sunday, September 1, 2019**

Sir. 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb. 12:18-19, 22-24a;  
Lk. 14:1, 7-14

*The sin we try to cover up  
will eventually bring us down.*

## 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 August 17/18, **333** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$2,932**, Venmo donations were **\$27**, and WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$1,440.77**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,399.77**.

For the weekend of August 10/11, **341** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$2,563**, Venmo donations were **\$2**, and WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$3,537.14**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$6,102.14**.

We appreciate your generosity.

## 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 29<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 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](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.

**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](mailto:cjveluz@aol.com).

**OLC Seniors:** *Next meeting is on September 11 in a restaurant TBD.* 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 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>.

## 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](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.



## 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.*



## DOUGHNUTS & JUICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



**OLC SUNDAY DOUGHNUTS**  
JUST GOT BETTER  
\$5 PER DOZEN  
AT  
Krispy Kreme  
DOUGHNUTS

To sign up and for more details log onto  
[www.tinyurl/olcdonutschedule](http://www.tinyurl/olcdonutschedule)

## OLC SENIORS TRIPS 2019

**Sleepy Hollow, New York (October 15-16).** Two days/One night for \$280 per person double occupancy/\$360 person single occupancy. Package includes lodging, motorcoach transportation, two meals/gratuities, souvenir gift, tours of Sleepy Hollow Cemetery/Horseman's Hollow/Kykuit/Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze, luggage handling and all taxes. *Final payment due ASAP!*

**Nashville's Opryland Country Christmas (December 1-5).** Five days/Four nights for \$820 per person double occupancy/\$1,240 per person single occupancy. Package includes lodging, motorcoach transportation, four meals/gratuities, souvenir gift, tours of Nashville/Two Million Lights/Opry Mills, three shows, Delta River flatboat ride, luggage handling and all taxes. *\$25 deposit due by August 31/Final payment due by October 10.*

For more information on membership or the trips, call Dorothy Bromirski at 201-333-4888.

## STEWARDSHIP

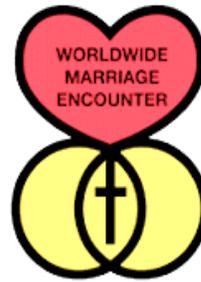


*"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last."*

—Luke 13:30

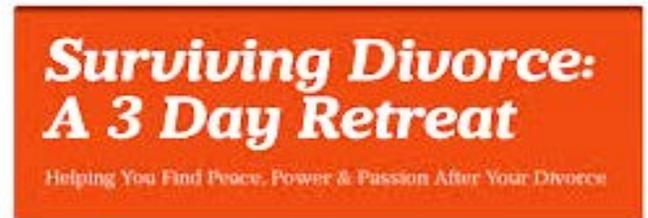
Our standards in society are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "what have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

## 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.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) to find other dates and locations. For more information contact Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016/609-335-6880 or email [mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com](mailto:mikeandjanetwwme@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 28<sup>th</sup>, October 26<sup>th</sup>, and November 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in Roseland, NJ.

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.rwjbh.org/cpr) or call 888-277-2281.