

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
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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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 1, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Humility is one of the virtues most characteristic of our Lord. It is the only virtue that he explicitly said that we should learn of Him, *“Learn of me that I am meek and humble of heart.”* Humility is also one of the most misunderstood and least appreciated of the virtues. It is not the virtue of the weak; it is the virtue of the strong.

Humility is not an inferiority complex or a negative self-image. It is not the denial of the talents I have. That would be a lie, and a lie can never be a virtue, it is a sin. It doesn't mean that we hide our talents. The Lord warned us about hiding our talents in one of the parables. If we hide them we lose them. Humility, instead of suppressing our actions, inspires us to do and attempt great things because we are only instruments in the hand of God. We can do anything God wants us to do. We can *“launch out into the deep and cast our net for a catch.”* Mary said in her Magnificat: *“He who is mighty has done great things for me and holy is His name.”*

Humility does not mean that we let people run over us. That would not be good for them, and it surely wouldn't be good for us. Jesus was simple as a dove in life-style and doctrine, meek and humble of heart but also thick-skinned, and wise as a serpent. He called the Pharisees frauds and hypocrites and drove the buyers and sellers out of the temple.

Humility is truth. It is true that I am a feeble, fickle, fallible, sinful human being. But it is also true that I am gifted, graced, unique and indispensable.

“Learn of me that I am meek and humble of heart and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOUL.” It is the proud who are restless. They are always in competition, in the rat-race. They are always grasping at the most important seats of honor. They value themselves according to their possessions, productivity, and success, placing more importance on how they are perceived than who, namely a child of God.

We don't have to prove anything to God. He knows us better than we know ourselves. He loves us not because of what we are but because of WHO He is. All we have to do is come down off the pedestal and just be comfortable as His son or daughter. In this way, we will find rest for our soul.

God bless you always and please pray for me.

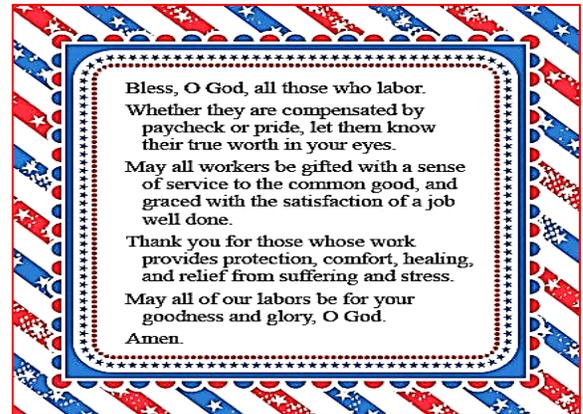
Love,
Fr. Bryan

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY RECTORY CLOSURE



The OLC Church Rectory will be closed on Monday, September 2nd, in observance of Labor Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am. The office will re-open on Tuesday, September 3rd. Wishing you a blessed and safe holiday.

PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY



OLC ANNUAL PICNIC SEPTEMBER 15



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 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 31, 2019 Charles and Mary Czysz From <i>Laura Czysz, Cathy, Fred, & Allie Savage</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	September 1, 2019 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
Monday 9:30 am	September 2, 2019 Josephine Sielski From <i>John and Irene Gazda</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	September 3, 2019 Charles Chee From <i>Julie Chee</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	September 4, 2019 Helen Gabrush From <i>Frank and Alice Korck</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	September 5, 2019 Helen Gabrush From <i>Zigay and Ann Kowalski</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	September 6, 2019 Helen Gabrush From <i>Leona Kyc</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	September 7, 2019 Steven Halecki <i>Laura Czysz and Ken Heiser</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	September 8, 2019 Wanda and Edward Bromirski From <i>Melanie and Bill</i>
12:30 pm	Ann C. Sudol From <i>family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, September 1, 2019

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

Sunday, September 8, 2019

Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm. 9-10, 12-17;
Lk. 14:25-33

*Don't stop payment
on your reality check.*

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



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For the weekend of August 24/25, **410** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$2,577**, Venmo donations were **\$15**, and WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$1,586.13**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,178.13**.

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 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 or sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/olcsoccer>.

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.*



OLC SENIORS TRIPS 2019

Sleepy Hollow, New York (October 15-16). Two days/One night for \$280 per person double occupancy/\$360 per 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.

DOUGHNUTS & JUICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

OLC SUNDAY DOUGHNUTS
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\$5 PER DOZEN
AT



To sign up and for more details log onto
www.tinyurl/olcdonutschedule

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.

STEWARDSHIP



"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."
- Luke 14:13-14

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, a chance to play golf, or our name in print. Yet, as Christian stewards, we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

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.wmme.org to find other dates and locations. For more information contact Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016/609-335-6880 or email mikeandjanetwmme@gmail.com.

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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