



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

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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 15, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Community is a critical part of our lives. Family, friends, workplace, parish, the people we see on the train platform every day—they're all communities which make our lives complete and interesting. In this week's Gospel, Jesus submits himself to the judgment of others by spending time with tax collectors and sinners—those who lived for short-term gains on the edges of society. He hoped to help these, who felt far from others, realize there was more to life than selfish living.

Countless studies reveal how, in spite of our advances in communication, more people feel alone, friendless, and unseen today than ever before. The truth is, Jesus wants all of us, the good, the bad and the distant, to claim the home He has prepared for us in Heaven, but this is nearly impossible to accomplish in isolation. Whenever we read about the life of the saints, it is common to see that they associated with other saints. In fact, it has been said that saints travel in packs.

When we have people we can rely on, the most oppressive burdens become more manageable. The darkest days have a bit more light. Those decisions we would regret later become easier to resist. Inviting good people into our lives is a blessing, and having a faith community we can take part in is nothing short of a gift from God.

Jesus describes how God rejoices when that which is lost is finally recovered. We may find ourselves searching for something more in our lives, or looking for a fresh start. Or, maybe we feel pretty good about where we are and are here to say "thank you." Regardless, we have an opportunity to trust more in the presence of God each day by inviting people to accompany us on our journey. Jesus may be preparing you for Heaven by helping one who is lost, find their way home.

God bless you.

Love,
Fr. Bryan

A great way to connect with your parish community here at OLC is to come to the Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 15, at 2:00 p.m. on the rooftop of 50 Columbus Drive. Your community will be there. Join us and feel free to bring a friend!

2020 MASS INTENTIONS BOOK



The 2020 Mass Book is now open. Please call 201-434-0798 or stop by the rectory Monday-Friday from 9:30 am-5:00 pm to arrange a Mass intention. (There are still dates available in the 2019 Mass Book as well.)

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 on Sunday, October 6, at 11:15 AM.

OLC ANNUAL PICNIC SEPTEMBER 15

CC ROOTS

family fun

giant jenga
bounce house
bean-bag toss

50/50 RAFFLE

dhokla
samosas
kebabs
paczki
pierogi

LIVE MUSIC+GAMES+FOOD

OLC PARISH PICNIC
this Sunday!

"Go, eat your food with gladness and drink your wine with a joyful heart, for God has already approved what you do." ECCLESIASTES 9:7

**SEPTEMBER 15/ 2-5PM/ ROOFTOP
50 CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS**

"Bigger & Better,"
- Fr. Bryan

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	September 14, 2019 Stanley and Mary Plewan From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	September 15, 2019 John and Mary Trusz From <i>nephews and families</i>
12:30 pm	Genevieve Warlikowski From <i>daughter Claire</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	September 16, 2019 Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	September 17, 2019 John and Letizia Gardullo From <i>Marilyn Gardullo</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	September 18, 2019 Buenavintura Penaga From <i>Vangie</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	September 19, 2019 Jayne Eliopoulos From <i>Joyce, John and John</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	September 20, 2019 Melanie Zazula From <i>Doris Emden</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	September 21, 2019 Frances and Bruno Ruskowski From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	September 22, 2019 George Signorile From <i>Maggie and Lenny Englese</i>
12:30 pm	Ann Marie Vrola From <i>Matty and Ed Hiott</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, September 15, 2019
Ex. 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim. 1:12-17;
Lk. 15:1-32

Sunday, September 22, 2019
Am. 8:4-7; 1 Tim. 2:1-8;
Lk. 16:1-13

Better saved than sorry!

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, 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 31/September 1, **353** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$2,131.00**. WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$1,785.49** and Venmo donations were **\$75**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$3,991.49**.

For the weekend of September 7/8, **388** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$3,041.40**. WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$3,584.47** and Venmo donations were **\$847**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$7,472.87**.

As always, thank you for living your financial commitment to our parish. We appreciate your generosity.

SEPTEMBER MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 9/21/19	5:00 pm	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 9/22/19	10:00 am	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 pm	Fr. Squeo
	7:00 pm	Fr. Dominick

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OLC

Children's Liturgy: *Resumes this month.* 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: Will be on October 20. 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: 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 Prayer Group: Prayer group meets daily Monday-Friday in the Church Hall after the 12:30 PM Mass. For more information, please email Chona Veluz at cjveluz@aol.com.

OLC Seniors: Group schedules monthly meetings and trips. New members welcome (must be 55+). 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 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.

REGISTER FOR SACRAMENT CLASSES FIRST COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION/R.C.I.A.

We're currently registering students for First Communion and Confirmation, as well as for R.C.I.A. Children in the in first or second grade or seventh or eighth grade in September may sign up. R.C.I.A. is for adults who wish to explore Catholicism, who were baptized in another Christian church but are thinking of joining the Catholic church, or are Catholic but never received First Communion or Confirmation. To sign up, 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 has a child in those grades, invite them to register. It may be your encouragement that brings the whole family home.

DOUGHNUTS & JUICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Doughnut Stress

 has got you covered

\$ 5 for one dozen donuts

For more details on this Krispy Kreme special and to Sign up for OLC Sunday Doughnuts log onto www.tinyurl.com/olcdonutschedule

OLC JUNIOR CHOIR



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD

Join the OLC Jr Choir

For kids 7 +
All are welcome to join as we
Lift our voices to the Lord
We rehearse on Thursday from 5-6 p.m.
For details contact Ben Rauch at directorofmusic@olcjc.org

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES HELP FAMILIES IN THE BAHAMAS

After 36 hours of battering the island, Hurricane Dorian has left families homeless and virtually destroyed the land. Rains and flooding continue to affect relief efforts and communication is limited. Catholic Relief Services—along with local partners—is working quickly to assess immediate needs. Donations help bring relief in the form of food, emergency shelter, safe water, to affected families. 93% of all funds go towards programs. To learn more or to donate, please go to their website <https://www.crs.org>.

STEWARDSHIP



"Everything I have is yours." – Luke 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of

our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

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. For more information contact Mike and Janet Turco via phone 973-427-7016/609-335-6880, email mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com, or website at www.wwme.org.

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.

ST. PETER'S PREP OPEN HOUSE

St. Peter's Preparatory School will be holding its 2019 Fall Open House on Sunday, October 20th, from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students, and parents, will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. For more information, please call **201-547-6389**. Pre-registration is not required and the entire family is welcome to visit!

HUDSON CATHOLIC REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Hudson Catholic Regional High School will be hosting their Fall Open House on Sunday, October 20th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. All of their faculty, staff and administration will be on hand to share the academic, spiritual, extra-curricular, and athletic programs. Tour the building and see students in action!! Parking is available in the St. Aedan's lot across the street from the school. If you need more information, please contact the school at **201-332-5970**.