

# 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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[www.olcjc.org](http://www.olcjc.org)

#### 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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 22, 2019

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

This was a very busy week here at Our Lady of Częstochowa!

Last Sunday we held our annual Parish Picnic, which was a great success. Hundreds of families came together enjoying food, music, games, and raffles... an absolute blast! Those who had been traveling over the summer, classmates who just began a fresh school year, and new additions to our parish enjoyed spending time together. Thank you to our amazing crew of volunteers, headed by Priya Rasquinha, for their hard work before, during, and after the big day.

Also, by the time you are reading this, we have moved back home to our beloved Church! Thank you to St. Peter's Prep for hosting us in our time of need, and to our diligent work crews, who spent countless hours on scaffolding, indoors and out, suffering Jersey City's summer heat. While there is still work to do, we made it before the cafeteria at St. Peter's Prep is no longer available. I am overjoyed to be back in our spiritual home and excited for you to see how it all came together.

Thanks to you, our wonderful parishioners, for trekking to Prep all summer, attending daily Masses in our cobbled-together basement chapel, for your support of our Picnic, and all that you do to make our church home.

God bless you always and please pray for me.

Love,  
Fr. Bryan



*Congratulations to Gerry Painkras, the winner of the 50/50 raffle jackpot of \$2,460!*



Photos by Izabella Williams

### CHURCH RE-OPENING THIS WEEKEND!



in hosting us for the past few months.

Our Lady of Częstochowa Church will re-open its doors on Saturday in time for the 5:00 PM Mass. We are grateful for all of your support and patience during this stressful time. Thanks again to St. Peter's Prep for their generosity

### BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS

Bethlehem Handicrafts will be at OLC next weekend, September 28/29, after each Mass. The company sells handcrafted religious articles made in Jerusalem and Bethlehem to support the Catholic Community in the Holy Land. This is the perfect opportunity to purchase one-of-a-kind religious items to give as special gifts or at Christmas.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>September 21, 2019</b> Frances and Bruno Ruskowski From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>September 22, 2019</b> George DeRosa 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
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>September 23, 2019</b> Melanie Zazula From <i>Noreen Feehan</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>September 24, 2019</b> Juona Nunez From <i>OLC Seniors</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>September 25, 2019</b> Helen Gabrush From <i>Helen Torracco</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>September 26, 2019</b> Melanie Zazula From <i>OLC Seniors</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>September 27, 2019</b> Damian Jimenez From <i>daughter</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>September 28, 2019</b> Kevin Crimmins From <i>Joseph and Renee Roselle</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>September 29, 2019</b> Melanie Zazula From <i>Julia Nowatkowski and Family</i>
12:30 pm	Ann Marie Vrola From <i>Fr. Bryan and Staff</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

**Sunday, September 22, 2019**

Am. 8:4-7; 1 Tim. 2:1-8; Lk. 16:1-13

**Sunday, September 29, 2019**

Am. 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm. 6:11-16; Lk. 16:19-31

## SEPTEMBER MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 9/28/19	5:00 pm	Fr. Varghese
SUN: 9/29/19	10:00 am	Fr. Squeo
	12:30 pm	Fr. Dominick
	7:00 pm	Fr. Bryan & Fr. Varghese

## 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.

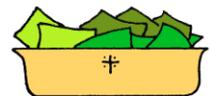
Please know how grateful I am for your support of our parish as we continue our mission to make disciples of all nations.

God bless,  
Fr. Bryan

## WEEKLY OFFERING

For the weekend of September 14/15, **482** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$3,011.45**. WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$1,533.78** and Venmo donations were **\$72**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$4,617.23**.

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



Weekly  
OFFERING

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OLC

WHAT'S  
GOING ON?

**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 or by appointment with the pastor.

**Family Mass:** Cardinal Tobin will preside over the Mass 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 our Church Hall. 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 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 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](mailto:directorofmusic@olcjc.org).

**OLC Prayer Group:** Prayer group meets daily Monday-Friday after the 12:30 PM Mass. For more information, please email Chona Veluz at [cjveluz@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:bobby.kovachev@yahoo.com) or sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/olcsoccer>.

## BAPTISM AT OLC CHURCH



On Saturday, September 14, **William Alexander Tagliareni**, son of Paul and Aimee, received the sacrament of Baptism at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church. We congratulate him and his family, and may God watch over them always.

## 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 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. *Final payment due by October 10.*

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

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, OLC will offer a blessing for pets on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm at the church. St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and ecology, could be viewed as the original Earth Day advocate. St. Francis' devotion to God was expressed through his love for all of God's creation. St. Francis cared for the poor and sick, he preached sermons to animals, and praised all creatures as brothers and sisters under God. Please call the rectory at 201-434-0798 with any questions.



## 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>.

## 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](http://www.tinyurl.com/olcdonutschedule)

## SOCIAL AFTER 7 NEXT SUNDAY



8 P.M. IN THE CHURCH HALL

**SOCIAL AFTER SEVEN**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29  
PIZZA FROM JOHN'S  
CONVERSATION BY YOU  
BYOB

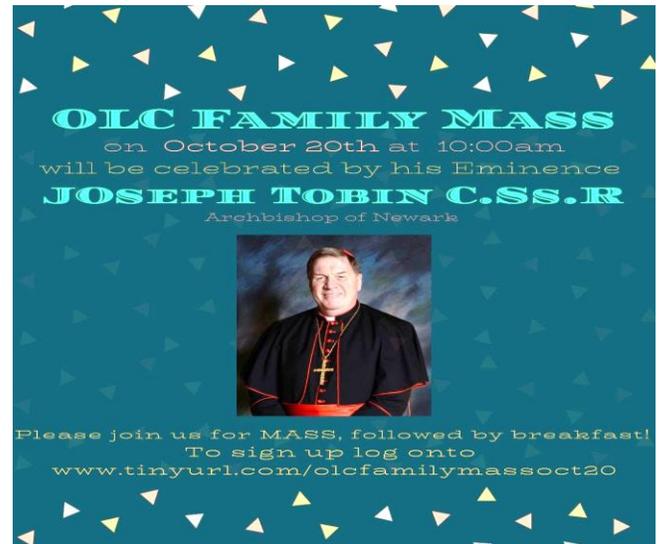
## STEWARDSHIP



*"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other, You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." - Luke 16:13*

Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from being a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

## CARDINAL'S VISIT TO OLC



**OLC FAMILY MASS**  
on October 20th at 10:00am  
will be celebrated by his Eminence  
**JOSEPH TOBIN C.S.S.R**  
Archbishop of Newark



Please join us for MASS, followed by breakfast!  
To sign up log onto  
[www.tinyurl.com/olcfamilymassoct20](http://www.tinyurl.com/olcfamilymassoct20)

## \*LAST WEEK TO REGISTER FOR FIRST COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION CLASSES \*R.C.I.A. STILL OPEN FOR ENROLLMENT

This is the last week to register students for **First Communion and Confirmation**. Children in the in first or second grade or seventh or eighth grade in September may sign up. To register, please go to the 'Faith Formation and Sacraments' tab at [www.olcjc.org](http://www.olcjc.org) and fill out a registration form. **Classes begin on September 24 from 3:30-4:55 PM.**

**R.C.I.A. enrollment is still open.** It 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. Registration forms are also on the church website.

## ST. PETER'S PREP OPEN HOUSE

St. Peter's Preparatory School will be holding its 2019 Fall Open House on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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**.