

# 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

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#### 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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 29, 2019

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Today's Gospel is a great reminder of two things. First, we are all the same in God's eyes, and He has sent all of us the same message about His love. That's why deceased relatives, angels, or saints don't readily appear on earth to advise us, at least as we hope: God sent Jesus, who told us all we need to know. We've already received the ultimate message from the only messenger who matters. Our work is to believe it.

When the rich man asked Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his equally selfish brothers, the answer was no. Moses had already given them the Ten Commandments, God had already spoken. There was no need for any further communication. It was the brothers', and our, job to listen to the word of God through Scripture, attending Mass, praying, and works of charity.

Another striking element is the rich man's continuing scorn for Lazarus after death, as though he were some sort of divine utensil. He asks Abraham to send Lazarus -- whom in life he barely acknowledged, whom he allowed to lie down with the dogs on his doorstep -- to ease his suffering. The pains of hell were not able to shake this man of his entitlement. Even in death, he didn't repent of not seeing in Lazarus the dignity inherent in every human being.

For us, we already have the greatest gifts ever given -- God's word and His Son. Recognizing the presence of God in all we do and in all whom we meet demands a transforming spirit of gratitude from all believers. Allow the transforming power of God in His word and presence to destroy any sense of entitlement and be all the reassurance that we can ever need. In so doing, we grant everyone we meet the dignity of seeing them as brothers and sisters.

God bless you always and please pray for me.

Love,  
Fr. Bryan

### BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS AT OLC THIS WEEKEND!



Bethlehem Handicrafts will be at OLC this 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.

### SOCIAL AFTER 7 THIS SUNDAY!



8 P.M. IN THE  
CHURCH HALL  
**SOCIAL  
AFTER  
SEVEN**  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29  
PIZZA FROM JOHN'S  
CONVERSATION BY YOU  
BYOB

### R.C.I.A. STILL OPEN FOR ENROLLMENT

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. Registration forms are on the church website at [www.olcjc.org](http://www.olcjc.org) under the 'Faith Formation and Sacraments' tab.

**Registration for First Communion and Confirmation classes for children is now closed.**

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, OLC will offer a blessing for pets next 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.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<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
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>September 30, 2019</b> Ronald Romanski From <i>John and Jonathan Pridy</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 1, 2019</b> Patricia Lillis From <i>Peters Family</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 2, 2019</b> Carmela Livingston From <i>Fr. Bryan</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 3, 2019</b> Melanie Zazula From <i>Kathy Eckert</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 4, 2019</b> Ronald Romanski From <i>Mr. and Mrs. Ray Madej</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	<b>October 5, 2019</b> Blessing of Animals Charles (11 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) and Mary Czysz From <i>Laura Czysz; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>October 6, 2019</b> Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i>
12:30 pm	Charlotte Wisnilwski From <i>Claire Warlikowski</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### Sunday, September 29, 2019

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

### Sunday, October 6, 2019

Hb. 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tm. 1:6-8, 13-14;  
Lk. 17:5-10

## 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:

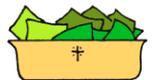
- 1. Parish Giving** - This is perhaps the best way because every week or month – whatever you choose – there will be a deposit made directly to the parish from your bank account or credit card. This is support our parish can count on, rain or shine, regardless of whatever difficulties may crop up motivating 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

The offering totals for the weekend of September 21/22 will be available soon.



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

*Weekly*  
OFFERING

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OLC

**Blessing of Animals:** In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, there will be a blessing for pets on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in front of the church.

**Children's Liturgy:** *Resumes this fall.* 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>.

**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@olcj.org](mailto:directorofmusic@olcj.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@olcj.org](mailto:directorofmusic@olcj.org).

**OLC Prayer Group:** Prayer group meets daily Monday-Friday after the 12:30 PM Mass. For more information, please email Chona Veluz at [civeluz@aol.com](mailto:civeluz@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>.

**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 CHURCH HAS RE-OPENED!



Our Lady of Czestochowa Church re-opened its doors! All Masses are being held at the sanctuary. We are grateful for all of your support and patience during this stressful time. Thanks again to St. Peter's Prep for their generosity in hosting us for the past few months.

## 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.

## 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)

## STEWARDSHIP



*"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." - Luke 16:25-26*

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy.

However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES — HELP FAMILIES IN THE BAHAMAS

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>.

## 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 FALL OPEN HOUSE



Hudson Catholic Regional High School will be hosting its 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**.

## ST. DOMINIC ACADEMY (SDA) FALL OPEN HOUSES



St. Dominic Academy is holding its 2019 Fall Open Houses this Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 pm, and on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm. The event will feature club and athletic demonstrations, presentations by academic departments and the administration, and tours of the school, along with complete information about the admission process. Anyone specifically interested in a tour should arrive no later than 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., respectively. Pre-registration is not required. SDA is an independent, Catholic college preparatory high school for girls. The school is located at 2572 Kennedy Boulevard in Jersey City. For more information, please call **201-434-5938** or visit their website: [www.stdominicacad.com](http://www.stdominicacad.com).

## 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.)

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*You might not like me,  
but Jesus thinks I'm to die for.*

