



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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 8, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

How often have you heard, “the best things come to those who wait?” The parents of Mary and John the Baptist both lived long lives of marital love, before being blessed with a child. They may have seen it as punishment for their sins or some other malady, but they continued to pray, even when hope appeared to disappoint them. As they reached an age that it was no longer seen as possible to have a child, then God answered their prayers.

How often do we get discouraged when all natural means appear expired, and what do we do with that discouragement? Too often, we stop praying and may even harbor anger for God, who did not answer the prayers we offered with all our hearts. These can be prayers for a child, for an illness (one we suffer or that of someone we love), for employment, or better housing.

The birth and life of the Blessed Virgin Mary teach us that often the Lord draws us closer to Himself by a narrow path, sometimes marked with sorrow and disappointment. What we must remember is how the sorrow we experience turns to joy! Through the birth of Mary, we eventually receive the gift of her Son, Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Prince of Peace. Through the perseverance of faith we see in Joachim and Anna (the parents of Mary), blessings from God follow for a thousand generations, through their grandson, who brought lasting hope to the entire human race.

Through our perseverance in faith, regardless of our apparent disappointments, those whom we love will also be blessed beyond measure. As we wait for the Lord to act, continue to pray, even when our cause seems hopeless, and trust always in the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and graciousness of her Son.

God bless you always and please pray for me.

Love,
Fr. Bryan

2020 MASS INTENTIONS BOOK

The 2020 Mass Book will open for mass intentions on Monday, September 9. 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.

BEWARE OF CHURCH EMAIL SCAMS

The Archdiocese of Newark has received reports of parishioners in different parishes receiving email phishing scams. Most of these emails will say something like “I have a favor to ask” and proceed to ask you to purchase gift cards or wire money. Our parish priests will never, under any circumstances, ask you via email to purchase gift cards or wire money. Any such request is fraudulent and should be deleted immediately. We recommend you report such emails as phishing scams to your email provider and the State of New Jersey Cyber Crimes Unit. Please feel free to call the parish office to validate the authenticity of any suspicious email claiming to be from our priests or staff at 201-434-0798.

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
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 if you do not want any photos of you or your children to be published on the parish website.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| 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 |
| Monday 12:30 pm | September 9, 2019 Rev. Zbigniew Szymanski, 5 th Pastor (26 th Ann.) From <i>OLC Parishioners</i> |
| Tuesday 12:30 pm | September 10, 2019 Benjamin Paz From <i>Pilar</i> |
| Wednesday 12:30 pm | September 11, 2019 Paul Connolly From <i>Joyce Cmiel and family</i> |
| Thursday 12:30 pm | September 12, 2019 Michael Gardullo From <i>Marilyn Gardullo</i> |
| Friday 12:30 pm | September 13, 2019 Sal Russo From <i>Pauline Russo</i> |
| 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 |

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, September 8, 2019
Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm. 9-10, 12-17;
Lk. 14:25-33

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

*Life's jewels are not
all strung on one string.*

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



Attendance and collection information for the weekend of August 31/September 1 will be available next week. As always, thank you for living your financial commitment to our parish. We appreciate your generosity.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OLC



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: 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 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



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

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

"Every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." – Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce *all* of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

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**.