

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 at olcjc.org 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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 13, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

We live in times of entitlement, and the list of what we claim to be ours by right seems to grow longer by the day. That leaves little space for being grateful. But how can one be happy without being grateful?

All ten lepers in today's Gospel were cured, but only one returned to thank Jesus. Just one had a grateful, humble heart. "Your faith has saved you," Jesus tells the Samaritan. The connection between receiving God's grace and being grateful becomes more evident with this example.

What does that say about the other nine? Perhaps they felt they had more pressing business. But what could be more important than gratitude for a miracle, and humility at having been chosen to receive one?

We might think they were so excited that they shared their good news first with their families and then *meant* to return and thank Jesus later. Maybe they needed time to compose their feelings and express them perfectly. But God doesn't require perfect words. He wants to hear what's in our hearts, in all our disorganization. We must give thanks for our blessings NOW.

It's not enough to FEEL grateful. We must SHOW gratitude. It's not enough to have love in our hearts; we must SHOW it through prayer, kindness to others, and worship. The literal meaning of the word "eucharist" is "thanksgiving."

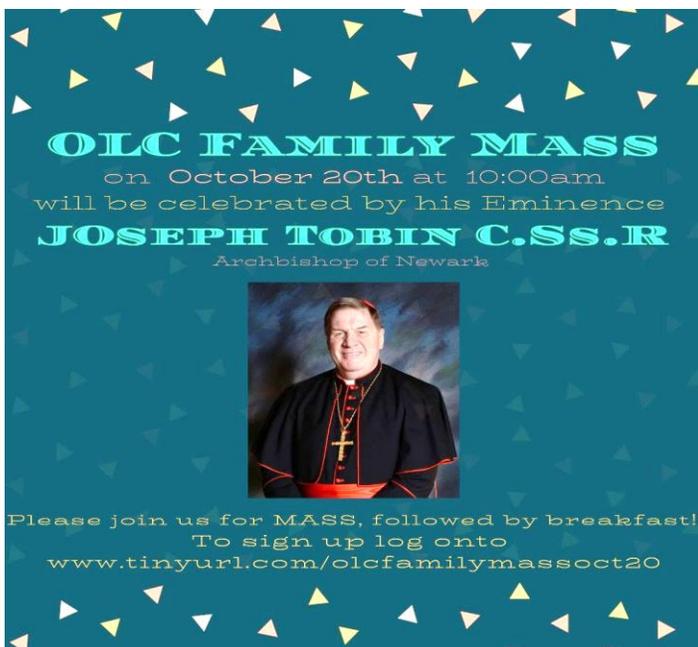
God has given us so much. We are all lepers of some sort, made clean by His grace. Now is the time to demonstrate our gratitude.

God bless you always and please pray for me.

Love,

Fr. Bryan

CARDINAL'S VISIT TO OLC



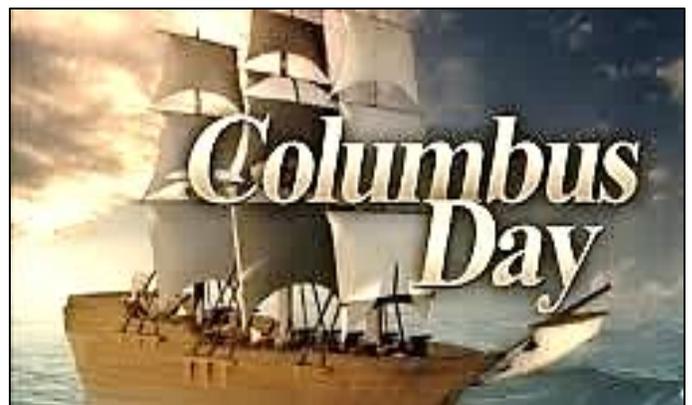
OLC FAMILY MASS
on October 20th at 10:00am
will be celebrated by his Eminence
JOSEPH TOBIN C.S.S.R.
Archbishop of Newark



Please join us for MASS, followed by breakfast!
To sign up log onto
www.tinyurl.com/olcfamilymassoct20

COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY RECTORY CLOSURE

The OLC Church Rectory will be closed on Monday, October 14, in observance of Columbus Day. **Mass will be celebrated at 12:30 pm.** The office will re-open on Tuesday, October 15th. Wishing you a blessed and safe holiday.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	October 12, 2019 Lourdes Buencamino From <i>L. Nery</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	October 13, 2019 Michael Gardullo From <i>wife</i>
12:30 pm	Bruno and Mary Listwan & Family From <i>Laura Czysz; Cathy, Fred and Allie Savage</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	October 14, 2019 Mario Villava From <i>wife</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	October 15, 2019 The good health of Manuela de Jacir From <i>family</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	October 16, 2019 Ronald Romanski From <i>Jennifer Laskowski and Fred Hastick</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	October 17, 2019 Ronald Romanski From <i>Robert Korek</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	October 18, 2019 Anthony and Mary Tomkunas From <i>Patricia Mercuri</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	October 19, 2019 Frances and Al Brzucki From <i>Bruno Ruskowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	October 20, 2019 Dorothy Rasquinha From <i>Rasquinha Family</i>
12:30 pm	Melanie Zazula From <i>friends</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, October 13, 2019
2 Kgs. 5:14-17; 2 Tim. 2:8-13;
Lk. 17:11-19

Sunday, October 20, 2019
Ex. 17:8-13; 2 Tm. 3:14-4:2;
Lk. 18:1-8 (147)

*God gives His best to those
who leave the choice to Him.*

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*. 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 October 5/6, **624** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$2,980**. WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$3,835.75** and Venmo donations were **\$47**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$6,862.75**.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OLC

WHAT'S
GOING ON?

Children's Liturgy: 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 in church, or by appointment with the pastor.

Family Mass: Cardinal Tobin will preside over the Mass on October 20. Breakfast will be served at 11:00 AM in front of the Church. Please sign up to contribute something at www.tinyurl.com/olcfamilymassoct20.

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@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, December 1st, 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.

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.

OLC Seniors: The next meeting is on Wednesday, November 13th. New members welcome (must be 55+). For more information, call Co-Presidents Laura Mullahui at 201-562-2107 or Veronica Benekin at 551-580-0377.

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>.

Social After 7: Sunday, October 27th, 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 CHURCH HAS RE-OPENED!

WELCOME
HOME

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.

OLC SENIORS TRIP

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 is due now.*

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



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



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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 under the 'Faith Formation and Sacraments' tab. Registration will remain open until October 31st.

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

DOUGHNUT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Doughnut Stress

Krispy Kreme 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 CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHOIR



2020 MASS INTENTIONS BOOK

The 2020 Mass Book is open for mass intentions. 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.)



OUR LADY OF CZĘSTOCHOWA SCHOOL IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR!

For admission information on the 2020-2021 school year please go to the "Admissions" tab on the school's website at www.olcschool.org. Download the attachments through the link provided. Read and follow instructions outlined in the attachments before your application is submitted. Please mail or drop off your completed application to the Lower School office at the address below:

The OLC School
248 Marin Blvd.
Jersey City, NJ 07302

Applications will only be accepted by mail or in person. Please do not email your child's application. All applications must be complete to be considered. There is a processing fee of \$100 payable by check to "The OLC School." Tours will only be given once an application has been submitted.

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST



Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic high school in Fall 2020!

The High School Placement Test (HSPT®), administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Program for Catholic high schools, will be given on Friday, November 8, 2019. Registration for this exam is available online at www.nicoopexam.org.

For more information about either the High School Expo or the Cooperative Admissions Program, please go to www.catholicchoolsnj.org, call 973-497-4260 or email Ryan L. Michelson, Director of School Advancement, at: Ryan.Michelson@rcan.org.

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. 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!

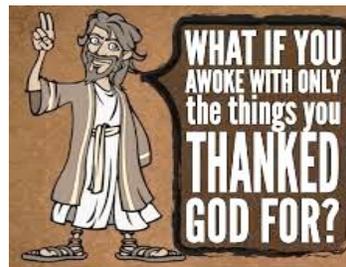


HUDSON CATHOLIC REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FALL OPEN HOUSE

Hudson Catholic Regional High School will be hosting its Fall Open House on Sunday, October 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**.



STEWARDSHIP



Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?"
– Luke 17:18

Most of us live "easy" lives. We have food, shelter and clothing. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you.