

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 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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 20, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Please join me in welcoming Cardinal Joseph Tobin, Archbishop of Newark, to celebrate our 10 o'clock Family Mass. It's an honor to have him visit our little church here on Sussex Street, and we're very grateful he's with us today.

Many great things happen as we pray, celebrate, and search for opportunities to assist those in need. The most important thing to remember is how Jesus calls us to be steadfast in our relationship with Him and with each other.

As we see in today's Gospel, constant prayers will be answered by our loving God. Although His answer might not be what we wanted or expected, He will give us the best answer at the perfect time.

The keyword is constant: We must pray always, and not think of it as a chore. Praying to God is a great opportunity for us to be heard by the One who loves us so deeply. We must pray together, with our families, and on our own, listening for His voice, and sharing it with those around us.

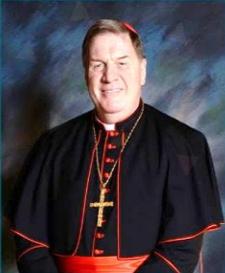
God bless you always and please pray for me.

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

SOCIAL AFTER SEVEN NEXT SUNDAY

October 27
Church Hall
8:00 p.m.



PIZZA SOCIAL

Pizza from John's
BYOB
Conversation
Fun!

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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>Laura Czysz and Ken Heiser</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	October 21, 2019 Ronald Romanski From <i>Napolitano Family</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	October 22, 2019 Ronald Romanski From <i>Laura Jean and family</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	October 23, 2019 Karissa Bhagwandat From <i>Letty Nery</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	October 24, 2019 Sophie Bilyk From <i>Mr. and Mrs. David Awad</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	October 25, 2019 Manolo Mapa From <i>Mapa Family</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	October 26, 2019 John Stapinski (32 nd Ann.) From <i>wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	October 27, 2019 Melanie Zazula From <i>Maggie and Lenny Englese</i>
12:30 pm	Rev. Eugene Kasper, 7 th Pastor (11 th Ann.) From <i>OLC Parishioners</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, October 20, 2019

Ex. 17:8-13; 2 Tm. 3:14-4:2;
Lk. 18:1-8 (147)

Sunday, October 27, 2019

Sir. 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18;
Lk. 18:9-14

*Nothing is foolproof to a
sufficiently talented fool.*

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.paritygiving.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 12/13, **569** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$3,242**. WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$2,319.49** and Venmo donations were **\$95**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$5,656.49**.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OLC

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.

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 11:15 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 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.

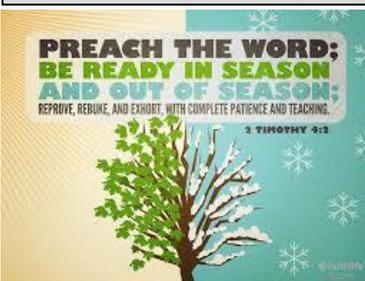
OLC Prayer Group: Prayer group meets daily Monday-Friday after the 12:30 PM Mass. For more information, please email Chona Veluz at cjveluz@aol.com.

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.

STEWARDSHIP



"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..."

– 2 Timothy 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the

temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

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!



OLC CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHOIR



**WELCOME OLC SCHOOL'S NEW PRINCIPAL
MRS. ROSEANN CITRO!**



We are excited to have Mrs. Roseann Citro join the OLC Parish family as Our Lady of Częstochowa School's principal! With over 20 years of educational leadership in the West-Windsor-Plainsboro School District, Mrs. Citro has been responsible for building

instructional programs and a school culture that empowers all learners to thoughtfully contribute to a diverse and changing world. As an instructional leader, she possesses three primary goals: meeting the diverse needs of all learners, engaging students in global awareness and involvement, and addressing the social and emotional needs of all learners. In her prior school district, Mrs. Citro had been recognized for her accomplishments in creating new safety procedures, which enabled her to oversee the safety of over 1100 students, and in creating a school culture of trust. In addition to her primary job responsibilities, Mrs. Citro has also worked closely with Rutgers University, The College of New Jersey, and Rider University, where she has been part of the Rider University Advisory Board and has been the keynote speaker for their Accepted Students Day.

Mrs. Citro has most recently served as an elementary school principal in the West Windsor-Plainsboro School District, which had been home to her for the past 21 years. Here, she also served as a high school principal, a middle school ESL/bilingual teacher, and a high school Spanish teacher. Mrs. Citro has completed her Bachelor's Degree from Douglass College, Rutgers University and her Master of Education from The College of New Jersey. She has her principal and supervisor certificates as well as a certification for Teacher of Bilingual/Bicultural Education, English as a Second Language, Spanish (Secondary Education) and Elementary Education (K-8).

In her spiritual life, Mrs. Citro has been involved in her church community through the ministry of liturgical music, where she served as a lead cantor for many years. On weekends, Mr. and Mrs. Citro enjoy spending time with one another, and with their four children, which keeps them constantly on the go! She also enjoys running, exercising, baking, and going to the beach as relaxation activities.

Mrs. Citro is a passionate educator who truly believes in meeting the needs of the "whole child, every child" and in supporting all teachers and staff members as they work in service of their students. She is thrilled to be joining the OLC family and looks forward to sharing her wealth of educational experience, her spiritual life and her energy and enthusiasm in a community of faith and learning.

**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.njcoopexam.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.

**REPORTING ABUSE BY CLERGY, RELIGIOUS
AND LAY STAFF OF THE ARCHDIOCESE**



The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office.