

# 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](http://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](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

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 27, 2019**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Cardinal Tobin's visit last weekend was a wonderful time, and I am so very proud of our parish. He was overwhelmed by our warm welcome, the impressive performance of our children's choir, and the way we gather as a community, enjoying one another's company. Thank you, again, to our fantastic volunteers, who carried, cooked, decorated, and cleaned up. And a special thanks goes to our Lord, who made the rain wait until the cardinal was driving away!

While the cardinal's visit was a complete success, the most important thing to me was that it didn't differ much from our regular Family Mass Sunday. We had a little more food, and the tents and décor outside were festive, but it was pretty much the same thing we do every other month. We shared our true selves.

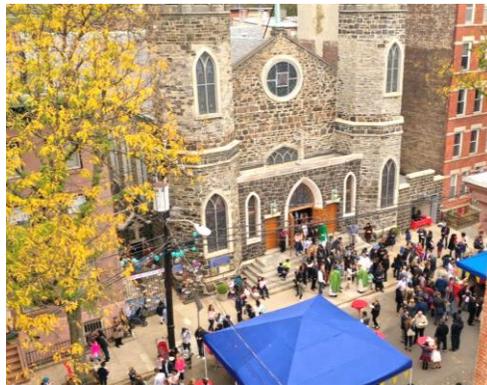
The example Jesus gives us in today's Gospel – to stay humble – rings true here. We should strive to be our true selves, regardless of who is watching or who is visiting. Keep it simple. The One who matters most knows who we are.

Please enjoy these pictures from our celebration.

God bless you always and please pray for me.

Love,

Fr. Bryan



### ALL SAINTS DAY



All Saints Day Masses will be held on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm. It is a holy day of obligation for Catholics. It was instituted to honor all the saints, known and unknown, and, according to Pope Urban IV, to supply any deficiencies in the faithful's celebration of saints' feasts during the year.

### ALL SOULS DAY

The All Souls Day Mass will be held on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 pm. We believe that those Holy Souls for whom we pray will continue to pray for us and our acts of charity toward them now will ensure that they remember us before the throne of God when we are most in need of prayers. Include those whom you loved in this year's Mass for All Souls. Please place your intentions in the basket by the front door.



### 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.)

### SOCIAL AFTER SEVEN THIS SUNDAY!

October 27  
Church Hall  
8:00 p.m.



# PIZZA SOCIAL

Pizza from John's  
BYOB  
Conversation  
Fun!

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>October 26, 2019</b> John Stapinski (32 <sup>nd</sup> Ann.) From <i>wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>October 27, 2019</b> Melanie Zazula From <i>Maggie and Lenny Englese</i>
12:30 pm	Rev. Eugene Kasper, 7 <sup>th</sup> Pastor (11 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) From <i>OLC Parishioners</i> People of the Parish
7:00 pm	
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 28, 2019</b> Cecilia Maurer From <i>Cheryl Bongco</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 29, 2019</b> Rev. Ignatius Szudrowicz, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pastor (73 <sup>rd</sup> Ann.) From <i>OLC Parishioners</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 30, 2019</b> Santiago, Marta and Simon Bitar From <i>Kerbaj Family</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>October 31, 2019</b> Jan Butrym (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann.) From <i>Józefa Butrym</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 1, 2019</b> Gloria Colella From <i>son Steven and family</i> People of the Parish
7:00 pm	
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>November 2, 2019</b> Joaquim Reverendo Dos Santos From <i>Jeanne Bohlen Oppel</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>November 3, 2019</b> Kathryn Alice Peterson From <i>Roseann and Charles Citro</i>
12:30 pm	Bartosiewicz and Warlikowski Families From <i>Claire Warlikowski</i> People of the Parish
7:00 pm	

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### Sunday, October 27, 2019

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

### Sunday, November 3, 2019

Wis. 11:22-12:2; 2 Thes. 1:11-2:2;  
Lk. 19:1-10

## 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*. 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 19/20, **608** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$4,382**. WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$2,214.37** and Venmo donations were **\$30**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$6,626.37**.



*Weekly*  
**OFFERING**

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 AM and we will sing right after at the 12:30 PM 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 Baptism Preparation Class:** The next class is on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 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:** The next meeting is on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:bobby.kovachev@yahoo.com) or sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/olcsoccer>.

**Social After 7:** Sunday, October 27<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).

## STEWARDSHIP

*"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted..." – Luke 18:14*

Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Remember all those gifts were God-given. Instead we should be humbled by God's abundant generosity and our hearts should overflow with gratitude.



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

## OLC CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

*When We Sing, We Pray Twice*

**Join the OLC Jr Choir**

For kids 7 yrs +  
The Jr Choir sings twice a month at 10 a.m. mass  
Rehearsals mid week  
To join contact Ben Rauch at [directorofmusic@olcjc.org](mailto:directorofmusic@olcjc.org)

## BAPTISM AT OLC CHURCH



On Saturday, October 19, **Gabriel Cyril Paleath**, son of Cyril and Tess, received the sacrament of Baptism at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church. We congratulate him and his family, and may God watch over them always.

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



Admission information on the 2020-2021 school year is on the "Admissions" tab on the school's website at [www.olcschool.org](http://www.olcschool.org). 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 sent by email will not be accepted. 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.njcoopexam.org).

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

**PROGRAMS AT THE  
MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER**

**A Retreat on Female Spirituality (November 1-3, 2019).** Join other women in a creative exploration of your own story and stories of women in faith. Come alone, with a relative or with a friend. A team of Marianist women has prepared this experience of rest and renewal. Our time together will include Eucharist, prayer experiences, quiet time, socials and fun! Cost is \$140 per person.

**A Retreat on Male Spirituality (November 15-17, 2019).** This weekend, open to men of all ages, focuses on unique male issues on the spiritual journey. The retreat will consist of Eucharist and other prayer, input, quiet time, small group sharing, socializing, and fun within a supportive, intentional community of men. Cost is \$140 per person.

Accommodations, meals and all activities are included with price. Financial aid is available for these programs (see website for application). For more information on this retreat, please call 609-884-3829 or visit their website at: [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org).

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMS**



If you are engaged to be married and desire the blessing of God on your union, you must first contact the parish. Ideally, this should be done at least one year in advance of your wedding. A couple may not register for marriage preparation programs until they have met with the priest/deacon preparing them for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Completion of both programs is mandatory. For more information, please go to the Archdiocese of Newark website: [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org)

**Pre-Cana Conferences –**

*December 7* from 9:30 am-4:00 pm at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark NJ

*January 26, 2020* from 1:30 pm-7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Visitation in Paramus NJ

*February 21 and 22, 2020*, Fri. 8:00 pm-10:00 pm and Sat. 8:00 am-12 Noon at St. John the Apostle in Linden NJ

*February 22, 2020* from 12 Noon-6:30 pm at St. Joseph the Carpenter in Roselle NJ

*February 22 and 23, 2020* Sat. 10:00 am-2:00 pm and Sun. 12:30-2:30 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle in Bloomfield NJ

*February 23 and 28, 2020*, Sun. and Fri. at 7:30 pm at Community of God's Love in Rutherford NJ

(To register, please visit [www.rcan.org/precana](http://www.rcan.org/precana). \$100 per couple)

**God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage –**

*November 9* from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Mountainside NJ

*November 16* from 12 Noon-6:30 pm at St. Michael Church in Cranford NJ

*November 17* from 12 Noon-6:30 pm at St. Michael Church in Cranford NJ

*November 24* from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark NJ

*January 4, 2020* from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at St. Teresa Church in Kenilworth NJ

*January 25, 2020* from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark NJ

(To register, please visit [www.joyfilledmarriagenj.org](http://www.joyfilledmarriagenj.org). \$125 per couple)

*A clear conscience is usually  
the sign of a bad memory.*

