

# 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

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 10, 2019

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

A large part of being a priest is celebrating weddings. And while some brides and grooms can be excessively focused on the “big day” and the minute details involved, months and sometimes years of preparation go into helping them to focus on the vows they will make, along with spending their lives together, forever.

An essential aspect of marriage that Jesus explains in today’s Gospel is that after we die, marriage no longer exists. Marriage vows don’t transcend death – in fact, the vows themselves only ask for a lifetime commitment, “until death do us part.”

In an earlier part of the Gospel, Jesus blessed marriage and elevated this critical institution to the level of a Sacrament, enabling us to sanctify our families for a higher purpose than anything on Earth. In marriage then, the bride and groom are saying that they have found the person that God placed on Earth to help them find the way to Heaven. This is why we must keep the vows we make to stay married, where feasible, all the days of lives.

When we understand marriage, not only as an earthly institution but also our vehicle to the afterlife, it makes love, patience, kindness, and sacrifice more feasible. When prayer and a commitment to a Sacramental life is a regular part of your family, it is easy to see how this works, since there is no other place that you can truly be home away from Heaven.

God bless you always and please pray for me.

Love,  
Fr. Bryan



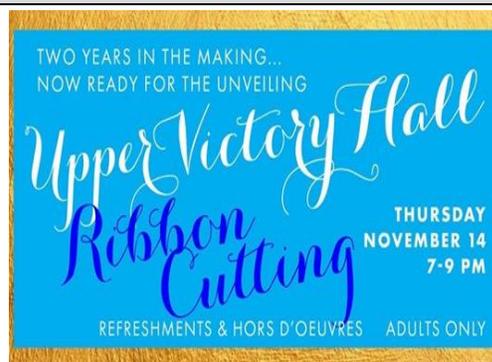
### VETERANS DAY

#### VETERAN'S DAY PRAYER

Dear Lord,  
Today we honor our veterans,  
worthy men and women  
who gave their best  
when they were called upon  
their country.  
We pray that you will bless them,  
Lord, for their unselfish service  
to preserve our country's heritage,  
for all of us.  
Bless them abundantly  
for the sacrifices they made  
for their many contributions  
to America's victories.  
We respect them, we thank them,  
we honor them,  
we are proud of them,  
and we pray that you will  
watch over these special people  
and bless them with  
peace and happiness.  
Amen



### OUR LADY OF CZĘSTOCHOWA SCHOOL'S UPPER VICTORY HALL RENOVATION CELEBRATION



Over the past two school years, the OLC family has worked towards its goal of improving our primary meeting and presentation

space, Upper Victory Hall. We are so pleased and proud to have reached these milestones: roofing repairs, new heating and air conditioning, an entirely new sound system, ceiling replacement, painting, and other improvements.

Now it's time for us to celebrate all of the hard work and commitment that led us to this success. We invite OLC parents, alumni parents, advisory board, faculty, and staff to join us in a "grownups-only" gathering to view and enjoy the beautiful new space and to thank everyone for their contributions.

Please RSVP and consider making a donation to help us complete the wonderful progress we've made so far. Upper Victory Hall is located at 248 Marin Boulevard, enter on Grand Street. For tickets, please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/olc-school-upper-victory-hall-renovations-ribbon-cutting-tickets>.

### OLC'S 24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS SONG

**Fa la la la la!** OLC is looking for enthusiastic singers for its Annual Festival of Christmas Song on December 8 at 4:00 pm. Beginners and non-parishioners are welcome! Rehearsals are on Saturdays 2:30-3:45 pm and Sundays 11:15 am-12:15 pm up to the concert date. If interested, please contact Music Director Ben Rauch at [directorofmusic@olcjc.org](mailto:directorofmusic@olcjc.org).



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>November 9, 2019</b> Dennis Piatkowski (5 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) From <i>Frank Figura</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>November 10, 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	Charles Walewski From <i>Matty and Eddie</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 11, 2019</b> Agnes Ogari Isinta From <i>Fr. Bryan</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 12, 2019</b> Sophie Bilyk From <i>Mr. and Mrs. Edward Laskowski</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 13, 2019</b> Michael Gardullo From <i>Marilyn Gardullo</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 14, 2019</b> Continued good health on the 99 <sup>th</sup> birthday of Marcy Cass From <i>Steven and Dana Colella</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 15, 2019</b> Angela Calcaterra From <i>Steven and Dana Colella</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>November 16, 2019</b> Sophie Bilyk From <i>Edward, Amanda and Daniel Laskowski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>November 17, 2019</b> Elizabeth Ann DeRosa From <i>Maggie and Lenny Englese</i>
12:30 pm	Joan Halstead From <i>Laura Halstead</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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

**Sunday, November 10, 2019**  
2 Mc. 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes. 2:16-3:5;  
Lk. 20:27-38

**Sunday, November 17, 2019**  
Mal. 3:19-20a; 2 Thes. 3:7-12;  
Lk. 21:5-19

**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 26/27, **545** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$3,493**. WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$2,064.20** and Venmo donations were **\$60**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$5,617.20**.

For the weekend of November 2/3, **583** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$4,095**. WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$2,427.06** and Venmo donations were **\$102**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$6,624.06**.

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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OLC

# What's happening

**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 available class is on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, at 11:15 AM. It 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 [civeluz@aol.com](mailto:civeluz@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, November 17<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).

## ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES USA

The Archdiocese for the Military Services was created by Pope John Paul II to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries and spiritual services to those in the United States Armed Forces. This includes more than 220 installations in 29 countries, patients in 153 V.A. Medical Centers and federal employees serving outside the boundaries of the USA in 134 countries. OLC will take up this special collection this weekend.

## SOCIAL AFTER SEVEN NEXT WEEK



OLC CHURCH HALL  
AFTER 7 P.M. MASS

**PIZZA  
SOCIAL**  
NOV.17 8 P.M.

JOHN'S PIZZA DONATES  
DELICIOUS PIZZA.  
WE BYOB.  
MEET NEW PEOPLE,  
AND END OUR WEEK  
ON A PLEASANT NOTE!

**JOIN US!**

## 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)

## OUR LADY OF CZĘSTOCHOWA SCHOOL IS 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.

## THE GOSPEL IN ACTION



This is the season of gratitude for God's blessings. In the spirit of sharing with others, Eva, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at OLC School, choir singer and preparing for confirmation, volunteers with Family Promise, an organization

dedicated to assisting homeless mothers and children. After helping to prepare dinner, she plays a rousing game of "smash" with some friends at the shelter.

## STEWARDSHIP



*"May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself who loved us and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement*

*and good hope through His Grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." - 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.

## LOCAL RESTAURANT SEEKS THANKSGIVING DAY VOLUNTEERS

**HARDGROVE**  
invites you to join us for

*Thanksgiving Meal 2019*  
for the community in need

Thursday,  
November 28, 2019  
10:00AM – 2:00PM  
at  
284 First Street  
Jersey City, NJ 07302

Any questions or for Volunteer Opportunities, please contact  
Dr. Anna Villafane  
hardgroverestaurant@gmail.com  
(201) 963-8827

## 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 "Pre-Cana Conference" and "God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage" 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 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)

*No credit? No problem!  
Jesus paid your debt.*

