

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

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 17, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells us the temple will fall down, the earth will be a dangerous place, we'll starve, false prophets will try to mislead us, and we'll be persecuted for our faith before kings and governors. Some of the terms are archaic, but the things He describes can be imagined for us today, given the terrorism, mass shootings, climate change, and political unrest going on in the world.

But Jesus also tells us to be at peace: Nothing will happen to us if we are steadfast and believe. We don't even have to prepare a defense for ourselves – He will inspire us and all will be well.

Knowing this, we should take heart for the future, certainly, but we must also work on developing that faith which will save us. We can't become complacent because we will be saved. We must believe, deeply, in God and His works. And while our faith will result in our salvation, that shouldn't be our primary goal. We believe because God is here, with us, all the time, and He's showing Himself to us, all the time. The key to faith is seeing Him.

God bless you always, and please pray for me.

Love,
Fr. Bryan

SOCIAL AFTER SEVEN THIS 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!

OLC'S 24th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS SONG

THE 24TH ANNUAL

**iHeart
OLC**

FESTIVAL OF
CHRISTMAS SONG

DECEMBER 8TH, 2019 AT 4PM
WITH A PARTY IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD DOWNSTAIRS

MUSIC DIRECTOR | **BEN RAUCH**

OLC
OUR LADY OF CZEŹSTOCHOWA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

128 SUSSEX STREET | JERSEY CITY | NEW JERSEY | WWW.OLCJIC.ORG

OUR LADY OF CZEŹSTOCHOWA 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. 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. 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 Festival of Christmas Song party food sign-up link is: www.tinyurl.com/olcfocs2019

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 pm	November 16, 2019 Sophie Bilyk From <i>Edward, Amanda and Daniel Laskowski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	November 17, 2019 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
Monday 12:30 pm	November 18, 2019 Louis Novellino From <i>Steven and Dana Colella</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	November 19, 2019 Michael Burke From <i>Steven and Dana Colella</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	November 20, 2019 Rosemarie Della Porte From <i>Steven and Dana Colella</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	November 21, 2019 Nello and Gloria Colella From <i>Steven and Dana Colella</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	November 22, 2019 Rita and Ben Lewis From <i>Steven and Dana Colella</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	November 23, 2019 Walter S. Rzaski, Jr. From <i>Barbara Rzaski</i>
Sunday 10:00 am	November 24, 2019 Wedding Anniversary of Jaime and Malu Mapa From <i>Jaime and Malu Mapa</i>
12:30 pm	Sophie Bilyk From <i>Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Laskowski & family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, November 17, 2019

Mal. 3:19-20a; 2 Thes. 3:7-12; Lk. 21:5-19

Sunday, November 24, 2019

2 Sm. 5:1-3; Col. 1:12-20; Lk. 23:35-43

*Patience is how you act
while you're waiting.*

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



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For the weekend of November 9/10, **546** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$2,950**. WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$3,130.98** and Venmo donations were **\$120**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$6,200.98**.

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.

OLC Baptism Preparation Class: The next available class is on Sunday, February 2nd, 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.

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, December 11th. New members welcome (must be 55+). For more information, call Co-Presidents Laura Mullahey 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, November 17th, 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



"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us."

– 2 Thessalonians 3:9

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their actions and words, others do take notice.

They notice because of the joy and peace that results and other people desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others have with our Catholic faith.

DONUT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Doughnut Stress

Krispy Kreme **has got you covered**

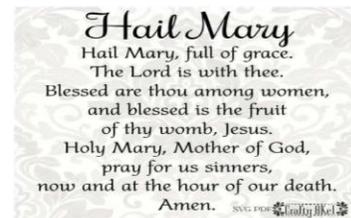
\$ 5 for one dozen donuts

For more details on this Krispy Kreme special and to Sign up for OLC Sunday Doughnuts log onto [www.tinyurl.com/olcdonutschedule](https://tinyurl.com/olcdonutschedule)

ANGELIC SALUTATION IN THE HAIL MARY PRESENTATION

Wednesday, December 11th at 7:00pm
Holy Rosary Church, 344 6th St., Jersey City

Learn About The
Angelic Salutation in the Hail Mary



Guest Speaker:
Gregory Y. Glazov, D. Phil. (Oxon)



Prof. Biblical Studies, (Department Chair)
Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology
Seton Hall University

Please Call (201)795-0120 to Register...

Free and Open to All

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.

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. \$100 per couple)

God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage –

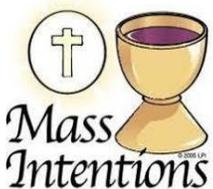
November 24 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark NJ

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

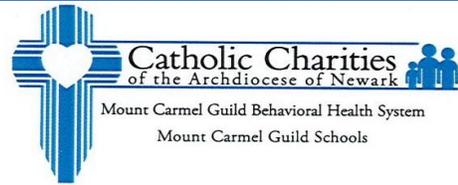
(To register, please visit www.joyfilledmarriageenj.org. \$125 per couple)

2020 MASS INTENTIONS BOOK



The 2020 Mass Book is open. Please call 201-434-0798 or stop by the rectory Monday-Friday from 9:30 am-5:30 pm to arrange a Mass intention. You may also dedicate the Tabernacle Candle or Bread and Wine in memory of a loved one.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES BIN AT ST. LUCY'S SHELTER



We need you to fill our donation bins with:

- * Used Clothing
- * Linens and Sheets
- * Children's Books
- * Small appliances
- * Towels
- * Stuffed Animals
- * Shoes
- * Novels
- * Knickknacks

"I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me."

Matthew 25:40

For bin locations, visit ccannj.org or contact Maria at 973-596-3985

Thank you

PROGRAM AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

Family Advent Weekends (November 29-December 1, December 6-8 and December 13-15, 2019). Come prepare for the liturgical season. Special weekend themes focus on family activities and preparations related to the season, emphasizing the significance of bringing Jesus to others. Cost is \$140 per person (8 years-adult)/\$90 per person (2-7 years)/Free Under 2.

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

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
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(201) 963-8827

