

**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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[www.olcjc.org](http://www.olcjc.org)

### 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

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – November 24, 2019**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, we're up on the cross with Jesus, where He hangs between two thieves. Because crucifixion was a death designed to not only kill a person slowly and painfully but to humiliate him or her in the process, it's not surprising that the guards and rulers said cruel things to Him, even attempting to mock Him with the sign over His head – "This is the King of the Jews."

Next to Him were two justly condemned thieves, one who taunted Him and the other who bowed in his heart. One had hours to live, and all he could do was harass the guy crucified next to him! Truly unrepentant.

But the thief on Jesus' other side, who was later canonized as St. Dismas, humbly asked Jesus to remember him – not to save him from his current torment, but *remember* him – when He went to heaven. As he neared his last few breaths on earth, he came to celebrate the true King.

In the first thief's mind, the only way for him to feel less horrible was to push down someone else: For him to "win," someone else had to lose, because good things are limited. As is often said, blowing out your candle makes mine brighter. What an awful philosophy. Thinking that there's a finite number of good things and success in the world shows a lack of faith. God provides infinite goodness to us when we turn to Him.

When we live for God, we live knowing that when we do good, there is more good in the world, when others have light there is more light in the world, and when we bow to Christ the King, there is more faith in our world.

God bless you always, and please pray for me.

Love,  
Fr. Bryan

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

## What are YOU Thankful For?



The rectory will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Take time this weekend to give thanks to the Lord for your blessings.

Thanksgiving Day Mass (Nov. 28): 9:30 AM

Friday after Thanksgiving Mass (Nov. 29): 12:30 PM

### OLC CHURCH ADVENT GIVING TREE



Our parish will participate in its annual Advent Giving Tree Program beginning Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. A Christmas tree will be set up and decorated with "ornaments," each of which will list the name of an organization

or individual, and specific item(s) that you are asked to purchase for a person in need.

To participate in the Giving Tree Program, take one or more ornaments from the tree, purchase the item(s) listed, and attach the "ornament" to the UNWRAPPED package. Place the gifts under the Giving Tree **no later than Sunday, December 15**. All gifts will be delivered during the week of December 16.

For further information, you may call Pat Duemig (201-955-1495) or Maggie Englese (201-963-8761). Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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

A festive poster for the OLC's 24th Annual Festival of Christmas Song. The background is a dark blue sky with white stars and snowflakes. At the top, it says "THE 24TH ANNUAL". Below that is a large red heart with a white star in the center, surrounded by holly leaves and red berries. The text "iHeart OLC" is prominently displayed in a stylized font, with "iHeart" in black and "OLC" in green. Below this, it says "FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS SONG" in blue. Further down, it lists the date and time: "DECEMBER 8TH, 2019 AT 4 PM" and "WITH A PARTY IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD DOWNSTAIRS". The music director is listed as "BEN RAUCH". At the bottom, there is the OLC logo and the address: "120 SUSSEX STREET | JERSEY CITY | NEW JERSEY | WWW.OLCJC.ORG". A small circular seal on the right side says "MERRY CHRISTMAS A NEIGHBORHOOD TRADITION JOIN US! HAPPY NEW YEAR!".

The Festival of Christmas Song party  
food sign-up link is:  
[www.tinyurl.com/olcfocs2019](http://www.tinyurl.com/olcfocs2019)

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>November 23, 2019</b> Walter S. Rzaski, Jr. From <i>Barbara Rzaski</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>November 24, 2019</b> 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 &amp; family</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 25, 2019</b> Jaroslaw Zvorych From <i>Steven and Dana Colella</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 26, 2019</b> Anthony and Martha Kuczinski From <i>Steven and Dana Colella</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 27, 2019</b> Ellen Page From <i>Steven and Dana Colella</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 9:30 am	<b>November 28, 2019</b> Sophie Bilyk From <i>Jennifer Laskowski and Fred P. Hastick</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>November 29, 2019</b> Vladimir Zvorych From <i>Steven and Dana Colella</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>November 30, 2019</b> Lourdes Buencamino From <i>Noreen Feehan</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>December 1, 2019</b> Ana Gloria Torres From <i>Maggie and Lenny Englese</i>
12:30 pm	Joan Shore From <i>Cormac McLernon</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

**Sunday, November 24, 2019**

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

**Sunday, December 1, 2019**

Is. 2:1-5; Rom. 13:11-14; Mt. 24:37-44

*Thanksgiving is good  
but Thanksliving is better.*

## 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 November 16/17, **485** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$4,044**. WeShare/Parish Giving donations were **\$1,938.24** and Venmo donations were **\$115**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$6,097.24**.

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.

**Festival of Christmas Song:** December 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Party to follow in the church hall. Come for the concert or just the party! For more information, please email the Director of Music, Ben Rauch, at [directorofmusic@olcjc.org](mailto:directorofmusic@olcjc.org). The Festival of Christmas Song party food sign-up link is: [www.tinyurl.com/olcfocs2019](http://www.tinyurl.com/olcfocs2019).

**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, December 11<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:bobby.kovachev@yahoo.com) or sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/olcsoccer>.

## STEWARDSHIP



*"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light."  
– Colossians 1:12*

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire "things". Try putting God first in all things instead. Ask Him how He wants you to use your gifts.

## DONUT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**Doughnut Stress**

**Krispy Kreme** has got you covered

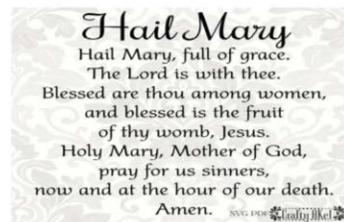
\$ 5 for one dozen donuts

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

## ANGELIC SALUTATION IN THE HAIL MARY PRESENTATION

*Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
Holy Rosary Church, 344 6<sup>th</sup> St., Jersey City*

*Learn About The  
Angelic Salutation in the Hail Mary*



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

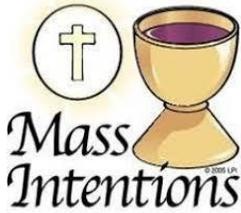


*Prof. Biblical Studies, (Department Chair)  
Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology  
Seton Hall University*

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

*Free and Open to All*

## 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.

## 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)

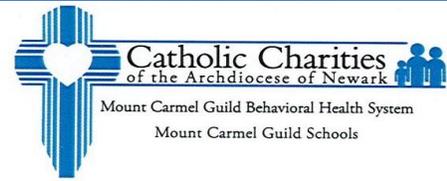
### God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage –

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)

## 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](http://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](http://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  
Dr. Anna Villafane  
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