

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-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 3, 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Last Friday, the Church around the world celebrated All Saints' Day. It was established in the first century A.D. to celebrate the "communion of saints" we mention in the Apostles' Creed. The communion of saints includes not only canonized saints but every person in heaven, since there are literally countless souls there whose names we will not know on earth. We set aside All Saints' Day to remember all those who have lived on earth for that imperishable spirit only given by God.

Saturday, we then celebrated All Souls' Day, when we pray for those who have gone before us who are still in need of our prayers to lift them up to heaven.

These two celebrations help us to appreciate the zeal of Zacchaeus in today's Gospel, when he climbs up a tree to get a glimpse of Jesus. Once Jesus saw him, Zacchaeus immediately pledged half of his possessions to the poor and to repay those he shook down in the past. He did not always live like a saint, but once he encountered the Lord, he changed his life and made different decisions.

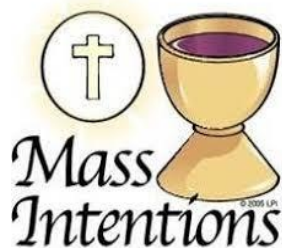
Jesus extended grace to Zacchaeus, as He does to all of us. When we meet Jesus and accept His incredible gift, our lives change, and so do our decisions. As we encounter God's grace, may we make every effort to live like saints and receive our reward.

God bless you always and please pray for me.

Love,
Fr. Bryan



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. (There are dates available for all three offerings

in the 2019 Mass Book as well.)

BAPTISM AT OLC CHURCH



On Sunday, October 27, the following children received the sacrament of Baptism at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church. We congratulate them and their families, and may God watch over them always:

Valentina Adela Sanjuanelo
the daughter of Jean-Claude and Allison

Madelyn Grace Schiavone
the daughter of Matthew and Julianne

Olivia Marie Weingast
the daughter of Matthew and Sarah

OLC'S 24th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS SONG

Fa 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 begin November 2nd (Saturdays 2:30-3:45 pm/Sundays 11:15 am-12:15 pm) up to the concert date. If interested, please contact Music Director Ben Rauch at directorofmusic@olcj.org.



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. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 12:30 pm 5:00 pm	November 2, 2019 All Souls Day Mass Joaquim Reverendo Dos Santos From <i>Jeanne Bohlen Opel</i>
Sunday 10:00 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm	November 3, 2019 Kathryn Alice Peterson From <i>Roseann and Charles Citro</i> Bartosiewicz and Warlikowski Families From <i>Claire Warlikowski</i> People of the Parish
Monday 12:30 pm	November 4, 2019 Barbara Bromirski From <i>Melanie and Bill</i>
Tuesday 12:30 pm	November 5, 2019 Intentions for Good Health for Dolores Staniszewski From <i>Steven and Dana</i>
Wednesday 12:30 pm	November 6, 2019 Sophie Bilyk From <i>Mark Romanski</i>
Thursday 12:30 pm	November 7, 2019 Nello Colella From <i>son Steven and family</i>
Friday 12:30 pm	November 8, 2019 Claire Coviello From <i>Laura Czysz and Ken Heiser</i>
Saturday 5:00 pm	November 9, 2019 Dennis Piatkowski (5 th Ann.) From <i>Frank Figura</i>
Sunday 10:00 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm	November 10, 2019 Deceased Members of the Siwik Family (grandparents Katherine and Alexander & Aunt Helen and Uncle Charlie) From <i>Donna Simon</i> Charles Walewski From <i>Matty and Eddie</i> People of the Parish

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings – Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, November 3, 2019

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

Sunday, November 10, 2019

2 Mc. 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes. 2:16-3:5;
Lk. 20:27-38

PARISH GIVING



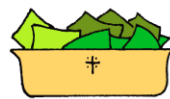
Your financial support of our Catholic community is greatly appreciated and very important. Having a sustained, consistent income that we can count on helps relieve one major headache, making managing the finances of the parish that much easier. Here are the ways you can support your parish:

- 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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Attendance and collection information for the weekend of October 26/27 was unavailable at publication time.

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 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 civeluz@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, 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



"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.'" – Luke 19:8

We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart, how is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

DOUGHNUT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Doughnut Stress

 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

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

Prayer gives your faith roots and branches.

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 next weekend on November 9/10.

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

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 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.joyfilledmarriage.nj.org. \$125 per couple)

PROGRAMS AT THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

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.

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 these programs (see website for application). For more information on these retreats, please call 609-884-3829 or visit their website at: www.capemaymarianists.org.



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES OUTREACH TO LOW-INCOME SENIORS

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Your One-Stop Application for Benefits and Savings in New Jersey

You May Qualify for Programs If:

- You are a resident of the State of New Jersey
- You are age 65 or older
- You are between the ages of 18 and 64 and receiving Social Security Disability benefits
- You meet certain income requirements

Benefits and Programs:

- Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD)
- Hearing Aid Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (HAAAD)
- Lifeline Utility Assistance
- Medicare Savings Programs
- Senior Gold Prescription Discount Program

Additional Savings Programs:

- Universal Service Fund (USF)
- Low-Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP)
- Property Tax Freeze
- Reduced Motor Vehicle Fees
- Low-Cost Spaying/Neutering

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