

1911 – 2020

# 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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*Pastor*

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*Transitional Deacon*

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*Pastor Emeritus*

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*Principal*

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### Fax

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### Website

[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

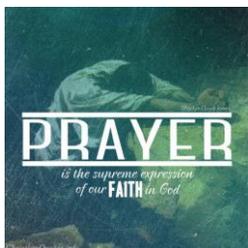
Tiny Tikes Program for 2-year-olds;  
Pre-K Programs for 3 & 4-year-olds

201-434-6708

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 19, 2020**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,



Experts say that now is about the time people give up on their resolutions for the new year -- just three weeks in. This is good news if you're a regular at the gym and are sick of the crowds of newbies, but not so great for the rest of us.

What keeps us from sticking to our resolutions, especially those which could really help us? We know getting organized, exercising, drinking more water, and saving more money -- and pretty much every resolution -- would improve our lives eventually. Why can't we stick with it?

Maybe the resolutions are too general. Maybe the gym's hours don't line up with yours, or maybe you're in a financial crunch right now. Maybe, maybe, maybe.

But one resolution is easy to keep; we can do it alone, or with others, anywhere, at any time, and as many times a day as we like. It can help us keep all our other resolutions, helps our families, improves our nation, and benefits the entire world: We can pray. Pray for things big and small, pray for yourself and others, pray for your neighbors, and the world as a whole.

There are four kinds of prayer: praise, thanksgiving, contrition, and petition. We praise God; we thank Him for all the good in our lives; we express sorrow for our sins; and we ask Him for what we, and others, need. Very simple.

You can pray the Our Father, Hail Mary, Prayer of St. Francis, St. Michael, or the Rosary. You can call out to God casually, during your day. Say a prayer when you put your key into your car's ignition, or after you drop your children at daycare. Pray for the train conductor when you get on the train!

The best way that we pray is at Mass. As other resolutions begin to take a back seat, this is often a great opportunity to invite a friend and neighbor to accompany you to OLC. Your invitation may be the push they need to re-engage their faith.

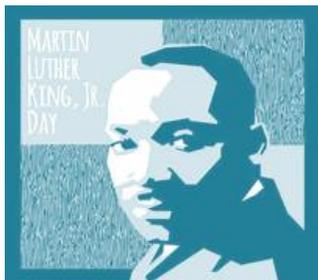
Prayer will bring you peace and clarity -- that is, closer to God. This will strengthen our resolve to do good things all throughout the year. And if that means we get back to Mass and the gym, too, that's great.

God bless you always, and please pray for me too!

Love,  
Fr. Bryan

### HAPPY MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY!

The Our Lady of Czestochowa Church rectory will be closed on Monday, January 20 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 21. Have a safe holiday.



### 2019 PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY STATEMENTS



Be on the lookout for parishioner contribution summary statements for 2019. They will be mailed out later this month in time for tax season.

### BLESSINGS OF HOMES FOR 2020

If you would like to have your home/apartment blessed for the New Year, please contact Fr. Bryan directly to make arrangements -- [frb@olcjc.org](mailto:frb@olcjc.org). Ideally, all members of your family presently living at home should be present at the time of the blessing, but we know this may not be possible due to each family's work and school schedules.



### SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE

Please consider purchasing a few extra items when you do your regular grocery shopping and leaving them in the rear of the Church for those in need. Non-perishable grocery items and personal hygiene items are most needed.



### SOCIAL AFTER 7

If you haven't been--you really should join us for the next *Social After 7* on **January 26<sup>th</sup>** at 8 PM. Delicious pizza donated by John's Pizzeria on Sussex...great conversation....BYOB!

Mass on Sunday evening can be a beautiful way to end the weekend, or just come at 8 PM to our social so you can kick your new week off with a smile! Hope to see you there!!

### THE 2019 GIVING TREE

A belated thank you to Julie Nowatowski for delivering gifts to the seniors!

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>January 18, 2020</b> William Bromirski (5 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) From <i>wife and children</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>January 19, 2020</b> Helen Hyjik From <i>family</i>
12:30 pm	Thomas Kim From <i>daughter, Elena</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 20, 2020</b> Ellen Quema From <i>Edel Eloriaga</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 21, 2020</b> Intentions of Doris Emden From <i>Burke Family</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 22, 2020</b> Michael Tomkunas From <i>Patricia Mercuri</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 23, 2020</b> Rev. Ward P. Moore From <i>OLC Parishioners</i>
<b>Friday</b> 12:30 pm	<b>January 24, 2020</b> Rev. Joseph Gancilla From <i>Steven and Dana Colella</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 pm	<b>January 25, 2020</b> Henry Rokosz From <i>Michele McPherson</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 am	<b>January 26, 2020</b> Brian Matthews From <i>Anna Mae Stefanelli</i>
12:30 pm	Thomas Kim From <i>daughter, Elena</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Reflect on today's readings and prepare for next Sunday*

**Sunday, January 19, 2020**

Is. 49: 3, 5-6; 1 Cor. 1: 1-3; Jn. 1: 29-34

**Sunday, January 26, 2020**

Is. 8:23-9:3; Mt. 4:12-23

## JANUARY MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	CELEBRANT
SAT: 1/25/20	5:00 PM	Fr. Bryan
SUN: 1/26/20	10:00 AM	Fr. Bryan
	12:30 PM	Fr. Squeo
	7:00 PM	Fr. Bryan

## MASS INTENTIONS



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.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

For the weekend of January 11/12, **617** people attended Mass. The collection in church amounted to **\$3,204.45**.

ParishGiving/WeShare donations were **\$2,295.77**, and Venmo was **\$97**, contributing to a weekend collection of **\$5,597.22**.



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

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GIVE A CHRISTMAS GIFT!

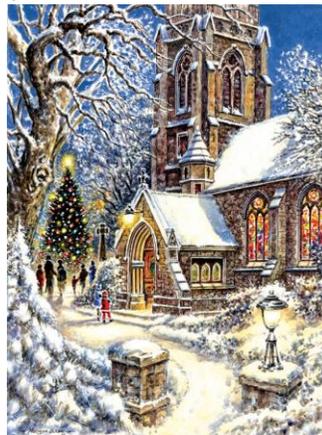
Our annual Christmas Gift Appeal focuses on capital improvements. On the unanimous recommendation of the Finance Council, and supported by Music Director Ben Rauch's thoughtful input, Fr. Bryan designated a new sound system as the object of the 2019 Christmas Gift.

The case for a new sound system is strong. For example, there are no speakers in the rear of the church or the vestibule; the pulpit and altar microphones aren't connected to the outdated and defective mixer and can't be adjusted; the celebrant's wireless mic constantly crackles and "drops out" during homilies. These are just three examples of the issues. In short, the present sound system is well past its useful life and no longer serves the needs of our parish and our liturgies.

The goal for this year's Christmas Gift is to raise \$75,000. This goal is realistically achievable if each family or individual parishioner made a Christmas Gift of \$350.

As always, this number is not a floor or a ceiling. Your Christmas Gift to OLC depends on what your conscience dictates and your means allow. We trust your 2019 Christmas Gift will be as generous as possible.

Yours in faith,  
Parish Finance Council



## 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 are 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@olcj.org](mailto:directorofmusic@olcj.org).

**OLC Baptism Preparation Class:** The next available class is on Sunday, March 29, at 11:15 AM. It is required if you're having your baby baptized at OLC or another church, or are becoming a godparent.

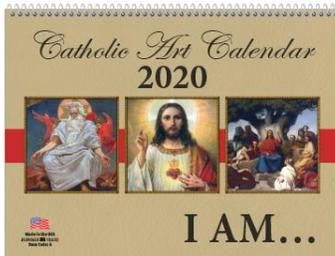
**OLC Church Junior Choir:** For kids 7 years and older. The Junior Choir sings twice a month at the 10:00 AM Mass. Rehearsals are mid-week in the Church Hall. For more information, please email the Director of Music, Ben Rauch, at [directorofmusic@olcj.org](mailto:directorofmusic@olcj.org).

**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:** Meetings will resume in the new year. 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 Sunday at 2:00 PM! Email Bobby Kovachev for more information at [bobby.kovachev@yahoo.com](mailto:bobby.kovachev@yahoo.com) or sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/olcsoccer>.

## LAST CALL FOR 2020 CALENDARS!



Don't forget to pick up your 2020 wall calendar at the back of the Church! This year's theme is "I Am," featuring illustrations of Bible verses beginning with that phrase. There are only a few left! Thank you, as always, to McLaughlin Funeral Home for their donation.

## DOUGHNUT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**OLC SUNDAY DOUGHNUTS**  
JUST GOT BETTER  
\$5 PER DOZEN  
AT

To sign up and for more details log onto [www.tinyurl.com/olcdonutschedule](http://www.tinyurl.com/olcdonutschedule)

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

**Holy Baptism**

If you are looking to have your baby baptized at OLC, having your baby baptized elsewhere and need preparation, or have been asked to attend a class to be a godparent, please send an email to [baptism@olcj.org](mailto:baptism@olcj.org) to sign up. The next available class is on Sunday, March 29, at 11:15 AM.

## TAKE A LOOK AT OLC SCHOOL!

**OLC Middle School Information Night**  
Wed. 7:00 pm/ Jan. 29th

Location >> Boys & Girls Club, 225 Morris Blvd. JC, NJ 07302  
All parents are welcome. No children please.

Topics: SCHOOL CULTURE/CLIMATE AT OLC  
CURRICULUM/RIGOR  
VALUES/RELIGION  
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES  
SUPPORT FOR STRUGGLING STUDENTS  
PARENT INVOLVEMENT  
SERVICE

## ONLINE GIVING IS EASY AND SECURE

Consider making your gift to our church using our online system, Parish Giving. It's easy to set up an account and have your contribution automatically charged to your checking account or credit card every week or month – whatever you choose. Go to [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org) for details.

simple. secure. convenient.

CLICK HERE TO ENROLL IN ONLINE GIVING OR TO ACCESS ACCOUNT

## YOU'RE ENGAGED? CONGRATULATIONS!

Now, give your parish a call! Ideally, this should be done at least a year in advance of your wedding. First, the engaged couple meets with the priest or deacon preparing them for the sacrament of matrimony. Then, they register for the two marriage preparation programs required for a Catholic wedding: the Pre-Cana Conference and God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage. These programs help engaged couples understand a Catholic vision of married love and offer practical insights and assistance in building a successful marriage.

For more information, please go to the Archdiocese of Newark website: [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org).

### Pre-Cana Conferences –

February 21 and 22, Fri. 8:00 pm-10:00 pm and Sat.

8:00 am-12 Noon at St. John the Apostle in Linden

February 22, from noon-6:30 pm at St. Joseph the Carpenter in Roselle

February 22 and 23, Sat. 10:00 am-2:00 pm and Sun.

12:30-2:30 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle in Bloomfield

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

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

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

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

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

## A WEEKEND FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

**Stress  
in your  
Marriage?**



**RETROUVAILLE**  
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR  
REGISTRATION:**  
RICH COLASUONNO @ 732-236-0671,  
ANNETTE COLASUONNO @ 732-672-0748  
OR [3024@RETROUVAILLE.ORG](mailto:3024@RETROUVAILLE.ORG)

ANNOUNCING AN  
UPCOMING RETROUVAILLE  
**WEEKEND FOR  
COUPLES**  
February 21-23,  
2020  
**SOMERSET, NJ**

**Is your marriage going  
down the right road . . .  
or is it a little off track?**

Life can be difficult, and so can the  
challenges you face in marriage.

Does the distance between you seem  
wide? Are you already separated?  
Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille  
can help and offers hope for a better  
relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer  
ministry of volunteer couples that can  
help you learn the tools of healthy  
communication, build intimacy and heal,  
just as they have done in their own  
marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-  
based, and Catholic in origin, but  
welcomes couples of all faiths as well as  
non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can  
help get your relationship back on track.

## ANNUAL MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION BY ARCHDIOCESE

The Archdiocese will celebrate the annual tradition of honoring couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2020. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

May 3, 2020 3:00 pm 50 years (All counties)  
April 19, 2020 3:00 pm 5 & 25 years (All counties)

If you wish to participate in these liturgies, please contact the rectory at 201-434-0798 to register.

## HOUSING COUNSELING SERVICES

If you have lived, worked or attended school in Hudson, Essex or Union Counties for the past four years, you may be eligible for free Housing Counseling Services. Assistance is available for foreclosure/homelessness prevention, fair housing education, pre- and post-purchase counseling and more. Translators versed in several languages are available to assist. Sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark and the DCA of ReNew Jersey. For more information, please call the following:



Housing Counseling Services, Inc.

Hudson County 1-973-424-7616  
Essex County 1-862-229-4464  
Union County 1-862-229-4468

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY



**POLISH CULTURAL FOUNDATION**  
CLARK, NEW JERSEY, USA

The Polish Cultural Foundation, a non-profit organization located in Clark, New Jersey, is offering a number of \$2,000 scholarships for the fall semester of 2020. Applicants must be of Polish descent, New Jersey residents, U.S. citizens or permanent residents. They must have completed their freshman year at an accredited college or university and have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. The application is available on the website for the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark (<http://www.polishculturalfoundation.org/en>).

*A single sunbeam can chase  
away many shadows.*