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 to 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.

Mass Schedule
Monday – Friday: 12:30 pm (Church open from 12:00 noon to 1:20 pm)
Saturday: 5:00 pm, Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday: 10:00 am, 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm
Note: St. Anthony of Padua, 330 Sixth Street, Jersey City, the Center for Polish Ministry in Jersey City, offers a Polish Language Mass at OLC, Sundays at 8 am.

Faith Formation during 10 am Mass
We provide a Faith Formation program called “Children’s Liturgy of the Word” for children 2 years of age on up during the Sunday Mass. We dismiss the children from Mass after the Opening Prayer to the church hall, returning before the Offertory. Parents are welcome to accompany their child if they wish.

Confessions/Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm in the church & at other times 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 for more information.

The OLC School – Quality Education on the Waterfront
248 Luis Marin Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07302
Grades 1 - 8
Accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary and Secondary Schools

The Little Harbor Academy – The Early Childhood Division of The OLC School
186 Grand Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302
Programs: Kindergarten; Pre-Kindergarten Program for 3 & 4 year olds; Montessori Toddler Program for 2 year olds

The OLC Counseling Center – Well Being on the Waterfront
120 Sussex Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302
Individual, Marriage, and Family Counseling

To Register and Be Part of OLC
We welcome you to register and to be part of our parish family. Please contact the parish office to arrange an informal appointment with the pastor.

Saints Peter and Paul Church, Hoboken and OLC Church, Jersey City
We work together to proclaim and live the Gospel on the Hudson River Waterfront by sharing our time, energy, and resources and in doing so, we more powerfully witness the presence of Christ.
Dear Parishioners,

Last week was a roller-coaster ride of emotions in my life. This was attributed to the death and burial of my uncle and the celebration of my 40th anniversary of ordination.

Being assigned here five years ago, my uncle Andy started attending Mass at OLC when I arrived. He grew up in this parish. His mother, my grandmother, was a parishioner here. Andy lived on Steuben Street and was known in the neighborhood. Before coming here, he attended daily Mass at St. Peter’s and helped with their funerals. He was also their part-time handyman.

For the past year and a half he had increased difficulty walking. Finally, after Christmas his walking was so bad that he entered the hospital where they discovered an aneurysm behind his left knee. His surgery was successful but complications arose. Discharged from the hospital to Hamilton Park, health complications created a situation where he needed to return to the hospital several times. During this time his condition deteriorated. It was Sunday evening, May 25 that he passed away.

During these past few years, and during this time, so many parishioners were so kind to him. Parishioners had visited him in the hospital and the nursing home. Parishioners attended his wake and funeral. I thank all those who were so good to him. Of course, this was an emotional time for me, particularly, as I celebrated his funeral Mass. I have so many wonderful memories of my uncle Andy. (He was known as “Uncle Andy” to all who knew him.) I remembered all that was good about my uncle.

I buried my uncle on Saturday, and then celebrated the 40th Anniversary of my priesthood ordination on Sunday. This day gave me cause to celebrate my years of ministry with those who became my “friends” from OLC and from previous parishes. Photos of the event, taken by Adam, are posted with this article. While the joy of my celebration was tempered by my uncle’s death, this can be a reminder that we need to recognize and acknowledge the good in people while they are alive.

I give thanks to all those who made my anniversary celebration so wonderful, those who celebrated with me and all those who organized the day. I continue to be grateful to OLC’s Music Ministers, Ben, the choir members and cantors who are always outstanding. I give thanks to God for these years, and I pray God’s blessings on all of you.

Love,

BAPTISM PROGRAM & SCHEDULE AT OLC

GATHERING TO REJOICE is the first component of our Baptism Program. This component is intended for those preparing for the birth of their child. It is required that you pre-register for this program, or notify the rectory that you will attend. To register, go to our website, olcjc.org and reference “Formation and Sacraments.” Follow the link to “Baptism of Children,” or call the rectory. Upcoming dates are:


GATHERING TO UNDERSTAND is the second part of our Baptism program. If you are preparing for the baptism of your child, this program is required. It addresses theology, the responsibilities and requirements of parents and Godparents, etc.

You can register for this program by going to the parish website or calling the rectory, or you can just walk in (however, preregistration is extremely helpful). Please refer below for a list of up-coming dates and plan to attend accordingly:

August 3, 2014, October 5, 2014

Please register to be parishioners before attending the baptism classes. You can register in the rectory Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. till 5 p.m.
MASS INTENTIONS
Remembering someone in our prayers (whether alive or deceased) is always important. Because the celebration of the Mass is the highest form of worship the Church celebrates, the practice of having a Mass “offered” for an individual, deceased or living, or for a particular intention, is an excellent way of bringing our intentions to God. This is a long standing tradition in the church. It is also a devotional practice whereby we keep alive the memory of our loved ones. Through this practice we can maintain that loving bond between ourselves and those whom we love. A Mass can be offered on the anniversary of death or on a person’s birthday, or at any time. You may also have a Mass celebrated for someone who is ill, in thanksgiving and for special intentions for family and/or friends.

If you wish to have a Mass celebrated, simply stop by the rectory, call us at 201-434-0798 or send an e-mail to: secretary@olcjc.org.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS
Reflect on today’s readings. Prepare for next Sunday

Sunday, June 8, 2014
Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Sunday, June 15, 2014
Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

WEEKLY OFFERING
Thank you so much for your financial support and for living your financial commitment to your parish. We are grateful for those who are especially generous and who wish to remain anonymous. We need your support for us to achieve our weekly collection goal of $6,000 per Sunday which is essential to the financial health of your parish. For the weekend of May 31/June 1, 495 people attended Mass. The collection amounted to $7,392.00 of which $2,145.00 was contributed by those using ParishPay. This is $1,392 above our weekly goal. If you were away for the holiday last weekend, kindly make up your donation. Thank you.

FAITH WORKS
Don’t forget that the first weekend of the month, is when we always make a very special appeal, asking all parishioners to make a donation of non-perishable food items. Again, we are asking you to remember your food donations and to leave them on the table in the rear of the church.

Suggested donations may include: canned coffee, tea, jelly, peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned and dried soups, cereals, pastas and noodles, brown gravies, Italian gravies, toiletries (soaps, shampoos, tooth paste, tooth brushes, etc.), canned meats and tuna fish, condiments (mayo, mustard, ketchup, salt, pepper, sugar, etc.). Thanks again for your generosity to the neediest of our community.

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH
Father Richard Kunzman will be visiting our parish this weekend June 7/8, to speak at all the Masses on “Cross Catholic Outreach” and the wonderful work the Church is doing overseas, with the poorest of the poor. Please be generous in response to his appeal.

PLATELET DONORS URGENTLY NEEDED AT COMMUNITY BLOOD SERVICES!
Community Blood Services URGENTLY needs platelet donors to help seriously ill patients in our community hospitals. Anyone interested in scheduling an appointment to donate platelets or to learn more about becoming a platelet donor, you can call 201-251-3733. Please visit their website at www.communitybloodservices.org for times and locations.
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday  June 7, 2014
5:00 pm  Lena Reich
From Kathy Eckert

Sunday  June 8, 2014
10:00 am  Andrew Ciba
From family
12:30 pm  Kelly Gordon
From Elizabeth & Bradford Piazza
7:00 pm  People of the Parish

Monday  June 9, 2014
12:30 pm  Andrew Ciba
From Claire Warlikowski

Tuesday  June 10, 2014
12:30 pm  Lourdes Lim-Morton
From Antonio Lim & Helen Robles

Wednesday  June 11, 2014
12:30 pm  Communion Service

Thursday  June 12, 2014
12:30 pm  Communion Service

Friday  June 13, 2014
12:30 pm  Josephine Kunkiewicz
From Ann Dzubina

Saturday  June 14, 2014
5:00 pm  Martha & John Wondolowski
From Ted, brother & Terri, sister-in-law

Sunday  June 15, 2014
10:00 am  Charles Czysz & family
From Laura Czysz, Cathy, Fred & Allie Savage
12:30 pm  Helen Siwik
From family
7:00 pm  People of the Parish

Attend daily Mass. It will make a difference in your life!

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Come Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up Thy rest; come with Thy grace and heavenly aid, To fill the hearts which Thou hast made, To fill the hearts which Thou hast made. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”
1 Corinthians 12:7

To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and let Him in! Open your heart and be grateful for all the gifts God has given us. Regardless of your circumstance, God has given us all blessings. What we do with those gifts will determine our eternal fate. Generously sharing your gifts with those that are less fortunate certainly puts us on the path to Heaven.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

YOUR KIDS WILL THANK YOU FOR GOING ON A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND! On a Marriage Encounter weekend married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones for 44 hours—and focus only on each other. If you’d like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you’ll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make!

Military families, are you getting ready to deploy? Is your family trying to reconnect after deployment? Marriage Encounter offers tools of communication that have kept many military marriages strong and happy throughout the ups and downs of military service.

For more information contact Mike and Eileen Morgan 973 827-9606 (njwwme@peoplepc.com) or go to WWME.org.

REGISTER WITH YOUR PARISH!

All Catholics should be registered with a parish. If you have been attending OLC it is fairly simple to make it official. Come to the OLC Rectory any time between the hours of 9:30 AM – 5 PM, Monday – Friday, and fill out a registration card. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call. 201-434-0798

UPCOMING SENIORS’ TRIP

Time for the seniors’ to have some fun! Join in on their upcoming trip.
Trip to Amishland, PA. Wednesday, June 18. Cost is $130 per person. The package includes performance of “Moses” at the Millennium Theater, dinner at Good’n’Plenty Restaurant, outlet shopping, transportation and all tips. If you have never been there, it is a must see!

UPDATING THE OLC DIRECTORY

Please help us update our family directory! If you have moved but are still attending OLC please call, mail or email the rectory to update your information. There are also some families who have been with the parish for a while but have never registered. You can come and register Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Don’t be shy, we look forward to hearing from you!

SUMMER VACATIONS

With summer vacations coming up, please make it your practice to attend Sunday Mass wherever you may be vacationing. Always find a Catholic church.
OUR PARISH PICNIC

Hurray, Good News! Today! This Sunday, June 8. The Parish picnic will be at the Prep’s courtyard on Warren Street. The Festivities will start after the 12:30 pm Mass and they will continue as long as people wish to stay. Of course, bring your children and a good appetite. Be prepared to socialize, meet other parishioners and make new friends.

JOIN A PARISH MINISTRY IN 2014!

Please consider joining one of our parish ministries, which are always in need of new members. Schedules for Masses are flexible and take your preferences and availability into account. For information, call the rectory, speak to Fr. Tom after Mass, or contact one of the following persons:

**Altar Servers** – Fr. Tom, OLC rectory, 201-434-0798

**Choir** – Ben Rauch/ email: Directorofmusic@olcjc.org

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Fr. Tom, OLC rectory, 201-434-0798

**Lectors** – Pat Duemig, 201-955-1495

**Serve Donuts After 10 AM Mass** – OLC rectory

Talk to Father Tom, if you are interested in one of the above ministries.

FAITH AND SAFETY WEBSITE

Technological tools are a primary way that child predators get into the lives of children! There is a new website from the USCCB to help keep children and families safe online. The website is a partnership with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and it is designed to be a place where families learn to see technology through the eyes of faith and stay safe online. The site offers guidance on how to use the internet, cell phones and video games safely, as well as protecting children’s privacy. [www.faithandsafety.org](http://www.faithandsafety.org).

One of the interesting sections has to do with geotagging of pictures posted on the internet. Parents and other caring adults don’t realize that pictures they post may be giving away the exact location where the picture was taken. This could put their family at risk. The article is under the Learn Tab, under cell phones and kids.

Please visit their website at [www.communityblood-services.org](http://www.communityblood-services.org) for times and locations.

OPERATION PLAYGROUND

“Operation Playground” is well underway. In partnership with the pastor, and the school principal, the “Operation Playground” committee and school community members, we are pleased to see much progress being made towards our new playground. When doors open for the 2014-2015 school year, we are confident that our new playground will also open, located on York Street. To date, we have raised approximately $100,000 towards a $300,000 goal. Whether or not you are part of the OLC/LHA community we can make this endeavor become a reality. Here is a way you can contribute and show your support: If you are an alumnus and went to either the OLC grade school, kindergarten, or Pre-K or maybe all three, Please, simply give a donation! Log on to the school website [www.olcschool.org](http://www.olcschool.org) and visit the Giving tab.

ANNUAL EASTER GIFT APPEAL

We are continuing our Easter Gift appeal through the Easter Season. As many parishioners already know, the “Easter Gift” and “Christmas Gift” programs are longstanding traditions here at OLC. Moneys raised through the “Christmas Gift” are dedicated to a special capital project. Donations from the “Easter Gift” are dedicated to the operating budget. It you have not donated, it is not too late to give.

It is important for all to know that everyone’s financial support is essential to keeping the parish financially sound. Our suggested gift is $200. You may make your “Easter Gift” in one payment or in installments. It is a powerful statement of your dedication and love for Christ and for His Church when you contribute financially. Regardless of your pledge amount whether it is $5.00, $200 or more. Thank you so very much for your past financial generosity.

“WHEN I CALLED, YOU ANSWERED”

This May, the Archdiocese of Newark welcomed thirteen newly ordained Transitional Deacons and twelve Priests. Ordinations took place at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Transitional deacons serve in parishes for one year before they are ordained to the priesthood.

Our local Archdiocese is given new life with each new Deacon and Priest who we are able to welcome into the Archdiocese of Newark, and it is your prayers and support that help encourage more and more vocations. While many dioceses in the United States have no candidates for the priesthood and clergy shortages are widespread, the Archdiocese of Newark is blessed with several men each year who are willing to answer God’s call to serve, insuring that the Church will be present for future generations. In fact, in several recent years, the Archdiocese of Newark has ordained more priests than any diocese in the United States.

A portion of the funds collected by the Annual Appeal is used to fund the seminary training and formation of our new priests. Your support of the Annual Appeal continues to directly support the three seminaries maintained by the Archdiocese to educate and train future priests. We are truly blessed with a large number of men studying to be our future leaders. Please make a pledge or donation to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal.