

OLC

1911 – 2012

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Our Lady of Czestochowa Catholic Church

120 Sussex Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary

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 11:30 am to 1:30 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, holds 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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 13, 2012

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

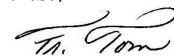
We are celebrating Mother's Day this weekend. In preparation of this article, I went to the web to do a little research about what mothers want for Mother's Day, and what did I find? I easily found numerous links to, "What mothers really want for Mother's Day." Those links frequently took me to places that were trying to sell me something to purchase for mom. Then, there were the cookies on my computer, which retailers used to send me pop-ups advertizing last minute gifts for mother's day. Those pop-ups advertized roses, jewelry, perfume, and so on. The retailers definitely have their ideas about what you should be getting mom. However, the question remains, "What do moms really want for Mother's Day?"

If you want to purchase your mother a gift for Mother's Day, you really need to know what she likes. Many mothers will say they have everything they need. In such a case, taking mom out to dinner may be an excellent idea. However, is that enough? Probably not. Therefore, we are still left with the question, "What to give mom for Mother's Day? What would she truly appreciate?" Therefore, to answer that question I did some more searching.

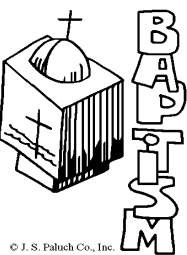
What I found was quite simple? Perhaps, what mom would truly value may not be a traditional gift, but rather "appreciation." Just saying "thank you" will mean more than any bouquet of roses, bottle of perfume or jewelry. These gifts may be a wonderful way of saying "Thank you," but appreciation needs to be expressed frequently, not just on one day of the year. Words of appreciation are the gifts that inspire and strengthen the spirit; they touch deep within the heart. You need to say, "Thank you!" not just on Mother's Day, but every day.

Going further, those words, "thank you," need to be an integral part of a family's vocabulary. Parents need to teach their children to say, "Thank you," by saying it themselves, often. A father can teach his children to appreciate their mother by frequently showing his wife appreciation, and by teaching his children to say "thank you;" and, by teaching his children to remind her that, "mom is the best mom a child could have." As a family, building each other up by living appreciation and gratitude is an essential component of love, devotion and intimacy. This can be the most valuable gift you can give someone you love.

Sincerely in Christ,



BAPTISM PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE AT OLC



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The second part of our Baptism program, *Gathering to Understand*, is scheduled for this Sunday, June 3, 11:15 am, in the Rectory. If you are preparing for the birth of your child, or if your child was born, this program is intended for you. It addresses theology, the responsibilities and requirements of parents and godparents, etc. You can register for this session by going

to the parish website or calling the rectory, or you can just walk in. Please refer below for a complete list of upcoming dates and plan to attend accordingly:

June 3, 2012, August 5, 2012, October 7, 2012, December 2, 2012.

"Gathering to Rejoice" is the first part of our Baptism program. This component is intended for those preparing for the birth of their child. Upcoming dates are listed below:

July 1, 2012, September 9, 2012, November 4, 2012.

You can pre-register for either program by visiting our website (which is preferred), by calling the rectory, or you can just walk in.

If you have attended "Gathering to Understand," you can contact the rectory office to schedule your child's baptism. Refer to our website for complete information.

2012 MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASSES



The Archdiocese is again honoring those couples who will be celebrating five, twenty-five, and fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2012. These liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop Myers in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

- ◆ Sunday, June 3, 3:00 pm, 25 and 50 years (All Counties)
Registration is required. Please call the Rectory to register if you wish to attend.

MARRIAGE AT OLC



Congratulations to:
Charisse Grace Seneres
and
Juan Carlo Caraballo
who professed their
marriage vows to each
other last Sunday,
May 6, 2011;
May the Lord bless them
with many wonderful
years as a happily
married couple.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions for 2013 are now available, but there are still Masses available for this year. It is possible to have a Mass offered for your intention in the near future.



You can remember a deceased relative or friend in a very special way by having a Mass offered for them. This is traditionally done on the

anniversary of death or on a person's birthday, but may be celebrated 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. We maintain a living bond with our loved ones as we remember them in prayer.

2012 EVENTS AT OLC

"Coffee & Rolls," Each Sunday, after the 10 am Mass, Church Hall.

Senior Citizens Trip, Trip to the Amishland, PA, Tuesday, May 15; \$120 per person; includes transportation, theater, Amish dinner, and shopping. Seats are still available on the bus.

RCIA, Rites of Christian for Mr. Ceyan Birney, Baptism, Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion, Sunday, May 20, 2012, 10 am Mass.

1st Communions, Sunday, May 20, 2012, 12:30 pm Mass

OLC School Carnival, Saturday, June 2. See article.

Maryknoll Visitor, June 9-10. More information about this mission society to come.

Parish Picnic, Sunday, June 10. See article this page.

This Is OLC, Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, June 24, 2012, 11:15 am

(This is OLC takes place in the Church Hall)

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reflect on today's readings. Prepare for next Sunday.

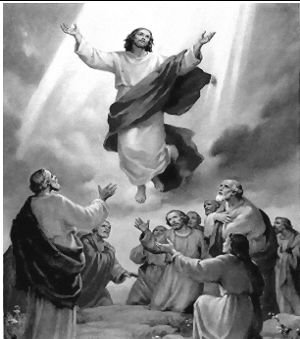
Sunday, May 13, 2012

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Sunday, May 20, 2012

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

ASCENSION THURSDAY



Thursday, May 17, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have a 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm Mass on Thursday. As a Holy Day of Obligation, there is a serious obligation to attend Mass.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Thank you so very much for your financial support and for living your financial commitment to your parish. Your support helps us to achieve our weekly collection goal of \$6,000 per Sunday. Reaching this goal, and exceeding it, is essential to the financial health of your parish.



For the weekend of May 6, there were 393 people who attended Mass. Our total weekend collection came to \$6,426 (of that amount, \$2,393 came from parishioners making their contributions electronically through Parish Pay). This amount is \$ 426 above our weekly goal of \$6,000 per Sunday.

This Easter we made a special appeal to ask parishioners to register for the Parish Pay method of making your parish contributions. This is a safe and confidential way of contributing to your parish. If you travel frequently on weekends, or even if you don't, please sign up for Parish Pay. This is a very responsible way of supporting your parish. It is easy to sign up: go to our website (www.olcjc.org) and follow the prompts under "Joining and Supporting OLC". Parish Pay charges your credit card or checking account once a month for your donation.

When you contribute, remember that your donation is ultimately a gift given to God in gratitude for what God has given you. You are returning to God a portion of your blessings as a sign of appreciation.

COMMUNICATING GOD'S WORD COLLECTION

This weekend is the annual collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. The CCC helps connect the world with God's word. Half of the funds collected remain in each diocese to support local communication projects. The other half supports the development and production of a wide range of media nationally and world wide.

If Jesus were on earth today, how would he spread his message of salvation? Would he use television, radio, newspaper, text messages, billboards, DVDs, or even the internet? Pope Benedict XVI, in his 43rd message for World Communication Day, said that "these technologies" are truly a gift to humanity and we must endeavor to ensure that the benefits they offer are put at the service of all human individuals and communities."

A list of programs and resources can be found at www.usccb.org/cc. It is worth checking out all the family related resources offered!

PARISH PICNIC

Save the date for our third annual parish picnic: Sunday, June 10, 1:30 PM until about 6:00 pm. The location will be the same as last year, the court area in front of the St. Peter's Prep gym on Warren Street. All parishioners, and guests are welcome to attend. You need not bring anything; however, if you wish you can bring a dessert or a salad, just let us know so we do not have too many "good things." We will again be asking for volunteers to help, so stay tuned for more details.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	May 12, 2012
5:00 pm	Frank Gradowski, 8 th Ann. From <i>Ted, brother & Sister-in-Law Terri</i>
Sunday	May 13, 2012
10:00 am	Nora Feehan From <i>Noreen, daughter</i>
12:30 pm	Mary Czysz & Family From <i>Laura Czysz & Cathy, Fred, & Allie Savage</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday	May 14, 2012
12:30 pm	Blessings and Good Health For Zofia Kalinowska
Tuesday	May 15, 2012
12:30 pm	Aquilina Colcol From <i>Balagot Family</i>
Wednesday	May 16, 2012
12:30 pm	Felix Feehan From <i>Noreen, daughter</i>
Thursday	May 17, 2012
12:30 pm	John Chowanec From <i>Mr. & Mrs. Steve Furka</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Friday	May 18, 2012
12:30 pm	Simon Bitar From <i>Kerbaj Family</i>
Saturday	May 19, 2012
5:00 pm	Frank Judowski, 12 th Ann. From <i>Wife, Children & Grandchildren</i>
Sunday	May 20, 2012
10:00 am	Leon Dygulski From <i>Frances, daughter</i>
12:30 pm	Lucy S. Kirkowski From <i>Wally Padulo</i>
7:00 pm	People of the Parish

*The Bread and Wine is offered in Memory of
Edward, Wanda & Edward John Bromirski
Offered by Melanie & Bill*

*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of
Leon Dygulski
Offered by Frances, daughter & Family*

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

STEWARDSHIP



Sacrificial Giving

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself – my skills and talents, my time and resources – will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

FREE SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS

Catholic Charities Family Support Services Program offers *free* assistance to Hudson County residents caring for a loved one with mental illness.

Contact: Iskra Gomez @ 201-798-9925

2012 EASTER GIFT APPEAL



Our “Easter Gift” appeal is continuing. Funds raised through our “Easter Gift” Appeal are usually dedicated to the operating budget. This year we will dedicate the Easter Gift to both operating expenses, and also the unanticipated cost overruns associated with the ramp and the tower projects. This year our needs are greater than ever. Along with

the ramp and tower projects, repairs to buildings are a constant with new surprises popping up every day. We need to perform exterior work on Victory Hall and our parking lots require resurfacing. The list goes on.

We received additional Easter donations bringing our Easter collection to \$28,275. Our Easter goal is \$30,000. So far we are just \$2,000 below our goal. If you haven't given, please make a pledge or gift today. We are about 5.8% short of our goal. Perhaps, it will be your donation that will put us over the top!

Thank you so very much for your financial generosity.

OLC SCHOOL CARNIVAL

The OLC School and Little Harbor Academy are conducting a carnival Saturday, June 2, on the court area in front of the St. Peter's Prep gym on Warren Street. All parishioners and guests are welcome to attend. This is intended to be a fundraiser for the school. Come and enjoy good food, entertainment, crafts, games, etc.



RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)



RCIA is a program sponsored by the Church for adults. It has several purposes. It is designed for those who wish to become a Catholic. It is also designed for Catholics who have not received Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. It is also open to those Catholics who wish to learn more about their faith. If you wish to learn more about this program or if you (or someone you know) wishes to join, please call the rectory.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children ages 2 and older may participate in our children's choir. Practices are Sundays, 9:30 a.m., before the 10 a.m. mass. Children may join at any time. Simply show up!!



- Sunday, May 13** - *rehearsal and sing*
- Sunday, June 10** - *rehearsal*
- Sunday, June 17** - *rehearsal and sing*

RAMP PROJECT

Construction on the ramp has begun! We pray that the progress will move along smoothly until completion. If you have reason to enter the church hall through the out-side entrance, please DO NOT venture into the construction zone. The area poses dangers. You can trip, fall and seriously injure yourself very easily.

