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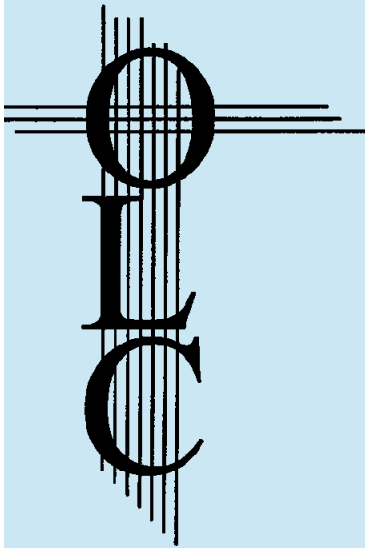
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Our Lady of Czestochowa Catholic Church ***“Our Lady’s Church on the Waterfront”*** ***120 Sussex Street, Jersey City, New Jersey 07302***

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.

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Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 12:30 pm (Church open from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm)

Saturday: 5 pm, Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday 10 am, 12:30 pm and 7 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.

Child Care during Mass

We provide professionally staffed child care for children 12 months to 4 years of age during the 10 am Sunday Mass. Our Child Care Center is located in the church hall. Enter through the gate located to the left of the steps leading into the church.

Confessions/Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4 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

Accredited by The Middle States Commission on Elementary and Secondary Schools.

248 Luis Marin Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07302

Grades 1 - 8

The Little Harbor Academy

The Early Childhood Division of The OLC School

186 Grand Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

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 for an informal appointment with the pastor.

Saints Peter and Paul Church, Hoboken & 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.



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Pastor's Column**SUNDAY SOUPS!**

Soup is one of those foods that just makes us feel good. Soup is associated with home, with warm feelings, and with a kitchen rich with flavor and aromas. Last Sunday, April 26, our church hall felt like "home" for all those who attended our *Mini Souper Supper*.

The first *Souper Supper* took place March 14, 1999 and was held on the third floor of what today is the Little Harbor Academy. *Souper Supper* became an annual event that began to include entertainment and also soups from local restaurants. It also took hours of work and dozens of volunteers to set up the space and prepare all that was needed.

A Mini Souper Supper

This year, the Pastoral Council wisely decided to make things a little easier and to also hold the event when the calendar was not so full. The Council also decided that it would be far easier to use the church hall rather than the third floor of the Little Harbor Academy. Since we would not have to max out on preparations we decided to call the event a *Mini Souper Supper*.

Last week's *Mini Souper Supper* turned out perfectly. We hoped the weather would cooperate, and it did. We hoped that the church hall would be full of people, and it was – more than 70. We hoped the soups would be delicious, and they were. We hoped that people would bring desserts, and they did. We hoped that the salads and bread would be a nice accompaniment to the soups, and they were. We hoped that people would enjoy the company of their fellow parish members, and they did. We hoped that folks would make some new friends, and they did!

**Our Chef,
Harry Dorofee**

There are many people to thank for the success of our *Souper Supper*, but the key person, or I might say the key ingredient, was Harry Dorofee, one of the newer members of



OLC. Harry, who works as an Executive Chef, prepared the salads and the soups. He was assisted by

a group of parish volunteers, his "sous chefs." Harry even supplied the vegetables and other fixings. His three soups got rave reviews; my favorite was the New England Fish Chowder. Harry was also assisted by Erin Hans, his fellow chef and fiancée.

Our Volunteers

At the risk of leaving someone out, for which I apologize in advance, I would like to acknowledge the following people. I would like to thank the members of the Pastoral Council, Ana Cruz, Carol Van Houten, Adam Troisi, Gregory Thanjan, Nancy Mendez-Booth, Michael Kaicher, John Genova, and Patrick Shalhoub for their work on *Souper Supper*.



The parish volunteers who helped with the preparation of the soups and salads, namely, Marge Rossi, Tom Parisi, Nicole Warner, Rachel D'Silva,

Ana Cruz, Julie Boldt and Jeremy Boldt.

And also those who supplied our desserts, namely, Barbara Speck, Stacy Kay, Christina Dockendorf, Sara Vargas, and Sylvia Kosra. And of course thanks to all those who joined us and added a special ingredient to the mix, namely, the OLC Spirit!

Another Sunday Event

A few hours after *Souper Supper*, we had the first of our series of programs called ***Coping with the Chaos***. It took place at 5 pm last Sunday afternoon. Twelve people came to hear a presentation on Life Coaching. I attended and found it very helpful. Having someone in your life to help you define your goals and help you stick to your good resolutions is certainly beneficial. The next presentation in this series will take place next Sunday, May 10. Love, **Father Tom Iwanowski**

LOOKING TO SUNDAY

LOOKING TO SUNDAY, which is written by Father Tom Iwanowski, prepares people to hear God's Word and it gives them something to think about as they go through the rest of the week. To receive LOOKING TO SUNDAY, all you have to do is send an email to Fr. Tom (**FatherTom@olcjc.org**) and just write, "Please send me LOOKING TO SUNDAY." It's that simple and it's free.

COPING WITH THE CHAOS!

Next Session, Sunday, May 10

We have an ongoing series of seminars at OLC designed to help us better cope intellectually, emotionally, and physically with the current economic recession. The seminars are called *Coping with the Chaos*.

- Are you anxious about the possibility of losing your job or do you know someone who already has?
- Have your financial investments taken a turn for the worse and are you stressed and unsure about what steps you might take to recover?
- Do you feel like your employer has volunteered you to “DO MORE WITH LESS” and have you found yourself spending more time at work while spending less time addressing your personal needs and obligations?
- Finally, are you entertaining a career change and not sure where to begin?



If you answered yes to any of those questions this program might be just what you need.

Our next one hour session will take place next Sunday afternoon, May 10, at 5 pm in our church hall (located in the lower level of our church building). It will teach you methods of calming and relaxation. For this session, you will need to bring a yoga mat and comfortable clothes. And we also need you to bring your stress and pent-up energy, but don't worry – you can plan to leave them behind at the end of the session.

For more information visit our parish website (www.olcjc.org) and click on News & Events. If you have a question about the program or a suggestion or comment send us an email (coping@olcjc.org).

A QUESTION?

Have you ever considered joining the Catholic Church? Do you think God could be leading you in this direction? Have you been worshipping at Mass and want to take the next step to complete the journey to membership in the Catholic Church? For more information, contact Father Tom Iwanowski (201-434-0798) or send us an email and we will get in touch with you. (ComeAndSee@olcj.org). Remember God seldom speaks in dramatic ways. God usually touches us through a persistent thought that will lead us closer to Him.

ARE YOU EXPECTING A BABY?

If you are in the third to ninth month of pregnancy, you are invited to a special event just for mothers and fathers to be. It will take place Sunday, May 17, at 11:15 am in the church hall. This gathering will include practical information, a blessing for expectant parents, and light refreshments. Pre-registration is not required, but it would be helpful if you let Fr. Tom know if you plan to attend (FatherTom@olcjc.org). For more information visit (www.olcjc.org) click on Sacraments & Celebrations and go to Baptism of Children.



A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

OLC's *Faith WORKS* group has organized a spring volunteer event with the Community Food Bank of NJ (CFBNJ) for Saturday, May 16, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. CFBNJ consolidates food donations from manufacturers, supermarkets, governments and individuals and then supplies them to organizations dedicated to reducing hunger throughout the state. Given the current economic environment, CFBNJ needs our help now more than ever! This is an



**HELP AT THE
FOOD BANK**

excellent opportunity to meet your fellow parishioners and volunteer your time to a worthy cause. The carpool leaves the OLC parking lot at 11 am. If you have access to a car, your offer to help with the driving would be welcome. Please RSVP to Paulino Forte (paulino.forte@gs.com) to take part in this worthwhile event. The commitment is limited to a few hours, but the reward lasts forever!

SANCTUARY LAMP

This week the candle by the tabernacle is burning in loving memory of Estelle Samson at the request of the Julewicz Family.

BREAD & WINE

The bread and wine for the liturgies of this week were donated in loving memory of Estelle Samson by the Julewicz Family. *To donate the bread and wine or the sanctuary lamp for a special intention, or in memory of a loved one, contact the parish office.*

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETS

The OLC Finance Council meets tomorrow, Monday, May 4, at 7:30 pm in the parish office.

Stewardship

LIKE A GOOD SHEPHERD

“A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” That’s what Jesus tells us in today’s Gospel. Like a good shepherd, Jesus gave his life for us. As his followers we are to give for the sake of others. We are not to be uncaring, self-centered, and self-absorbed “shepherds.” By giving of our time to come and pray at Sunday Mass, by sharing our talents for the good of our parish, and by donating our treasure for the sake of the poor and for the sake of OLC, we imitate in some small way the sacrificial, self-giving of the Good Shepherd.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Today, Sunday, May 3, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12 1 John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18

Next Sunday, May 10, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8

Find the readings at (www.usccb.org/nab)

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, May 4

12:30 pm Henry Rokosz, 4th Anniversary
from Rose Rokosz

TUESDAY, May 5

12:30 pm Anita Rydwin
from Rose Rokosz

WEDNESDAY, May 6

12:30 pm Fritizie Balliatico
from Barbara Speck

THURSDAY, May 7

12:30 pm Sophie Stelmanski
from Barbara Speck

FRIDAY, May 8

12:30 pm Jean & Jem Long
from sister Rose

SATURDAY, May 9

5:00 pm Mary & Stanley Plewan, Sr.
from Bruno Ruskowski

SUNDAY, May 10, Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Helen Hyjek & Wanda Bromirski
from Dorothy & Bill Bromirski

12:30 pm Corazon Balagot
from Melecia Balagot

7:00 pm People of the Parish

It is a long-standing tradition for Catholics to remember their deceased relatives and friends by arranging to have Masses offered for them so they may benefit from the prayers of the Christian Community.

To arrange a Mass contact the Parish Office (201-434-0798) or stop by the Office Monday - Friday from 9 am to 4 pm, Saturday & Sunday from 10 am to 2 pm.

COUNTS & ACCOUNTS

PARISH GIVING... "THE GIVE A LITTLE MORE" FROM LAST SUNDAY

Last weekend, April 25 & 26, there were 369 people at Mass. The total collection came to \$6,218 (of that amount \$2,622 came from parish members making their contributions electronically through *Parish Pay*). This amount is \$218 ABOVE our weekly "Give A Little More" goal of \$6,000 per Sunday. The approximate average contribution was \$17 per member.

Please help our parish reach its important weekly goal of \$6,000. Visit (www.olcjc.org) and click on "JOINING & SUPPORTING OLC" to learn how to make your contribution electronically. You can also mail in your envelope to ensure your commitment to OLC is felt each week even if you are unable to be present at Mass. OLC needs our faithful support.

We appreciate all those who act as good stewards of their time by joining us for Mass and who act as good stewards of their treasure by their faithful giving in the collection.

NOTE: The total of our 2009 Easter Collection will appear in next Sunday's Bulletin.

FATHER FLOOD'S WORLD

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

