

# THE CATHOLIC FAMILY OF CHEEKTOWAGA

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, ST. JOSAPHAT, RESURRECTION, QUEEN OF MARTYRS, & MARIA HILF CHAPEL

January 7, 2024

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

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Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Convent Phone: (716) 240-9159

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

	4:00 p.m. - OLHC Church	7:00 a.m. - OLHC Chapel
	4:00 p.m. - Queen of Martyrs	8:00 a.m. - Queen of Martyrs
Saturday:	5:30 p.m. - Resurrection	Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Resurrection
(Vigil)	(2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)	10:00 a.m. - OLHC Church
	5:30 p.m. - St. Josaphat	11:00 a.m. - St. Josaphat
	(1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturday of the Month)	12:30 p.m. - Latin (Tridentine Mass)

**OLHC CHAPEL IS OPEN MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 A.M. - 2 P.M. FOR PRIVATE ADORATION**

**INFORMATION FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**

**Baptisms:** Every Sunday, during or after the weekend Eucharist. Please arrange two witnesses who will become the Godparents of your child. One of them must be a practicing Catholic and member of a Parish Church.

**Faith Formation:** Every child and youth need to be educated and continue to grow in faith by the help of parents, family members, and Church. Please call (716) 458-3130 to register your child for the Religious Education program.

**Confessions:** Our priests are available to administer this important Sacrament of Mercy 20 min. before every daily and vigil Masses. Also, call the office for a personal appointment. Every Catholic needs to go to Confession at least once a year. Holy Communion can be received during the Mass only in the state of grace (without mortal sin).

**Marriage:** The Sacrament for women and men in love who want to create a new Christian family. All couples who are choosing to serve the Church through the vocation of marriage are invited to schedule the ceremony with us at least 6 months before the wedding day.

**Anointing of the sick:** We administer the Sacrament of healing every Tuesday, after 12 pm Mass at Resurrection Church. Also, call us to request a home or hospital visit. Please do not postpone contacting a priest at the very moment of death but request the Sacrament when the sick person is still conscious and aware of the approaching final journey.

**Funerals:** Please arrange with the funeral home of your choice. They will contact our Church for you to schedule this very important Liturgical celebration for our beloved departed.

**R.C.I.A.:** The program of Christian initiation to become a member of the Catholic Church. Please contact us if called by the Holy Spirit.

**New Parishioners:** Always welcome to register and support us through time, talent, and treasure. Registration Forms are available in the back of our Churches. Please visit or contact our office to register or notify us when moving out of the Parish.

**Letter of Recommendation:** This is a testimony to the fact that you are a practicing Catholic. Please use contribution envelopes to indicate attendance. To be a sponsor, a person needs to be confirmed, registered at our Parish, and attending Holy Mass. Please call the office of your membership to receive a letter of good stands to become a Godparent for Baptism or Sponsor for Confirmation.

**Parishioners of the Latin (Tridentine) Mass  
MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY January 7 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

**12:30 pm OLHC Chapel +Lucy Missert—by the Missert Family**

**SUNDAY January 14 Second Sunday After Epiphany**

**12:30 pm OLHC Chapel +Michael Missert—by the Missert Family**

**Meetings for OLHC, Resurrection, St. Josaphat, and Queen of Martyrs**

**Rosary Apostolate—**January 7th at 1:00 pm—OLHC Parish Hall.

**Holy Name—**January 8th at 6:30 pm—**January monthly Daily Draw raffle.** All welcome to attend. 7:00 pm meeting—OLHC Parish Hall.

**Chapel Seniors—**January 11th at 1:00 pm—OLHC Parish Hall. All are Welcome!

**Secular Franciscans—**January 13th at 1:00 pm—OLHC Upper Parish Hall.

**SPIRITUAL LIFE IN OUR CHURCHES**

- ◇ Daily Eucharist (see bulletin).
- ◇ Marie Hilf Chapel open daily from 8 am - 2 pm for private adoration.
- ◇ Sacrament of Confession - 20 minutes before every Mass except Sundays.
- ◇ Rosary - After morning Mass & 25 minutes before 12 pm daily & all weekend Masses.
- ◇ Novena to St. Joseph every Wednesday after 12 pm Mass at St. Josaphat.
- ◇ Anointing of the Sick - Every Tuesday after 12 pm Mass at Resurrection.
- ◇ Chaplet to the Divine Mercy - Every Friday 10 minutes before morning & noon Masses.
- ◇ First Fridays - Mass and the Sacred Heart devotion at 8:30 am in the Chapel and 12:00 pm at St. Josaphat.
- ◇ First Saturdays - Mass and Fatima devotion at 8:30 am at Resurrection.
- ◇ Eucharistic Adoration - Every Monday from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm in the OLHC Chapel and the First Tuesday of the Month at St. Josaphat from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.
- ◇ Blessing of Sacramentals (rosaries, crosses, and other holy items) - Every First Saturday of the month after 8:30 am Mass.

**Eucharistic Adoration Volunteers  
(Members of all 4 Churches are welcome)  
Every Monday 9:00 am—6 pm (Chapel)**

**9-10 am—**Rosary Group & Sandy Smith

**10-11 am—**Susan & Timothy Cummings

**11-12 pm—**Connie DiPasquale & MaryAnn Blachowskiak

**12-1 pm—**Jan Thomsen & Geraldine Christel

**1-2 pm—**Patricia & Robert Kurdziel

**2-3 pm—** Marlene Stallone & Maureen Roos

**3-4 pm—**Mary Gorski

**4-5 pm—**Penny Moore and Daniel Vulaj

**5-6 pm—**Elizabeth Makula & Pauline Kinecki

**New volunteers are welcome for every hour.** If you are unable to attend and cannot find a replacement, please contact the Parish Office. Otherwise, please come and pray anytime between 9 am and 6 pm.



**Wedding Anniversary Mass**

The Diocese of Buffalo & The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo wishes to honor couples who will observe their 25th, 50th, 60th and 70th wedding anniversaries in **2023 and 2024**. A special Mass will be held on Sunday, **February 11th at 10:30 am** at St. Joseph Cathedral where couples will renew their marriage vows. Please call the OLHC Parish Office at 716 276-9288 by **Thursday, January 11th** to register.

**Queen of Martyrs Volunteer Needed**

The **Stewardship Pillar** that works on raffles, dinners and events (such as the 400th Anniversary celebration recently held at St. Josaphat) is in need of one more representative from Queen of Martyrs. If you are interested, please email Marie Zagara at buf123@hotmail.com or call the Queen of Martyrs Parish Office at 716 892-1746.

**MASS INTENTIONS****SATURDAY, January 6 Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord**

4:00 pm OLHC Church +Matthew Wilk—by Wife, Cecilia

4:00 pm Queen of Martyrs +Birthday of Janet Sieber—by Joanie

5:30 pm St. Josaphat +Lucy Andrzejewski—by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Richard Andrzejewski

**SUNDAY, January 7 The Epiphany of the Lord**

7:00 am OLHC Chapel +Stephen Poliachik—by Sam Grillo

8:00 am Queen of Martyrs +Charlotte Kowalski Anniv. of Death—by Maciejewski Family

9:00 am Resurrection +Edwin Kantowski—by Caroline &amp; Joe Puccio

10:00 am OLHC Church +Violet Lochocki—by Bette Schuessler

11:00 am St. Josaphat +Joyce Kwiatrowski—by Terry Owczarczak

**MONDAY, January 8 The Baptism of the Lord**

8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Andrzej Dudzik

9:00 am—6:00 pm OLHC Chapel - Eucharistic Adoration

**TUESDAY, January 9**

8:30 am Queen of Martyrs +Irene Rye—by Estate

12:00 pm Resurrection +Frances Fydrych—by Dolores

**WEDNESDAY, January 10**

8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Deceased Members of Jerzewski &amp; Zalewski Family

12:00 pm St. Josaphat +Jaice DeCorey—by Tom Cone

**THURSDAY, January 11**

8:30 am OLHC Church +Deceased Members of the Robert Lawrence Family—by Estate

12:00 pm Resurrection +Anita Mahon—by Nancy Ernst

**FRIDAY, January 12**

8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Adeline Wantuch—by Chapel Seniors

12:00 pm St. Josaphat +Marcia Stachewicz—by Kathy Wojtolski

**SATURDAY, January 13 Vigil of the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm OLHC Church +Good Health &amp; Blessings for Steve &amp; Janice Kosinski &amp; Family

4:00 pm Queen of Martyrs +Genevieve &amp; John Bak—by Estate

5:30 pm Resurrection +Stanistawa &amp; Jan Habczyk—by Kolkiewicz Family

**SUNDAY, January 14 The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 am OLHC Chapel +Terrie Wanat—by Family

8:00 am Queen of Martyrs +Dolores Ruda—by Iervolino Family

9:00 am Resurrection +Dennis Gorski—by Mary Jo &amp; Family

10:00 am OLHC Church +Richard Jancewicz—by Tom Doktor

11:00 am St. Josaphat +Theresa Kapturowski—by Ann Polaszewski

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS**

Ron Walters, Linda Rebadow, Patricia Kubiak, Julie Korst, Connie Valentine, Emily Mizerkiewicz, Patricia Urbanczyk, Carol Robichaud, Jane Seifert, Beth Luther, Dave & Marian Dascomb, Patti Coyle, Geri Simoneit, Gary Johnson, Paul Schmid, Olga Valenta, Tom Mateczun, Gary Tschamber, Patricia & Clair Johnson, Linda Sperrazza, Larry Zadel, Flo Johnson, Barbara Brautlacht, Donald Brautlacht, Mary Ann Conroy, Mike Dirschberger, Kara Garlach, Ronald Heil, Dorothy Kracht, Ken Labenski, Joseph LoVullo, Patricia Mazur, Sharon Miklas, Rebecca Miller, Alice Nowak, Rita Piskorz, Theresa Pochylski, Gary Sieber, Diane Strausser, John Szczyciel, Shawn Szczyciel, Kim Utech, Pat Ward, Beth Warrington, Thomas Wnuk, Daniel Zotara, II, Alfred Wojciechowski, Carolann Andrzejewski, Schuster Family, Kathleen Connors, Nicole Schuster, Janice Piskorowski, Grace Tomasello, Carrie Hoestermann, Luisa Cerrato, Florence Ziamowski, Timothy Nietopski, Jeffrey Nietopski, Vince DiJoseph, Janet Minotti, Nancy Sturman, Samantha Lunz, Donna Benson & all in need of healing.

**PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY**

Matthew Anthon, USAF, Mark Pastwick, USMC, Dan Donahue, US Army, Aaron Erdolino, Jr., US Army, Sean Michalski, US Army, Nathan Hafner, USMC, & Jacob Taft, LCpl., USMC; Matthew Carroll, USMC; Mark Morgano, USMC; Mark Moscicki, Sr. Mstr. Sgt., USAF; Austin Harmon, Seaman, USN; Jeremy Jeziorski & Colonel Randy Scott Wardak, USAF, Kevin Ardoneito, Matthew Baideme, Thom Brown, Anthony V. Burtick, Patrick Desmarais, Colin Dudziak, Barbara Fowler, Michael Fowler, Janet Glindeman, Julia Glindeman, William Glindeman, Justin Kasprzak, James A. Koller, Claymore Mac-Tarnaghan, Colton Marinelli, Christian Rachinger, Joe Seminatore, Jonathan Sicurella, Capt. Glen Taylor, and Christopher Wojcik

**WEEKLY INCOME****December 18 - December 25, 2023**

(Collections, Donations, Other)

- Resurrection — \$ 8,623.81
- St. Josaphat — \$ 6,717.00
- OLHC — \$ 37,044.96
- Queen of Martyrs — \$ 12,331.16

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!****OLHC Donation**

Thank you for the anonymous donation of **\$20,000.00**. This will help our Parish, especially our Faith Formation Program for our children and youth. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

**Money Counters Needed**

**Resurrection** is looking for volunteers to count the weekend collection. Please contact the Resurrection Parish Office during business hours at 716 683-3712.

**Sanctuary Lamp at Resurrection**

January 7th - January 13th

Edwin L. Kantowski by Wife, Eleanor

**Upcoming Events for Our Church Family**

**January 8th** The Baptism of the Lord ends the Liturgical Season of Christmas in the Church. We will keep the Christmas trees & decorations for 1 more week in our Parishes. Because we celebrate the Latin Mass in the Chapel, the Christmas decorations will be kept until February 2nd according to their calendar.

**February 14th** Ash Wednesday. Beginning of 40 Days Season of Lent. Mass schedule will be announced after Christmas. Stations of the Cross will be celebrated every Friday of Lent. Details to come.

**March 10th, Sunday** Resurrection Church Polish Dinner from 1:00—4:00 pm in the Resurrection Parish Center. **Save the Date!!**

**March 24th** Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week.

**March 31st** Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord!

**April 7th** Sunday of Divine Mercy. From Good Friday until the Sunday of Divine Mercy, we will celebrate the Novena to the Divine Mercy with Chaplet and special prayers after Mass.

**April 7th** First Reconciliation for the Second Grade children.

**May 5th.** The celebration of the First Holy Communion for the Third Grade children.

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

The blessing of your home is an ancient custom on the feast of the Epiphany. Next weekend, as we celebrate The Epiphany of the Lord, incense and chalk will be available in all of the Churches. Please take 1 per family.

*“May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek to serve Christ in everyone we meet.”*

**OLHC CEMETERY**

**Mission Statement:** Believing in the sanctity of the human body, the resurrection and eternal life, we are dedicated to the respectful care of God’s people, who even in death remain a part of our Faith community.

The cemetery at **OLHC** has space available in our beautiful cemetery. If you would like to discuss purchasing a grave or columbarium, please call Joanna at the OLHC Parish and Cemetery Office at 716 276-9288.

**FAITH  
FORMATION**



**OLHC, Resurrection, and St. Josaphat**  
4125 Union Rd., Cheektowaga, NY

**Office Hours:** Monday 1:30-5:30 pm  
**Office Phone:** 716-458-3130  
**Email:** [Olhc.faithformation@gmail.com](mailto:Olhc.faithformation@gmail.com)

(Renée is available to meet outside of office hours by appt.)

**Blessings** to all as we welcome a **New Year!** Parents and students, please plan on attending the Faith Formation Mass at Resurrection to support our 8th grade class.

- January 13** No FF class—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- January 20** Class 9:30-10:30 am
- January 21** Faith Formation Mass 9 am-Resurrection  
Coffee and doughnut social to follow—all Parishioners welcome!
- January 27** Class 9:30-10:30 am

**Queen of Martyrs**  
180 George Urban Blvd., Cheektowaga, NY

**Office Hours:** Available by appt.  
**Office Phone:** 716-895-2162  
**Email:** [qmre121@verizon.net](mailto:qmre121@verizon.net)

**Religious Education Classes for the  
Sacrament of First Reconciliation**

Classes begin in January for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 am to 10:45 am in the Music Room (School Building) next to the Religious Education Office. Sacramental classes will be held for 2nd Grade Religious Education students (ONLY) on **January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11**, from 9:30 am until 10:45 am. All classes are MANDATORY!!

**Confirmation Classes for Students**

Confirmation Classes begin on Monday, **January 8**, from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Music Room (School Building) next to the Religious Education Office. The class schedule is **1/8, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/26**. Please have all of your Confirmation packet material completed by the first class on January 8th.

**2023 YEAR END TAX REQUEST FORM FOR ALL 4 PARISHES**

If you need a year-end tax form for 2023, please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office **where you are registered** either in the weekly collection basket or by mail. The tax forms will be mailed (if requested) beginning the 3rd week of January, 2024.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Envelope #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Our Lady Help of Christians Parish

Spiritual & Financial Report  
Sept. 1, 2022 – Aug. 31, 2023

No. of Registered Households	1161	Receipts:	Sept. 1, '22 – Aug. 31, '23	Sept. 1, '21 – Aug. 31, '22 (previous fiscal year)
Total Individuals	2260	Sunday Collections	\$330,899.46	\$339,736.58
Attendance/weekend	720	Monthly/Special Collections	37,015.07	27,576.00
		Reimbursements	305,282.59	58,918.47
<b>Sacramental Information:</b>		Weddings/Funerals	6,887.37	6,350.00
Baptisms	3	Flowers/Candles	14,776.56	13,558.32
First Reconciliation	4	Faith Formation Donations	35,263.29	23,773.21
First Eucharist	3	Donations/Bequests	93,933.89	18,641.46
Confirmation	5	Misc. Receipts (e.g., rental of bldg., fundraising)	61,716.88	43,824.81
Marriage	5	Investment Income	89,786.69	
Anointing of the Sick	97	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$975,561.80</b>	<b>\$532,378.85</b>
Burials in OLHC Cem.	56			
Burials in other cem.	9	<b>Expenses:</b>		
		Payroll/Benefits (clergy /staff)	\$210,019.85	\$204,454.71
<b>Lay Ministries:</b>		Altar/Office/Bldg Supplies	29,390.61	48,899.90
Eucharistic Ministers	21	Envelopes/Missalettes	10,064.21	6,163.25
Lectors	14	Utilities	60,451.83	44,300.84
Altar Servers	6	Diocesan Assessments/Spec. Coll	93,340.03	125,312.04
Ushers/Greeters	14	Insurance	**	35,480.90
Music Ministry	8	Maintenance/Repairs	57,030.40	106,736.67
Catechists	7	Contract Services	25,918.44	66,165.14
Students in Faith Formation	14	Faith Formation Supplies	8,298.53	1,916.18
		Parish Goodwill	6,499.40	10,874.66
		Equipment & Furnishings	21,021.24	0
		Misc. Expenses	1,638.42	2992.76
		<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$523,672.96</b>	<b>\$653,297.05</b>
		<b>**To be paid in next fiscal yr.</b>		
		<b>Assets as of end of fiscal year:</b>		
		Total in Checking Accts.	\$491,301.31	\$300,877.70
		Total in Savings Accts. (including CD's, Investments)	\$860,822.89	\$867,256.04
		<b>TOTAL CEMETERY ASSETS</b>	<b>\$583,787.17</b>	<b>\$265,198.51</b>
		<b>TOTAL PARISH ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,352,124.20</b>	<b>\$1,168,133.74</b>

**Parish Committees/Organizations:**

- |                       |                         |                       |                             |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Parish Council        | Faith Formation Program | Respect for Life      | Holy Name Society           |
| Finance Committee     | Music Ministry          | Garden Club           | St. Vincent de Paul Society |
| Collection Counters   | Eucharistic Ministers   | Prayer Shawl Ministry | Buildings & Grounds         |
| Eucharistic Adoration | Lectors                 | Chapel Seniors        | Secular Franciscan Order    |
| RCIA Program          | Bible Study             | Rosary Apostolate     | Youth/Adult Altar Servers   |
| Our Lady's Helpers    |                         |                       |                             |

To our parishioners, friends and benefactors: It was through stewardship that our ancestors built up the church that we have today. It is through your prayers and generosity that we are able to continue our journey in faith and can make the necessary repairs and improvements to our buildings and grounds. We have been richly blessed and appreciate your continued giving of your time, talents and treasure as we move forward in spreading God's message of love. Blessings to all of you who support us here at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish.

**The report for Resurrection, Queen of Martyrs, and St. Josaphat will be published over the next few weeks.**

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