THE CATHOLIC FAMILY OF CHEEKTOWAGA

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

February 18, 2024

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First Sunday of Lent

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

4:00 p.m. - OLHC Church 4:00 p.m. - Queen of Martyrs 5:30 p.m. - Resurrection (Vigil) (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month) 5:30 p.m. - St. Josaphat (1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturday of the Month)

7:00 a.m. - OLHC Chapel 8:00 a.m. - Queen of Martyrs Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Resurrection 10:00 a.m. - OLHC Church 11:00 a.m. - St. Josaphat 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.

Paschal Candles

We are happy to announce we have received donations to sponsor the 2024 Paschal candles for all 5 Churches.

Resurrection - In Memory of Emily Ziehm

St. Josaphat - In Memory of the Kozak and Kurdziel Family

OLHC Chapel - In Memory of Joseph Gagnon & Megan Schnorr

OLHC Church – In Memory of Walter F. & Dorothy M. Gilbert

Queen of Martyrs - In Memory of Joseph M. Rutowski

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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 Blachowiak 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.

Meetings for OLHC, Resurrection, St. Josaphat, & Queen of Martyrs

Prayer Shawl—February 18th at 11:30 am—OLHC Upper Parish Hall.

Forming Disciples Pillar Meeting—February 21st at 6:30 pm—Resurrection Parish Hall

Chapel Seniors—February 22nd at 1:00 pm—OLHC Parish Hall. All are Welcome!

Queen of Martyrs—Bible Study

Resurrection Volunteers Needed Collection counters are needed at Resurrection Parish. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Resurrection Parish Office at 716 683-3712.

The next Queen of Martyrs Bible Study is on **February 22nd** at 7:00 pm in the QM Church. All are welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, February 17 Vigil of the 1st Sunday of Lent 4:00 pm OLHC Church +Lester Schnettler—by Family 4:00 pm Queen of Martyrs +Richard Wisniewski—by Friend 5:30 pm St. Josaphat +John Cieply—by Friends of the Cieply Family

SUNDAY, February 18 The 1st Sunday of Lent

7:00 am OLHC Chapel +Rita Hahn—by Husband, John 8:00 am Queen of Martyrs +Ruth Buckley Birthday Anniv.—by Buckley Family 9:00 am Resurrection +Edwin Tabaczynski—by Art & Chris 10:00 am OLHC Church Peace & Gods Blessing for People in the World 11:00 am St. Josaphat +Prayers for Millie, Frank, & Billy—by Tom Cone 12:30 pm OLHC Chapel +Michael & Janis Cavalieri—by Friends

MONDAY, February 19

8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Darwin Hoffman—by Family 9:00 am—6:00 pm OLHC Chapel - Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAY, February 20

8:30 am Queen of Martyrs +Lorna Burkwit 12:00 pm Resurrection +Bebeann Brzozowski—by Estate

WEDNESDAY, February 21

8:30 am OLHC Church +Kinecki & Tobolski Families—by Kinecki Family 12:00 pm St. Josaphat +Keith Rydzynski—by Ann Polaszewski

THURSDAY, February 22 The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

8:30 am OLHC Church +Isabella French—by Barry & Sandra Smith 12:00 pm Resurrection Parishioners of Resurrection, OLHC, St. Josaphat, and Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY, February 23

8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Stanley Podkladek—by Podkladek Family 12:00 pm St. Josaphat +Joanna Cozzi—by Friend, Stations of the Cross to follow 6:30 pm Resurrection Stations of the Cross (RCIA to follow)

SATURDAY, February 24 Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm OLHC Church +Lewis & Stella Kolis—by Millie & Ceil
4:00 pm Queen of Martyrs +Carol Buziak Birthday Anniv.—by Family
5:30 pm Resurrection +Helen & Frank Kujawa—by Marion

SUNDAY, February 25 The 2nd Sunday of Lent

7:00 am OLHC Chapel +Patricia Hicks—by Chapel Seniors 8:00 am Queen of Martyrs +Dolores Ruda—by lervolino Family 9:00 am Resurrection +Dennis Gorski—by Mary Jo & Family 10:00 am OLHC Church Blessing & Good Health of St. Brendan's Seniors 11:00 am St. Josaphat +Joseph & Alice Bielecki—by Family 12:30 pm OLHC Chapel +Jeffrey Koehler & Family—by Trish & Dan Hager

> Sanctuary Lamp at Resurrection February 18th - February 24th

Aloysius & Rita Wisniewski by Family & Friends



All Parish Offices will be closed on **Monday, February 19th** in observance of Presidents' Day.

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 Covle, Geri Simoneit, Gary Johnson, Paul Schmid, Olga Valenta, Tom Mateczun, Gary Tschamber, Linda Sperrazza, Flo Johnson, Barbara Brautlacht, Donald Brautlacht, Mary Ann Conroy, Mike Dirschberger, Kara Garlach, Ronald Heil, Dorothy Kracht, Ken Labenski, Patricia Mazur, Rebecca Miller, Alice Nowak, Rita Piskorz, Theresa Pochylski, Gary Sieber, Shawn Szczygiel, Kim Utech, Pat Ward, Beth Warrington, Thomas Wnuk, Daniel Zotara, II, Alfred Wojciechowski, Carolann Andrzeiewski, Schuster Family, Kathleen Connors, Nicole Schuster, Janice Piskorowski, Grace Tomasello, Carrie Hoestermann, Luisa Cerrato, Florence Ziarnowski, Timothy Nietopski, Jeffrey Nietopski, Vince DiJoseph, Janet Minotti, Nancy Sturman, Samantha Lunz, Donna Benson, Paul Dlugosz, Barbara Anderson, Kathleen Escobar, Leonard Szymanski Patrick Stites, and all in need of healing.

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Donald Deth, Michael Walsh, Sr., Agnes Osalkowski, Pauline Fischer, and Jacqueline Reynolds

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 Ardonetto, 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 Seminatoro, Jonathan Sicurella, Capt. Glen Taylor, and Christopher Wojcik

WEEKLY INCOME January 29 - February 4, 2024

(Collections, Donations, Other)

•	Resurrection eGiving (Jan.)	_	\$ 3,991.00 \$ 1,520.00
•	St. Josaphat	_	\$ 4,113.00
•	OLHC eGiving (Jan.)	_	\$18,007.50 \$ 1,136.70
•	Queen of Martyrs	—	\$22,566.23

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

2025 Mass Book

The 2025 Mass book is available for all 4 of our Churches . If you would like to schedule a Mass, please contact the office of that particular Church.

Upcoming Events for Our Church Family

Stations of the Cross. Every Friday of Lent. All Parishioners are encouraged to participate in this beautiful devotion about the Passion of Christ for our sins. Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at St. Josaphat after the 12pm Mass & at 6:30 pm for all other Churches using the following schedule:

February 23 - ResurrectionMarch 15 - ResurrectionMarch 1 - Queen of MartyrsMarch 22 - Queen of MartyrsMarch 8 - OLHC ChurchMarch 22 - Queen of Martyrs

RCIA - program for adults who want to become Catholics or return to church. At 6:30 pm, every Friday of Lent after the evening Stations of the Cross

March 10th Resurrection Church Polish Dinner from 1:00—4:00 pm in the Resurrection Parish Center.

March 19th. Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses at 8:30 am at Queen of Martyrs and at 12:00 pm at Resurrection. Before each Mass we will pray the Litany to St. Joseph.

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. Celebration of the First Holy Communion for the 3rd Grade children.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive.

OBLIGATORY DUTIES FOR CATHOLICS DURING LENT

Fasting & Abstinence: Our obligatory duty on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence: Do not eat meat on the Fridays of Lent. Treat it as a day of penance.

<u>Confession</u>: Catholics are obligated to fulfill their Easter Duty by receiving Holy Communion at least once during the Easter season (from Easter Sunday to Pentecost), therefore the Sacrament of Penance for any mortal sins is required prior to this, and is strongly recommended as a Lenten penitential practice for any venial sins prior to the Easter feast. **Parish Confessions with additional Priests on Thursday, at 4 pm at St. Josaphat's, Resurrection, and Queen of Martyrs and at 6:30 pm at OLHC Church.**

BEST LENTEN PRACTICES

The entire season of Lent is a penitential season. The liturgical color for Lent is purple (just like Advent) to show that it is a special time of penance. Taking up additional practices, such as self-imposed fasting outside of the obligatory times, <u>Lenten devotions and</u> spiritual reading, <u>Stations of the Cross</u>, a daily rosary, serving the poor, etc. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AFTER THE 12:00 PM MASS AT ST. JOSAPHAT AND AT 6:30 PM** using the following schedule:

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Attend Mass on Holy Thursday to commemorate the institution of the Eucharist, called the "Mass of the Lord's Supper."

At 3 o'clock on Good Friday, pause and make a special effort to keep this hour sacred. This is the hour of Christ's death on the cross, after which redemption for mankind was completed. Praying the <u>Divine Mercy chaplet</u> is ideal at this time.

If possible, try to clear your schedule in order to participate in the traditional Veneration of the Cross service on Good Friday.

Continue your Good Friday fast up to the start of the Easter Vigil to correspond to the entire time from Christ's death on the cross until his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Attend the Easter Vigil at sundown on Holy Saturday to welcome the Easter Sunday feast. Pray for those being received into full communion with the Catholic Church at this Mass, that they will remain faithful to Christ and his Church, grow in holiness, and become saints.

On Easter Sunday and throughout the Easter season, fully celebrate the joy of Christ's Resurrection and the conquering of sin and death he merited for us. Greet one another with the Paschal Greeting/Easter Acclamation, "Christ is risen!" and the response, "He is risen indeed!"

Eucharistic Minister Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers are needed to bring Holy Communion to our homebound parishioners. Volunteers are needed from all 4 of our Churches. Please call the OLHC Parish office at 716 276-9288 to sign up and let us know which Parish you can serve.

RCIA

The journey towards becoming a full member of the Catholic Church includes time for prayer, catechesis, and conversation. For those who are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian denomination and seeking to be full members of the Catholic Church, or Baptized Catholic but not Confirmed, there is a program called the Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (RCIA). RCIA is also open to Catholics who are already Confirmed and would like a program to learn more about the faith.

If you would like more information about RCIA, please contact the OLHC Parish Office. Please begin to attend Mass. Candidates should attend the Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent, followed by meeting with Fr. Jozef.



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OLHC, Resurrection, and St. Josaphat 4125 Union Rd., Cheektowaga, NY		Queen of Martyrs 180 George Urban Blvd., Cheektowaga, NY				
Office Hours: Monday 1:3 Office Phone: 716-458-31 Email: Olhc.faithfor		Office Hours: Office Phone: Email:	Available by appt. 716-895-2162 <u>qmre121@verizon.net</u>	<u>t</u>		
(Renée is available to meet outside of office hours by appt.) As we welcome the second month of the new year, February finds us celebrating Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday on the same day! We start our 40 day Lenten journey this month and ask that parents attend Stations of the Cross with their children at one of the Masses offered by our family of parishes. February 24 Class 9:30-10:30 am - Family Stations of the Cross at OLHC March 2 Class 9:30-10:30 am March 3 9:00 am Faith Formation Mass with 6-7th grade at Resurrection Church. Coffee and donut social after Mass March 9 Class 9:30-10:30 am Family Lenten Confessions OLHC Church Coffee and donut social after Mass March 9 Class 9:30-10:30 am Family Lenten Confessions OLHC Church Coffee and donut social after Mass March 9 Class 9:30-10:30 am Family Lenten Confessions OLHC Church Coffee and donut social after Mass March 9 March 9 Class 9:30-10:30 am Family Lenten Confessions OLHC Church Coffee and donut social after Mass March 9 March 9 Class 9:30-10:30 am Family Lenten Confessions OLHC Church Kemetery Availability Mission Statement: Believing in the sanctity of the human body, the resurrection and eternal life, we are dedicated to the respectful		Confirmation Classes for Students Class 2/26 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Music Room (School Building next to the Religious Ed. Office. The seventh monthly session of our program begins on Saturday, March 2, with the 4:00 pm Mass. After Mass the family meal and program continues until 7:00 pm in the Church Hall (below the church) This month the topic is: Dying to Self and our adult speaker is Mrs. Jennifer Atkns. Mr. Mike will continue his lesson at the family group session on the topic of the importance of the Mass. It is Family Favorit night and families are asked to bring in their favorite dish. We will vote on our favorite dishes and prizes will be awarded. Our coloring contest winners will also be announced. Religious Education Classes for the Sacrament of First Eucharise Classes begin for the Sacrament of First Communion 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 Students (ONL) on March 3, 10, 17, 24 & April 7 and 14 from 9:30 am until 10:45 am. All classes are MANDATORY!!				
	n in death remain a part of our Faith ace available in our beautiful discuss purchasing a grave or	Today ◊ Please registe	oners of the Latin (Trider r is February 18 First Sund r with the Parish by calling ce hours are listed on the fr	ay of Lent the office at 716-276		
CEMETERY PLOTS:		• Fr will be hearing confessions 20 minutes before Mass.				
\$1,400 (Parishioner)		◊ The Rosary wi	The Rosary will be prayed together before Mass.			
\$1,500 (non-Parishioner) COLUMBARIUM: (St. Francis, St. Joseph, & St. Barbara) Level A (top)		If you wish to request a Mass intention to be said at the Latin Mass, please call or visit the rectory during office hours. Also, do so if you are planning a Baptism, wedding or have other needs.				
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Note: Price includes engraving fees.	with no additional opening/closing		from time to time, to partici ch, and to pray with them, a			
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