

# THE CATHOLIC FAMILY OF CHEEKTOWAGA



Our Lady Help of  
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Queen of Martyrs



Resurrection

**FEBRUARY 22, 2026  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

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## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday (Vigil)

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

### Sunday

7:00 a.m. - OLHC Chapel  
8:00 a.m. - Queen of Martyrs  
9:00 a.m. - Resurrection  
10:00 a.m. - OLHC Church  
11:00 a.m. - St. Josaphat  
11:30 a.m. - OLHC Church (Vietnamese)  
12:30 p.m. - OLHC Chapel (Latin)

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

**QUEEN OF MARTYRS R.C. CHURCH**  
**Parish Financial & Spiritual Report**  
**September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025**

SPIRITUAL REPORT as of 8/31/25		FINANCIAL REPORT (as submitted to Diocese of Buffalo)		
			9/1/24-8/31/25	9/1/23-8/31/24
<b>*MEMBERSHIP</b>		<b>INCOME</b>		
# Active Households	587	Sunday & Holy Day Collections	244,231	272,101.92
# Individuals	1,186	Other	13,655	18,777.71
Attendance/weekend	397	<b>Total Regular Receipts</b> (Diocesan Assessment is based on this total)	<b>257,886</b>	<b>290,879.63</b>
		Votive Candles	11,380	11,389.39
<b>SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION</b>		Rent	213,309	196,358.76
# Baptisms	8	Interest & Other Investment Income	78,120	203,688.12
# 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation	0	Other	9,304	12,997.40
# 1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist	0	<b>Total Auxiliary Receipts</b>	<b>312,113</b>	<b>424,433.67</b>
# Confirmation	0	<b>Total Extraordinary</b> (Bequests/Memorials, Insurance Reimbursements)		<b>541.50</b>
			97	
# Marriage	1	<b>Total Religious Education/Faith Form.</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>937.00</b>
Anointing of the Sick	468	<b>TOTAL OPERATING RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$570,703</b>	<b>\$716,791.80</b>
# on Communion Call List	11	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
		Clergy: Regular & Extra	24,064	22,679.68
<b>LAY MINISTRIES:</b>		Regular & Extra Help	49,657	57,344.35
Catechists	4	Payroll Taxes/ER FICA Only	3,788	4,247.87
Lectors	10	Other	24,176	26,566.30
Eucharistic Ministers	20	<b>Total Salaries &amp; P/R Expenses</b>	<b>101,685</b>	<b>110,838.20</b>
Altar Servers (Incl. adult)	7	Votive Candles	5,728	5,107.00
Ushers	19	Other Supplies	10,509	23,125.83
Music Ministers	1	<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>16,237</b>	<b>28,232.83</b>
		<b>Total Printing</b>	<b>4,983</b>	<b>9,153.51</b>
		Gas	19,870	17,650.70
		Electric	16,480	10,194.44
		Telephone	710	2,953.74
		Other (Water, Cable, Internet)	7,785	7,606.56
		<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>44,845</b>	<b>38,405.44</b>
		Diocesan Assessment (Pre-paid in 8/2022)	72,795	44,454.92
		Subsidy for Catholic Education	10,500	4,500.00
		Other (Incl Parish Ins, Maint & Repairs, Con- tract Svcs, Parishioner Goodwill, etc.)	204,330	190,708.44
		<b>Total Other Operating</b>	<b>287,625</b>	<b>239,663.36</b>
		<b>Total Religious Ed/Faith Formation</b>	<b>9,733</b>	<b>16,551.79</b>
		<b>Total Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>13,267</b>	<b>2,950.04</b>
		<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$478,375</b>	<b>\$445,795.17</b>
		<b>TOTAL SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	<b>\$92,328</b>	<b>\$270,996.63</b>
		<b>Assets as of 8/31</b>		
		Total in Checking Account	<b>\$213,222</b>	<b>\$213,222</b>
		Total in Investment Fund	<b>\$1,808,403</b>	<b>\$1,808,403</b>
		<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$2,021,625</b>	<b>\$2,021,625</b>

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

**Queen of Martyrs Bible Study**—February 24th at 7pm—QM Church.

**Chapel Seniors**—February 26th at 1pm—OLHC Parish Hall.

**Rosary Apostolate**—March 1st at 12:30pm—OLHC Upper Parish Hall.

**St. Vincent de Paul**

**First Sunday of Lent**



Lent is a call to “give alms for the poor”.

Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

**Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, February 21 Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent**

4:00 pm **OLHC Church** +Helen Willard—by Michael & Donna Pacholski  
 4:00 pm **Queen of Martyrs** Roger & Anita Utech on their 60th Wedding Anniv.  
 4:00 pm **Resurrection** +Paul Buczynski—by Sister, Barbara  
 5:30 pm **St. Josaphat** +Sylvia Bracikowski—by William & Deborah Zarr

**SUNDAY, February 22 First Sunday of Lent**

7:00 am **OLHC Chapel** +Deceased Members of the Paluszynski & Sobczak Families  
 8:00 am **Queen of Martyrs** +Roger Zagorski—by Wife, Fran  
 9:00 am **Resurrection** +Aloysius Nowak—by Wife, Theresa  
 10:00 am **OLHC Church** +Robert James Lasker—by Richard Lasker  
 11:00 am **St. Josaphat** +Edwin F. Kolasny—by Family  
 12:30 pm **OLHC Chapel** Parishioners of OLHC, Resurrection, St. Josaphat, and Queen of Martyrs

**MONDAY, February 23**

8:30 am **OLHC Chapel** +Robert Kurdziel—by Bernie & Marie Sansone  
 9:00 am—6:00 pm **OLHC Chapel** - Eucharistic Adoration

**TUESDAY, February 24**

8:30 am **Queen of Martyrs** +Ruth Towery—by Kermy Haraszko  
 12:00 pm **Resurrection** +Val Berneys—by Paul Pula

**WEDNESDAY, February 25**

8:30 am **OLHC Chapel** +Theresa Bonavito, Elizabeth Trimm & Joseph Bald—by Patricia Leair  
 12:00 pm **St. Josaphat** +Jaskowiak Brothers—by Sister

**THURSDAY, February 26**

8:30 am **OLHC Church** +Amanda Kolby—by Mike Balk  
 12:00 pm **Resurrection** +Joy Kulbacki—by Barbara Olejniczak

**FRIDAY, February 27**

8:30 am **OLHC Chapel** +Susan Doktor—by Husband, Tom  
 12:00 pm **St. Josaphat** +Jim & Jennie Streicher—by Bill & Sherry Hooper  
 6:30 pm **Resurrection** Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, February 28 Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent**

4:00 pm **OLHC Church** Blessings & Good Health for Chloe Sell on Her Birthday—by Mom & Dad  
 4:00 pm **Queen of Martyrs** +Rosalia Lynch—by Husband & Family  
 4:00 pm **Resurrection** +Donna Liegle—by Nancy Buckley

**SUNDAY, March 1 Second Sunday of Lent**

7:00 am **OLHC Chapel** +Deceased Members of the Liptak & Paluszynski Families  
 8:00 am **Queen of Martyrs** +Chuck Sieber on His Birthday—by Family  
 9:00 am **Resurrection** +Jacqueline Kraft—by Kazmierczak Family  
 10:00 am **OLHC Church** +Deceased Members of the Hymers Family—by Children  
 11:00 am **St. Josaphat** +Gertrude Taberski—by Judy & Marie  
 12:30 pm **OLHC Chapel** +Edwin Kolasny—by Kathy Kolasny

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND**

Linda Rebadow, Patricia Kubiak, Julie Korst, Connie Valentine, Emily Mizerkiewicz, Patricia Urbanczyk, Patrick Stites, Janice Piskorowski, Grace Tomasello, Gary Sieber, Carol Ann Andrzejewski, Tom Mateczun, Beth Luther, Millie Kolis, Mary Ann Conroy, John Hahn, Dolores Wujek, Rita Pawlak, Marian Dascomb, Patricia Coyle, Theresa Dziuba, Marie & Dennis Lelek, Douglas & Diane Freeman, Michael Leader, Billy Goeseke, Kathy Makowski, Alfred Wojciechowski, Geraldine Sobkowiak, Nancy Sturman, Rita Casey, Natalie Habert, Kathleen Connors, Joseph LoVullo, Lynne Rautenstrauch, Schuster Family, Sara Kruse, Donnie Sieber, Diane Torrelli, Joseph Mackiewicz, Joseph Wachowiak, Annabelle Corwin, Rhonda Zwick, Tanya Richter, Dolores Wujek, Claire Escobar, Gregory Stachura, Maria Zilgme, Donna Stratford, Leonard Bartosiewicz, Samantha Lunz, Matt Jaracz, Jennifer Reidy, Charles Gliniski, Robert Klier, Dan & Sue Stypa, Arlene Zdrojewski, Jean Moore, Terry Fraas, Mary E. Zakowski, Carol Bigelow, Christine Chojnacki, Mary Gorski, Jamar Robinson, Betty Wagner, David Gorski, Zachary MacDonald, William and Maria Tupay, Denise Jorosch, Debbie Rogers, Nancy Skokowski and all in need of healing.

**LET US PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Diane McElhinny  
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**PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY**



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 Seminatore, Jonathan Sicurella, Capt. Glen Taylor, Jacob Taft, L.Cpl., Christopher Wojcik, John Arnold, and Ethan Quinn

**WEEKLY INCOME**

**February 2 - February 8, 2026**  
 (Parish Collections)

- Resurrection —\$ 4,496.00
- St. Josaphat —\$ 2,571.00
- OLHC —\$ 4,993.75
- Queen of Martyrs —\$ 3,560.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**Sanctuary Lamp at Resurrection**

February 22nd - February 28th  
 George Nowicki - by Betty



The following distributions were received on January 30, 2026 for Upon This Rock:  
 Queen of Martyrs—\$24.15  
 OLHC—\$9.66

**Upcoming Events for Our Family of Parishes**

**February 20th—March 27th** Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at **6:30pm** on a **rotating** schedule:

- February 27 - Resurrection**
- March 6 - OLHC Chapel**
- March 13 - Queen of Martyrs**
- March 20 - St. Josaphat**
- March 27 - Resurrection**

**February 23rd** Holy Hour beginning First Week of Lent. See schedule in bulletin.

**March 7th** Faith Formation Lenten Penance Service at **OLHC Church** from 9:45-11:30 am. All are welcome to confession **after** the children and families of the Faith Formation program.

**March 26th** Family Lenten Penance Service at **St. Josaphat** at 6pm.

**March 29th** Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. Holy Week Mass schedule to follow.

**April 2nd** Holy Thursday. 7 Churches. Holy Name will be providing bus service. To reserve your spot, please call Chris at 716 632-5788 by March 26th.

**April 5th** Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord!

**April 12th** Sunday of Divine Mercy.

**Catholic Charities - HOPE for all Seasons**

**Spring isn't the only thing we're counting down to! HOPE Day 2026 is coming!** Our annual Appeal's one-day "above and beyond" 24-hour fundraising effort is being held on **Wednesday, March 18**. Be sure to follow us at [ccwny.org](http://ccwny.org), and on our Facebook and Instagram pages for more details on how you can contribute, help spread the word, and to track our progress on HOPE Day!

**2026 California Missions Pilgrimage and Winery Tour**

Hosted by Fr. Peter Karalus on September 15-21, 2026. This inspiring journey has an appealing itinerary that offers something for every taste: spiritual, historical, architectural, culinary, nature, and much more. Visit and celebrate Mass at the Missions of San Juan Capistrano, Santa Barbara, and Carmel. Enjoy wine tasting and exceptional culinary winery dinners, visit Hearst Castle and the California Redwoods in Muir Woods and more. Also features centrally located hotels, breakfast daily, ground transportation, guides, and tips & taxes. Be part of this remarkable & unforgettable experience.

For a detailed itinerary, visit [www.rosabelgrace.com](http://www.rosabelgrace.com). All are invited to attend an **informational meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 7:00 pm at St. Gregory the Great Parish**, 200 St. Gregory Ct., Williamsville, NY 14221 (Gathering Room of the Main Church). For those unable to attend in person, we are pleased to offer a virtual attendance option. Trip registration is available on [www.rosabelgrace.com](http://www.rosabelgrace.com) click "Father Peter's Pilgrimage".

For questions or to register call Alicia Loiacono of Rosabel Grace Travels (NJF Travel LLC affiliate) at (585) 261-0537.



**FAITH FORMATION**

**OLHC † Queen of Martyrs † Resurrection † St. Josaphat**  
**4125 Union Rd., Cheektowaga, NY**  
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Saturday, **February 28** @ 9:30am we will have student only classes in the OLHC School building. Classes are 1 hour.

Saturday, **March 7** @ 9:30am we will have student only classes in the OLHC School building. Classes are 1 hour. At the beginning of class there will be a Parent meeting in the Faith Formation Resource Room for all the parents of students who will be making their First Reconciliation on April 12th (Divine Mercy Sunday). **This meeting is mandatory.**

Saturday, **March 14** @ 9:30am we will have student only classes in the OLHC School building. Classes are 1 hour. At the beginning of class there will be a Parent meeting in the Faith Formation Resource Room for all the parents of students who will be making their First Communion on May 3. **This meeting is mandatory.**

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**OCIA RITE OF ELECTION AND SCRUTINIES**

On the **First Sunday of Lent**, catechumens celebrate the Rite of Election thereby becoming "The Elect," those chosen by God to receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Across the entire world, Catholic bishops on the first Sunday of Lent will welcome those sent by their parishes, to gather together with their godparents and sponsors in what is known as the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion. This year, on the first Sunday of Lent, the Cheektowaga Family of Faith sends Chase Stachoski-Fuller as they journey in preparation for the sacraments of Initiation that they will receive at the Easter Vigil. Together with Chase and Kailyn we are "called to continuing conversion" as we spiritual prepare during our Lenten journey.

The Rite of Election will be on Sunday **February 22** at 3:00pm at St. Joseph Cathedral. Officiating at this celebration will be Bishop Michael Fischer. Please pray for Kailyn and Chase.

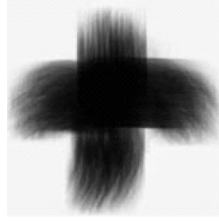
**OCIA SCRUTINIES**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> (March 8) and Fifth (March 22<sup>nd</sup>) Sundays of Lent, Kailyn Vergara and Chase Stachoski-Fuller will celebrate the scrutinies at Our Lady Help of Christians at the 10am Mass. The scrutinies invite the Assembly to pray with them as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

The scrutinies strengthen their conversion, open their hearts to receive the grace of baptism and strengthen their desire to receive Christ in the Eucharist. The scrutinies are powerful rituals that contain intercessions for the Elect and a prayer of exorcism.

The scrutinies unite the Elect and the Assembly – they call us all to self-searching and repentance and remind us of the gift of salvation in Christ. Please help the Elect (Kailyn and Chase) to prepare for the scrutinies by praying for them as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation on the Easter Vigil.

## *Our Journey of Lent . . .*



“But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And, your Father who sees in secret will repay you.” -- Mt 6:3-4

As we have entered into our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, let us examine our ways of sacrifice, ways of love: almsgiving, fasting and prayer. Each sacrifice is a gift offered freely and sincerely. The late Pope Francis reminds us that as Lent begins, “we begin on our path to conversion as individuals and as a community.” And in this conversion, “we must give way to the central Gospel virtue of love – love for all. Charity, love, is the sharing with the one we love in all things. Love makes us similar, it creates equality; it breaks down walls and eliminates distances. God did this with us.” The Holy Father teaches that “the logic of the incarnation and the cross” is “God’s logic, the logic of love.”

During this time of Lent, let us each look into our heart, the deepest part of our being, and let us honestly examine our relationship with God and with each other. Let us take our first steps on our “path to conversion” by using God’s logic of love.

*Christ's appearance in our midst has made it undeniably clear that changing the human heart and changing human society are not separate tasks but are as interconnected as the two beams of the cross. -Henri Nouwen*

### **We begin Our Journey of Lent with Prayer:**

**Join us as we pray a Holy Hour at each of our sacred sites in Our Catholic Family of Cheektowaga**



Liturgy of the Hours  
(all materials provided)



Holy Mass



Rosary

Holy Hours to be held beginning February 23<sup>rd</sup> in the first week of Lent

**Mondays in Lent:** Our Lady Help of Christians (Maria Hilf Chapel) **5:30 pm**

**Tuesdays in Lent:** Queen of Martyrs **8:15 am**

**Wednesdays in Lent:** Our Lady Help of Christians (Maria Hilf Chapel) **8:15 am**

**Thursdays in Lent:** Resurrection Church **11:45 am**

**Fridays in Lent:** St. Josaphat **11:45 am**

*Lenten Blessings, Fr. John, from our Spirituality and Healing Ministries*

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