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February 25, 2024

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Second 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.

Good things to do for Lent

During Lent, please practice the following:

- I will read Bible 5 minutes every day.
- I will come for Stations of the cross or daily Mass on Friday.
- I will use one hour less per day on my cellphone.
- I will not listen to music on Friday.
- I will be very nice to other drivers on the road.
- I will save one dollar a day and buy flowers for Mom or Wife on Easter Sunday.
- I will spend one day at home and clean it perfectly for my Parents.

I will tell my priest "Father if you need any help I am here for you".

I have never requested the Holy Mass for people who died? I will do it during Lent, 2024.

- I will decide that I will never again miss Sunday Mass in my life.
- I will go to Confession and receive His Mercy into my heart.

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

Rosary Apostolate—March 3rd at 1:00 pm—OLHC Parish Hall.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, February 26

8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Daniel & Theresa Pacholski, Sr.—by Daniel Pacholski, Jr. 9:00 am—6:00 pm OLHC Chapel - Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAY, February 27

8:30 am Queen of Martyrs +Michael Wojtkiw—by Friend 12:00 pm Resurrection +Angeline Nowak—by Estate

WEDNESDAY, February 28

8:30 am OLHC Church +Living & Deceased Members of the Zalewski & Jerzewski Familes—by Jerzewski Family

12:00 pm St. Josaphat +Betty Braniecki—by Friend

THURSDAY, February 29

8:30 am OLHC Church Blessing & Good Health for Chloe Sell—by Mom & Dad 12:00 pm Resurrection +Edwin Kantowski—by Maureen & Tom Nikiel

FRIDAY, March 1 First Friday

 8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Deceased Members of the Hymers Family—by Children (Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass. Adoration with Prayer to Sacred Heart following Mass)
 12:00 pm St. Josaphat +John J. Weiss, Sr.—by John J. Weiss, Jr., Stations of the Cross to follow

6:30 pm Queen of Martyrs Stations of the Cross (RCIA to follow)

SATURDAY, March 2 First Saturday

8:30 am Resurrection +David Borgioli—by Kevin & Phyllis Robida (Fatima Devotion after Mass. For Those who Blaspheme Against Mary's Divine Maternity and Her Spiritual Motherhood of All God's People)

SATURDAY, March 2 Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm OLHC Church +Audrey Cudzil—by Holy Name Society 4:00 pm Queen of Martyrs +Lorna Burkwit 5:30 pm St. Josaphat +David Taber—by Sue Murphy

SUNDAY, March 3 the 3rd Sunday of Lent

7:00 am OLHC Chapel +Mary Ann Notaro—by Carl Notaro
8:00 am Queen of Martyrs +Lorraine Kurkowiak—by Family
9:00 am Resurrection +Jacqueline Kraft—by Marcelline, Michael, and Peter Kazmierczak
10:00 am OLHC Church Blessing & Good Health of Carol Robichaud
11:00 am St. Josaphat +Clara Sauer—by Rosemarie Rusch
12:30 pm OLHC Chapel +James Francis Gallagher—by Jacob Jung Family

Sanctuary Lamp at Resurrection - February 25th - March 2nd Living & Deceased Members of the Former Bingo Sunshine Club by Members



Welcome New Parishioners! Mr. & Mrs. Phillip English - Resurrection

During Lent - more Prayer, more Fasting, more Almsgiving

Prayer. What is prayer? Speaking to God. Jesus taught us to pray "Our Father". This prayer of the Lord is a perfect model for how to pray and for what to ask. In prayer, the Holy Spirit prays in us and through us. Prayer reaches heaven and the heart of God. In prayer, God purifies us and heals us. Prayer defends us from evil temptations. Most important in prayer is to trust in God as our most loving Father. Prayer in the name of Jesus is always fruitful. We pray when we participate in Holy Mass. We pray when we read the Bible. We pray when we say the Rosary. We pray together as family at home. We pray driving our car to work. We pray when we help our neighbor. Prayer overcomes our fear, sin and vices. Prayer to God helps more than any human.

Fasting. What is fasting? Eating more simple food for the soul for Christ who was hungry and for people who are hungry now. Eating food with deep thanksgiving for people who brought it to our table and praying for them. Eating food and being aware that this is Gods goodness for me and all comes from his hand. Fasting is learning that we are created by God not only to eat food but also to share it. Fasting is trying to spend less money for food and give this money to the poor. Fasting is giving up expensive coffee in order to train my free will. If I say no to small things I can say no to big sin too. Fasting helps us to refocus our body into our spiritual life. There are many aspects of fasting. In fasting we follow our Lord for 40 days. Fasting helps us to overcome sin and vices.

Almsgiving is to love my neighbor. I help my people who need it around me. First family members, then everyone. Help must be humble and without telling anyone. I spend less money for my own needs in order to support the needs of others. I will still help those in need even when I have less. Almsgiving is sharing food, clothing, my time, positive words, prayers with others, speaking less and listening more. Helping others through prayer and fasting is also Almsgiving. Only God should know the good I do. Almsgiving is bringing someone back to Church, saving the soul from sin, teaching sinners to repent. Do not lie and do not pretend that things are good when my loved ones live in sin. Almsgiving helps us to overcome our ego. It opens us up to the needs of others and to giving thanks to God for everything we have. Almsgiving forgives our sins and helps us to overcome fear and vices. Almsgiving gives freedom and trust that all is in God. Almsgiving makes us happy inside, heals our pain and helps us to smile to everyone. Almsgiving is not about giving a lot of money but remembering that my brothers and sisters walk along the way with me. It is important because God loves them and have been given life from Him. I will help you to be more peaceful on earth and happy in heaven.

WEEKLY INCOME February 5 - February 11, 2024

(Collections, Donations, Other)

- St. Josaphat \$2,692.41
 - OLHC \$6,805.77
 - Queen of Martyrs \$6,346.50

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

 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: March 1 - Queen of Martyrs March 15 - Resurrection March 8 - OLHC Church March 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 21st. Lenten Confessions with addition Priest. 4pm at St. Josaphat, Resurrection, & Queen of Martyrs and 6:30 pm at OLHC Church. 	 Holy Triduum and Easter Sunday Schedule (March 28-31) All Churches will be open every day during Holy Triduum at 8am for private prayer. Holy Thursday (Institution of the Most Holy Eucharist & Priesthood) 6 pm - OLHC Church - Mass of the Last Supper - then Procession to the Chapel 7 - 10 pm - OLHC Chapel - Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7 pm - St. Josaphat - Mass of the Last Supper 8 - 10 pm - Queen of Martyrs - Mass of the Last Supper 8 - 10 pm - Queen of Martyrs - Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7 pm - Queen of Martyrs - Mass of the Last Supper 8 - 10 pm - Queen of Martyrs - Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Good Friday (Passion and Death of our Lord) 8 - 10 am - OLHC Chapel – Sacrament of Confession 12 pm - Queen of Martyrs - Stations of the Cross with Veneration of the Cross 3 pm - Queen of Martyrs - Stations of the Cross with Veneration for our Family 7 pm - St. Josaphat - Stations of the Cross with Veneration for our Family 7 pm - St. Josaphat - Stations of the Cross with Veneration of the Cross 3 pm - Resurrection - Liturgy of Good Friday – Main Celebration for our Family 7 pm - St. Josaphat - Stations of the Cross with Veneration of the Cross 8 m - OLHC Church - Easter Food Blessing 10 am - Queen of Martyrs - Easter Food Blessing 11 am - Resurrection - Easter Food Blessing 12 pm - St. Josaphat - Easter Food Blessing 12 pm - St. Josaphat - Easter Food Blessing 13 am - Resurrection - Easter Food Blessing 14 am - Resurrection - Easter Food Blessing 15 am - St. Josaphat - Easter Food Blessing 16 am - St. Josaphat - Easter Food Blessing 17 pm - St. Josaphat - Easter Food Blessing
March 24th Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. March 28-30 - Holy Triduum: Holy Thursday through Holy Saturday.	7 pm - OLHC Church - EASTER VIGIL - Easter Mass 7 pm - Resurrection - EASTER VIGIL - Easter Mass 7 pm - Queen of Martyrs – EASTER VIGIL – Easter Mass
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.	7 am - OLHC Chapel - Easter Mass 8 am -Queen of Martyrs - Easter Mass 9 am - Resurrection - Easter Mass 10 am - OLHC Church - Easter Mass 11 am - St. Josaphat - Easter Mass
 April 7th First Reconciliation for the Second Grade children after the 9am Mass at Resurrection. May 5th. Celebration of the First Holy Communion for the 3rd Grade children during the 9am Mass at Resurrection. 	12:30 pm Latin Mass - OLHC Chapel - Easter Mass Easter Sunday Mass is often crowded. We encourage parishioners to participate in the Easter Vigil Mass at 7 pm at OLHC, Resurrection or Queen of Martyrs Church. Everyone who participates in the Easter Vigil fulfills their Easter obligation.
Resurrection Donation Thank you to the parishioner that made an anonymous donation of \$1,503.37 for the hall bathroom renovation.	Queen of Martyrs Congratulations to Queen of Martyrs parishioner, Nola Marrero who achieved First Honors at Mount Mercy Academy for the 2 nd quarter of the 2023-2024 school year.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Lent is a 40 day Christian journey 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

<u>Fasting & Abstinence:</u> 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.

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FAITH FORMATION **OLHC**, Resurrection, and St. Josaphat Queen of Martyrs 4125 Union Rd., Cheektowaga, NY 180 George Urban Blvd., Cheektowaga, NY Office Hours: Monday 1:30-5:30 pm Office Hours: Available by appt. Office Phone: 716-458-3130 Office Phone: 716-895-2162 Email: Olhc.faithformation@gmail.com Email: gmre121@verizon.net (Renée is available to meet outside of office hours by appt.) **Confirmation Classes for Students** Class 2/26 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Music Room (School Building) As we welcome the second month of the new year. February finds next to the Religious Ed. Office. us celebrating Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday on the same day! We start our 40 day Lenten journey this month and ask The seventh monthly session of our program begins on Saturday, that parents attend Stations of the Cross with their children at one March 2, with the 4:00 pm Mass. After Mass the family meal and of the Masses offered by our family of parishes. 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. March 2 Class 9:30-10:30 am Jennifer Atkns. Mr. Mike will continue his lesson at the family group 9:00 am Faith Formation Mass with March 3 session on the topic of the importance of the Mass. It is Family Favorite 6-7th grade at Resurrection Church. night and families are asked to bring in their favorite dish. We will vote Coffee and donut social after Mass on our favorite dishes and prizes will be awarded. Our coloring contest winners will also be announced. March 9 Class 9:30-10:30 am Family Lenten Confessions OLHC Church **Religious Education Classes for the Sacrament of First Eucharist** Classes begin for the Sacrament of First Communion and will be held March 16 Class 9:30-10:30 am on Sunday mornings from 9:30 am to 10:45 am in the Music Room **Reconciliation & Communion Retreat** (School Building) next to the Religious Education Office. Sacramental classes will be held for 3rd Grade Religious Education students (ONLY) **Cemetery Availability** on March 3, 10, 17, 24 & April 7 and 14 from 9:30 am until 10:45 am. **Mission Statement:** Believing in the sanctity of the human body. All classes are MANDATORY!! 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 Parishioners of the Latin (Tridentine) Mass community. Today is February 25 the Second Sunday of Lent The cemetery at OLHC has space available in our beautiful Please register with the Parish by calling the office at 716-276cemetery. If you would like to discuss purchasing a grave or 9288. The office hours are listed on the front page of the columbarium, please call Joanna at the OLHC Parish and bulletin. Cemetery Office. \Diamond Fr will be hearing confessions 20 minutes before Mass. **CEMETERY PLOTS:** \Diamond The Rosary will be prayed together before Mass. \$1,400 (Parishioner) \Diamond If you wish to request a Mass intention to be said at the Latin \$1,500 (non-Parishioner) Mass, please call or visit the rectory during office hours. Also, COLUMBARIUM: (St. Francis, St. Joseph, & St. Barbara) do so if you are planning a Baptism, wedding or have other needs. Level A (top)......\$2,175 Level B.....\$2,075 \Diamond Please register your children in our Faith Formation Program. Level C.....\$1,975 \Diamond Fr invites you from time to time, to participate in the Masses in Level D (bottom).....\$1,875 the main Church, and to pray with them, and listen to their Note: Price includes engraving with no additional opening/closing preaching. fees.

St. Josaphat Food Pantry

The food pantry is open every Saturday from 9:00 am-2:00 pm to

anyone wishing to drop off donations or seeking assistance from

the pantry. Call the Parish Office at (716) 893-1086 for

appointment.

Disposal of Religious Items

Please be sure to always cherish blessed religious objects at home, venerate them with piety, and when necessary, dispose of them properly. Religious holy items such as old books, rosaries, or palms or anything that has been blessed should be buried or burned (and then the ashes buried). Please do not bring items to the Parish office or Churches without permission of our Priests. Thank you for your consideration.



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