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Queen of Martyrs



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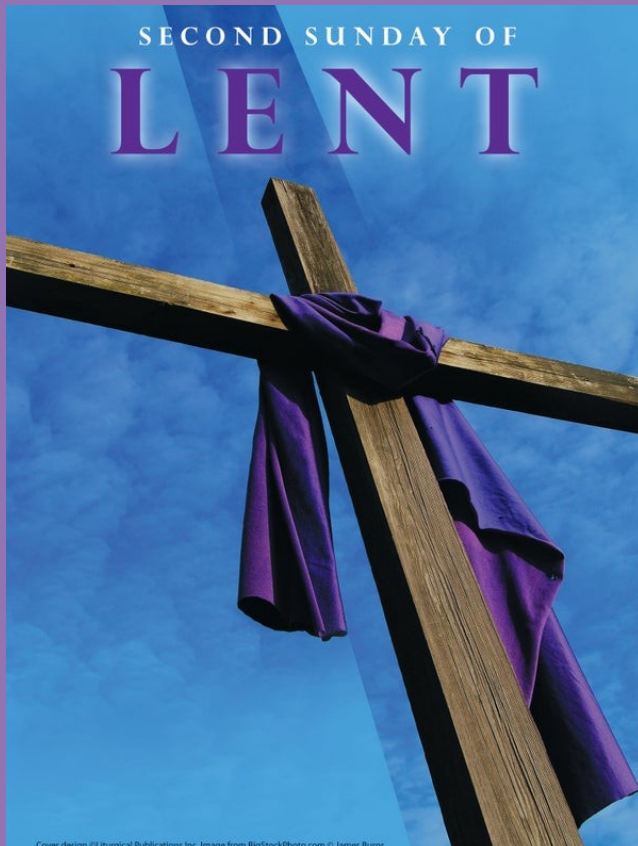
**MARCH 1, 2026
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

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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

RESURRECTION 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)		
MEMBERSHIP		INCOME	9/1/24-8/31/25	9/1/23-8/31/24
# Active Households	301	Sunday & Holy Day Collections	183,969	182,527.85
# Individuals	766	Other	18,523	13,413.21
Attendance/weekend	332	Total Regular Receipts (Diocesan Assessment is based on this total)	202,492	195,941.06
		Votive Candles	8,389	7,352.33
		Rent	908	0
SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION		Interest & Other Investment Income	6,262	2,858.05
# Baptisms	2	Other	13,888	12,161.59
# 1 st Reconciliation	0	Total Auxiliary Receipts	29,447	22,371.97
# 1 st Eucharist	0	Total Extraordinary (Bequests/Memorials, Insurance Reimbursements)		5,066.16
# Confirmation	0		0	
# Marriage	0	Total Religious Education/Faith Form.	664	15,779.00
Anointing of the Sick	1286	TOTAL OPERATING RECEIPTS	\$232,603	\$239,158.19
# on Communion Call List	10	EXPENDITURES		
		Clergy: Regular & Extra	16,488	19,317.12
LAY MINISTRIES:		Regular & Extra Help	39,968	42,701.22
Catechists	0	Payroll Taxes/ER FICA Only	3,046	3,113.20
Lectors	9	Other	28,854	29,433.02
Eucharistic Ministers	11	Total Salaries & P/R Expenses	88,356	94,564.56
Altar Servers (Incl. adult)	5	Votive Candles	5,176	4,609.00
Ushers	6	Other Supplies	5,432	16,137.36
Music Ministers	1	Total Supplies	10,608	20,746.36
		Total Printing	2,751	3,151.15
		Gas / Oil	6,216	6,826.27
		Electric	9,998	7,472.08
		Telephone	589	958.32
		Other (Water, Cable, Internet)	3,835	5,677.03
		Total Utilities	20,638	20,933.70
		Diocesan Assessment (24-25: Includes \$113,064 past due balance that was paid.)	140,903	47,178.96
		Subsidy for Catholic Education	3,000	
		Other (Incl Parish Ins, Maint & Repairs, Contract Svcs, Parishioner Goodwill, etc.)	51,932	109,257.80
		Total Other Operating	195,836	156,436.76
		Total Religious Ed/Faith Formation	6,225	3,158.82
		Total Capital Expenditures	9,184	38,522.29
		TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$333,598	\$337,513.64
		TOTAL SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(\$100,995)	(\$98,355.45)
		Assets as of 8/31		
		Total in Checking & Petty Cash Account	\$41,343	\$63,985
		Total in Investment Fund	\$64,285	\$156,116
		CVA Contributions	\$22,085	
		TOTAL ASSETS	\$127,713	\$220,101

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

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

OLHC St. Vincent de Paul—March 3rd at 11am—OLHC Upper Parish Hall

QM St. Vincent de Paul—March 4th at 7pm—QM Church.

Queen of Martyrs Financial Statement - CORRECTION

Queen of Martyrs Assets as of 8/31 for the period 9/1/24-8/31/25 were incorrect in the previous bulletin. The **correct amounts** should be:

Total in Checking Account: \$229,586

Total in Investment Fund: \$1,883,951

TOTAL ASSETS: \$2,113,537

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, February 28 Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm OLHC Church Blessings & Good Health for Chloe Sell (BDay)—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

MONDAY, March 2

8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Casimir & Dorothy Hejza, Darrell Stack, Theresa Michalak, & CJ Hayes—Family
 9:00 am—6:00 pm OLHC Chapel - Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAY, March 3

8:30 am Queen of Martyrs +Donald Okonczak—by Family
 12:00 pm Resurrection +Mary Rynarczyk—by Terry & Mike
 1:00 pm—3:00 pm St. Josaphat - Eucharistic Adoration

WEDNESDAY, March 4

8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Deceased Family & Friends—by Janice
 12:00 pm St. Josaphat Parishioners of St. Josaphat, Queen of Martyrs, OLHC, and Resurrection

THURSDAY, March 5

8:30 am OLHC Church +William Leising—by Estate
 12:00 pm Resurrection Good Health of Carol Grudniewski—by Friend, Beverly

FRIDAY, March 6 First Friday

8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Michael Hottum—by Grandmother & Dan Hottum
 12:00 pm St. Josaphat +Gertrude Taberski—by Patty
 (Divine Mercy Chaplet before both Masses. Adoration with Prayer to Sacred Heart following both Masses)
 6:30 pm OLHC Chapel Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 7 First Saturday

8:30 am Resurrection +Fr. Walter Matuszak—by Estate
 (Fatima Devotion after Mass. For Those Who Blaspheme Against Mary's Divine Maternity and Her Spiritual Motherhood of All God's People)

SATURDAY, March 7 Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm OLHC Church +Marian Schnettler—by Arleen & Fred Filipowicz
 4:00 pm Queen of Martyrs +Kenneth Machelski (2nd Anniv. of Death)—by Wife, Carolyn & Family
 4:00 pm Resurrection +Father's Day Intentions
 5:30 pm St. Josaphat +James Prellwitz—by Wife, Diane & Son, Derek

SUNDAY, March 8 Third Sunday of Lent

7:00 am OLHC Chapel +Barbara Hoffman—by Bob & Carol Hymers & Family
 8:00 am Queen of Martyrs +Dianne D. Sorrentino—by Husband & Family
 9:00 am Resurrection +Emily Ziehm—by Daughter, Beverly
 10:00 am OLHC Church +Terrie Wanat—by Family
 11:00 am St. Josaphat +Daniel Senker—by Daughter, Sue
 12:30 pm OLHC Chapel +Souls In Purgatory—by Parishioners

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, Geraldine Sobkowiak, Nancy Sturman, Rita Casey, 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 Glinski, 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, Dawn Floyd and all in need of healing.

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Anita Strzalkowski, Florence Sliwinski & Eugene Walek
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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 9 - February 15, 2026

(Parish Collections)

- Resurrection —\$ 2,572.00
- St. Josaphat —\$ 2,379.00
- OLHC —\$ 7,005.00
- Queen of Martyrs —\$ 3,757.30

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

2026 Mass Intentions

2026 Mass Intentions are still available. We are only scheduling at Queen of Martyrs & St. Josaphat through **June**. If the status of those 2 Churches change, you can either have a Mass at one of the other Churches in our Family or you will be reimbursed. Please call or stop by the Central Office.

Sanctuary Lamp at Resurrection - March 1st - March 7th

Jacqueline Kraft - by Kazmierczak Family



Upcoming Events for Our Family of Parishes

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at **6:30pm** on a **rotating** schedule:

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

Liturgy of the Hours, Holy Mass and the Rosary. Our Journey of Lent with Prayer. See schedule below.

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.



FAITH FORMATION

OLHC † Queen of Martyrs † Resurrection † St. Josaphat
4125 Union Rd., Cheektowaga, NY
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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.**



OCIA SCRUTINIES

On the Third (**March 8th**) and Fifth (**March 22nd**) 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 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, and Rosary. Holy Hours beginning February 23rd 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

Rebuild My Church

Come and experience a live theatrical performance about the life of St. Francis of Assisi entitled *Rebuild My Church*. Let St. Francis inspire and challenge you this Lent. The performance will be at St. John XXIII on Harlem Rd. in West Seneca on Thursday, **March 12 @ 6:30pm and is free!**

Memorial Mass

Within the past year, our community has lost some of the most devoted musical leaders in our Church including our very own, **Edward Witul**. Ed was a dedicated organist, choir leader and friend to many at Our Lady Help of Christians. All are welcome to a Memorial Mass at Fourteen Holy Helpers Church on Monday, **March 16th at 7pm** to honor the following musical talents:

Eleanor Asklar, Regina Doherty, David Nease, Gloria McLaughlin, and Mary Jane Mescall, and Edward Witul

Resurrection Baptism



Congratulations to Patrick and Shelby Byrne whose son Carmen was baptized at Resurrection on February 22nd.



Welcome New Parishioners

Richard & Sarah Barney - OLHC



"This is how you are to pray: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,

We began our **Lenten journey** On Ash Wednesday as we displayed our faithfulness to our Lord by the cross of ashes on our forehead. Since ancient times, we believe that from ashes, come Life. As we begin our transformation, we often begin in the wilderness. Here, in our dryness, we search to deepen our relationship with the Lord by coming face to face with our limitations, our weaknesses, our sinfulness. We *reflect on our desires, examine our motives, adjust our priorities, and evaluate our interactions*. To help us with this examination and to move along the path of Life, God gives us one of the greatest tools along with those of fasting and almsgiving -- the gift of prayer. **Prayer** is the vehicle of communication and conversation with our God. Each of our Healing Sacraments is a powerful aspect of prayer as God enters our lives and brings us into His life more deeply.

In the *Our Father*, we pray the words "forgive us our trespasses . . .

. . . as we forgive those who trespass against us."

This "**as**" is not unique in Jesus teaching: "You, therefore, must be perfect **as** your heavenly father is perfect" [this being perfect is seen as a process of becoming]; "Be merciful, even **as** your Father is merciful"; "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even **as** I have loved you, that you also love one another." It is impossible to keep the Lord's commandment by imitating the divine model from outside; there has to be a vital participation, coming from the depths of the heart, in the holiness and mercy and the love of Our God. Only the Spirit, by whom we live, can make "ours" the mind that was in Christ Jesus. -- *Misericordiae Vultus, The Face of Mercy*, Pope Francis, 2016

Every time we ask God for forgiveness of our sins in the confessional, every time we ask forgiveness from others when we hurt them or are in need of being forgiven, and every time we find the courage to grant and receive such forgiveness, we experience the Resurrection! **God helps us find forgiveness and the strength to forgive – a great form of love.**

To accomplish the changes of heart and deeds needed, we search to unite with God and examine our union with the Lord and one another. We begin our search for this reconciliation in humility and in prayer -- in an examination of conscience (St. John Henry Newman).
+ Our Conscience is a primary aspect of our **deepening of relationships, our pathway to healing.**

Let us begin the path of forgiveness as we make our way to the beautiful and healing Sacrament of Confession.

Our Lenten Confession Schedule: (Beginning March 2)



Mondays: 4:30-5:30 pm (Maria Hilf Chapel)

Tuesdays: 7:50 – 8:10 am (Queen of Martyrs)

Wednesdays: 6:30-7:30 pm (Resurrection)

Fridays: 11:20-11:40 am (St. Josaphat)

**Saturdays before 4:00 pm Vigil Masses: 3:00-3:45 pm
(Our Lady Help of Christians; Queen of Martyrs; Resurrection)**

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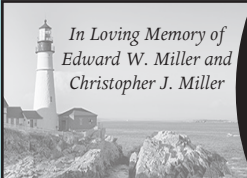
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