

THE CATHOLIC FAMILY OF CHEEKTOWAGA

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

March 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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. - Latin (Tridentine Mass)

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL

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

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 or email cheektowagaff@gmail.com

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 appt. 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. **In case of emergency please call 716 598-0357.**

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 & support us through time, talent, & 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.

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

Rosary Apostolate—March 2nd at 12:30 pm—OLHC Upper Parish Hall.

St. Vincent DePaul—March 4th at 11 am—OLHC Upper Parish Hall.

Secular Franciscans—March 8th at 12:30 pm—OLHC Upper Parish Hall.

Queen of Martyrs—Bible Study

The next Queen of Martyrs Bible Study is on Tuesday, **March 4th at 7:00 pm** in the QM Church. Join us as we explore Exodus. Our Bible Study meets every other Tuesday. All are welcome!

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 9:00am - 6:00pm in the OLHC Chapel & the First Tuesday of the Month at St. Josaphat from 1:00pm - 3:00 pm.
- ◇ Blessing of Sacramentals (rosaries, crosses, and other holy items) - Every First Saturday of the month after 8:30 am Mass.

Welcome New Parishioners

Andrew Vergara & Allison Boroszko & Family—**OLHC**

Dear Parishioners of The Catholic Family of Cheektowaga,

As we move into Lent, may we turn our focus on the Lord and His Church. As we are in the process of coming together as a Family of Parishes, you will see some changes in the schedule of various services (i.e. Stations of the cross, Holy Triduum [Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil], Blessing of Easter Baskets, etc.). These changes are meant to bring us together as a family by utilizing the timing of the season and having most of Lent in daylight savings time. This gives us the opportunity to have many of the services in the evening during light hours when hopefully all can participate, bringing us together as one community of faith. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Blessings,

Fr. Todd

**SICK AND HOMEBOUND COMMUNION CALLS**

If you are an Extraordinary Minister and would like to bring communion to Parishioners who are sick or homebound, please contact your Parish Office. This ministry, a corporal work of mercy, reminds those who are homebound that they are an important part of our faith community.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, March 1 Vigil of the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm OLHC Church +Walter Wieand—by Louise Pawlow
 4:00 pm Queen of Martyrs +Chuck Sieber (Birthday)—by Loving Family
 4:00 pm Resurrection +Gerard Smith—by Family
 5:30 pm St. Josaphat +Julie Kudick—by Ted Kopacz

SUNDAY, March 2 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am OLHC Chapel +Rev. Raymond Mahar
 8:00 am Queen of Martyrs Special Intentions for Physical & Emotional Healing
 9:00 am Resurrection +Maria & Stanistaw Kolkiewicz—by Kolkiewicz Family
 10:00 am OLHC Church +Living & Deceased District 4 Members of the U-Crest Fire Co.
 11:00 am St. Josaphat +Souls in Purgatory—by Ted Kopacz
 12:30 pm OLHC Chapel Parishioners of OLHC, Resurrection, Queen of Martyrs and St. Josaphat

MONDAY, March 3

8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Casimir & Dorothy Hejza, Darrell Stack & Theresa Michalak—by Florence Stack
 9:00 am—6:00 pm OLHC Chapel—Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAY, March 4

8:30 am Queen of Martyrs +Walter F. Guzek—by Estate
 12:00 pm Resurrection +Edward Bobak—by Kolkiewicz Family
 1:00 pm—3:00 pm St. Josaphat—Eucharistic Adoration

WEDNESDAY, March 5 Ash Wednesday

7:00 am OLHC Chapel +Anna Nochajski & Family—by Lorraine Mazerkiewicz
 8:30 am Resurrection +George Mazurowski—by Joe & Caroline Puccio
 12:00 pm OLHC Church Blessings & Good Health of Chloe Sell—by Mom & Dad
 12:00 pm St. Josaphat +Lucy & Henry Andrzejewski—by Richard & Joanne Andrzejewski
 7:00 pm Queen of Martyrs +Kenneth Machelski (1st Anniv. of Death)—by Wife, Carolyn & Family

THURSDAY, March 6th

8:30 am OLHC Church +Souls in Purgatory that died from COVID—by Angela Grace
 12:00 pm Resurrection +Stanley Nowak—by Estate

FRIDAY, March 7th First Friday

8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Therese Tarajos and all Living & Deceased Family
 12:00 pm St. Josaphat +Walter & Helen Golen—by Family
 (Divine Mercy Chaplet before both Masses. Adoration with Prayer to Sacred Heart following both Masses) (Stations of the Cross will follow Mass at St. Josaphat this week only)
 6:30 pm OLHC Chapel—Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 8 Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm OLHC Church +Gertrude Metz—by Jeff & Joanna Sell & Family
 4:00 pm Queen of Martyrs +Genevieve M. & John J. Bak—by Estate
 4:00 pm Resurrection +Rzad & Glinski Family—by Charles & Judy Glinski
 5:30 pm St. Josaphat +Adele Dziadaszek—by Children & Grandchildren

SUNDAY, March 9 First Sunday of Lent

7:00 am OLHC Chapel Parishioners of OLHC, Resurrection, Queen of Martyrs, & St. Josaphat
 8:00 am Queen of Martyrs +Helen T. Zakowski—Estate
 9:00 am Resurrection +Antoni & Marianna Janoszczyk—by Daughter
 10:00 am OLHC Church +Andrej Dudzik—by Patrick Stites
 11:00 am St. Josaphat +Helen Senker—by Daughter, Sue
 12:30 pm OLHC Chapel +Living & Deceased Members of the Hanley Family—by Family

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Linda Rebadow, Patricia Kubiak, Julie Korst, Connie Valentine, Emily Mizerkiewicz, Patricia Urbanczyk, Patrick Stites, George Nowicki, 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, Fr. Richard Poblocki, Patricia Coyle, Theresa Dziuba, Johanna Ratajczak, Rosemarie Santillo, Marie Lelek, Douglas & Diane Freeman, Michael Leader, Alan Kaniecki, Billy Goeseke, Kathy Makowski, Alfred Wojciechowski, Gerald & Geraldine Sobkowiak, Nancy Sturman, Rita Casey, Natalie Habert, Kathleen Connors, Joseph LoVullo, Lynne Rautenstrauch, Schuster Family, Sara Kruse, Donnie Sieber, Diane Torrelli, and all in need of healing.

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Michael Lonczak, Lorraine Carr, Laura Madejczyk, Gloria McLaughlin, Marian Tomczak, & Daniel Mruk
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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 10 - February 16, 2025

(Collections, Donations, Other)

- Resurrection — \$ 2,572.00
- St. Josaphat — \$ 3,504.28
- OLHC — \$ 4,969.00
- Queen of Martyrs — \$ 3,862.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Sanctuary Lamp at Resurrection

March 2nd - March 8th

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Upcoming Events for Our Family of Parishes

March 2nd St. Josaphat Mardi Gra Soup Contest.

March 5th Ash Wednesday, the day of fasting and abstinence, is the beginning of the Lenten Season. The schedule for Holy Masses with receiving ashes is as follows:

7:00 am OLHC Chapel
 8:30 am Resurrection
 12:00 pm OLHC Church
 12:00 pm St. Josaphat
 7:00 pm Queen of Martyrs
 8:00 pm OLHC Chapel (Vietnamese)

Stations of the Cross - every Friday of Lent at 6:30 pm on a rotating schedule beginning **March 7th** in the **OLHC Chapel**. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in this beautiful devotion about the Passion of Christ for our sins.

March 8th St. Joseph's Table hosted by The School of Two Hearts beginning with 4:00 pm Mass at OLHC Church.

Lenten Confessions—details to follow.

March 20th St. Francis Live theatrical presentation at OLHC at 6:30pm .

April 13th Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week.

April 20th Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord!

April 27th Sunday of Divine Mercy. The special Hour of Mercy in the OLHC Chapel at 3:00 pm.

April 27th First Reconciliation after the 11:00 am Mass at St. Josaphat.

May 4th First Communion during the 11:00 am Mass at St. Josaphat.

May 4th Holy Name Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ—OLHC 2-5:00 pm. Details to follow.

MARDI GRAS "SOUP- TACULAR" TASTING

Lent is just around the corner. Soon days of fast and preparation for Easter will be upon us. To prepare for this, on Sunday **March 2nd from 12 to 4 p.m. St.**

Josaphat's is having a soup tasting event in the parish center. Come and sample a variety of delicious hearty homemade soups. Tickets are available presale and at the door, and are \$12 . This includes a beverage, dessert, and four 2oz tastings.

Additional soup will also be made available for purchase. There will be a 50/50 split, and a chance to try your luck in our raffle to win a new 28" Blackstone Griddle. For tickets, please call or visit the parish office during regular business hours of Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00p.m. 716-893-1086. Tickets can also be purchased every Sunday from 12:00 p.m. To 3:00 p.m. during our weekly parish family socials.

Faith Formation

OLHC, Queen of Martyrs, Resurrection, St. Josaphat
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We will have student only classes on Saturday, March 15th @ 9:30 at the School Building. (No class on March 8th).

Stations of the Cross Family Session (student(s) and parent(s)/ grandparent) on Saturday, **3/22 @ 9:30am** at the OLHC Church.

Sacramental Announcements:

During the Saturday, **March 15th** student class(9:30am) Mr. Sacilowski would like to meet with all parents of students (3rd graders) who will be making their First Communion on Sunday, **May 4th @ 11am**. This will take place during the 11am Mass at St. Josaphat's. This meeting is very important and is mandatory for all parents of students receiving Eucharist for the first time. We will have our First Communion Practice on Thursday **May 1** at 6:00pm at St. Josaphat's. We will practice the Mass and the students will go to Confession during this practice.

First Reconciliation is on Sunday, **April 27th @ 11am** (Divine Mercy Sunday). This Reconciliation Service will take place after the 11am Mass at St. Josaphat's.

If anyone would like to meet in person, Mr. Sacilowski is available evenings and weekends, please just email him to set up an appointment.

St. Joseph's Table

St. Joseph's Table on Saturday, **March 8th** to support The School of Two Hearts Homeschool Program. Join us for **4pm Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Church** (4125 Union Rd., Cheektowaga) followed by procession to The School of Two Hearts where dinner is served at **5:30pm**. (Or only come for dinner.) Enjoy music and a traditional meatless dinner: Lentil Soup, Fennel & Orange Salad, Pasta, Fish, Frittatas, Italian Desserts, Wine, Pop, Water, Coffee & Tea. 50/50 Split & Gift Baskets! Tickets: \$30/ adult; \$55/couple; children (11-17yrs): \$15; Kids 10 & under: FREE! Pre-Sale only. **Purchase tickets by March 2nd:** schooloftwoheartsbuffalo.org; call (716) 292-8580; or email office.theschooloftwohearts@gmail.com.

ST. FRANCIS IS COMING!

Please join us on **Thursday, March 20 @ 6:30 pm** as Our Lady Help of Christians Church welcomes one of the world's most popular saints, Francis of Assisi, in a live theatrical performance entitled "Rebuild My Church". Experience the power of a personal encounter with Christ and St. Francis through this one-man multi-media event. This inspiring dramatic performance brings this well-known Saint to life. Accompany Francis on his journey as he recounts his transformative life: a well to do fun-loving youth, a soldier, touched by suffering, called by God, and transformed by the poor and beggars of his time. See how the son of a wealthy merchant gave up everything for the sake of Christ. Discover how his life touched millions of people with his simple and humble approach amidst an affluent society. Meet Francis through this deeply moving performance. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this free event.

A Spirituality of Healing: Lent – Recreated by the Lord, Living in the Spirit through our Baptism



As we prepare for the beginning of the Lenten Season, we ready ourselves to enter into the very life of God in a very intimate way by participating in and experiencing the sacraments. The sacraments are beautiful pathways into our Lenten journey celebrated by the Church as they are signs of grace that provide a deeper reality of God's presence within and around us. One reality we encounter through the sacraments is Christ's presence in the Church community, His body. This recognition of Christ's presence in the community should lead to a stronger awareness of being sent on mission to engage in love-inspired action in the world. As Pope Benedict XVI noted in *Deus Caritas Est (God is Love)*, the celebration of the sacraments and the ministry of love are "inseparable." Love in action, he says, is "an indispensable expression" of the Church's being (25). We begin this Lenten Season with our understanding that the first sacrament received as a young child or through the rite of initiation into the Christian community as a youth or as an adult, offers us intimate access to a personal loving God. Like at our Baptism, during Lent, we are given the opportunity to become renewed as the Divine washes over us and recreates us. As you read further and during this Lent, consider the meaning of your own baptism, your membership in the community, and the mission on which you are sent. Lenten Blessings, *Fr. John*

Baptism makes us "members of one another."

Since the time of early Christianity, Baptism has been the rite of initiation into the Christian community of the Church. In Baptism, the "one Spirit" makes us members of the Body of Christ and of "one another" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1267). Pope St. John Paul II described the result of Baptism as a "mystical unity" between Christ and His disciples, and the disciples with one another, like "branches of a single vine." This reflects the mystical communion of the Holy Trinity (Christifidelis Laici 12).

Baptism reveals the equality and dignity of each member of the community.

In the one body of Christ, all the members share "a common dignity" so that "no inequality on the basis of race or nationality, social condition or sex" exists, for all are one in Christ (Lumen Gentium 32). During the rite of Baptism, we reject sin, renouncing those beliefs, values, and choices that are opposed to Christ. We also reject sinful attitudes that degrade the dignity of others (e.g., racism, sexism, etc.) and practices that prevent other members of our human family from living in dignity (e.g., abortion, policies that hurt the poor, etc.). Baptism calls us to reject death and embrace life and dignity for all. Lent is a sacred time to recommit ourselves to our Baptismal vows.

Baptism invites us to a vocation of holiness and the practice of charity. In Baptism, we receive a "vocation to holiness," which is "intimately connected" to our membership in the "Communion of Saints," which strives to make present the "Kingdom of God in History." Participation in the Communion of Saints requires a commitment to communion with Christ and "a life of charity" in "this world and the next" (Christifidelis Laici 17-18). In the Lenten season, Our Lord helps us to live this type of life more fully.

Baptism incorporates us into the life, death and resurrection of Christ (The Paschal Mystery) and the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in the world. The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church reminds us, "By Baptism, the laity are incorporated into Christ and are made participants in His life and mission" (541). The triple immersion in the baptismal water signifies the death of sin and entry into the newness of life through Christ's death and resurrection. The oil signifies anointing by the Holy Spirit and receiving of the Holy Spirit's gifts. The Holy Spirit helps us to imitate Jesus' self-sacrificial love and allows us to share in the work of the Holy Spirit in the world. The baptized are called to imitate Jesus' example and strive in thought, word, and action to live His love. This means working to heal the wounds of sin, living the beatitudes, practicing the twofold commandment of love of God and neighbor, and imitating the lives of the Saints (Catechism 1694-97). Having been anointed by the Spirit, "Christians can repeat in an individual way the words of Jesus: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord' ... (Lk. 4:18)" (Christifidelis Laici 13). One of the first gestures enacted by the priest or deacon at our Baptism is the tracing of the cross on our foreheads as he claims us for Christ. At the beginning of Lent, when we receive the ashes on our foreheads, we are reminded of His life-giving sacrifice and the self-sacrifice we are called to offer as well. In a papal audience in 2010, Pope Benedict proclaimed – "[We are] made in God's image and [are] seen as precious dust in God's eyes." The Pope further stated, "*Indeed, in the Christian vision of life, every moment must be favorable, and every day must be a day of salvation, but the church's liturgy speaks of this in a special way during the season of lent however it is ongoing in our lives . . . a favorable time of Grace.*" Our current Pontiff, Francis, reminds us that the simple action of the imposition of ashes reveals to us the unique riches of its meaning. Lent is a divine invitation to a more conscious and intense immersion in Christ's Paschal Mystery, remembering that we are baptized in the death and resurrection of Our Lord. The Ancients knew that Ashes brought Life as they often used them to prepare themselves for a renewal of self and community. We have hope for the future of the Church, for in our own ashes, life can be found. Our Holy Father states further, "hope is like embers under the ashes; let us help each other [in] solidarity [by] blowing [on] the ashes to rekindle the flame. The sign of the cross in ashes "carries us onward -- hope does not belong to any one person; we all create hope!" In communion with Christ, in communion with each other, as a priestly people moving forward in a common Baptism, in this Jubilee of Hope, this Year of Healing, as a sacramental people, **let us proceed together into this Sacred Journey of Lent.**



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