

# THE CATHOLIC FAMILY OF CHEEKTOWAGA



Our Lady Help of  
Christians



St. Josaphat



Maria Hilf Chapel



Queen of Martyrs



Resurrection

**MARCH 8, 2026  
THIRD 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**

**ST JOSAPHAT 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	265	Sunday & Holy Day Collections	144,822	159,189.19
# Individuals	554	Other	7,873	28,133.25
Attendance/weekend	210	<b>Total Regular Receipts</b> (Diocesan Assessment is based on this total)	<b>152,695</b>	<b>187,322.44</b>
		Votive Candles	7,289	6,701.56
		Rent	0	0
<b>SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION</b>				
# Baptisms	12	Interest & Other Investment Income	0	0
# 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation	7	Other (8/23 incl. \$31,248.54 reimbursements)	47,705	4,330.20
# 1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist	11	<b>Total Auxiliary Receipts</b>	<b>22,994</b>	<b>11,031.76</b>
# Confirmation	0	<b>Total Extraordinary</b> (Bequests/Memorials, Approv. Cap. Camp., Insurance Reimb.)	<b>116</b>	<b>1,076.30</b>
# Marriage	0	<b>Total Religious Education/Faith Form.</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>6,979.29</b>
Anointing of the Sick	0	<b>TOTAL OPERATING RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$176,168</b>	<b>\$206,409.79</b>
# on Communion Call List	3	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
		Clergy: Regular & Extra	16,268	18,277.51
<b>LAY MINISTRIES:</b>		Regular & Extra Help	31,256	34,414.11
Catechists	2	Payroll Taxes/ER FICA Only	2,344	1,877.68
Lectors	5	Other	22,081	24,390.60
Eucharistic Ministers	8	<b>Total Salaries &amp; P/R Expenses</b>	<b>71,949</b>	<b>78,959.90</b>
Altar Servers (Incl. adult)	7	Votive Candles	3,444	5,760.00
Ushers	0	Other Supplies	5,509	11,244.03
Music Ministers	1	<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>8,953</b>	<b>17,004.03</b>
		<b>Total Printing</b>	<b>3,398</b>	<b>3,480.67</b>
		Gas	11,943	11,608.92
		Electric	4,074	3,603.74
		Telephone	482	2,151.88
		Other (Water, Cable, Internet)	6,200	3,796.87
		<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>22,699</b>	<b>21,161.41</b>
		Diocesan Assessment (2024-25 includes \$45,266.18 past due payment.)	78,767	45,356.50
		Subsidy for Catholic Education		
		Other (Incl Parish Ins, Maint & Repairs, Contract Svcs, Parishioner Goodwill, etc.)	60,141	108,221.75
		<b>Total Other Operating</b>	<b>138,908</b>	<b>153,578.25</b>
		<b>Total Religious Ed/Faith Formation</b>	<b>6,659</b>	<b>9,143.81</b>
		<b>Total Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>2,503</b>	<b>23,181.26</b>
		<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$255,069</b>	<b>\$306,509.33</b>
		<b>TOTAL SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	<b>(\$78,901)</b>	<b>(\$100,099.54)</b>
		<b>Assets as of 8/31</b>		
		<b>Total in Checking Account</b>	<b>\$33,289</b>	<b>\$112,195</b>
		<b>Total in Investment Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
		<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$33,289</b>	<b>\$112,195</b>

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

**Holy Name**—March 9th at 7pm—OLHC Parish Hall.  
**QM Bible Study**—March 10th at 7pm—QM Church.  
**Chapel Seniors**—March 12th at 1pm—OLHC Parish Hall. **Jamie Acoff, Outreach Coordinator, Cheektowaga Senior Services, will be the featured speaker. All are welcome to attend. Contact Joan for information at 716 675-4766.**  
**Secular Franciscans**—March 14th at 12:30pm—OLHC Upper Parish Hall.  
**Prayer Shawl Ministry**—March 15th at 11:30am—OLHC Upper Parish Hall.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** to honor the following musical talents:

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

**MASS INTENTIONS****SATURDAY, March 7 Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent**

4:00 pm OLHC Church +Marian Schnettler—by Arleen &amp; Fred Filipowicz

4:00 pm Queen of Martyrs +Kenneth Machelski (2nd Anniv. of Death)—by Wife, Carolyn &amp; Family

4:00 pm Resurrection +Father's Day Intentions

5:30 pm St. Josaphat +James Prellwitz—by Wife, Diane &amp; Son, Derek

**SUNDAY, March 8 Third Sunday of Lent**

7:00 am OLHC Chapel +Barbara Hoffman—by Bob &amp; Carol Hymers &amp; Family

8:00 am Queen of Martyrs +Dianne D. Sorrentino—by Husband &amp; 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

**MONDAY, March 9**

8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Joyce Zakowski—Zakowski &amp; Bills Family

9:00 am—6:00 pm OLHC Chapel - Eucharistic Adoration

**TUESDAY, March 10**

8:30 am Queen of Martyrs +Thomas &amp; Kathy Pazderski—by Family

12:00 pm Resurrection +Gvidon, Wladyslawa &amp; Christopher Boczkowski—by Mary

**WEDNESDAY, March 11**

8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Daniel &amp; Theresa Pacholski, Sr.—by Daniel Pacholski, Jr.

12:00 pm St. Josaphat +Helen Senker—by Daughter, Sue

**THURSDAY, March 12**

8:30 am OLHC Church +Jean Claire Buchbinder—by Children

12:00 pm Resurrection +Bebeann Brzozowski—by Estate

**FRIDAY, March 13**

8:30 am OLHC Chapel +William &amp; Catherine Waters—by Mary Jo Gorski and Family

12:00 pm St. Josaphat +John Krieger—by Joan Walters

6:30 pm Queen of Martyrs Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, March 14 Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent**

4:00 pm OLHC Church +Joan Mann—by Cousins Janet &amp; Gary

4:00 pm Queen of Martyrs +Mr. &amp; Mrs. Walter Krakowiak—by Family

4:00 pm Resurrection +Florence &amp; Peter Rząd—by Charles &amp; Judith

**SUNDAY, March 15 Fourth Sunday of Lent**

7:00 am OLHC Chapel +John P. Neal—by Sons, Chris, Greg, &amp; Jeff

8:00 am Queen of Martyrs +Chester Syput—by Goddaughter

9:00 am Resurrection Blessing &amp; Good Health of Donna Taglang—by Mary Jo

10:00 am OLHC Church +John Francis Lasker—by Richard Lasker

11:00 am St. Josaphat +Gertrude Taberski—by Friends

12:30 pm OLHC Chapel Blessings &amp; Good Health of Carl Kubick—by Kopacz Family

**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**

Cindy Musilli

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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 16 - February 22, 2026**

(Parish Collections)

- Resurrection —\$ 2,298.00
- St. Josaphat —\$ 2,887.06
- OLHC —\$ 4,738.31
- Queen of Martyrs —\$ 4,155.65

**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 8th - March 14th

Leonard Pacholski - by Donna &amp; Michael Pacholski



**Upcoming Events for Our Family of Parishes**

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

- 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 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.

**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 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



**Welcome New Parishioners**  
Breanna Henriquez– St. Josaphat

**Pisanki and Butter Lambs**

**Pisanki Workshop \$25** - Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 12 – 3 pm or 6 – 9 pm; Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 12 – 3 pm; or Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 12 – 3 pm. **1)** Choose a Workshop Date & Time (includes instruction & all supplies).

**2)** Email [msacilows@aol.com](mailto:msacilows@aol.com) Re: Pisanki. Seating is Limited to 10 per class (Ages 12+)

**Butter Lamb Workshop \$10 per person (all ages)** - If interested, use same email (Re: Butter Lamb) to schedule date/time.



**FAITH FORMATION**

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

Saturday, **March 21** there is **no** grade level weekly classes.

On Saturday, **March 21** we will have the Reconciliation Retreat for those receiving their First Reconciliation. The retreat will be at Queen of Martyrs from 10:00am to 1:30pm. This is Mandatory for 2nd Graders and one or both parents in the Church Hall (below the church). Bring a small photo of your child for the group banner. As part of the Retreat we will have a Church Tour, Stations of the Cross Activity, make a Ladder to Heaven (based on the 10 Commandments), and a Group Banner. Pizza will be provided for lunch.

Saturday, **March 28** we will have our Family Program (GOF) for all student(s) and their parent(s). The program begins with 4pm Mass at OLHC followed by a family meal around 5pm in the Lower Parish Hall (School Building). We will be having pizza and families are asked to bring a dish to pass as well. After the meal we will have grade level classes and there will be a speaker for the parents. After that we will go to the Chapel to do the Stations of the Cross. This month's topic is Holy Week and Easter.



**OCIA SCRUTINIES**

On the Third (**March 8<sup>th</sup>**) 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.

**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!**



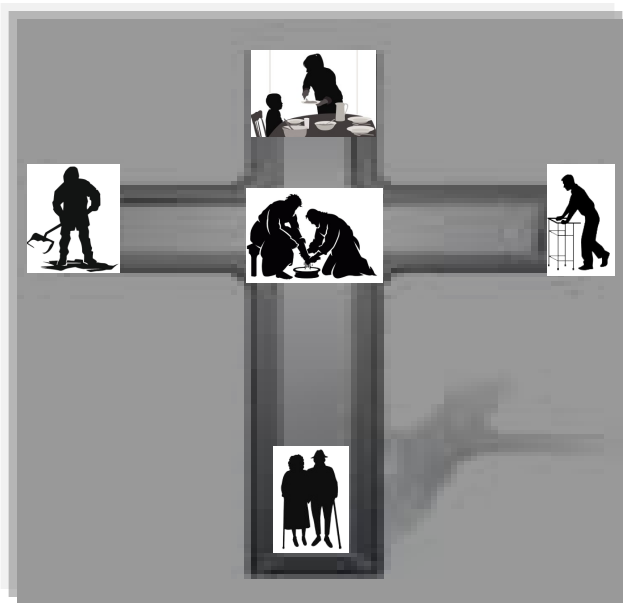
"Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is God alone! You shall love your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."

-- Deuteronomy 6:4-5

***Dear Friends in Christ -- a Blessed 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent to All, From Our Healing and Spirituality Ministry!***

The above passage embraces the basic principle of the whole law of Israel and is a cornerstone of faith. It is used as the opening words to the *Shema* ("Hear"), a prayer central to Jewish piety. A rabbi once shared that this most well-known verse of the entire Torah is the first verse taught to the children as they learn to speak and the last verse recited with loved ones on their deathbeds -- "Hear, O Israel, the Lord is our **G**od, the Lord is one." Jesus used these words as he proclaimed the greatest of all commandments and confirmed them as the foundation of the law of **G**od. The Second greatest law is the same as the first, "Love your neighbor as yourself," Mark 12:31. These words are on the lips of Jesus, Our Good Shepherd, who wants us to hear His voice and follow Him. This is how we respond in Almsgiving this Lenten Season -- We give ourselves to God and to others! During this Lent, let us **listen to Him** as were told during the the **Lord's Transfiguration** in last week's Gospel Message -- let us truly **Listen to God**; really listen to know Him with our whole heart, mind, and soul -- with all of our strength. Find a quiet place this **Lent** -- **listen and follow the voice of the Shepherd** . . .

As we follow the Lord's voice, we share His mission of Love. "Charity, love," is sharing with others, the one we love. We are called by Our Lord to follow Him and Shepherd one another by looking out for the other. You are invited to come to the opportunities of prayer, fasting and almsgiving that is offered across the Diocese and in Our Catholic Family of Cheektowaga this Lent. Let us hear the Lord speak to each of us so we can all gain the peace the Lord has to offer. This Lent, let us hear His voice, follow Him in ministry and embrace the selfless giving He demonstrated through the Cross . . .



**God's Love, Blessings, Graces and His Peace, Fr. John**

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