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March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Vigil)

4:00 p.m. - OLHC Church
4:00 p.m. - Queen of Martyrs
5:30 p.m. - Resurrection
(2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)
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
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.

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

Prayer Shawl—March 17th at 11:30 am—OLHC Upper Parish Hall.

OLHC St. Vincent DePaul—March 18th at 3:00 pm—OLHC Upper Parish Hall. Thank you for your donations to the poor boxes. **\$999.00** was received in February.

Family Finance Mtg.—March 18th at 6:30 pm—OLHC Upper Parish Hall.

QM St. Vincent DePaul—March 20th at 7:00 pm—QM Church Hall. Thank you for your donations to the poor box. **\$1,183.25** was received in February.



Welcome New Parishioners!

Kevin, Jenna, Hailee & Brycen Schwallie – *Queen of Martyrs*

Michael Gilhooly – *Resurrection*

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 22 - Queen of Martyrs

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.

March 24th Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. March 28-30 - Holy Triduum: Holy Thursday through Holy Saturday.

March 28th One Night + Seven Churches. Bus transportation will be provided by OLHC Holy Name & will depart following the 6:00 pm Mass of the Last Supper. To reserve your spot, call 716 471-1893.

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 10 minutes before every daily Mass. The special Hour of Mercy in the OLHC Chapel at **3 pm**.

April 7th First Reconciliation for the Second Grade children after the 9am Mass at Resurrection.

April 28th Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ. Sponsored by the OLHC Holy Name. Tickets will be available after all OLHC Masses and in our Central Office.

May 5th Celebration of the First Holy Communion for the 3rd Grade children during the 9am Mass at Resurrection.

May 9th The Ascension of the Lord. 40 days after Easter. Holy Day of Obligation.

May 27th First outdoor Mass of the season. Memorial Day at 10 am in front of the OLHC Grotto.

Baptism - March 10, 2024



Congratulations to Joshua & Melanie Hochadel whose daughter, Rory Jeanne was baptized at Queen of Martyrs.

Queen of Martyrs—Bible Study

The next Queen of Martyrs Bible Study is on **Thursday, March 21st** at 7:00 pm in the QM Church. All are welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, March 16 Vigil of the 5th Sunday of Lent
 4:00 pm OLHC Church +Carl & Rita Braunscheidel—by Children
 4:00 pm Queen of Martyrs +Camille & Frank Piskorz—by Daughter-in-Law, Rita
 5:30 pm St. Josaphat +Norine Schuster—by Cristian Swiatek

SUNDAY, March 17 the 5th Sunday of Lent
 7:00 am OLHC Chapel +Patrick Joseph Zalewski—by Jerzewski Family
 8:00 am Queen of Martyrs +Jeffrey Gorski Birthday Anniv.—by Gorski Family
 9:00 am Resurrection +Barbara Stites—by Son, Patrick
 10:00 am OLHC Church +Alfred Waz—Family
 11:00 am St. Josaphat +Theresa Kapturowski—by Ann Polaszewski
 12:30 pm OLHC Chapel +Jakob Jung—by Jacob Jung Family

MONDAY, March 18
 8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Anna Nachajski & Family—by Lorraine Mazurkiewicz
 9:00 am—6:00 pm OLHC Chapel - Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAY, March 19 Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:30 am Queen of Martyrs +Matthew Piskorowski—by Daughter, Janice
 12:00 pm Resurrection Fr. Jozef Dudzik—by Patrick Stites

WEDNESDAY, March 20
 8:30 am OLHC Chapel Parishioners of OLHC, Resurrection, St. Josaphat, and Queen of Martyrs
 12:00 pm St. Josaphat +Silvania Maric-Delisa—by Olga Valenta

THURSDAY, March 21
 8:30 am OLHC Church +Dolores Anibaldi—by Kathy Calabrese
 12:00 pm Resurrection +Gabriele & Anne Foglia—by Maria Monaco
 4:00 pm St. Josaphat - Lenten Confessions
 4:00 pm Resurrection - Lenten Confessions
 4:00 pm Queen of Martyrs - Lenten Confessions
 6:30 pm OLHC Church - Lenten Confessions

FRIDAY, March 22
 8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Daniel & Theresa Pacholski, Sr.—by Daniel Pacholski, Jr.
 12:00 pm St. Josaphat +Louis, Jean & Teddy Lagowski—by Family, Stations of the Cross to follow
 6:30 pm Queen of Martyrs Stations of the Cross (RCIA to follow)

SATURDAY, March 23 Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 4:00 pm OLHC Church +Alice Nowicki—by Family
 4:00 pm Queen of Martyrs +Victor Massalski Anniv. of Death—by Daughter, Barbara
 5:30 pm Resurrection +Diane Hencinski—by Maryann Mucha

SUNDAY, March 24 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 7:00 am OLHC Chapel +Jull Niemiec—by Barry & Sandra Smith
 8:00 am Queen of Martyrs +Nicholas Kowalski Anniv. of Death
 9:00 am Resurrection +Alice Folaron—by Dolores Graczyk
 10:00 am OLHC Church +Members of the U-Crest Fire Dept. & Families
 11:00 am St. Josaphat +Daniel Mellody—by Family
 12:30 pm OLHC Chapel +Susan & Michael Koehler—by Trish & Dan Hager

The Book About the Eucharist

Dear parishioners, in the back of our churches, you will find the book "Beautiful Eucharist". Please take one for your family and read it as a spiritual lecture during this Lent and Easter time. Each one of us is called by God to deepen our knowledge of the mysteries of our holy faith, especially to learn more about the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist that is the source and summit of our Christian faith. This book will help us to pray more fruitfully at every Sunday Mass and receive into our hearts more reverently, the Body and Blood of Christ.

This year on July 17th – 21st, we will also celebrate with all the Catholic Churches in our nation, the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Let us start to prepare for this spiritual event by meditating deeply on the greatest Mysteries of our faith. I also encourage everyone to participate in our Mondays Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and renew the practice of Reconciliation in our life to receive Christ in The Eucharist always in the state of grace. Please stop and visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in our Chapel or our Churches as often as you can. Also, please participate in daily Holy Mass when your schedule allows. Our lives can change and be healed forever when we rediscover this greatest Gift and Mystery that the Lord left for his people.

This year, in our Catholic Family of Cheektowaga, we will also prepare the retreat about the Holy Eucharist ("The life in the Eucharist ") as our Bishop encourages us and we will invite everyone to participate in it before and during Advent of 2024. Please let us renew our faith and our diocesan Church the only possible way how church can be renewed, that is Christ truly and really present in the Eucharist himself renewing our hearts and lives by His divine power.

We thank our **St. Josaphat parishioners** for sponsoring this book and **Mr. Patrick Stites** for distributing it between our four parishes.

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Rose Nowak and Kenneth Machelski
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WEEKLY INCOME

February 26 - March 3, 2024

(Collections, Donations, Other)

- Resurrection — \$3,448.50
- eGiving (Feb.) \$1,379.15
- St. Josaphat — \$4,171.25
- OLHC — \$11,931.00
- eGiving (Feb.) \$1,006.70
- Queen of Martyrs — \$7,416.70

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Sanctuary Lamp at Resurrection

March 17th - March 23rd

Aloysius & Rita Wisniewski by Family & Friends



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 - St. Josaphat - 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 - OLHC Church - Stations of the Cross with Veneration of the Cross
 12 pm - Queen of Martyrs - 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

Holy Saturday (Jesus is laid in the tomb)

- 9 am - 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

Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday (Solemnity of Christ's Resurrection)

- 7 pm - OLHC Church - EASTER VIGIL - Easter Mass
 7 pm - Resurrection - EASTER VIGIL - Easter Mass
 7 pm - Queen of Martyrs - EASTER VIGIL - Easter 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
 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.

ONE NIGHT + SEVEN CHURCHES**HOLY THURSDAY, March 28, 2024****THE CHURCHES**

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OLHC'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY is sponsoring the traditional visitation of the Blessed Sacrament at 7 area churches on March 28. The 7 visits represent the final 7 places or "stations" that Jesus visited between his arrest on Holy Thursday and his crucifixion and death on Good Friday. Upon entering each church, pilgrims visit the altar of repose, kneel, make the sign of the cross, and engage in private prayer and adoration.

Bus transportation will be provided and is scheduled to depart OLHC immediately following the 6:00pm Mass of the Last Supper and will return at approximately 10:30pm. Seats are limited. To reserve your spot, please call 716-471-1893 and leave your name, telephone number and the number of people in your group.

Faith Formation

OLHC, Resurrection, and St. Josaphat
 4125 Union Rd., Cheektowaga, NY

Office Hours: Monday 1:30-5:30 pm
 Office Phone: 716-458-3130
 Email: Olhc.faithformation@gmail.com

(Renée is available to meet outside of office hours by appt.)

March is a busy month for Faith Formation so please make sure to check the calendar of events. Our Saturdays are scheduled with Family Lenten Confessions, Sacramental retreats for 2nd & 3rd grade, and 1st Reconciliation practice. All of us are working hard to prepare for the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday.

March 23 Class 9:30-10:30 am
 March 23 First Reconciliation Practice
 9:30-10:30 am at Resurrection

March 30th & April 6 No FF Class - Spring Break

**Queen of Martyrs**

180 George Urban Blvd., Cheektowaga, NY

Office Hours: Available by appt.
 Office Phone: 716-895-2162
 Email: qmre121@verizon.net

Confirmation Classes for Students**Religious Education Classes for the Sacrament of First Eucharist**

Classes begin for the Sacrament of First Communion and will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 am to 10:45 am in the Music Room (School Building) next to the Religious Education Office. Sacramental classes will be held for 3rd Grade Religious Education students (ONLY) on **March 17, 24 & April 7 and 14** from 9:30 am until 10:45 am. All classes are MANDATORY!!

Confirmation Candidate Retreat

Our annual Candidate and Sponsor Confirmation Retreat will be from Noon until 5:00pm on Saturday, **March 23**. The retreat will be conducted in the Church Hall (below the church) and we attend the 4 pm Mass together. Lunch will be served at the retreat. The theme of the retreat is centered on identifying and developing Spiritual Gifts.

The candidates and sponsors are taught about the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit and then take a spiritual gifts inventory to discover their possible charisms and encouraged to learn more about their gifts. We also have a guided Contemplative Meditative Prayer where we Creatively Visualize their Gifts. We will conclude with a Signing of the Senses Prayer.

Generations of Faith (Religious Education Program)

The eighth monthly session of our program begins on Saturday, **April 6**, with the 4:00 pm Mass. After Mass, the family meal and program will continue until 7:00 pm in the Church Hall (below the church). Pizza will be provided and families are asked to bring in a snack or dessert. The monthly topic is: New Life in Christ and Renee Boltri from Nardin Academy is our adult speaker. We will conclude with a friendly game of Jeopardy between our families.

PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK - SACRED TRIDUUM - EASTER

What is Holy Week?

Holy Week is an important time for Christians throughout the world. Holy Week, the final week of Lent, begins on Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter. Holy Week is a time when Catholics gather to remember and participate in the Passion of Jesus Christ. The Passion was the final period of Christ's life in Jerusalem. It spans from when He arrived in Jerusalem to when He was crucified.

How Do Catholics Celebrate Holy Week?

Four special ceremonies commemorate the events of Christ's Passion from His entrance into Jerusalem, when palm branches were placed in His path, through His arrest on Holy Thursday and Crucifixion on Good Friday, to Holy Saturday, the day that Christ's body lay in the tomb.

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are:

- Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
- Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

Palm Sunday recalls Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem. Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem with a procession. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a donkey to the praise of the townspeople who laid palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, when Jesus consecrated bread and wine. In the morning, bishops typically gather with priests from their diocese for the Chrism Mass or a day near Holy Week that works best for the Diocese. The Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Buffalo will be celebrated on Holy Tuesday at 7 pm in our St. Joseph Cathedral. They bless holy oils during the Mass. The washing of the feet takes place during the Mass of the Lord's Supper in the evening.

Good Friday is one of the most deep and holy days of the year for Catholics. It covers Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. His death and burial are also memorialized. Good Friday is a day of fasting within the Church. Traditionally, there is no Mass and no celebration of the Eucharist on Good Friday. The Church celebrates the Liturgy of the Good Friday and venerates the Holy Cross of Jesus. The Holy Communion comes from Hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday. Church bells are silent. Altars are left bare. The solemn, muted atmosphere is preserved until the Easter Vigil.

Holy Saturday remembers the day which Jesus spent in the grave resting. The Easter Vigil takes place at the end of the day because the new liturgical day begins at sunset, the vigil begins at sunset on Holy Saturday outside the church, where an Easter fire is kindled and the Paschal candle is blessed and then lit. This Paschal candle will be used throughout the season of Easter, remaining in the sanctuary of the church and throughout the coming year at baptisms and funerals, reminding all that Christ is our life and light. After the conclusion of the Liturgy of the Word, the water of the baptismal font is solemnly blessed and any catechumens and candidates for full communion are initiated into the church.

EASTER SUNDAY

The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils." Easter Sunday, then, is the greatest of all Sundays, and Easter Time is the most important of all liturgical times. Easter is the celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14)

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