

# THE CATHOLIC FAMILY OF CHEEKTOWAGA



Our Lady Help of  
Christians



St. Josaphat



Maria Hilf Chapel



Queen of Martyrs



Resurrection

MARCH 23, 2025  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



On March 25th, we will remember our Mary's *Fiat*, her "yes" to God's Calling. This 3rd Sunday of Lent may we commit to saying "yes" each day to the Lord's transformative call to us in our lives and to live in imitation of Our Lord and Our dear Heavenly Mother.

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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)

## PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. Todd Remick, Pastor  
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**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](mailto: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.

**O.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.

**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.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:** The following announcement from the Bishop was read last weekend (March 15th & 16th) at all Masses in our Family of Parishes:

Dear Fr. Todd Remick and Cheektowaga Catholic Family,

In June announcements were made for your family that St. Josephat and Queen of Martyrs would close, and Our Lady Help of Christians and Resurrection would remain open. This decision came from the counter proposal presented to Bishop Mike and the counter proposal review team in May.

Due to decisions that were made with neighboring families that were directly impacted by the counter proposal of family #8- The Catholic Family of Cheektowaga, the decision to accept the counter proposal that closes Queen of Martyrs and St. Josephat remains as the final decision.

I pray that the family can move forward, and that mergers and closures can be determined to take place before September 1, 2025.

In Christ,  
Most Rev. Michael W. Fisher



**Welcome New Parishioners**  
Samantha Marranca — *Resurrection*

**OLHC, Resurrection, St. Josaphat, & Queen of Martyrs Meetings**  
**Chapel Seniors**—March 27th at 1:00 pm—OLHC Parish Hall. All are welcome!

**MASS INTENTIONS****SATURDAY, March 22 Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent**4:00 pm **OLHC Church** +Carl & Rita Braunscheidel—by Children4:00 pm **Queen of Martyrs** +Victor Massalski, Sr. (Anniversary of Death)—by Daughter, Barbara4:00 pm **Resurrection** +Celestina & Vittorio Valenta—by Daughter**SUNDAY, March 23 Third Sunday of Lent**7:00 am **OLHC Chapel** Parishioners of OLHC, Resurrection, Queen of Martyrs, and St. Josaphat8:00 am **Queen of Martyrs** +Richard LaBend (Birthday)—by Wife, Gloria9:00 am **Resurrection** +Donald Stites—by Son, Patrick10:00 am **OLHC Church** +Alice Nowicki—by Husband, Rick and Family11:00 am **St. Josaphat** +Thomas Frank—by M/M John D'Amato & Family12:30 pm **OLHC Chapel** +Rita Marchese—by Sister, Olga**MONDAY, March 24**8:30 am **OLHC Chapel** +Margaret Phillips—by Marian Movement of Priest Prayer Cenacle9:00 am—6:00 pm **OLHC Chapel**—Eucharistic Adoration**TUESDAY, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord**8:30 am **Queen of Martyrs** Healing for Donnie Sieber—by Family12:00 pm **Resurrection** +Alice Folaron—by Dolores**WEDNESDAY, March 26**8:30 am **OLHC Chapel** For the End of Abortion & Legal Protection of Human Life12:00 pm **St. Josaphat** +Sylvester Lorczyk—by Daughters**THURSDAY, March 27**8:30 am **OLHC Church** +William E. Leising—by Estate12:00 pm **Resurrection** +George Yebernetsky—by John & Carol Orrange**FRIDAY, March 28**8:30 am **OLHC Chapel** +Walter Wieand—by OLHC12:00 pm **St. Josaphat** +Deceased Members of the Jason Family—by Tim and Sue Jason6:30 pm **Resurrection**—Stations of the Cross**SATURDAY, March 29 Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent**4:00 pm **OLHC Church** +Norbert Wujek—by Wife, Dolores & Family4:00 pm **Queen of Martyrs** +Carolyn Ball—by MJ Slawinowski4:00 pm **Resurrection** +Thomas Kendziora, Jr.—by Terry & Mike Mazurowski5:30 pm **St. Josaphat** +Rita Sliwinski**SUNDAY, March 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent**7:00 am **OLHC Chapel** +Mario & Dolores Anibaldi—by Family8:00 am **Queen of Martyrs** +Lorraine & Joseph Kurkowiak (Birthday)—by Kurkowiak Family9:00 am **Resurrection** +Skowron & Diebold Family—by Family10:00 am **OLHC Church** +Edward, Dorothy, and Nicholas Sell—by Family11:00 am **St. Josaphat** +Al Owczarczak—by Terry Owczarczak12:30 pm **OLHC Chapel** Parishioners of OLHC, Resurrection, St. Josaphat, and Queen of Martyrs**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, Joseph Mackiewicz, Joseph Wachowiak, Daniel Sagun and all in need of healing.

**LET US PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Lucianne Tee, Patricia Hatt, and Michael Kosmoski  
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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****March 3 - March 9, 2025**

(Parish Collections)

- Resurrection — \$ 3,958.21
- St. Josaphat — \$ 3,049.13
- OLHC — \$ 6,810.83
- Queen of Martyrs — \$ 5,517.35

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!****Sanctuary Lamp at Resurrection**

March 23rd - March 29th

*Special Intentions by Mom & Dad*

**Upcoming Events for Our Family of Parishes**

**“Souper” Sacramental Lenten Experience will begin at 5:30pm** with Soup, Bread, and Presentation (in the Parish Halls) **followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm in the Church.** The schedule is as follows:

**March 28th—Resurrection**

“Anointing of the Sick and Dying: Experiencing the Lord’s Shalom”

**April 4th—OLHC Chapel**

“The Eucharist, the Power of Transformation and Healing”

**April 11th—Queen of Martyrs**

Stations of the Cross **only** at 6:30 pm

**April 10th** Queen of Martyrs. Lenten Family Confessions at 6:00 pm.

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

**April 17th** Holy Thursday. 7 Churches. Holy Name will provide transportation.

**April 18th** Good Friday. St. Josaphat Fish Fry. 4-7pm in Parish Center.

**April 20th** Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord! Holy Triduum and Easter Schedule will be published shortly.

**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.

**Holy Triduum and Easter Sunday Schedule (April 17-20)**

**Holy Thursday**



**6 - 10 pm - Resurrection** - Mass of the Last Supper – Altar of Repose following Mass

**7 - 10 pm - Queen of Martyrs** - Altar of Repose

**7 - 10 pm - St. Josaphat** – Altar of Repose

**8 pm – OLHC Church** – Vietnamese Mass

**9:30 - 12 am – OLHC Chapel** – Altar of Repose

**Good Friday**

**3 pm – St. Josaphat** - Liturgy of Good Friday – Main Celebration for our Family

**6:30 pm – OLHC Chapel** - Stations of the Cross followed by Tenebrae

**8 pm – OLHC Church** – Vietnamese Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

**Holy Saturday**

**1 pm – OLHC Church** - Easter Food Blessing

**2 pm - Resurrection** - Easter Food Blessing

**Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday**

**8 pm - Queen of Martyrs** – Easter Vigil

**8 pm - OLHC Church** – Vietnamese Easter Vigil

**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

**11:30 am – OLHC Church** – Vietnamese Easter Mass

**12:30 pm - OLHC Chapel** - Latin Easter Mass



**St. Josaphat's Good Friday Fish Fry**  
**Friday, April 18th**  
**4 pm-7pm**

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 in the Parish Center during our weekly parish family social or  
 during office hours Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9 am -1 pm

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**St. Josaphat Milk Chocolate Easter Bunny Raffle**

Enter for a chance to win! 3 feet tall, 18 lbs Milk Chocolate Easter Bunny. Tickets can be purchased during regular office hours Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9 am - 1 pm and every Sunday from 12-3pm in the Parish Center during our weekly parish family social.

**Tickets:** \$1 - each; \$5 - 6 tickets; \$10 - 12 tickets; \$20 - 25 tickets.

Drawing will be on Saturday, April 19th. Need not be present to win.

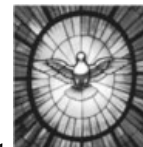


**Annual Holy Thursday 7 Churches Pilgrimage**

Once again, the OLHC Holy Name Society is providing bus transportation on **April 17th** to visit 7 local churches on Holy Thursday departing after the **6 pm Mass at Resurrection** and returning to Resurrection around 10:30 pm. Seats are limited, please call 716-632-5788 to reserve a spot. We need your name, contact information and number attending. More information will be forthcoming as we approach the date.

The 7 churches correspond to the 7 places or “stations” that Jesus visited between the last supper and his crucifixion. *Upon entering each church, pilgrims visit the altar of repose, kneel, make the sign of the cross, and engage in private prayer and adoration.*

### *From Our Healing Ministry...*



The Sacrament of Confirmation is **one of the three Catholic sacraments of initiation into the life of God and into the life of the Church**. Confirmation in the Catholic Church includes the laying on of hands, and anointing in the sign of the cross with Chrism oil. The same sacred oil (Holy Chrism) used at our Baptism is used to open up the person's whole being, mind, body and soul to the graces of Our Lord as this beautiful sacrament leaves an indelible upon and within us. Confirmation is **the sacrament by which Catholics receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit**. Through Confirmation, the Holy Spirit gives us the increased ability to practice our Catholic faith in every aspect of their lives and to witness Christ in all situations of life.

**The Laying On of Hands:** The Bishop or his designee asks the Father to give new birth of eternal life to his chosen sons and daughters. We pray to God, so that the Lord would pour out the Holy Spirit to strengthen us so each day we can become more like the Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. We ask God to send the Holy Spirit upon those to be confirmed as His Helper and Guide. We ask the Lord to give the confirmandi (those to be confirmed) the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. We ask God to fill each of us with the spirit of wonder and awe in the Lord's presence.

**The Anointing of Chrism:** The Bishop or designee dips his right thumb in the Chrism and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the one to be confirmed, as he proclaims "[Name] be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." He then offers the person to enter into the perfect harmony of Christ in and with the Holy Trinity by saying "Peace be with you." As the Lord was anointed by the Father to bring His Mission of Love and Salvation to the World, we are anointed to go forth and announce the Good News to the world around us. God continues the effects of the sacred anointing as the Lord recreates us through His Son and the Holy Spirit after our Baptism as we enter His very life, and throughout our lives until its earthly end. **Stay tuned as we discover more about entering deeply into the Paschal Mystery through the Sacrament of Sick as the Lord anoints with a sacred oil, the oil of the sick (infirm), for those in need of being brought to wholeness of health and life.**

**You are invited:** A "Souper" Sacramental Lenten Experience -- The Catholic Family of Cheektowaga announces a **Healing and Spiritual experience** for the Diocese during the next two Fridays of Lent. **March 28<sup>th</sup>** : *Anointing of the Sick and Dying: Experiencing the Lord's Shalom*, Resurrection Church; and, **April 4<sup>th</sup>**: *The Eucharist - The Transforming and Healing Power of Our Sacred Meal*, Our Lady Help of Christians Chapel.

**Each of the Fridays' Lenten Events will begin at 5:30 pm** with Soup and Bread during the Presentation **followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm**. To RSVP and/or for further information contact, Fr. John Adams at [Frjohnbestill@hotmail.com](mailto:Frjohnbestill@hotmail.com) or 716-683-3712.



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Our Penance Retreat on Saturday, **March 29**, and begins at 10 am and goes until 1:30 pm. The retreat will be at Queen of Martyrs (George Urban Blvd). 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.

Our First Communion Retreat will be on Saturday, **April 5**, from 10am until 1:30pm at the OLHC Parish Hall (below the school). This is Mandatory for 3rd Graders and one or both parents. Bring a small wallet sized photo of your child. As part of the Retreat we will do a Communion activity, make a Communion poster, a Pew Banner, and a Group Banner. Pizza will be provided for lunch.

On Sunday, **April 6<sup>th</sup>** at 11am we will have a Faith Formation Family Mass at St. Josaphat's Church (William St.). There will be a gathering in the Social Center after Mass (light refreshments and drinks). Please come afterwards if you can.

We will have a Lenten Family Penance Service on Thursday, **April 10<sup>th</sup>** @ 6pm at Queen of Martyrs. Students and Parents are to attend. Confessions will be heard as we prepare for the joy and new life of Easter.

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



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