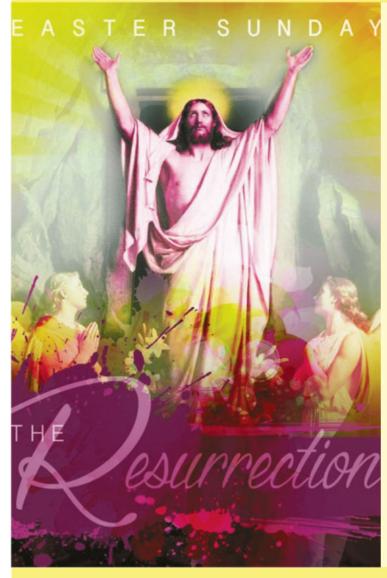
THE CATHOLIC FAMILY OF CHEEKTOWAGA

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

March 31, 2024



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS FAMILY CENTRAL OFFICE

4125 Union Rd., Cheektowaga, NY 14225 Phone: (716) 276-9288 † Email: olhc.chapel@gmail.com www.cheektowagacatholicfamily.org OLHC Parish and Cemetery Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

+

ST. JOSAPHAT PARISH OFFICE

20 Peoria Ave., Cheektowaga, NY 14206 Phone: (716) 893-1086 Email: stjosaphat.office@gmail.com Office Hours: Mon., Wed. , Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. St. Josaphat Food Pantry: (716) 893-1086

t

RESURRECTION PARISH OFFICE

130 Como Park Blvd., Cheektowaga, NY 14227 Phone: (716) 683-3712 + Email: rescheek@yahoo.com Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

+

QUEEN OF MARTYRS PARISH OFFICE

180 George Urban Blvd., Cheektowaga, NY 14225 Phone: (716) 892-1746 † Email: qomParish@gmail.com Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Convent Phone: (716) 240-9159

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 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.

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.

SPIRITUAL LIFE IN OUR CHURCHES

- Oaily 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.

Upcoming Events for Our Church Family

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 are available after all OLHC weekend Masses and in our OLHC Parish 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.

Eucharistic Adoration Volunteers (Members of all 4 Churches are welcome) Every Monday 9:00 am—6 pm (Chapel)

9-10 am—Rosary Group & Sandy Smith 10-11 am—Susan & Timothy Cummings 11-12 pm—Connie DiPasquale & MaryAnn Blachowiak

- 12-1 pm—Jan Thomsen & Geraldine Christel 1-2 pm—Patricia & Robert Kurdziel
- 2-3 pm— Marlene Stallone & Maureen Roos
- **3-4 pm**—Mary Gorski

4-5 pm—Penny Moore and Daniel Vulaj **5-6 pm**—Elizabeth Makula & Pauline Kinecki

New volunteers are welcome for every hour. If you are unable to attend and cannot find a replacement, please contact the Parish Office. Otherwise, please come and pray anytime between 9 am and 6 pm.

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

Family Pastoral Council—April 3rd at 6:30 pm— Resurrection Parish Hall.

QM St. Vincent DePaul—April 3rd at 7:00 pm—QM Church Hall.

Rosary Apostolate—April 7th at 1:00 pm—OLHC Parish Hall.

Queen of Martyrs—Bible Study

The next Queen of Martyrs Bible Study is on **Thursday, April 4th** at 7:00 pm in the QM Church. All are welcome!



All Parish Offices will be closed on **April 1st**, the Monday after Easter.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, March 30 Vigil Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 7:00 pm OLHC Church Blessing & Good Health of Ann Dillon & Her Family 7:00 pm Resurrection + Barbara Stites—by Son, Patrick 7:00 pm Quase of Marture + Largian Kurkowiak (Birthday) - by Bog Hillward & Family

7:00 pm Queen of Martyrs +Lorraine Kurkowiak (Birthday)—by Peg Hillyard & Family

SUNDAY, March 31 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 7:00 am OLHC Chapel +Rev. Michael Burzynski & all Priests buried in our Cemetery 8:00 am Queen of Martyrs +Elaine Siska—by Husband, William & Daughter, Bonnie Lou 9:00 am Resurrection Resurrection, OLHC, St. Josaphat, Queen of Martyrs Parishioners 10:00 am OLHC Church +Audrey Cudzil—by Chapel Seniors 11:00 am St. Josaphat +Denis F. Marsh—by Marsh Family

12:30 pm OLHC Chapel + James Francis Gallagher—by Fr. Martin Gallagher

MONDAY, April 1

8:30 am OLHC Chapel Special Intention—by Walter & Joanne Wieand 9:00 am—6:00 pm OLHC Chapel - Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAY, April 2

8:30 am Queen of Martyrs +Leonard P. & Diane Alba—by Family 12:00 pm Resurrection +Theresa, Faust, & David Borgioli—by Mary Ann Borgioli

WEDNESDAY, April 3

8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Norm Wujek—by Wife & Family 12:00 pm St. Josaphat Children & Families of Children of Mary Home Schoolers

THURSDAY, April 4

8:30 am OLHC Chapel OLHC, Resurrection, St. Josaphat & Queen of Martyrs Parishioners 12:00 pm Resurrection +Harry Zbytek—by Dick & Dorothy Czicki

FRIDAY, April 5 First Friday

8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Mary Ann Notaro—by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Stang 12:00 pm St. Josaphat +Patricia Jedd—by Children & Grandchildren (Divine Mercy Chaplet before both Masses. Adoration with Prayer to Sacred Heart following Mass)

SATURDAY, April 6 First Saturday

8:30 am Resurrection +Luigi Monaco—by Monaco Family (Fatima Devotion after Mass. For those who Alienate Children from Devotion to our Blessed Mother)

SATURDAY, April 6 Vigil Sunday of Divine Mercy
4:00 pm OLHC Church +Dcn. James Cantella
4:00 pm Queen of Martyrs +Parishioners of Queen of Martyrs, OLHC, Resurrection, & St. Josaphat
5:30 pm St. Josaphat +Mary Graue—by Obarka Family

SUNDAY, April 7 Sunday of Divine Mercy

7:00 am OLHC Chapel Good Health & Blessing of Magdalene Sugg—by Suchyna Family 8:00 am Queen of Martyrs +Heddy Haas—by Family 9:00 am Resurrection +Barbara Stites—by Son, Patrick 10:00 am OLHC Church +All Souls in Our Cemetery w/o Catholic Funeral with Priest 11:00 am St. Josaphat +Nicholas Esmay—by Tom Cone 12:30 pm OLHC Chapel +NYS Trooper Joseph J. Gallagher—by Fr. Martin Gallagher 3:00 pm—4:00 pm OLHC Chapel - Hour of Mercy

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Ron Walters, Linda Rebadow, Patricia Kubiak, Julie Korst, Connie Valentine, Emily Mizerkiewicz, Patricia Urbanczyk, Carol Robichaud, Jane Seifert, Beth Luther, Dave & Marian Dascomb, Patti Coyle, Geri Simoneit, Gary Johnson, Paul Schmid, Olga Valenta, Tom Mateczun, Gary Tschamber, Linda Sperrazza, Flo Johnson, Barbara Brautlacht, Donald Brautlacht, Mary Ann Conroy, Mike Dirschberger, Kara Garlach, Ronald Heil, Dorothy Kracht, Ken Labenski, Patricia Mazur, Rebecca Miller, Alice Nowak, Rita Piskorz, Theresa Pochylski, Gary Sieber, Shawn Szczygiel, Kim Utech, Pat Ward, Beth Warrington, Thomas Wnuk, Daniel Zotara, II, Alfred Wojciechowski, Carolann Andrzejewski, Schuster Family, Kathleen Connors, Nicole Schuster, Janice Piskorowski, Grace Tomasello, Carrie Hoestermann, Luisa Cerrato, Florence Ziarnowski, Timothy Nietopski, Jeffrey Nietopski, Vince DiJoseph, Janet Minotti, Nancy Sturman, Samantha Lunz, Donna Benson, Paul Dlugosz, Kathleen Escobar, Leonard Szymanski, Patrick Stites, James Karalus, Ann Marie Gramza, Joseph LoVullo, Rita Casey, Cindy Radomski, Michael Mach and all in need of healing.



•

•

Baptism

Congratulations to Daniel Golba & Sara Kruse whose daughter, Vivian Laine was baptized at St. Josaphat on March 17th, 2024.

Resurrection Polish Dinner

We would like to send a big thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make our Polish Dinner/Basket Raffle at Resurrection Parish a big success! And to those who attended and supported our event, we thank you all for your generosity...this event was a success because of you and we sincerely appreciate it. The amount we made at the dinner/basket raffle was **\$2,609.00** and will help support Resurrection Parish. May God bless you and we look forward to seeing all of you at our Chicken Dinner/Basket Raffle in September, 2024! Polish Dinner/Basket Raffle Committee: Judy Glinski and Cheryl Tubisz

WEEKLY INCOME March 11 - March 17, 2024

(Collections, Donations, Other)

- Resurrection \$ 3,367.95
- St. Josaphat \$4,896.00
 - OLHC \$ 6,723.61
 - OLFIC = \$0,725.01
- Queen of Martyrs \$ 6,076.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Sanctuary Lamp at Resurrection March 31st - April 6th

Matthew Piskorowski by Daughter, Janice

Feast of Divine Mercy - April 7

During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of that day, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy, and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord. In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come." These papal acts represent the highest endorsement that the Church can give to a private revelation, an act of papal infallibility proclaiming the certain sanctity of the mystic, and the granting of a universal feast, as requested by Our Lord to St. Faustina.

Concerning the Feast of Mercy Jesus said:

Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins & punishment. (Diary 300)

I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. (Diary 341)

This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender mercies. (Diary 420)

On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. * [our emphasis] On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary 699)

I want to grant complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy. (Diary 1109)

The Lord's desire for the Feast includes the solemn, public veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy by the Church, as well as personal acts of veneration and mercy. The great promise for the individual soul is that a devotional act of sacramental penance and Communion will obtain for that soul the plenitude of the divine mercy on the Feast.

SPECIAL HOUR OF MERCY FOR OUR 4 CHURCHES

On April 7th, Sunday of Divine Mercy, we will participate in God's Love during our weekend Masses & also from 3 to 4 pm. During the Hour of Mercy, The Eucharistic Adoration, Chaplet and Special Blessings of Healing will be given to all who will turn to Jesus for help. All are invited to the OLHC Chapel where we venerate the Image of Divine Mercy in our side altar. Jesus, I trust in you!

Paschal Candles

Thank you to those who sponsored the 2024 Paschal candles for our Churches.

Resurrection - In Memory of Emily Ziehm

St. Josaphat - In Memory of the Kozak and Kurdziel Family

OLHC Chapel - In Memory of Joseph Gagnon & Megan Schnorr

OLHC Church – In Memory of Walter F. & Dorothy M. Gilbert

Queen of Martyrs - In Memory of Joseph M. Rutowski

+

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.)

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we will celebrate the Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation with our students from all 4 of our family of parishes! Please keep these students and their families in prayer as they receive the grace of forgiveness.

April 1	Faith Formation Office closed	
April 6	No FF Class - Spring Break	
April 7	9:00 Mass at Resurrection: Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation with reception for students & their families at the Msg. Malikowski Center.	
April 13	Class 9:30-10:30 am	
April 20	Class 9:30-10:30 am	
April 27	Class 9:30-10:30 am	
•	• • • • • • •	
Queen of Martyrs 180 George Urban Blvd., Cheektowaga, NY		

Office Hour	s:
Office Phon	e:
Email:	

Available by appt. 716-895-2162 <u>qmre121@verizon.net</u>

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 **April 7 and 14** from 9:30 am until 10:45 am. All classes are MANDATORY!!

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.



Christ is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!

This ancient greeting sums up what we celebrate this Easter Sunday, the joy of Christ risen and alive in our midst. The Resurrection is the foundation and cornerstone of our faith. As St. Paul says, if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is useless and our faith too is in vain.

Through all the things happening around us, one thing is certain. Christ is Risen from the dead! Just reflect upon those words for a moment. No matter what is happening around us, Christ is still our Lord and Savior and He died for us to grant us eternal life in heaven! Too often in our lives, we forget about the power of Christ's Resurrection. Our worldly concerns seem too much to overcome, we sometimes become too focused on the negative events happening around us and forget about the Resurrection of Christ that helps all of us be resurrected from our own physical death. If we truly believe in the power of the Resurrection of Christ, we will not let the things of this world get us too distressed and worried. Christ has overcome all the evil and sin of this world through his death and sacrifice on the cross. We need to rejoice in this Resurrection and say to one another constantly: Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! May the power of Christ's Resurrection keep you and your family in peace and harmony this Glorious Easter Season!

We wish you, your loved ones, and friends a blessed, grace-filled Easter full of hope!

Fr. Jozef, Fr. Marcin and Fr. Lou

First Friday Devotion

Masses are at 8:30 am at OLHC Chapel and 12:00 pm at St. Josaphat with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers to the Sacred Heart.

"I promise you, in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the first Friday for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance; they shall not die in my disgrace nor without receiving the sacraments; my divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in that last moment." ~Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary

How to complete the First Friday's Devotion:

- 1. Receive Holy Communion on each First Friday;
- 2. The nine Fridays must be consecutive;
- 3. They must be made in honor and in reparation to His Sacred Heart.

First Saturday Devotion

Mass is at **8:30 am at Resurrection**. Our Lady requested each of us to do Five First Saturdays with the intention of making reparation to Her Immaculate Heart.

The practice of the devotion of Five First Saturdays consists of:

- 1. Going to Confession (before First Saturday)
- 2. Receiving Holy Communion on the First Saturday
- 3. Reciting five decades of the Rosary
- 4. Keeping Mary company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary.

The Anointing of the Sick

Every Tuesday after the <u>12 pm Mass at Resurrection Parish</u>, Father will celebrate The Sacrament of the Healing for people who are sick with serious illnesses or conditions, those who will have surgeries and prepare for other serious medical procedures, those who have depression or other mental or psychological health conditions. The Anointing of the Sick cannot be given to children, youth or younger people who don't have any serious medical problem. This sacrament forgives sins and heals the soul, also strengthens the human body and mind in hope of Christ Resurrection. People are encouraged to receive Confession before the Sacrament of Anointing. Please stay in Church after the Mass, move to the front of the Church and receive every month the Healing that comes from Gods Mercy through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. The sacrament of healing should only be received once a month.

Father Justin Family Spaghetti Dinner and Justinettes Basket Raffle

Saturday, April 6th from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm. 2735 Union Rd., Cheektowaga. Eat In, Take Out, or Drive Thru. \$15 Dinner Ticket Includes: Homemade Sauce and Meatballs, all you can eat Spaghetti, Fresh Tossed Garden Salad and Italian Bread, Coffee/ Soda, and Dessert. Full premium Cash Bar Available! Pre-sale tickets are available at Bingo, Justin Lounge, by calling (716) 683-3635 or contacting Cynthia Pirrone at (716) 662-5893. Limited number of tickets available day of event.

The School of Two Hearst - PRIMO! Game Night FUN for the WHOLE Family! (Kids are FREE with purchase of an adult ticket.) Saturday, April 13, 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm, at 4125 Union Road Cheektowaga. Doors Open: 5:30pm. Appetizers, Carnival games with prizes, International Dinner at 6:30pm. At 7:30pm, Primo!, a new, fast-paced raffle game created by, and to support, The School of Two Hearts Homeschool Program. Win sports/fitness equipment, signed sports items, collectibles, health & beauty, indoor & outdoor decor, small appliances, and more! \$35/ person; \$60/couple; Table for 8: \$200. Includes 28 games of Primo!, dinner, wine/beer, desserts, and coffee. Pre-sale tickets only- by April 8th. Email office.theschooloftwohearts@gmail.com Also, Kid-friendly menu, games, and prizes with FREE Babysitting onsite (MUST be reserved by April 8th). Questions? Call: (716) 292 -8580, or see schooloftwoheartsbuffalo.org

OLHC CEMETERY

Mission Statement: Believing in the sanctity of the human body, the resurrection and eternal life, we are dedicated to the respectful care of God's people, who even in death remain a part of our Faith community.

The cemetery at **OLHC** has space available in our beautiful cemetery. If you would like to discuss purchasing a grave or columbarium, please call Joanna at the OLHC Parish and Cemetery Office at (716) 276-9288.



For ad info. call 1-800-477-4574 • www.4lpi.com