OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS (OLHC), RESURRECTION & ST. JOSAPHAT R.C. PARISHES AND HISTORIC SHRINE (MARIA HILF CHAPEL)



Our Lady Help of Christians



Resurrection

St. Josaphat

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

4:00 p.m. - OLHC Church 5:30 p.m. - Resurrection Saturday (Vigil): (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month) 5:30 p.m. - St. Josaphat (1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturday of the Month) 7:00 a.m. - OLHC Chapel 8:30 a.m. - Resurrection Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - OLHC Church 11:00 a.m. - St. Josaphat 12:30 p.m. - Latin (Tridentine Mass)

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

PASTORAL TEAM Fr. Jozef Dudzik Fr. Marcin Porada Dcn. Ted May Dcn. Bob Badaszewski

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Mrs. Joanna Sell Mrs. Kathy Reinard Mrs. Renee Fortuna

FAITH FORMATION Mrs. Renee Fortuna, Director

YOUTH MINISTRY Mr. Cristian Swiatek

BOOKKEEPER Mrs. Shannon Justo

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS Mr. Michael Hora Mr. William Lunger

Hosanna to the Son of David!



MASS INTENTIONS (OLHC, Resurrection, St. Josaphat)

SATURDAY, April 1 Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

4:00 pm OLHC Church +Norm Wujek—by Dolores & Family 5:30 pm St. Josaphat Fr. Jozef Dudzik—by Arleen Lipke

SUNDAY, April 2 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:00 am OLHC Chapel Sister Ann Helene Koenig—by Diane Liptak 8:30 am Resurrection +Lori Skowron—by Family 10:00 am OLHC Church +Madeleine Eiss—by OLHC 11:00 am St. Josaphat +Al Owczarczak—by Family

MONDAY, April 3

8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Rita Briechle—by Family 9:00 am—6:00 pm OLHC Chapel - Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAY, April 4 12:00 pm Resurrection +Vincent Nastaga—by Carol

WEDNESDAY, April 5 8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Lucille Ippolito—by Family 12:00 pm St. Josaphat For the Parishioner of St. Josaphat, Resurrection, and OLHC

HOLY TRIDUUM AND EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, April 6 Holy Thursday

6:00 pm OLHC Church—Mass of the Last Supper—then Procession to the Chapel For God's Blessing & Good Health for Doty Family 7:00 pm—10:00 pm Chapel—Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm—St. Josaphat—Mass of the Last Supper +Lawrence F. Helminiak 8:00 pm—10:00 pm—St. Josaphat—Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY, April 7 Friday of the Passion of the Lord

11:00 am—OLHC Church—Stations of the Cross (No Holy Communion) 12:00 pm—3 pm - OLHC Chapel—Sacrament of Confession 3:00 pm—Resurrection—Liturgy of Good Friday (With Holy Communion) For Parishioners of Resurrection, St. Josaphat, and OLHC 7:00 pm—St. Josaphat—Stations of the Cross (No Holy Communion)

SATURDAY, April 8 Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 am - OLHC Church - Easter Food Blessing

10:00 am - Resurrection - Easter Food Blessing

11:00 am - St. Josaphat - Easter Food Blessing

7:00 pm - OLHC Church - EASTER VIGIL - Easter Mass

For the Parishioners of OLHC, Resurrection, and St. Josaphat 7:00 pm - Resurrection - EASTER VIGIL - Easter Mass

+Christian Baumgartner—Francine Harding

SUNDAY, April 9 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 7:00 am—OLHC Chapel +Matthew Piskorowski—by Daughter, Janice 8:00 am—St. Josaphat +Andrzej Dudzik—by Ann Polaszewski 9:00 am—Resurrection +Diane Hencinski—by Parishioners of Resurrection Church 10:00 am—OLHC Church +Edward A. & Barbara A. Fox—by Grandchildren 11:00 am—St. Josaphat +Peter & Zofia Brzozowiec—by Anonymous

SPIRITUAL LIFE IN OUR CHURCHES

- Oaily Eucharist (see bulletin)
- Sacrament of Confession 20 minutes before every Mass except Sundays
- Rosary After daily morning Mass & 20 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 Eucharist about the Sacred Heart of Jesus followed by First Friday devotion at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel and 12:00 p.m. at St. Josaphat.
- First Saturdays Eucharist about the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin followed by First Saturday devotion at 8:30 a.m. at Resurrection.
- Eucharistic Adoration Every Monday from 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. in the OLHC Chapel and the First Tuesday of the Month at St. Josaphat from 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
- Blessing of Sacramentals (rosaries, crosses, and other holy items) - Every First Saturday of the month after 8:30 am Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration Volunteers (Members of all 3 Churches are welcome)

Every Monday 9:00 am—6 pm (Chapel)

9-10 am—Rosary Group & Sandy Smith
10-11 am—Marion Dascomb and 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 & Mark Seifert
- **4-5 pm**—Penny Moore and Daniel Vulaj **5-6 pm**—Elizabeth Gazy & Pauline Kinecki

New volunteers are welcome for every hour. If you are unable to attend & cannot find a

replacement, please contact the Parish Office. Come & pray anytime between 9 am & 6 pm.

Meetings for OLHC, Resurrection, & St. Josaphat

Rosary Apostolate—Sunday, April 2nd at 1:00 pm—OLHC Parish Hall

St. Vincent DePaul—Monday, April 3rd at 3:00 pm—OLHC Upper Parish Hall

Resurrection Parish Meeting—Monday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm– Parish Hall

Secular Franciscans—Saturday, April 8th at 1:00 pm—OLHC Upper Parish Hall

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WEEKLY INCOME – March 13 - March 19, 2023 (Collections, Donations, Other)

- * Resurrection \$4,318.56
- * St. Josaphat \$4,957.00
- * OLHC \$7,062.45
- * St. Vincent DePaul \$186.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you to the St. Josaphat parishioner who donated **\$1,000.00** to the Emergency Repair Fund.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Dave Borgioli Sr., Rita Ross, Chet Ross, Doreen Radzikowski, Natalie Habert, Clair & Patricia Johnson, Ron Walters, Helen Wilczak, Kathleen Connors, Carolann Andrzejewski, Mary Zulawski, Schuster Family, Donna Jusiak, Linda Rebadow, Cheryl Rossi, Paula DiJoseph, Grace Tomasello, Lucas Michael Nowak, Patricia Kubiak, Julie Korst, Ann Marie Lattuca, Martin Sehl, Connie Valentine, Patty Newton, Emily Mizerkiewicz, Patricia Urbanczyk, Patricia Piatkowski, Rebecca Beres, Rita Casey, Carol Robichaud, Patricia Hicks, Veronica Szalecki, Andrea Jeski, Jane Seifert, Beth Luther, Gary Powers, Dave & Marian Dascomb, Bernard Raczyk, Patricia Adamski, Luisa Cerrato, Scott Puffer, Diane Wasielski & Family, Patti Coyle, Gary Baumgartner, Betty Christ, & Henry & Jillian Budny, Geri Simoneit, Deborah Buccilli, Vic Styn,

Casey Kielbasa, Sammie Lunz, Gary Johnson & all in need of healing.

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED Dolores Anibaldi and Eileen Pastwick

St Josaphat Emergency Repair Donations

Dear parishioners of St Josaphat. We greatly appreciate your generous donations for our church repair project. We managed to raise **\$50,350.00** that will cover approximately one third of our expenses. We hope to finish all outside wall repairs during this year. Every donation for this goal is always welcomed and appreciated.

The following projects are also in our plans: repair of stations of the cross and church painting, new bathroom in main entrance of our church, AC in church, outside sidewalk and landscaping renewal, convent and rectory demolition, restoration of our parking lot. All these projects will be done when our financial status allows us. We have time and we have many generous hearts at St. Josaphat. We believe we are going to achieve these goals of improving and enhancing our church and parish center buildings along with the landscaping and parking.

Thank you for your faith, prayers and monetary support. ~Fr Jozef



Welcome to Resurrection Parish Mr. & Mrs. Mark Kolkiewicz

Upcoming Events

Palm Sunday and Holy Week, April 2 - 8. The Holy Triduum days that lead us to Easter Solemnity.

Holy Thursday, April 6th. 7 Churches Pilgrimage.

Easter Sunday, April 9th. The greatest and most joyful Day of our Faith. We celebrate the resurrection of Christ who conquered sin and death for us. **Please invite all your family members and neighbors to participate in Easter Mass!**

First Reconciliation. Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16th at 10:00 am Mass at OLHC Church.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16th. The special Hour of Mercy in the OLHC Chapel at **3 pm**.

First Holy Communion, Sunday, April 30th at 10:00 am Mass at OLHC Church.

Confirmation. Pentecost Sunday, **May 27th at 4:30 pm** at St. Joseph Cathedral.

Memorial Day Outdoor Mass. Monday, May 29th at 10:00 am at the OLHC Grotto.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent of whom He said:

"These souls cause Me more suffering than any others; it was from such souls that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by.' The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy."

"On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."

Please start the Novena privately on Good Friday and continue on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. During the week, we will say the Chaplet & Novena every day before Mass. Everyone is encouraged to pick up a booklet from the back of the church. On **April 16th,** Sunday of Divine Mercy, we will participate in God's Love during our weekend Masses and 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 our Chapel where we venerate Image of Divine Mercy in our side altar. **April 16, Special Hour of Mercy in our Chapel from 3 to 4 pm.** All are invited. Jesus, I trust in you!

Chapel Garden Club

The **Chapel Garden Club** is responsible for taking care of the shrubs and flower beds around the churches, grotto, and mausoleum. Flowers are provided for members to plant in these areas. We are in need of new members. If you are interested, please leave your name and phone number at the OLHC Parish Office and someone will get back to you. We will have a short meeting on the Chapel grounds on **April 15th at 11:00 am** to discuss what area for which you will be responsible. The space you take care of will be of reasonable size. Thank you in advance for considering to help the club. In the past, we have received many compliments on the beautification of the grounds.

PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK - SACRED TRIDUUM - EASTER SOLEMNITY

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.

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)



afters on Holy Thatsaudy and his cubcliculor and dealer of Good Thody, opon entening each church, playfins will the attar of repose, kneel, make the sign of the cross, and engage in private praver 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

Mass of the Last Supper and will return at approximately 10:30pm. Seats are limited. To reserve your spot, please call 716-866-6493 and leave your name, telephone number and the number of people in your group.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY, OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - 4125 UNION ROAD - CHEEKTOWAGA, NY 14225

Blessing of Easter Basket

In Poland, **święconka** or **"the blessing of the Easter baskets"** is very important tradition on **Holy Saturday**. This tradition dates back to the 7th century, and was a form of a pagan ritual. Nowadays Easter baskets are traditionally lined with a white linen or lace napkin and decorated with sprigs of boxwood and filled with samples of Easter foods. The baskets are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. According to the tradition, blessed food remains untouched until Sunday morning, when served during Easter breakfast. The foods in the baskets have a symbolic meaning:

colorful eggs – symbolize life and Christ's resurrection
bread – symbolic of Jesus
lamb (made of butter or sugar) – represents Christ
salt – represents purification
horseradish – symbolic of the bitter sacrifice of Christ
ham or link of sausage – symbolic of joy and abundance

Blessing of Easter Basket Schedule

9:00 am - OLHC Church 10:00 am - Resurrection 11:00 am - St. Josaphat

Faith Formation

Monday - 1:30-5:30 pm
Saturday - 8:00 am-12:00 pm
Office Phone: 716-458-3031
Olhc.faithformation@gmail.com

Please contact Renée if you need to meet outside of these hours.

*Attending Mass with your child/children is a requirement for the program.

- Upcoming Class Schedule
- April 8 NO Faith Formation Class (Easter Break)
- April 15 NO Faith Formation Class (Spring Break)
- **April 16** 1st Reconciliation after 10:00 am Mass
- April 22 9:30 am-10:30 am Faith Formation Class
- April 29 9:30 am-10:30 am Faith Formation Class 1st Holy Communion Rehearsal
- **April 30** 1st Holy Communion during 10:00 am Mass
- May 6 9:30 am-10:30 am Faith Formation Last Class for 2022/2023
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Holy week is an opportunity for the family to experience the last week of the Lenten season by attending Mass of the Holy Triduum. Please consider attending Mass for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. See the bulletin for Mass times and locations.

Parents and Guardians of 1st Reconciliation: After the Mass, pictures can be taken with Fr. Marcin followed by a warm reception to celebrate their Sacrament at the Faith Formation building.

Parents and Guardians of 3rd grade: There will be a 1st Holy Communion rehearsal on Saturday, April 29th during class time (9:30 am-10:30 am). Students will be dropped off at the school and Catechist will take attendance. Once attendance is taken, the students will be led into the Church with their teachers. Parents please meet us in the Church. We will go through the steps of the Mass so the children will get to practice the procession into the Church, their readings and offer Confession to students and parents, before Sunday.

Catholic Women's Conference 2023

Catholic Women of Buffalo are excited to bring back the annual Women's Conference themed "For Such a Time as This". All women are invited to join us for a full day event (7:45 am-4 pm) on Saturday, **April 29**th at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute. Tickets are \$35 presale or \$40 at the door. The day includes a continental breakfast, Mass with Bishop Mike Fisher, 3 national speakers, lunch, confession, adoration, and vendors. Please visit or google <u>www.CatholicWomenofBuffalo.org</u> for all other info and ticket ordering.

Parishioners of the Latin (Tridentine) Mass

Our Priests: Fr. Martin Gallagher, Fr. Paul Nogaro, Fr. Justus Ndyamukama, Fr. Denning Achidi

Confessions: Fr. Jozef Dudzik and Fr. Marcin Porada

Today is Palm Sunday—Mass Intentions

SUNDAY April 2 Palm Sunday 12:30 pm OLHC Chapel Tara Pokrasky - by Janice

SUNDAY April 9 Easter Sunday

12:30 pm OLHC Chapel Renata & Bob Pokrasky - by Janice

Road to Renewal

Our path to renewal for the 4 Parishes (Our Lady Help of Christians, Resurrection, St. Josaphat, and Queen of Martyrs) to become one family will begin in 2023. Our main steps and dates to work toward this goal is as follows:

- April 2023 All Parish Councils to meet
- June 2023 Begin meeting of 6 Pillars to prepare for the future of our family.
- June 2023 All Finance Councils to meet
- **December 1, 2023** Officially become one family with new schedule of Masses for all 4 Parishes.

CEMETERY NEWS

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 **Our Lady Help of Christians** has plots available in the cemetery as well as niches in the 3 columbarium's.

CEMETERY PLOTS:

\$1,300 (parishioner rate)

\$1,400 (non-parishioner rate)

**The cost of the grave does not include the foundation. The foundation will need to be paid upon installation of a grave marker.

COLUMBARIUM: (St. Francis, St. Joseph, & St. Barbara)

Level A (top)	\$2,075
Level B	\$1,975
Level C	\$1,875
Level D (bottom)	\$1,775

Note: Price includes engraving with no additional opening/closing fees.

If you would like to discuss purchasing a grave or columbarium, please call the Parish Office 716 276-9288.

