THE CATHOLIC FAMILY OF CHEEKTOWAGA

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

April 14, 2024

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Queen of Martyrs



Third Sunday of Easter

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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 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

- ♦ 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.

Upcoming Events for Our Church Family

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 and at 11am Mass at Queen of Martyrs.

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

May 18th & 19th St. Josaphat "Rummage Sale".

May 19th Pentecost Sunday. Confirmation of our youth at 3pm at St. Joseph Cathedral with the Most Reverend Michael Fisher, Bishop of Buffalo.

May 26th Celebrate 60 years of the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto at St. Josaphat. Rosary and litany in the grotto after 11 am Mass. Refreshments to follow.

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

June 2nd Corpus Christi. Eucharistic Procession at St. Josaphat following the 11 am Mass. Ice Cream Social to follow.

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

St. Vincent DePaul—April 15th at 3:00 pm—OLHC Upper Parish Hall. Thank you for your generosity to the OLHC poor boxes. **\$1,117.50** was donated in the month of March.

Forming Disciples Mtg.—April 17th at 6:30 pm— Queen of Martyrs Church.

Prayer Shawl—April 21st at 11:30 am—OLHC Upper Parish Hall.

Queen of Martyrs—Bible Study

The next Queen of Martyrs Bible Study is on **Thursday, April 18th** at 7:00 pm in the QM Church. All are welcome!

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 13 Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Easter 4:00 pm OLHC Church +Matthew Kochalski—by Family 4:00 pm Queen of Martyrs +Parishioners of Queen of Martyrs, OLHC, Resurrection, & St. Josaphat 5:30 pm Resurrection +Emily & Marion Nowak—by Sons

SUNDAY, April 14 3rd Sunday of Easter

7:00 am OLHC Chapel +Rev. Michael, Herman, & Genevieve Burzynski—by OLHC 8:00 am Queen of Martyrs +Gordon & Flory Delmar Anniv. of Death—by Family & +Theodore Trapper Anniv. of Death—by Loving Family 9:00 am Resurrection +Joyce Kwiatkowski—by Rita Wisniewski 10:00 am OLHC Church +Joseph Dombrowski—by Family & Friends 11:00 am St. Josaphat +Julius Widzinski—by Family 12:30 pm OLHC Chapel +Audrey Zolnierowicz—by Daughter

MONDAY, April 15

8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Soul in Purgatory—by Mary 9:00 am—6:00 pm OLHC Chapel - Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAY, April 16 8:30 am Queen of Martyrs +Helen Zakowski & Deceased Family Members 12:00 pm Resurrection +Dcn. Jim Cantella

WEDNESDAY, April 17

8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Daniel & Theresa Pacholski, Sr.—by Daniel Pacholski, Jr 12:00 pm St. Josaphat +Maxwell Cywinski—by Glynn Family

THURSDAY, April 18 8:30 am OLHC Church +Lucille Ippolito—by Family 12:00 pm Resurrection +Helen Malusiewiez—by George & Nancy

FRIDAY, April 19 8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Danette Lelonek—by Marion Movement of Priests Prayer Group 12:00 pm St. Josaphat +Eugene Najuch—by Wife & Son

SATURDAY, April 20 Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Easter 4:00 pm OLHC Church +Carl & Rita Braunscheidel—by Children 4:00 pm Queen of Martyrs Health & Healing for Rick Lewandowski—by Mark & Carolyn Zalenski 5:30 pm St. Josaphat +Helen Wilczak—by Cristian Swiatek

SUNDAY, April 21 4th Sunday of Easter
7:00 am OLHC Chapel +Don Hereth—by Wife & Family
8:00 am Queen of Martyrs Parishioners of Queen of Martyrs, OLHC, Resurrection, & St. Josaphat
9:00 am Resurrection +Skowron & Diebold Family—by Family
10:00 am OLHC Church +Tedesco Family—by Family
11:00 am St. Josaphat +Henry Andrzejewski—by M/M Richard Andrzejewski
12:30 pm OLHC Chapel +Alfred Wozniak—by Jacob Jung Family

2024 Mass Intentions

Queen of Martyrs has some dates available for Mass intentions for 2024. Call the Parish Office at 716-892-1746 to make arrangements.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Ron Walters, Linda Rebadow, Patricia Kubiak, Julie Korst, Connie Valentine, Emily Mizerkiewicz, Patricia Urbanczyk, Jane Seifert, Beth Luther, Dave & Marian Dascomb, Patti Coyle, Geri Simoneit, Gary Johnson, Paul Schmid, Olga Valenta, Tom Mateczun, Gary Tschamber, 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, Janice Piskorowski, Grace Tomasello, 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, Christian Sell, Joy Ward and all in need of healing. LET US PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Edward Traska and Peter Russo

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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 Seminatoro, Jonathan Sicurella, Capt. Glen Taylor, and Christopher Wojcik

WEEKLY INCOME March 25 - March 31, 2024

(Collections, Donations, Other)

•	Resurrection eGiving (March)	_	\$ 9,732.16 \$1,777.10
•	St. Josaphat	_	\$ 8,260.00

- OLHC \$15,942.66 eGiving (March) \$1,164.45
 - Queen of Martyrs \$8,087.23

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Sanctuary Lamp at Resurrection April 14th - April 20th

Joyce Nowicki by Leon & Family

Easter Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped decorate, clean, served and played music at Mass and assisted in anyway at all of our 4 Churches in preparation for Easter. We are grateful for you and all of your time and effort given to our Churches. May you be blessed with our Lord's love and peace this Easter Season.

Easter Season

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Paschal Candle used during the Easter Vigil is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time and lit for all liturgical celebrations.

The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils" and Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Sundays. The season of Easter is the most important of all liturgical times, which Catholics celebrate as the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. 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)

The Paschal Mystery culminates in the Ascension of Jesus that is celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday. After his appearance here on earth in his risen body, and "after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen" (Acts 1:2), Jesus "was lifted up and a cloud took him from their sight" (Acts 1:9):

The Solemnity of Pentecost, on the fiftieth day of Easter, concludes the Easter season.

Pentecost marks the occasion of God sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection. The book of Acts describes how the disciples were gathered together in one place on the day of Pentecost. The Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shavuot or the Feast of Weeks) was a day that commemorated the giving of the law to Moses, a day soon to be marked as well by the giving of the Holy Spirit. The day of Pentecost was a turning point for the disciples of Christ.

At the conclusion of the Mass during the Day, the Paschal Candle is extinguished and moved to its permanent location near the baptismal font.

Father Baker Performance

Come hear the life story of Father Baker through a live theatrical oneman presentation entitled "She Did It All!" This presentation is free and open to all ages. Come and see Father Baker tell his story!

Our Lady of Pompei (Lancaster) on Monday **April 15th** @ 7pm (Auditorium) Holy Family Parish (Niagara Falls: Mt. Carmel Site) on Friday **May 17** @7pm St. Gregory the Great (Williamsville) on Wednesday **June 5th** @ 6:30pm St. John the Baptist Church, Lockport, Saturday **June 22nd** @ 11:30am Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels (Olean) Thursday **August 15** @ 5pm

1st Reconciliation

In recognition of the children that made their 1st Reconciliation on **April 7**th from all 4 of our Churches:

Alayna Busch Stephen Cone Dhani Espinoza Emilio Espinoza Joseph Gorski, Jr Abigail Hymers Jacob Hymers Jadalise Torres Gianna Vaillancourt Bryce Wickline

Faith Formation

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

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

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

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April 20	Class 9:30-10:30 am				
April 27	Class 9:30-10:30 am				
May 4	lay 4 Class 9:30-10:30 am—1st Holy Communion				
-	Practice at Resurrection				
May 5	9:00 am Mass at Resurrection—Sacrament of 1st				
-	Holy Communion with reception for students &				
	their families at Msg. Malikowski Center				
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Queen of Martyrs

180 George Urban Blvd., Cheektowaga, NY

Office Hours:	Available by appt.
Office Phone:	716-895-2162
Email:	<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 14** from 9:30 am until 10:45 am. All classes are MANDATORY!!

First Communion Parent Meeting

Sunday **April 14th** at 9:30am in the Religious Education Office for all Parents of students receiving Holy Communion at Queen of Martyrs.

First Communion Retreat

Our First Communion Retreat will be on Saturday, **April 20**, from 10am - 1:30pm in the Church Hall (below the church). Please bring a small wallet sized photo of your child for the group banner. As part of the retreat, we will create a Communion poster as the parent and student discover the different aspects of the Eucharist in a guided activity. We will make a Pew Banner and a Group Banner. Pizza will be provided for lunch.

First Holy Communion Practice

Practice for First Holy Eucharist will be in church on Thursday, **May 2**, at 6:00 pm. This is for the student and one or both parents to attend and the students will also have the opportunity to go to Confession and have religious items blessed.

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Baptism

Congratulations to Adam & Corrine Persiano whose son, Maverick Aurelius was baptized at OLHC on April 7th, 2024.

OLHC 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. We will have a short meeting on the Chapel grounds on Saturday, **April 20th** at 12pm 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 and we would like to continue this tradition.

Spring Cleaning Time is Here!

St. Josaphat will be hosting a "Rummage Sale" on **May 18th & 19th** at the parish center. Donations of gently used clothing, household items, tools and small furniture are greatly appreciated. Please drop off your items to St. Josaphat's parish center on any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday before April 27th. Thank you for your support!

It's been 60 years!

In order to honor the visitation of our Blessed Mother to the people of Lourdes, France, **St. Josaphat's Parish** erected the Our Lady of Lourdes grotto 60 years ago. To commemorate the anniversary of the grotto's creation, and to give thanks for her intercession on our behalf, the recitation of the rosary and litany will be held at the grotto after the 11:00 am Mass on **May 26th**, followed by refreshments in the Parish Center.

Corpus Christi at St. Josaphat

Sunday, **June 2nd** the Church celebrates the Feast of Corpus Christi! Please join us at **St. Josaphat's Church** as we publicly and boldly proclaim that Christ is truly and physically present in the Eucharist through an outdoor Eucharistic procession (weather permitting) being held after the 11:00 am Mass. We encourage all of our children who have made their Sacraments, to dress in their special attire and join us for the procession. After the procession, prayers will be said at the Our Lady of Lourdes grotto, followed by refreshments in the Parish Center.

St. Josaphat Food Pantry

The food pantry is open every **Saturday from 9:00 am-2:00 pm** to anyone wishing to drop off donations or seeking assistance from the pantry. Call the Parish Office at (716) 893-1086 for appointment.

Cemetery Availability

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.

CEMETERY PLOTS:

\$1,400 (**Parishioner**) \$1,500 (**non-Parishioner**)

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

Level A (top)	 	\$2,175
Level B		
Level C	 	\$1,975
Level D (bottom)	 	\$1,875

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

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

Parishioners of the Latin (Tridentine) Mass

Today is April 14 Second Sunday After Easter

- Please register with the Parish by calling the office at 716-276-9288. The office hours are listed on the front page of the bulletin.
- ♦ Fr will be hearing confessions 20 minutes before Mass.
- ♦ The Rosary will be prayed together before Mass.
- If you wish to request a Mass intention to be said at the Latin Mass, please call or visit the rectory during office hours. Also, do so if you are planning a Baptism, wedding or have other needs.
- ◊ Please register your children in our Faith Formation Program.
- Fr invites you from time to time, to participate in the Masses in the main Church, and to pray with them, and listen to their preaching.





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