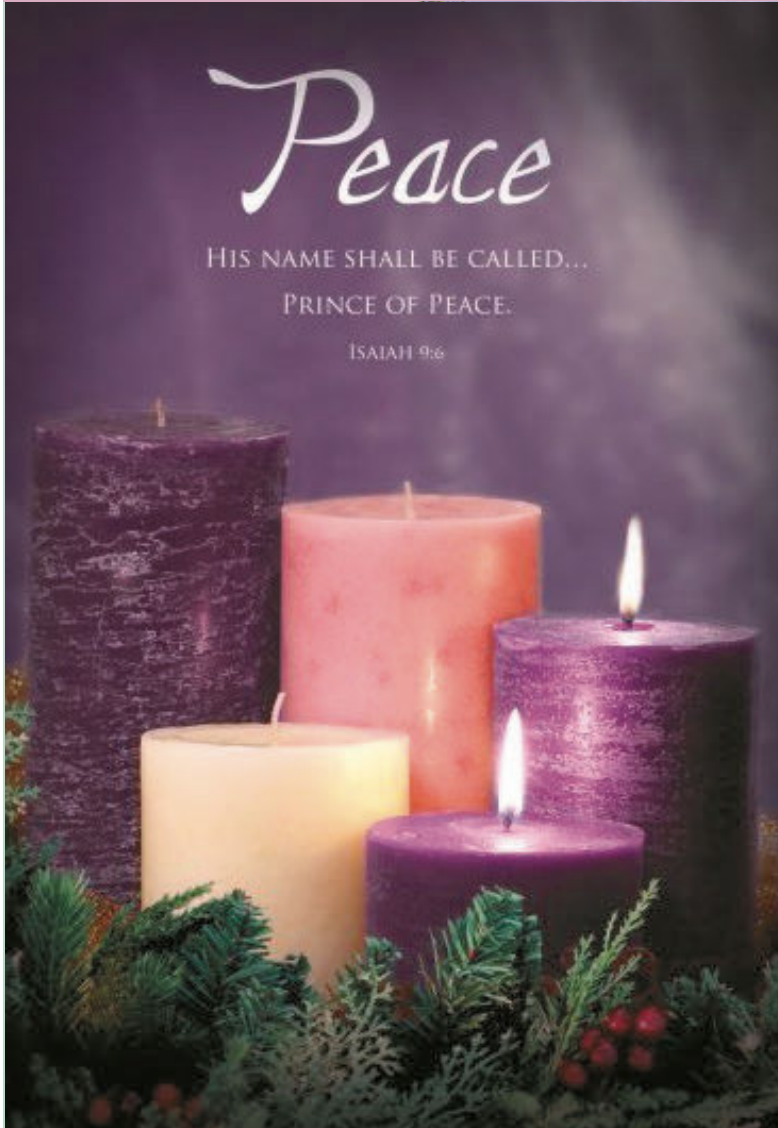


# THE CATHOLIC FAMILY OF CHEEKTOWAGA

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

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent



## FAMILY CENTRAL OFFICE OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

4125 Union Rd., Cheektowaga, NY 14225  
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Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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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  
8:30 a.m. - Resurrection  
10:00 a.m. - OLHC Church  
11:00 a.m. - Queen of Martyrs  
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.

**Parishioners of the Latin (Tridentine) Mass  
Today is the Second Sunday of Advent  
Mass Intentions**

**SUNDAY December 10 Second Sunday of Advent**

12:30 pm OLHC Chapel +Living & Deceased Members of the Kolis & Wilk Family—  
by Cecilia Wilk

**SUNDAY December 17 Third Sunday of Advent**

12:30 pm OLHC Chapel Parishioners of OLHC, St. Josaphat, Resurrection, and  
Queen of Martyrs

Please call or visit the Parish Office during business hours if you wish to request a Mass intention to be said at the Latin Mass, planning a Baptism, wedding or have other needs.

**Queen of Martyrs—Bible Study**

The next Queen of Martyrs Bible Study is on **December 14th** at 7:00 pm in the QM Church. All are welcome!

**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 9:00 am - 6:00 pm in the OLHC Chapel and the First Tuesday of the Month at St. Josaphat from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.
- ◇ Blessing of Sacramentals (rosaries, crosses, and other holy items) - Every First Saturday of the month after 8:30 am Mass.

**MARCH FOR LIFE 2024—REGISTER TODAY!**

Bus departing Buffalo on Thursday, **January 18th**.

Register online:

[cognitofirms.com/ProLife2/MARCHFORLIFE2024](https://cognitofirms.com/ProLife2/MARCHFORLIFE2024) or email: [mescalante@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:mescalante@buffalodiocese.org) for pdf form.

\$195—Bus, breakfast, & speaker. \$145—Bus only.

\$50—Mass, breakfast, and guest speaker. (No bus.)

Check payable to: Office of Respect Life / 795 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203

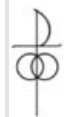
To guarantee your bus seat: Send registration with payment by Wednesday, **December 27th**.

For Washington Plaza Hotel: Tuesday, **December 19th**. Call (202) 842-1300. Mention: Diocese of Buffalo



**Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians!**

Benjamin Redman



**Queen of Martyrs Wedding**

*Congratulations* to Matthew Wierzbicki and Paige Burkard who were married on December 4th.

**Queen of Martyrs Thank you!**

A very special thank you to Gary Schwaile for making our grounds at Queen of Martyrs look so beautiful every year. The flowers were stunning this year!

**MASS INTENTIONS****SATURDAY, December 9 Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent**

4:00 pm **OLHC Church** +Irene Takac—by Marie Falkiewicz  
 4:00 pm **Queen of Martyrs** +Sharon Hartman—by Lorraine Marciniak  
 5:30 pm **Resurrection** +Harry Zbytek—by Lisa & Dave Kavalerski

**SUNDAY, December 10 Second Sunday of Advent**

7:00 am **OLHC Chapel** Parishioners of OLHC, St. Josaphat, Resurrection, and Queen of Martyrs  
 8:00 am **Queen of Martyrs** +Irene Goralski—by Children & Grandchildren  
 8:30 am **Resurrection** +Kathy Karnath—by Gorski Family  
 10:00 am **OLHC Church** +Susan Doktor—by Husband Tom & Family  
 11:00 am **St. Josaphat** +Lawrence F. Helminiak  
 11:00 am **Queen of Martyrs** +Joseph Merlo—by Wife, Connie & Family

**MONDAY, December 11**

8:30 am **OLHC Chapel** +Ellen Abramson—by Family  
 9:00 am—6:00 pm **OLHC Chapel** - Eucharistic Adoration

**TUESDAY, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**

12:00 pm **Resurrection** +Bebeann Brzozowski—by Estate

**WEDNESDAY, December 13 Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**

8:30 am **OLHC Chapel** +Autumn Ray—by Barry & Sandra Smith  
 12:00 pm **St. Josaphat** +Andrzej Dudzik

**THURSDAY, December 14 Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor**

8:30 am **OLHC Church** +Matthew Cuthbert—by Friend, Karen  
 12:00 pm **Resurrection** Parishioners of Resurrection, St. Josaphat, OLHC, and Queen of Martyrs  
 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm **St. Josaphat** - Advent Confessions  
 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Resurrection** - Advent Confessions  
 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Queen of Martyrs** - Advent Confessions  
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm **OLHC Church** - Advent Confessions

**FRIDAY, December 15**

8:30 am **OLHC Chapel** +Walter F. & Dorothy M. Gilbert—by Gilbert Estate  
 12:00 pm **St. Josaphat** +Marguerite Martin—by Rosemarie Rusch

**SATURDAY, December 16 Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent**

4:00 pm **OLHC Church** +Conrad Scheuerle, Virginia Korff & Russell Haffa—by Family  
 4:00 pm **Queen of Martyrs** Special Prayers of Intercession to St. Ann—by Anonymous  
 5:30 pm **St. Josaphat** +Peter & Zofia Brzozowicz—by Bozena French

**SUNDAY, December 17 Third Sunday of Advent**

7:00 am **OLHC Chapel** +Irene Takac—by Friends & Family  
 8:00 am **Queen of Martyrs** +Bernadine Powlowski—by Bill & Rose Skotnicki  
 8:30 am **Resurrection** +Deborah Glab  
 10:00 am **OLHC Church** +Kelly & Susan Doktor—by Ellen & Jay Young  
 11:00 am **St. Josaphat** +Debbie Jakubowski & Sophia Crimi—by Cousin, & Aunt Sue  
 11:00 am **Queen of Martyrs** +Noreen Bauer Birthday Anniv.—by Wozniak Family and  
 +Vincent Pillittere 10th Anniv. of Death—by Wife & Family

**Sanctuary Lamp at Resurrection**

December 10th - December 16th

Harry Zbytek by Dick &amp; Dorothy Czieki

**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, Patricia & Clair Johnson, Linda Sperrazza, Larry Zadel, Flo Johnson, Barbara Brautlacht, Donald Brautlacht, Mary Ann Conroy, Mike Dirschberger, Kara Garlach, Ronald Heil, Dorothy Kracht, Ken Labenski, Joseph LoVullo, Patricia Mazur, Sharon Miklas, Rebecca Miller, Alice Nowak, Rita Piskorz, Theresa Pochylski, Gary Sieber, Diane Strausser, John Szczygiel, 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, and all in need of healing.

**LET US PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Charles J. Bastian, Sr., Victor Styn, Carmeline Manzella, and Marilyn Schwindler  
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**PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY**

Matthew Anthon, USAF, Mark Pastwick, USMC, Dan Donahue, US Army, Aaron Erdolino, Jr., US Army, Sean Michalski, US Army, Nathan Hafner, USMC, & Jacob Taft, LCpl., USMC; Matthew Carroll, USMC; Mark Morgano, USMC; Mark Moscicki, Sr. Mstr. Sgt., USAF; Austin Harmon, Seaman, USN; 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, Christopher Wojcik

**WEEKLY INCOME****November 20 - November 26, 2023**

(Collections, Donations, Other)

• Resurrection	— \$ 3,648.00
• St. Josaphat	— \$ 2,891.37
• OLHC	— \$ 7,067.03
• Queen of Martyrs	— \$ 5,960.26

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!****A VOCATION VIEW**

We are urged to “prepare the way of the Lord!” God has called some to show others how to prepare through leadership as priests and religious brothers and sisters. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716 847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

### Upcoming Events for Our Family

**December 14** Family Advent Penance Service with additional priests. 4-5 pm at Queen of Martyrs, Resurrection, and St. Josaphat. 6:30 pm at OLHC Church. Every parishioners should go to confession before Christmas.

**December 17** The 3rd Sunday of Advent. The blessing of the baby Jesus statues. Gaudete Sunday, all families, especially children, bring the Baby Jesus statue from your home Nativity Set for a special blessing at Church. Father will walk throughout our church at the beginning of each Mass at all 4 Churches and Bless them with Holy water. May our homes become the little churches where Catholic families invite Jesus to live every day with them and enrich their love, faith and hope.

**December 24** We will celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent until noon. Everyone is obligated to celebrate the Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent even if you plan on going to the Christmas Mass in the afternoon or evening of December 24th.

**December 24th & 25th** Christmas Solemnity. Please invite all you family members and neighbors to celebrate with us during one of our Christmas Masses. The Mass schedule for our Family of 4 Parishes is as follows:

<u>December 24th</u>	<u>December 25th</u>
4 pm OLHC Church	8 am Queen of Martyrs
4 pm Resurrection	9 am Resurrection
4 pm Queen of Martyrs	10 am OLHC Church
4 pm St. Josaphat	11 am St. Josaphat
7 pm OLHC Chapel	12 pm Latin Mass OLHC Chapel
10 pm Queen of Martyrs	

**January 1st** New Year's Day. The Mass schedule for our Family of 4 Parishes is as follows:

8 am Queen of Martyrs	10 am OLHC Church
9 am Resurrection	11 am St. Josaphat

**February 14th** Ash Wednesday. Beginning of Lent. Mass schedule to follow.

**February 16th** Stations of the Cross. Each Friday of Lent. Schedule to follow.

**March 10th** Resurrection Polish Dinner. Mark your calendar! More details to follow as we get closer to the event.

**March 24th** Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week.

**April 31st** Easter Sunday. The Resurrection of the Lord!

### New Mass Schedule for Our Family of 4 Parishes Effective January 2, 2024

#### WEEKEND MASSES

##### Saturday Vigil

4:00 p.m.	Queen of Martyrs
4:00 p.m.	OLHC Church
5:30 p.m.	Resurrection (2nd & 4th Saturdays)
5:30 p.m.	St. Josaphat (1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays)

##### 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.	OLHC Chapel - Latin Mass

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

##### Monday

8:30 a.m.	OLHC Chapel
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##### Tuesday

8:30 a.m.	Queen of Martyrs
12:00 p.m.	Resurrection

##### Wednesday

8:30 a.m.	OLHC Chapel
12:00 p.m.	St. Josaphat

##### Thursday

8:30 a.m.	OLHC Church
12:00 p.m.	Resurrection

##### Friday (includes First Friday)

8:30 a.m.	OLHC Chapel
12:00 p.m.	St. Josaphat

##### First Saturday

8:30 a.m.	Resurrection
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The Christmas and Easter schedule and Holy Days of obligation Mass schedule will be published in the bulletin.

If any of our weekend Masses become so well attended with no available seating, we will take into consideration the need for additional Masses. Please remember that your donations will always be sent to the Parish of your membership.

### The Anointing of the Sick

**Every Tuesday after the 12 pm Mass at Resurrection Parish**, 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.**



# 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](mailto:Olhc.faithformation@gmail.com)

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

"Beloved, now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation: the great season of Advent. This is the time eagerly awaited by the patriarchs and prophets, the time that holy Simeon rejoiced to see. This is the season that the church has always celebrated with special solemnity. We too should always observe it with faith and love, offering praise and thanksgiving to the Father for the mercy and love he has shown us in this mystery." - **St. Charles Borromeo**

**December 16th** Class 9:30 am-10:30 am  
Advent Confessions at OLHC Chapel

**December 23rd** No FF class—Christmas Break

**December 25th** Happy Birthday Jesus! Holy Day of Obligation

**December 30th** No FF class—Winter Break

## 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.

OLHC has cemetery plots and columbarium niches available in our beautiful cemetery.

### CEMETERY PLOTS:

\$1,400.00 (parishioner rate)

\$1,500.00 (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).....	\$2,175.00
Level B.....	\$2,075.00
Level C.....	\$1,975.00
Level D (bottom).....	\$1,875.00

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

If you would like to discuss purchasing a plot or columbarium, please call Joanna at the OLHC Parish and Cemetery Office at 716 276-9288.

## Queen of Martyrs

180 George Urban Blvd., Cheektowaga, NY

**Office Hours:** Available by appointment

**Office Phone:** 716-895-2162

**Email:** [gmre121@verizon.net](mailto:gmre121@verizon.net)

The fifth monthly session of our program begins on **Saturday, January 6, with the 4:00 pm Mass**. After Mass the family meal and program continues until 7:00 pm in the Church Hall (below the church). This month the theme is: Living as a Disciple. Our adult speaker will be Barb Mogle. It is Soup and Sandwich night, so please bring in your favorite Soup and/or cut sandwiches. After class we will have our annual Coloring Contest.

### Resurrection Six Month Lottery Calendars (Jan. 2024 - June 2024)

Calendars are on Sale! Calendars are \$20 and make great gifts! Calendars will be available before & after all weekend Masses and at Resurrection Parish Office during regular business hours.

### Holy Name 2024 Mystery Calendars

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to circumstances beyond our control, OLHC Holy Name Society's 2024 Mystery Calendar raffle has been **cancelled**. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. Refund checks will be issued to buyers of already submitted calendar stubs.

Thank you for your continued support of OLHC Holy Name Society.

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY'S MONTHLY DAILY DRAW NEWS

Beginning **January 1**, Daily Draw winners will be determined by an independent drawing from all sold ticket stubs. The drawing will take place at 6:30pm in the lower Parish Hall on the 2nd Monday of each month. All are welcome to attend and take part in the drawing; winners need not be present. However, to be eligible to win, it is imperative that all ticket stubs and payment be received by OLHC by the first day of the month. Stubs and payment may be mailed to OLHC Parish office, dropped off to OLHC Parish office during regular business hours, or placed in collection bins during weekend masses.

Should you have any questions and/or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at: [olhc.holyname@gmail.com](mailto:olhc.holyname@gmail.com).

Thank you for your continued support of OLHC Holy Name Society's Daily Draw!

### Wedding Anniversary Mass



The Diocese of Buffalo & The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo wishes to honor couples who will observe their 25th, 50th, 60th and 70th wedding anniversaries in 2024. A special Mass will be held on Sunday, **February 11th at 10:30 am** at St. Joseph Cathedral where couples will renew their marriage vows.

Please call the OLHC Parish Office at 716 276-9288 by **Thursday, January 11th** to register.

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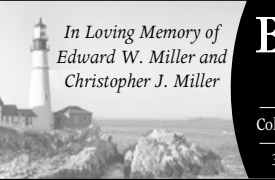
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