THE CATHOLIC FAMILY OF CHEEKTOWAGA

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

December 24-25, 2023



The Nativity of the Lord

FAMILY CENTRAL OFFICE OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (Effective 1/2/24)

4:00 p.m. - OLHC Church4:00 p.m. - Queen of MartyrsSaturday:
(Vigil)5:30 p.m. - Resurrection(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 8:00 a.m. - Queen of Martyrs Sunday: 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

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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 MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY December 24 Vigil of Christmas

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

MONDAY December 25 The Nativity of Our Lord 12:00 pm OLHC Chapel Michael Nawrocki—by Family

SUNDAY December 31 Sunday in the Octave of Christmas 12:30 pm OLHC Chapel Parishioners of OLHC, St. Josaphat, Resurrection, and Queen of Martyrs

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.

Queen of Martyrs—Bible Study

The next Queen of Martyrs Bible Study is on **December 28th** 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.

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.



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 **2023 and 2024**. A special Mass will be held on Sunday, **February 11th at 10:30 am** at St. Joseph Cathedral

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

where couples will renew their marriage vows.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, December 23 Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:00 pm OLHC Church +Edward A. & Barbara A. Fox—by Children
4:00 pm Queen of Martyrs +Alice Janusz 10th Anniv. of Death—by Daughters, Karen & Lauren
Nicholas Machelski—by Ken & Carolyn Machelski & Family
5:30 pm Resurrection +Judy Spulecki—by Shannon & Ron

SUNDAY, December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 am OLHC Chapel +Joanne Carrubba—by Karen Paradowski 8:00 am Queen of Martyrs +Benny Higgins Birthday Anniv.—by Family 8:30 am Resurrection Good Heath for Daughter, Kelly Stites—by Dad 10:00 am OLHC Church +Don Franklin—by Family 11:00 am St. Josaphat +Adam Weimer—by Joan Walters 11:00 am Queen of Martyrs +Virginia Smaczniak—by Mbrs. of QM SVDP

The Nativity of the Lord

SUNDAY, December 24
4:00 pm OLHC Church Parishioners of OLHC, Resurrection, St. Josaphat, and Queen of Martyrs
4:00 pm Resurrection +Dorothy Skrok-Forster—by Janice Forster
4:00 pm Queen of Martyrs +Thaddeus P. Brudz—by Family
4:00 pm St. Josaphat +Gary Walters—by Walters Family
7:00 pm OLHC Chapel +Derek Kaczorowski—by Mom, Jeff, & Family
10:00 pm Queen of Martyrs +Sieber & Boersma Deceased Family Members—by Children & Grandchildren

MONDAY, December 25

8:00 am Queen of Martyrs +Ruth Buckley Anniv. of Death—by Family and +Robert Harrington—by Estate

9:00 am Resurrection +Andrzej Dudzik

10:00 am OLHC Church +Susan Doktor—by Husband, Tom & Family 11:00 am St. Josaphat +Joyce Kwiatkowski & Dolores Platt—by Cristian Swiatek

TUESDAY, December 26 Saint Stephen, The First Martyr 12:00 pm Resurrection +Sophia Nowak—by Family

WEDNESDAY, December 27 Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Alfred Waz—by Family

12:00 pm St. Josaphat Parishioners of St. Josaphat, Resurrection, OLHC, and Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY, December 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 8:30 am OLHC Church +Irene Takac—by Friends & Family 12:00 pm Resurrection +Dorothy Skrok-Forster—by Cindy Chomiszewski

FRIDAY, December 29 Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Michael Waldo—by Delphine & Family 12:00 pm St. Josaphat +Andrzej Dudzik

SATURDAY, December 30 Vigil of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 4:00 pm OLHC Church +Margaret Frey—by Daughter & Family 4:00 pm Queen of Martyrs +Frank Gajewski Anniv. of Death—by Daughter 5:30 pm St. Josaphat +Marcia Stachewicz—by Larry & Maria Zamojski

SUNDAY, December 31 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 7:00 am OLHC Chapel +Allen Hammer—by Buffalo Grand Knights of St. John 8:00 am Queen of Martyrs +Alice Burke Birthday Anniv.—by Carole Herod & Don Ligarzewski

8:30 am Resurrection For Favors Received—by Kathy & John 10:00 am OLHC Church +Matthew Cuthbert—by Friend, Karen 11:00 am St. Josaphat +Alvarado & Medina Family—by Fortuna Family 11:00 am Queen of Martyrs +Virginia Smaczniak—by Mbrs. of QM Bible Study

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, Timothy Nietopski, Jeffrey Nietopski, Vince DiJoseph, Janet Minotti & all in need of healing. LET US PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

ET US PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED Franz Brandl

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

WEEKLY INCOME December 4 - December 10, 2023

(Collections, Donations, Other)

- Resurrection \$ 8,185.10
- St. Josaphat \$ 3,855.00
- OLHC \$12,256.00
 - Queen of Martyrs \$11,209.73

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Bill & John Sturm by Sturm Family

Upcoming Events for Our Church Family

January 1st New Year's Day, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Praying and wishing everyone a Happy New Year! The Mass schedule for our Family of 4 Parishes is as follows:

8 am Queen of Martyrs10 am OLHC Church9 am Resurrection11 am St. Josaphat

January 7th The Epiphany of the Lord, Three Kings arrive to Bethlehem to worship the Savior of the World.

January 8th The Baptism of the Lord ends the Liturgical Season of Christmas in the Church. We will keep the Christmas trees & decorations for 1 more week in our Parishes. Because we celebrate the Latin Mass in the Chapel, the Christmas decorations will be kept until February 2nd according to their calendar.

February 14th Ash Wednesday. Beginning of 40 Days Season of Lent. Mass schedule will be announced after Christmas. Stations of the Cross will be celebrated every Friday of Lent. Details to come.

March 10th, Sunday Resurrection Church 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.

March 31st Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord!

The Catholic Family of Cheektowaga Update

On January 1, 2024 our four Parishes will officially become the Catholic Family of Cheektowaga. We will journey and serve joyfully to all our Parishioners from our 4 Churches.

Beginning January 1st, Fr. Jozef, as Pastor of our Family, will entrust Resurrection and Queen of Martyrs Churches into daily pastoral care of Fr. Marcin, our Parochial Vicar. Fr. Marcin will be the first point of contact for the Parishioners of these two Churches for their needs (i.e. sick calls, building problems, complaints, groups, the offices in these two Churches, etc.). Fr. Jozef will only help with very important tasks if necessary. Fr. Jozef will have this similar role at St. Josaphat and OLHC, and will also will take care of the Faith Formation and Adult Education program and main Central Office tasks.

Fr. Lou is extremely busy with service to the Hospital and is only able to help us on the weekends. We greatly appreciate his support and help.

The best way to contact our priests is calling the particular office or by emailing Fr. Jozef at <u>ksdudzik@gmail.com</u> or Fr. Marcin at <u>moszhenryk@gmail.com</u>.

We are so happy to serve you and pray with you. We invite all people in Cheektowaga to return to our Churches to pray, receive Sacraments and enjoy the friendship of our community. All are welcome to the House of God. Blessings to all for Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank You!!

Thank you to all our Parishioners of the Catholic Family of Cheektowaga who supported and donated to the OLHC Adopted Family Program, Queen of Martyrs St. Vincent DePaul Angel Tree, St. Josaphat Food Pantry, and the Resurrection Winter Clothing Collection.

Your generosity to those in need is greatly appreciated.

Important information For Our Family of 4 Parishes

1. Each of the particular Parish Pastoral and Financial Councils will no longer officially meet in December and January. We are preparing to form one Family Parish and Finance Council that will meet for the first time in February. We will rotate our meetings with our 4 Churches each month. Both Pastoral and Finance Councils will be built out of representatives from each Parish community and our Priests. Existing Parish or Financial Councils are welcome to continue to meet regularly but without our Priests to discuss the needs of their Parish and bring it to our Family meetings through their representatives.

2. The new schedule has been announced and officially begins on January 2, 2024. The schedule was established by the liturgical pillar consisting of parishioners from each of our 4 communities. We remind you again that no matter what building you attend the Eucharist, your donation will be returned to the parish of your membership. We humbly ask our parishioners not to leave us because of a schedule change but to try to adjust your personal life schedule with our Mass times. Everyone who leaves will make us weaker in our church, but most of all, it hurts his own spiritual well-being.

3. Everyone is asked to be kind and nice to our Priests and do not express negativity towards those who are not responsible for all the changes or problems that we are experiencing now in our local churches. Our Priests always want to help and lead us out of crisis. We will achieve more spiritual fruits and lead more people to heaven only by loving and respecting each other. Thank you for your understanding that we all struggle and feel pain because of the new challenges and changes but we also hope that God will help us to sustain faith In Christ in our Churches.

Everyone is important and asked to pray and work together.

4. The financial statements from each parish for the fiscal year of 2022/2023 will be announced in our Bulletin during the month of January.

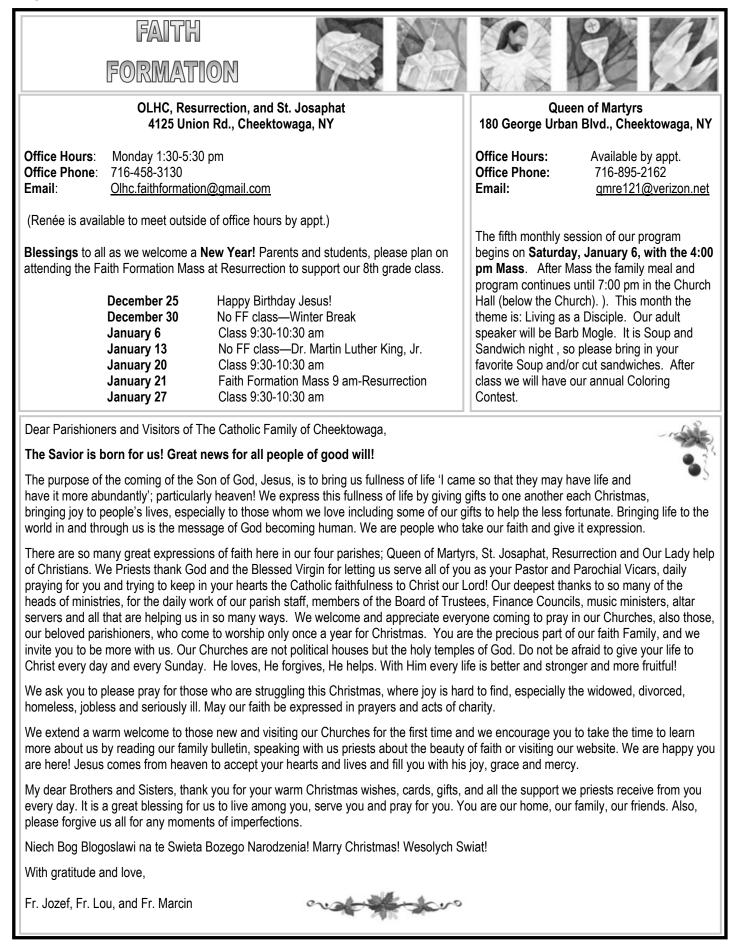
5. The Faith Formation program will merge into one Family Discipleship Faith Formation program as requested by the Diocese beginning June 1, 2024, after all Sacraments are received and present school year ends. Beginning September 2024, we will teach our children, youth and adults who want to deepen their knowledge of faith in one location decided by our administration pillar and approved by our Diocese. The details will be given to all parents, catechists and parishioners after Easter.

Thank you for your faith, love and cooperation. Let's celebrate Christmas and the 2024 New Year with joyful hearts.

Blessings to all!

Fr. Jozef

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