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Our Lady Help of Christians



Resurrection



St. Josaphat

December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

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MASS INTENTIONS (OLHC, Resurrection, St. Josaphat)**SATURDAY, December 17 Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

4:00 pm OLHC Church +Theresa Michalak—by Ann Marie

5:30 pm St. Josaphat Tony Wiles—by Cristian Swiatek

SUNDAY, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 am OLHC Chapel +Edward A. & Barbara A. Fox—by Children

8:30 am Resurrection +Leonard Saniewski—by Wife Jean and
+Jason P. Olczak—by Ted & Del Ptak

10:00 am OLHC Church +Richard Wujek—by Wife & Family

11:00 am St. Josaphat +Debbie Jakubowski—by Cousin, Sue and
+Peter & Zofia Brzozowiec—by Bozena Brzozowiec**MONDAY, December 19**

8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Judy Wagner—by Barry & Sandra Smith

9:00 am—6:00 pm OLHC Chapel - Eucharistic Adoration

TUESDAY, December 20

12:00 pm Resurrection +William C. Weaver—by Family and

+John Nowak—by Nowak Family

WEDNESDAY, December 21 Saint Peter Canisius

8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Holly Ann Zimmerman—by Kinecki Family

12:00 pm St. Josaphat +Gus Buczek—by Wife, Joyce

THURSDAY, December 22

8:30 am OLHC Church +Sister Francis Joseph Piazza—by Maureen Roos

12:00 pm Resurrection +Diana Sekuterski—George Nowicki

FRIDAY, December 23 Saint John of Kanty, Priest

8:30 am OLHC Chapel +Adele Podkladek.—by Podkladek Family

12:00 pm St. Josaphat Intentions of the Holy Father—by Anonymous and
+Adam Weimer—by Joan Walters**SATURDAY, December 24 Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord**

4:00 pm OLHC Church +Gary Roncone—by Family

4:00 pm Resurrection +Bernardette Coyner—by Family and
+Joseph D'Anna—by Thomas & Caroline McCarthy4:00 pm St. Josaphat For the Parishioners of St. Josaphat, Resurrection, and
OLHC

10:00 pm OLHC Church +Matthew Kochalski—by Family

SUNDAY, December 25 Nativity of the Lord

9:00 am Resurrection +Dennis Gorski—by Mary Jo & Family

10:00 am OLHC Church +Raymond Mizerkiewicz—by Wife & Children

11:00 am St. Josaphat +William & Anna Danhof—by Family

SPIRITUAL LIFE IN OUR CHURCHES

- ◇ Daily 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 (rosary's, 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 Cummings11-12 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 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**

Resurrection Parish Meeting—Monday, January 2nd at 7:00 pm—Parish Hall

2023 Parish Calendars

Unfortunately, the parish calendars will not be in until after Christmas. They will be available in all of our Churches as soon as possible.



Sanctuary Lamp at Resurrection - December 18th - December 24th

Pearce & Rosinski Families by Rosinski Family

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND
December 3/4 2022**

Resurrection — \$4,491.79
 eGiving (November)—\$1,079.00
 St. Josaphat — \$5,859.88
 Capital Repair Project Total—\$48,105.00
 OLHC — \$10,581.71
 eGiving (November)—\$530.00
 St. Vincent DePaul — \$191.65

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Special Note of Thanks

St. Josaphat received a donation from the Helminiak Foundation in the amount of \$16,483.60.

OLHC received an anonymous donation in the amount of \$10,000.00.

The donations will be used for the needs of our Churches. We are so grateful for the continued generosity and support.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Dave Borgioli Sr., Rita Ross, Chet Ross, Doreen Radzikowski, Lorry Bedtke, Matt Moore, Natalie Habert, Clair & Patricia Johnson, Ron Walters, Helen Wilczak, Kathleen Connors, Carolann Andrzejewski, Mary Zulawski, Marcia Stachewicz, Schuster Family, Nancy Dlugosz, Donna Jusiak, Linda Rebadow, Cheryl Rossi, Mary Ann Notaro, Paula DiJoseph, Grace Tomasello, Lucas Michael Nowak, Patricia Kubiak, Julie Korst, Ann Marie Lattuca, Martin Sehl, Connie Valentine, Patty Newton, Emily Mizerkiewicz, Patricia Urbanczyk, John Kammerer, Patricia Piatkowski, Rebecca Beres, Rita Casey, Nancy Baumgartner, Carol Robichaud, Patricia Hicks, Veronica Szalecki, Andrea Jeski, Jane Seifert, Beth Luther, Gary Powers, Dave and Marian Dascomb, Bernard Raczyk, and all in need of healing.

LET US PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Walter Wawrzynek, Stephen Oppel, and Diana Morgan-Stanko
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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; and Jeremy Jeziorski
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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4pm OLHC Church
 4pm St. Josaphat
 4pm Resurrection
 10 pm OLHC Church

Christmas Day

9 am Resurrection
 10 am OLHC Church
 11 am St. Josaphat
 12:30 pm Chapel Latin

Please come & invite all your family to celebrate Mass especially those who do not attend Church anymore.

Oplatek (Christmas Wafers) are available in our Churches and Parish Offices.

Advent Book

A book of daily reflections for Advent and Christmas is available for our parishioners in all of our Churches. Please take home a book and enjoy each days reflection and enrich your prayer life during the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

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 St. Josaphat Parish Office at (716) 893-1086 for appointment.

Honor Roll Recognition

Congratulations to Matthew and Ethan Fronczak who were named to the 1st quarter 2022-23 honor roll at Canisius High School. Matthew and Ethan are parishioners of **OLHC**.

Congratulations to Brenden Dukat who achieved First Honors for the 1st quarter 2022-23 academic year at St. Francis High School. Brenden is a parishioner of **St. Josaphat**.



Welcome to Resurrection Parish
 Christine Czajka

How to prepare for Christmas? 10 holy deeds we can perform in Advent time that will help us to better prepare for Lord's Nativity as Catholics.

Please choose at least two and try to perform it during Advent and Christmas seasons.

1. Participate in daily Mass throughout Advent at 8.30 or noon.
2. One hour of the Blessed Sacrament Adoration on Mondays between 9 am to 6 pm in our OLHC Chapel.
3. Come to Confession before Christmas (necessary to everyone).
4. Create your Family Advent wreath at home. Say prayer with Family members before dinner every night.
5. Request Holy Mass intention for a family member who has passed away or is sick.
6. Every Friday of Advent practice fast from meat, less use of the internet or tv, more reading of Bible.
7. Ask Father if he needs you to volunteer in our parish for one hour a week.
8. Help your lonely or older neighbors with shopping or house cleaning, invite somebody who is alone for Christmas dinner to your home.
9. Decide to attend every Sunday the Holy Mass in our church. Start going to Church regularly.
10. If you are married decide with your spouse to not argue anymore, to not use bad language, to work on your marriage vocation.

Brothers and Sisters. These 10 may teach us true Christian life and engaging into prayer and faith. All of them are going to improve our faith, our spirit and joy for life.

~God Bless you. Fr . Jozef & Fr. Marcin

ADVENT WREATH

The lights of the candles on the Advent Wreath break through the darkness, reminding us of the Light of Christ that we anticipate during this holy season.

In the middle ages, the Germanic peoples began incorporating a lighted wreath into the Christian season of Advent. It didn't gain widespread popularity until the 1800s and it wasn't until the 1900s that German immigrants brought the tradition to America.

The Advent Wreath is very symbolic. The evergreens used for the wreath itself are a reminder of continuous life. The shaping of them into a circle reinforces that meaning. The circle is also a sign of everlasting life as well as the eternity of God.

The four candles used, three purple and one pink, mark the Sundays of Advent before Christmas. The purple candles are reminders that this should be a time of prayer and sacrifice to prepare us for the second coming of Christ. On the third Sunday, the pink candle is lit to announce Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday of rejoicing for Christ is coming near. With the lighting of that candle, the light has won out over the darkness.

The Advent Wreath serves as a powerful visual reminder of the holiness of the season. The light of the candles invite us to quiet ourselves during this busy time and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Whether at home or at Church, it provides an invitation to wait and pray in hopeful anticipation for the coming of Christ. We are called to welcome the light of Christ into our lives.

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 the 4th Sunday of Advent—Mass Intentions

SUNDAY December 18, 4th Sunday of Advent

12:30 pm OLHC Chapel +Paul Cheiban

SUNDAY December 25, Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

12:30 pm OLHC Chapel For the Youth and Children from our Home School Families

The Latin Mass is in need of one or two people who could help set up the altar for Mass each Sunday. If you are interested, please call the OLHC Parish Office or see Rick Torsell in the sacristy after Mass.

- ◇ 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 Jozef and Fr Marcin 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.

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:

- \$1,200 (parishioner rate)
- \$1,300 (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.

OLHC Faith Formation (716) 458-3130
olhc.faithformation@gmail.com

December Faith Formation Schedule

December 24th: NO Faith Formation Class

December 31st: NO Faith Formation Class

The month of December is rich with celebrations and Feast days. On December 8th we honor the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. December 12th is Our Lady of Guadalupe. Advent takes center stage with our count down to the Nativity of our Lord Jesus. An Advent wreath is a wreath of laurel, spruce or similar foliage with four candles that are lighted successively in the weeks of Advent to symbolize the light that the birth of Christ brought into the world.

Traditionally three of the candles are purple, the color of kings and of penance. A rose-colored candle is used to mark the Third Sunday of Advent as a time to rejoice over the closeness of Christmas and the coming of Christ.

Children love the beauty of the simple traditional ceremony. Lighting candles in an Advent Wreath is a simple way to start a tradition of family worship in the home. Those who participate will cherish the experience all their lives.

FOURTH WEEK The prayer that follows is to be repeated each day of the fourth week. After the prayer, the father lights all four candles.

Leader: O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The four candles are allowed to burn during the evening meals for the fourth week.

After the fourth week, the penitential season of Advent is over and the time to rejoice is at hand. The Advent wreath is transformed into a Christmas wreath. Ribbon and candles are replaced with red ribbon and long red or white tapers (to be lighted at breakfast on Christmas morning) and, if desired, other festive decorations can be added.

RCIA Program for All 3 Parishes

The RCIA program is for those who want to belong or return to the Catholic Church. Please contact the OLHC Parish office if you want to receive the Sacraments. We will provide classes for this program after the Christmas season. The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil Mass on **Saturday, April 8th 2023**. If you have not made your Confirmation, or left the Catholic Church for a long time, please come to our church for RCIA. If your marriage has not been Blessed sacramentally in the Catholic Church, please contact us to discuss your options and how to accomplish this. All candidates of RCIA are asked to attend Mass every Sunday and learn about faith. Please register for the program by calling the OLHC Parish office or email olhc.chapel@gmail.com or ksdudzik@gmail.com. We pray for all people who are led by the Holy Spirit to the deeper faith in the Church of Jesus Christ.



Chapel Seniors

We are having our 1st meeting of the year on **January 12th 2023 at 1pm** in the OLHC Parish Hall. We will be celebrating all of our member's birthdays. As part of our celebration we will include a white elephant wrapped gift exchange. Please bring a \$5 new wrapped gift to participate.

Please remember you can join the Chapel Senior organization even if you are not a member of Our Lady Help of Christians and you are over 60 years young. All are welcome! Come join us.

2023 Mystery Calendars

The Holy Name Society is selling 2023 Mystery Calendars until December 31, 2022 or sold out. For just \$20, you have a chance to win every day during 2023! Calendars make great Christmas gifts! Calendars are available after weekend Masses, from your favorite seller and at the Parish Office. Calendars are sold in a sealed envelope. Numbers on the outside may or may not be the same as the calendar number on the inside. Once opened, calendars cannot be returned nor refunded. Thank you for supporting Our Lady Help of Christians Holy Name!



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.**

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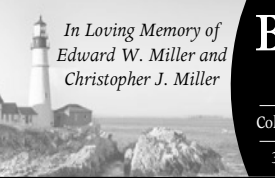
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