DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPA – The Association of Priests for Polish Affairs invites priests, deacons, religious brothers and seminarians interested in Polish cultural heritage to their annual sharing of Oplatek on Wednesday, January 5 at 4:30 pm at St. Mary Parish, 6919 Transit Rd., East Amherst. In order to make proper arrangements, please RSVP to Fr Cole Webster at 716-754-4118, ext. 111 by December 29. Wesołych Świąt!

Homily Helps from the Buffalo Diocese Care for Creation Committee. The Catholic Climate Covenant and the Integral Faith team provide resources for homilists and other materials that will help you integrate the rich insights of Laudato Si’ and Christian care for creation into Sunday Mass. These include highlights from the scriptures, readings of the day, relevant quotations from Laudato Si’, brief commentary, illustrations and anecdotes, sample applications, sample petitions, and bulletin notes. The January 2022 Homily Helps are now available at: https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/?tid=14.

CHURCH BULLETINS

Bulletin message for weekend of January 8-9: Did you know? Catholic Charities Our Kids Parent Education and Awareness Program (OKPEAP) is available to parents and caregivers and their significant others who have experienced conflict regarding custody and/or access issues related to their children. OKPEAP helps parents develop a “business” relationship and encourages co-parents to refrain from putting the children in the middle of conflict. Topics covered include: the impact of separation/divorce on children; child development and the implications for parenting after separation/divorce; cooperative and parallel approaches to parenting; an overview of family law as it affects custody and visitation; and conflict management and problem-solving. Groups are held throughout Western New York. Ready to connect? Call 716-896-6390. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit www.ccwny.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Bulletin message for weekend of January 15-16: Don’t delay your goals! If you’re ready to earn your high school equivalency diploma or become career ready, contact Catholic Charities Department of Workforce and Education at 716-893-3500. Services offered for youths and adults in Erie and Niagara counties include tutoring, high school equivalency preparation instruction, basic skills upgrades, employment readiness preparation, post-secondary school education planning and more. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit www.ccwny.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

ENCLOSURES

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