

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CHURCH BULLETINS

Bulletin message for weekend of March 5-6: As a parent, you want to do whatever you can to help your child. That is what brought one mother to **Catholic Charities' Multisystemic Therapy Program (MST)** after her daughter was exhibiting several alarming behaviors such as running away, self-harming, drinking and doing drugs. MST is an intensive, family-focused intervention that empowers parents or caregivers to find solutions quickly. "MST was the best decision I've ever made. They work closely with you and teach you the skills to get your child back. ...I lost her four years ago. My sweet, caring, polite daughter. She was heading down a path of self-destruction. I went from being hopeless to hopeful. And now with the time and dedication put in with MST, I have my child back. I cannot thank you enough." Your gift to **Appeal 2022** helps families just like this one find HOPE when it doesn't seem possible. Visit www.cwny.org/donation or text GIVEHOPE22 to 44321 today!

Bulletin message for weekend of March 12-13: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Jesus calls us to help and love our neighbors, especially those who are most vulnerable and struggling. Catholic Charities of Buffalo offers several basic and emergency services, such as food, rehousing, medications and clothing. Your donation to the **Appeal 2022** today can help ensure that the hungry have food, the naked have clothing and those facing eviction have shelter. If you have already given this year, thank you! **Give the gift of HOPE for all seasons.** Visit www.cwny.org/donation or text GIVEHOPE22 to 44321 today!

Bulletin message for weekend of March 19-20: In addition to supporting Catholic Charities, **Appeal 2022 also benefits the Fund for the Faith.** Established in 1937 by Bishop John Duffy out of concern for those in need of spiritual comfort due to hardships of the Great Depression, the Fund for the Faith continues to provide spiritual nourishment throughout our diocese today. Proceeds provide ministry support services that are instrumental to the vitality of our faith experience and enable us to more effectively spread the Gospel message of Christ's love. With the Covid-19 pandemic ongoing, donations to the Fund for the Faith are more important than ever as we extend comfort to all of God's people – our family, friends and neighbors alike. **Support Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith** by visiting www.cwny.org/donation or text GIVEHOPE22 to 44321 today!

Camp Turner is now hiring for the summer of 2022. Staff training begins July 3, summer ends August 18. Counselors at least 18 years old start at \$360/week plus room and board. Experienced staff can earn up to \$600/week. 17 year old Activity Assistants start at \$300/week. More importantly, staff develop skills that employers want including empathy, responsibility, mission focus, conflict resolution and so much more, all while getting to spend the summer outdoors! Cooks and kitchen helpers are also needed. To apply, please visit www.campturner.com/employment. Camp Turner is a ministry of Our Lady of Victory Charities, a not-for-profit organization.

2022 Oberammergau Passion Play Pilgrimage with Fr. Peter Karalus. Join Fr. Peter Karalus, Vicar General of the Diocese of Buffalo, on *The Oberammergau Passion Play (The Event of the Decade reschedule from 2020!)* including Munich, Innsbruck, Salzburg & Vienna – September 5-14. Trip

includes Mass at historical locations, 4 star centrally located hotels, breakfast daily, some dinners, ground transportation, guides and all tips and taxes. A full itinerary with complete details for each trip and registration materials available by calling the Chancery at 716-847-5500. Only a few spaces remain available – do not delay!

Viewing and Discussion of “The Search,” presented by The Augustine Institute on March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 13 at 6:30 pm at St. Gregory the Great (Gathering Room #1), 200 St. Gregory Ct., Williamsville. What is this journey in between the event we call “birth” and the one we call “death?” Why are we here? What’s life all about? What happens when we die?

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Store and Café. Pierogis are back for Lent! Come check out the Café every Wednesday and Friday at lunchtime during Lent for pierogis. **Pizza Night!** Working late at the office and don’t want to cook? Stop by our Café every Wednesday night for our Specialty Pizza Night from 5:30-7:30 pm. **Books for Lent.** Stop in to our Catholic Store to pick up a spiritual book for Lent. We have many books with daily readings or inspirational books to strengthen your spiritual life this Lent. St. Gregory the Great Store and Café is located at 100 St. Gregory Ct., Williamsville.

Lenten Holy Hour of Reparation every Thursday in Lent (beginning on March 3) from 3-4 pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 5337 Genesee St., Bowmansville. Come fill our church and offer Reparation to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar for the sins of our lives and the sins of the world!

St. Gregory the Great Fish Fry on March 4, 11, 25 and April 1, 8 & 15 from 4-7 pm at St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center, 100 St. Gregory Ct., Williamsville. Menu: Fried Fish, Fresh Baked Fish or Breaded Shrimp served with French fries, coleslaw and roll. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://givebutter.com/stgregsfishfry2022> or at the Parish Office, Store or Café.

St. Leo the Great Fish Fry to be held on Friday’s during Lent: March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8 & 15 from 4-7 pm or until sold out. Fish (fried and baked) includes fries, coleslaw, roll, butter & dessert. Shrimp Scampi includes fries or rice, coleslaw, roll, butter & dessert. Also available is Soup of the Day; Mac ‘n Cheese dinner which includes fries & dessert; beer, wine, pop and bottled water. Tickets can be purchased at the parish office: 885 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst or on the parish website: <http://www.stleothegreatamherst.com>.

St. Leo the Great Pancake Breakfast to be held on Sunday, March 6 from 8-11 am in the Parish Center, 885 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst. Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, fruit, Danish, coffee, tea & juice. Children under 4 are free. Tickets can be purchased at the parish office or on the parish website: <http://www.stleothegreatamherst.com>.

University of Notre Dame Folk Choir Lenten Concert on Monday, March 7 at 7 pm at St. Joseph University Parish, 3269 Main St., Buffalo. No charge.

Online Seasonal Book Clubs at Stella Niagara’s Center of Renewal. Part of the Devotion-by-Distance online retreat programming offered by the Center of Renewal Retreat & Conference Center at Stella Niagara, the winter and spring book clubs will each meet six consecutive Tuesdays from 1:30-2:30 pm with the winter book club from March 8-April 12 and the spring book club from April 26-May 31. The clubs will feature books #3, *Barefoot: A Story of Surrendering to God* and book #4, *An Extra Mile: A Story of Embracing God’s Call* by author Sharon Garlough Brown. Participants are urged to acquire books from area booksellers and advance registration for the book club is required at least 2-3 days prior to the start of each book club. To register and for more information, call the Center of Renewal at 716-754-7376, ext. 2 or 1 and visit the website: www.stellaniagararetreats.org.

Bible Study Class: “Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother” on Wednesdays from 6-7:15 pm starting March 9 through May 4. The classes will be held in-person at Blessed Sacrament Church (St. Joseph’s Hall), 1029 Delaware Ave., Buffalo and via Zoom. Deacon Bill Hynes will conduct the

sessions. Discover a perspective of Mary's earthly life, her struggles and her joy, her role in God's kingdom and in our lives. Cost includes course materials: printed workbook, online video access for one year, and online workbook. Interested participants should register by contacting Lizza Buckley at 716-939-3483 or eabuckley@msn.com.

"Hello Dolly," the fun-loving musical, will be on stage March 11-13 in the Performing Arts Center at Cardinal O'Hara High School, 39 O'Hara Rd., Tonawanda. Show times are March 11 at 7 pm; March 12 at 2 pm; and March 13 at 6 pm. To order tickets, call the school at 716-695-2600 or go online at www.cardinalohara.com.

Sale at St. Andrew's Consignment Shop, 111 Crocker St., Sloan on Saturday, March 12 from 11 am to 4 pm. on all Men's, Women's and Children's clothing, shoes and purses and selected general merchandise items. For more information, call 716-892-0425.

Learn More About the Mass. Come one, come all and discover the beauty and power of the Mass on March 17, May 19 and June 30 at 6:30 pm at St. Gregory the Great Church, 200 St. Gregory Ct., Williamsville. Our priests will take turns each month to explain the deeper meaning of the Mass. The Mass is central to our worship as Catholics ever since the Apostles walked the earth. Perhaps for some of us, the Mass may be a little too familiar or for others, not familiar enough. We come to Mass and we make the Sign of the Cross. We unconsciously go through the Catholic calisthenics of standing, sitting and kneeling. We know the responses by heart. But do we understand what all these prayers and rituals mean? We look forward to seeing you there.

New Prayer Group forming. Southtowns Prayer Group will start meeting on March 17 at 7 pm at St. Mary of the Lake Parish Center (Rm. #1), 4737 Lake Shore Rd., Hamburg. We will continue to meet once a month on the third Thursday of each month. Please join us and bring a friend. For more information, call 716-683-6522, ext. 109.

"God's Son, My Son," the story of St. Joseph – a one-man live theatrical presentation – on Saturday, March 19 from 3-4 pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 5337 Genesee St., Bowmansville. Free will offering accepted.

Pot of Gold fundraising event sponsored by St. Aloysius Regional School Family Association, will be held on Saturday, March 19 at 5 pm at The Annex WNY, 12139 Olean Rd. (Rt. 16), Chaffee. Cost includes a catered dinner buffet by David Kirsch of Catered Creations, dessert by Sinfully Sweet by Dana with coffee and tea. The evening offers a number of fun opportunities including basket raffle, 50/50, gun raffle, wine wall, large item auction and student art auction. Tickets and event sponsorships are available online at <https://staloyisiusregional.com/shop/> or by contacting the school office at 716-592-7002.

"La Feasta Di San Giuseppe." St. Anthony of Padua Church, 160 Court Street, Buffalo, celebrates the Feast of St. Joseph, "La Feasta Di San Giuseppe," on Sunday, March 20 with Mass at 11am followed by a sit down dinner at 12 pm. Parking is free. For tickets and information, call the rectory at 716-854-2563 between 9am-1pm. Pre-sale tickets only by March 2.

Driver Education Program at Cardinal O'Hara High School, 39 O'Hara Rd., Tonawanda on Mondays and Wednesdays from March 21 to May 23. The program is open to all area students and is taught by trained professionals in compliance with the NYS Education Department. Classroom instruction is from 6-7:30 pm. In addition, students attend 8 weekly in-car driving classes the same days. Students must be 16 years of age by March 21 and present a copy of a permit or license prior to the start of class. For more details or to receive a registration form, call the school at 716-695-2600, ext. 309 or visit www.cardinalohara.com and click Menu, then Campus Life, Driver Education.

Annulment Workshop on Saturday, March 26 from 9-11 am at UB North Newman Center, 495 Skinnersville Rd., Amherst. The session will include information on the recent changes in the annulment

process and step-by-step help in getting started. A nominal registration fee will cover the cost of materials. For additional information, contact Barbara at 716-633-7786 or BJWTR@aol.com. Walk-ins are welcome.

“Moving From Darkness to the Joy of Christ Resurrected” – a Lenten journey with our guest, Deacon Dave Clabeaux, on March 27, April 3 and April 10 at 12 noon (lunch served) at St. Andrew Church, Crocker & Reiman Sts., Sloan.

Parish Lenten Retreat: “Body of Christ Save Me: Developing a Daily Eucharistic Spirituality” on April 4, 5, & 6, offered twice a day at 12:45 pm & 7 pm at St. Gregory the Great Church, 200 St. Gregory Ct., Williamsville. Presented by Dr. Eric Mabry, Assistant Professor of Philosophy & Systematic Theology at St. Mary Seminary, Baltimore, MD.

Lenten Fish Fry on April 8 from 4-7 pm at St. Margaret Parish, 1395 Hertel Ave., Buffalo. Event is drive-thru only in the parking lot behind the church. Ticket includes haddock, potato salad, coleslaw, rye bread, butter and dessert. Tickets on sale from March 6-31 and can be purchased following all Sunday Masses and in the rectory during normal business hours. Contact Diane at 716-876-5318 for further information or to purchase tickets.

SAVE THE DATE: 11th Annual Banquet St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center on Thursday, April 28 at 6 pm at Classics V, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst. More details coming soon. If you are unable to attend, please prayerfully consider making a donation or if you would like to donate a gift basket they must be delivered by Friday, April 22. For more information, call the Pro-Life Office at 716-847-2205.

Word of Life-March 6: The Gospel of Life is “meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!”

Palabra de Vida-Marzo 6: “El Evangelio de la Vida quiere ser pues una confirmación precisa y firme del valor de la vida humana y de su carácter inviolable, y, al mismo tiempo, una acuciante llamada a todos y a cada uno, en nombre de Dios: ¡respeta, defiende, ama y sirve a la vida, a toda vida humana! ¡Sólo siguiendo este camino encontrarás justicia, desarrollo, libertad verdadera, paz y felicidad!”

Word of Life-March 13: “We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’. We find ourselves not only ‘faced with’ but necessarily ‘in the midst of’ this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life”

Palabra de Vida-Marzo 13: “Estamos ante un enorme y dramático choque entre el bien y el mal, la muerte y la vida, la “cultura de la muerte” y la “cultura de la vida”. Estamos no solo “ante”, sino necesariamente “en medio” de este conflicto: todos nos vemos implicados y obligados a participar, con la responsabilidad ineludible de elegir incondicionalmente en favor de la vida.

ENCLOSURES

1. Easter Vigil: Requesting the Faculty to Confirm Baptized Catholics – memo & form *

* = Priests and Deacons only

** = Diocesan Priests only

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THE CHANCERY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Priests, Deacons, DRE's, CRE's and RCIA Coordinators
FROM: Sr. Regina Murphy, SSMN
RE: Easter Vigil - Requesting the Faculty to Confirm Baptized Catholics
DATE: February 28, 2022

In accord with Canons 883 and 884 of the Code of Canon Law and Paragraph 28 of the National Statutes on the Catechumenate, adult candidates for Confirmation who have been **baptized in the Catholic Church** cannot be validly confirmed by a presbyter in any one of these cases:

1. they have been instructed in or adhered to a non-Catholic Church or ecclesial community by their own intent;
2. they never put their faith into practice and never belonged to any other religion (uncatechized adult Catholics);
3. they never left the Church, but are not yet confirmed.

For these candidates, the faculty to confirm must be given by the Bishop to a specific priest. This is appropriate for those previously uncatechized adult candidates who have been in formation along with others who will be receiving the Easter Sacraments. Priests who intend to confirm previously uncatechized adults at Easter time must request the faculty to confirm from the Bishop. The faculty is granted only (1) to the priest listed on the application, (2) for the occasion indicated, and (3) for those candidates listed on the application. The faculty must be granted by the Bishop.

The attached form should be filled out and returned to Bishop Michael Fisher **no later than Friday, March 25, 2022.**

The law supplies the faculty to confirm to the presbyter for the following candidates:

1. an unbaptized adult whom he baptizes;
2. a person baptized in a non-Catholic church or ecclesial community whom he brings into full communion;
3. a person baptized in the Catholic Church but raised in a non-Catholic church or ecclesial community through no fault of his/her own who is now returning to full communion.
4. a person baptized in the Catholic Church who apostasized (i.e., totally and deliberately repudiated the Christian faith) who is now returning to full communion.

For these candidates it is not necessary to request the faculty to confirm from the Bishop.

If you have any questions regarding the canonical status of any persons to be confirmed, please call Sr. Regina at 847-5534 or e-mail her at rmurphy@buffalodiocese.org.

**EASTER VIGIL - Request for the Faculty to Confirm
In Accord with Canons 883 and 884 of the Code of Canon Law**

Date of Request: _____ (N.B.: **Absolute Deadline – March 25, 2022**)

Parish: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Celebration: _____

Dear Bishop Fisher:

In accord with the norms set forth in Canons 883 and 884 of the Code of Canon Law and Paragraph 28 of the National Statutes for the Catechumenate, I, the **Rev.** _____ do hereby request the faculty to confirm the following previously uncatechized adult candidates who have been baptized in the Catholic Church (please print):

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I understand that the request for this faculty is not to include those candidates who are baptized Catholic, catechized and practicing in the normal course, since the Bishop reserves these candidates to himself.

Sincerely,
