

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CHURCH BULLETINS

Bulletin message for weekend of April 9-10: Palm Sunday typically means we have reached the mid-point of our annual Appeal. We'd like to take a moment to remind you that your support of the Appeal helps us continue our efforts to bring **HOPE** to all those we serve. All told, **your gifts helped us bring HOPE to more than 125,000 lives last year through Catholic Charities and helped the Diocese support spiritual care through the Fund for the Faith programs.** If you have already donated, we offer our sincerest thanks on behalf of the children, individuals and families we serve. If you have not yet given to **Appeal 2022**, now is a great time! Visit www.cwny.org/donation or text **GIVEHOPE22** to 44321. No gift is too small to make a tremendous impact right here in Western New York.

Bulletin message for weekend of April 16-17: Jesus' resurrection and triumph over sin and death is our everlasting reason for **HOPE**. Today we celebrate and rejoice in his glory and his promise of eternal life through him! We also want to express our gratitude to you, our generous Appeal supporters, for following the example of Appeal Patron St. Teresa of Calcutta through your compassion and care for those in need in our community. Your love for your neighbors makes a profound difference each and every day. **Thank you for your continuing support of Appeal 2022!**

The Ars Nova Musicians Chamber Orchestra will perform the complete instrumental movements of Joseph Haydn's "**The Seven Last Words of Christ**" on Sunday, April 3 at 3 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1029 Delaware Ave., Buffalo. Donna Lorenzo will direct. Tickets can be purchased online at www.BSCBuffalo.org/events, at all weekend Masses at Blessed Sacrament, or by calling Michael Pitek at 716-480-8313. Free off-street parking available. For further information, contact Michael Pitek at Michael@thepitekgroup.com or 716-480-8313.

Lenten Retreat on April 6-8 at All Saints Parish, 76 Church St., Lockport. Schedule: Wednesday, April 6 from 7-8:30 pm – "Fed by God the Source of Our Life" by Fr. Jim Bastian; Thursday, April 7 from 7-8:30 pm – "Forgiven by God" by Sr. Colleen Shanahan; Friday, April 8 at 6 pm Soup and from 7-8:30 pm – "Led by God" by Fr. Ron Sajdak.

Contemporary Stations of the Cross, with live music and reflection from a contemporary perspective, on Friday, April 8 at 7 pm at Holy Trinity Church, 1032 Central Ave, Dunkirk. This inspiring event, in a candlelit setting, combines the traditional stations with contemporary songs and a short reflection connecting Christ's final journey to the Cross with the challenges we face each day in our world. Sixteen contemporary songs by artists such as Billy Joel, Bryan Adams, Lauren Daigle, Eric Clapton and Josh Groban follow each station and reflection. The songs are performed live by Holy Trinity's own musicians and vocalists, and the music brings out the human emotion of each station in Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. For more information, call 716-366-2306, email allarewelcome@holytrinitydunkirk.com or visit www.holytrinitydunkirk.com.

Stations of the Cross and Prayers for Ukraine on Friday, April 8 at 7 pm at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, 18 W. Main St., Corfu. Led by Fr. Patryk Sobczyk.

Consider the Witnesses at Calvary. On Friday, April 8 at 7 pm, join Fr. Bill Quinlivan as he shares Lenten meditations of the Cross of Christ at St. Martin of Tours, 1140 Abbott Rd., Buffalo. Who witnessed the Crucifixion? Who stood by, who was at a distance and who were afraid? Where do we stand in relationship to the Cross? This prayerful evening of reflection is free and all are welcome.

Palm Sunday Take-Out Ham Dinner on Sunday, April 10 from 12-4 pm at Fatima Shrine, 1023 Swann Rd. (off Rt. 18E), Lewiston. Dinner includes ½ lb. Camellia ham, cheesy potatoes, green bean casserole, apple sauce, rice pudding, roll & butter. Advance tickets available at the Shrine or by calling 716-754-7489, ext. 0. Tickets also available at the door. Dinners distributed as take-out only from the Shrine's cafeteria. An Easter Bake Sale and 50/50 split will also be held from 9 am-6 pm. Proceeds to help repair roof and ceiling in Pilgrim Center. For more information, call 716-754-7489, ext. 0 or email office@fatimashrine.com.

St. Bernadette Hosts Inclusive Easter Mass. On Tuesday, April 19 families with special needs are invited to an Inclusive Easter Mass at 7 pm at St. Bernadette, 5930 S. Abbott Rd., Orchard Park; church is wheelchair accessible. Fr. Joe Wolf, celebrant, will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6 pm. Sr. Conchetta LoPresti, OSF will interpret the Mass through American Sign Language. The Mass will be live-streamed on St. Bernadette's Facebook page. The Mass offers a shorter, less crowded worship setting allowing people to move freely as needed. The lighting will be dimmer, the music soothing and low gluten hosts available. This event is sponsored by Open Doors Ministry which advocates for the inclusion of people with disabilities into the life of the parish. Questions may be directed at Sharon Urbaniak at 716-648-1720, ext. 3 or sharonu@saintbopny.org or Paula Potteiger at 716-649-1051 or cozmo3631@gmail.com.

Chicken BBQ on Sunday, April 24 from 10:45 am until sold out at Immaculate Conception Church of Mary Immaculate Parish, Rt. 63, East Bethany. Dinner includes ½ chicken, baked potato, vegetable, coleslaw and dessert.

Buffalo Ladies of Charity is holding their Annual Gift Card Raffle on Saturday, April 30 at Catholic Charities, 75 Caldwell, Lackawanna. Doors open at 11 am; first drawing at 12 pm. 30 or more gift cards to be awarded; basket raffle and split club drawings also available. Entry ticket includes 2 slices of pizza and a drink. Bring your friends, your own snacks and your dollar bills to support Ladies of Charity and its ministries. For additional information, contact Ladies of Charity at 716-895-4001.

Theater Camps. Two theater camps will be offered this summer at Cardinal O'Hara High School, Tonawanda for youngsters from 7-18. Working with theater professionals, each camp will end with live performances on the Cardinal O'Hara stage. One camp is for ages 7-12: July 11-29 from 9 am-3 pm; the second camp is for ages 11-18: August 1-19 from 9 am-3 pm. A non-refundable deposit is required to reserve a spot. For more information, email Thomas Wilkie at twilkie@cardinalohara.com or call 716-695-2600, ext. 357.

Bingo is back at Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral, 6298 Broadway, Lancaster on Mondays, beginning March 28. Doors open at 10 am; bingo starts promptly at 11:30 am.

ENCLOSURES

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