

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CHURCH BULLETINS

Bulletin message for weekend of May 7-8: HOPE Day is coming! Catholic Charities' one-day "above and beyond" fundraising effort is Wednesday, May 11. Last year donors contributed nearly \$317,228 in 24 hours and this year we are aiming for another successful one-day giving blitz. Be sure to follow our Facebook and Instagram pages for more details on how you can make a contribution or help spread the word this Wednesday and to track our progress on **HOPE Day**. If you need help, please visit www.ccwny.org/services or call 716-218-1419 or the office in your area.

Bulletin message for weekend of May 14-15: Feeling overwhelmed, anxious, depressed or alone? Don't continue to be consumed by these feelings – Catholic Charities can help! The agency offers several different types of support including: marriage counseling, individual psychotherapy, family and group therapy, substance use treatment, diocesan counseling for church ministers, children's clinics, and individual, children and family counseling. For more information on Catholic Charities' counseling and mental health services, visit www.ccwny.org/mental-wellness. **Appeal 2022** is ongoing through June 30. To make a donation today, visit www.ccwny.org/donate or text **GIVEHOPE22** to 44321.

Spring Pork Chop Dinner on Saturday, April 30 from 3 pm until sold out at Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral, 6298 Broadway, Lancaster. Dinner includes: breaded pork chop, mashed potatoes & gravy, sweet & sour cabbage, vegetable, roll and dessert. Tickets available at the parish office.

Learn about Alpha Catholic. The Diocese of Buffalo will be offering two sessions to explain the Alpha Catholic program. Alpha is a wonderful program to invite anyone in your parish, friends, coworkers, neighbors who are searching for meaning in life, wanting to learn more about Jesus and his Church, or desires to reconnect or grow deeper in the Catholic faith. There is a special track for young adults as well. Learn more about this program for your parishes by attending one of the information sessions. Both are held on Thursday, May 5: Morning Session (10 am-12:30 pm) at Our Lady of the Angels, Cuba; Evening Session (6:30-9 pm) at Our Lady of Peace, Clarence. To register, email to Volunteer1@buffalodiocese.org by May 1. For more information, contact Ted Musco, Director of Renewal Mission, Evangelization, and Lay Formation, at tmusco@buffalodiocese.org or 716-847-8374.

Webinars on Evangelization. The Diocese of Buffalo is sponsoring a four-part Zoom webinar on the new evangelization. Fr. Frank DeSiano, CSP, President of Paulist Evangelization

Ministries, will be directing these sessions. We encourage pastors, priests, staff and all interested parishioners to participate. The sessions will be held May 10, 17, 25 & 31 at 2 pm. There is no cost to attend. Beyond learning ideas and theories, the series will stress action, tailored to the needs of the parish that parishes can undertake to become more inviting, welcoming and engaging. All who registers will receive links to the recorded webinar. To register: <https://bit.ly/3IPMMz6>. For more information, contact Ted Musco, Director of Renewal Mission, Evangelization, and Lay Formation at tmusco@buffalodiocese.org or 716-847-8374.

BBQ Chicken Dinner on Sunday, May 15 from 12-3 pm (or until sold out) at Our Lady of Bistrice (Cardinal Stepinac Hall), 222 West Elmview, Lackawanna. Eat-in or take-out. Dinner includes ½ chicken, buttered potatoes, Croatian coleslaw, macaroni salad and bread. For more information or to reserve tickets, email rectoryourladyofbistrice@gmail.com or call 716-822-0818.

Beloved: An Evening of Healing, Rejoicing and Love of Jesus through Music and Prayer. An inspirational concert by Mary Palmer on Monday, May 16 from 7-8 pm at Our Lady of Pompeii Church, 129 Laverack Ave., Lancaster. Finger foods following concert. No charge; free-will offering. RSPV appreciated but not required – 716-683-6522. All are welcome!

“A Catholic Perspective on End of Life Issues” on Tuesday, May 17 at 7 pm in the SS. Peter & Paul School Gym, 5480 Main St., Williamsville. Speaker: Dr. Stan Bukowski, a local Catholic physician. Presented by the Respect Life Ministry at SS. Peter & Paul Parish. Please bring a friend and any questions you may have.

Weekend Spring Retreat-Workshop on May 20-22 at Stella Niagara’s Center of Renewal, 4421 Lower River Rd., Stella Niagara. “Valuing the Labyrinths of Our Lives” will link springtime renewal, rebirth and revitalization symbolically with labyrinths which can enlighten our spiritual paths in our lives. Designed and facilitated by Executive Director Nancy Askins, PhD, this enjoyable retreat will feature multiple adult learning techniques to enhance spiritual growth. Pre-registration is required by May 6. Call 716-754-7376, ext. 1 or 2 for a detailed flier or visit www.stellaniagararetreats.org for more information.

Mega Raffle. St. Mary of the Assumption and St. Mary’s Elementary School in Lancaster will hold their 7th Annual Mega Raffle virtually on Friday, June 10. Tickets can be ordered online at www.stmarysonthehill.org. For questions, email me garaffle@smeschool.com or call 716-253-7880.

ENCLOSURES

1. 2023 Diocesan Collection Schedule

* = Priests and Deacons only

** = Diocesan Priests only



DIOCESE OF BUFFALO
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 25, 2022

Dear Pastors/Parish Administrators:

Greetings to you during this glorious Easter Season!

Enclosed please find the schedule of **Diocesan Collections for the year 2023**. Please note that these collections are not optional and must be observed within your parish. When placing your envelope orders, please ensure that they are printed according to this list.

Each of the collections on this list is very important to the life of the Church in our country and throughout the world. I would ask that you encourage the people of your parish to be as generous as possible in their response to these collections. Please remind them that these collections do much to share the joy and hope of the Gospel, as well as to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, care for the sick and shelter the homeless. Our generous contributions to these collections are a way for us actively to participate in the Corporal Works of Mercy that Our Lord taught us by His own words and actions. I appreciate your cooperation with this responsibility.

Be assured of my ongoing prayers and best wishes for you and the people to whom you minister. Thank you for your faithfulness to the pastoral and administrative work that you do each day.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Michael W. Fisher
Bishop of Buffalo

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The schedule of **DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2023** is as follows:

Catholic Relief Services (American BPS Overseas Relief)	January 28-29 (last weekend in January)	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294 PO Box 8000 Buffalo, NY 14267
Church in Central and Eastern Europe & Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland	February 18-19	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294
Black & Native Missions	March 4-5	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294
Holy Land	April 7 – Good Friday	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294
Catholic Home Mission Appeal (CHMA)	April 29-30 (last weekend in April)	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294
Church in Latin America & Church in Africa	Sunday in May – Pastor’s Choice	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294
Catholic Communication Campaign	June 10-11 (second Sunday in June)	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294
Mission Cooperative Plan	Mid-June to Mid-July	Propagation of the Faith Lockbox Dept. 512 PO Box 8000 Buffalo, NY 14267
Peter’s Pence	Sunday in July – Pastor’s Choice	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294
Retired Diocesan Priests’ Medical Benefits Fund	August 5-6	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294
Catholic University	August 19-20	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294
Seminarian & Diaconate Formation	Sunday in September – Pastor’s Choice	Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo 795 Main St. Buffalo, NY 14203
Respect Life Sunday for Moms & Babies	October 7-8 (first weekend in October)	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294
World Mission Sunday	October 21-22	Propagation of the Faith Lockbox Dept. 512
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	November 18-19 (last weekend before Thanksgiving)	Catholic Charities 741 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY 14209
Religious Retirement Appeal	December 9-10	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294

If any of these dates interferes with a parochial program, the collection should be taken on the nearest Sunday. Thank you for your cooperation and support for these important efforts.

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