

Bulletin Announcements – July 25, 2022

Bulletin message for weekend of August 6-7: Worried about affording school supplies? We can help. Ladies of Charity, a volunteer organization affiliated with Catholic Charities, can provide back-to-school items like backpacks, pencils, crayons and more. To connect with the program, please call 716-895-4001. Need assistance with other essentials like food and clothing? We can help with that, too. Please call 716-856-4494 if you reside in Erie County, or your local Catholic Charities office if you reside outside of Erie County.

Bulletin message for weekend of August 13-14: Are you a divorced or separated parent looking for assistance in navigating this new family dynamic? Catholic Charities can help. Our Kids Parent Education and Awareness Program (OKPEAP) is a New York State Certified program available to parents and their significant others who have experienced conflict regarding custody and/or access issues related to their children. This group helps parents develop a “business” relationship that encourages co-parents to refrain from putting children in the middle of arguments. Topics covered include: the impact of separation/divorce on children; cooperative and parallel approaches to co-parenting; legal issues related to custody and/or access; alternatives to litigation; methods of communication and problem-solving. To connect, call 716-896-6390.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church & Diocesan Shrine invites you to attend Mass in our beautiful shrine, 5337 Genesee St., Bowmansville! Weather permitting we have Mass outside every Sunday at 8:30 am and 11 am through Labor Day weekend. For more information, contact the rectory at 716-683-2375. Come experience Mass and nature at the same time.

Summer Sizzler Meat Raffle on Friday, August 5 at Cardinal O’Hara High School, 39 O’Hara Rd., Tonawanda. Doors open at 6 pm, followed at 7 pm by the first raffle. Admission fee includes beer, wine, soda and a door prize entry. Pizza available for purchase. Those attending are encouraged to bring table snacks and a cooler. Featured raffles include 50/50, large cooler and booze raffles. For event tickets or information, call Steve Meinzer at 716-445-1355 or the school office at 716-695-2600 or visit www.cardinalohara.com/event.

Father Baker Weekend at Our Lady of Victory Basilica, Lackawanna on August 6-7:

- August 6-7: Paint the Basilica – a 2-day outdoor event at which local artists will gather outdoors to paint the Basilica;
- August 6: Jazz Mass/Concert – WNY legend Bobby Militello will take part in a special Jazz Mass in the Basilica at 4:30 pm, preceded by a concert at 4 pm;
- August 6-7: “History Harvests” – have an OLV story, photo or piece of memorabilia? Share them with us before/after the Jazz Mass and before/after Father Baker Day Mass;
- August 7: Father Baker Day Mass at 12 pm – this annual Mass commemorates the date of Father Baker’s passing in 1936;

- August 7: Pennies to Heaven – the tradition continues with the Penny Drop beginning before 8 am Mass and a drive-thru chicken BBQ between 1-5 pm.

For further information, visit the OLV website at: <https://www.olvbasilica.org/> and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Celebrate Jesus' Mom's Birthday on Saturday, August 13 from 11 am-4 pm at St. Casimir, 160 Cable St., Buffalo. Featuring 15+ venues, including Mystical Rose Garden, Ukrainian Protection Towels, Hussar Knights Forest, Supernatural Hardware, Heaven Door Installation, plus King's Feast, Spud Cakes, etc. Games and scavenger hunt for kids. Blessing of herbs, flowers and essential oils at 4 pm in honor of Our Lady of the Harvest. Your donations support St. Casimir's Food Pantry and Outreach.

Theology on Tap, for young adults in their 20's and 30's, on Wednesday, August 17 at 7 pm at Hamburg Brewing Company, 6553 Boston State Rd., Hamburg. The evening will begin with a complimentary drink for all in attendance, followed by a presentation by Fr. Joe Wolf on "How to Approach Your Pastor and Interpret Church Law." Stick around after the speaker for fellowship and Catholic Jeopardy. This event is free to attend.

Retreat Day: "Finding God Amidst the Chaos" will be held on Thursday, August 18 from 9:30 am-3:30 pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church & Diocesan Shrine, 5337 Genesee St., Bowmansville. The retreat includes morning coffee and donuts, and a box/bag lunch. Speaker will be Sr. Johnice Rzakiewicz, CSSF. We will have Mass, Eucharistic Adoration at the Shrine and will close with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 3 pm. Registration form can be found on the parish website at: <https://sacredheartshrine.org/retreat-schedule-and-registration-form/> or call the rectory at 716-683-2375.

Church of the Annunciation Annual Summer Picnic on August 19-21 on the parish grounds, 7580 Clinton St., Elma. Festivities open on Friday with a Classic Car Cruise Night from 6-9 pm and music by Breakaway from 7-11 pm. On Saturday there will be a pork chop dinner from 4 pm until sold out; chowder sale beginning at 1 pm; Flipside will perform from 7-11 pm. On Sunday a Polka Mass will be held at 11 am; chowder sale at 12 pm; Wendel's Chicken BBQ from 12 pm until sold out; Buffalo Touch will perform from 12-4 pm. Ample free parking available in the church and school parking lots. For more information, call 716-683-5254, visit <https://annunciation.cc/> or follow the church on Facebook.

St. Bernadette Parish Open Doors Ministry invites you to our annual **Summer Picnic Party** for adults and children with different abilities. Our indoor party will have a Buffalo Bills theme and held on Saturday, August 17 from 11 am-2 pm at St. Bernadette Church Parish Ministry Center, 5930 S. Abbott Rd., Orchard Park. Lunch provided and served at noon. Our facility is accessible including restrooms and a food chopper is available. Call 716-649-1051 or email cozmo3631@gmail.com to let us know how many people are in your group.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The Office of Worship of the Diocese of Buffalo will host a training session for individuals who wish to become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Community on Saturday, August 20 at 9:30 am at St. Jude the Apostle Parish Hall, 800 Niagara Falls Blvd., North Tonawanda. Please first discuss the possibility with your pastor/parish administrator. Once your pastor approves, complete an application form (available from your parish office or the Office of Worship) and present it to your parish office for final approval, pastor's signature and parish seal. Forms should then be sent to the Office of Worship, 795 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14203 no later than 7 days prior to the training. When attending a formation session, please bring your personal Bible and a means of taking notes. For more information, email worship@buffalodiocese.org or call 716-847-5545.

Divine Mercy Conference: Buffalo 2022 on Saturday, August 27 at Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica, 767 Ridge Rd., Lackawanna. Registration starts at 7 am, first talk begins at 9 am, and event will conclude with 4:30 pm Vigil Mass. The conference features: Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Chris Alar, MIC. Speakers include: Stephen Ray "St. Paul and Mercy," Kelly Wahlquist "Letting the Peace of Christ Rule Your Heart," Teresa Tomeo "Listening for God," and Fr. Chris Alar, MIC "Spiritual Warfare and Eucharistic Miracles." Emcee is Rick Paolini and music by Fr. Bill Quinlivan. Lunch will be available. Register today by calling 1-800-462-7426 or online at <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/buffalo>.

Cultural Diversity Celebration 2022 – "An Enchanted Evening with the Stars" – on Friday, October 14 at 6:30 pm at Classics V, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst. Ticket includes dinner, dance and cash bar. There will also be theme baskets and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are pre-sale only; no sales at the door. Reservation deadline: September 23. For more information, contact Yoharis Montanez at 716-847-2212 or ymontanez@buffalodiocese.org.

Pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Days 2023 is being planned by Fr. Jozef Dudzik, Administrator of Our Lady Help of Christians, Resurrection and St. Josaphat Parishes for July 28-August 9, 2023 and is open to all young people ages 16-50. The WYD Festival will take place in Lisbon from August 1-6 featuring Pope Francis. The additional days of the pilgrimage will be spent visiting historical places in Spain and Portugal (including Fatima). An initial trip deposit is due by July 31. For more information, contact Fr. Jozef at ksdudzik@gmail.com or call the parish office at 716-276-9288.

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