

## DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Letters of Good Standing and Celebrets.** Priests and deacons who will need good standing letters or celebrets to celebrate Masses or other sacraments **in another diocese** should **complete and submit a “Request form for Letter of Good Standing” at least 3 weeks in advance (except for funerals).** The form can be found on the diocesan website at: <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/resources-for-clergy/> under “Chancery Forms.” Letters will not be issued unless the priest or deacon has a signed Code of Conduct and Uniform Release Authorization in his file, and is current with *Virtus* training and bulletins. For any questions, call the Chancery secretary at 716-847-5559.

**Church Bulletin Announcements via Email.** The Diocese of Buffalo publishes a bi-weekly email newsletter that offers Church Bulletin Announcements about upcoming events, ongoing ministry and inspirational messages of faith. To subscribe, go to: <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/chancery/>.

## CHURCH BULLETINS

**Bulletin message for weekend of July 16-17: Catholic Charities Home Visitation Program in Genesee County is in immediate need of volunteers!** Volunteers in the program offer in-person visits or phone calls to help diminish the negative mental, physical and behavioral effects of isolation by providing a sense of social connection. Volunteers visit for at least one hour per week and engage in various activities such as puzzles, crafts, listening to music and card games. Training is provided. Ready to learn more? Call 585-343-0614, ext. 3804.

**Bulletin message for weekend of July 23-24: Become a Foster Grandparent!** If you are an Erie County resident age 55 or older, consider being a Catholic Charities Foster Grandparent. You’ll stay active by developing one-on-one relationships with children ages 3-18 in a school setting. You’ll also gain a stipend, social-emotional health benefits, and the joy of guiding and supporting our next generation. To connect with the program, call 716-896-6388.

**Bulletin message for weekend of July 30-31: August 1-7 marks World Breastfeeding Week and Catholic Charities Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program offers breastfeeding education and support to expectant and new mothers.** WIC also provides nutrition education and counseling, prenatal and postpartum support, referrals and eWIC benefit cards. To connect with Catholic Charities WIC in Erie, Niagara and Chautauqua counties, call 716-218-1484 or visit [www.cwny.org/WIC](http://www.cwny.org/WIC).

**Bulletin message for August:** Are you aware of trafficking in your state? Do you know your state laws that protect victims? Invite a member of your state legislature to talk about laws or a state patrolman to share his/her experiences with trafficking. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** is a 501(c)(3) organization, 2039 N. Geyer Rd., St. Louis, MO 63131; [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org).

¿Conoce usted la trata de personas en su estado? ¿Conoce las leyes de su estado que protegen a las víctimas? Invite a un miembro de la legislature de su estado a hablar sobre las leyes o a un patrullero estatal para compartir sus experiencias con la trata. **U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** es una organización 501(c)(3), 2039 N. Geyer Rd., St. Louis, MO 63131; [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org).

**Our Lady of Bistrica's Annual Picnic** will be held July 16 from 1-11 pm at 1619 Abbott Rd., Lackawanna. Foods offered will include Sarma (cabbage rolls), pork sandwiches, sausage, chicken kabobs, BBQ hamburgers, hot dogs and sides, as well as homemade desserts. Theme basket raffles. Terry Buchwald will perform from 6:30-10:30 pm.

**Pastoral Plan - Post-Roe Next Steps** on Monday, July 18 from 6-8 pm at St. Leo the Great (Ministry Center), 885 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst. Remarks from Bishop Michael Fisher, Bishop of Buffalo / Cheryl Calire, Executive Director of Pastoral Ministries; also via Zoom: Alexis Carra-Tracey, Esq. Attorney at the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of NY. For more information, call 716-847-2205.

**Sacred Sites Open House** on Saturday, July 23 from 2-3:30 pm. Blessed Trinity Church (317 Leroy Ave., Buffalo) joins the NY Landmarks Conservancy's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Sacred Sites Open House. Blessed Trinity will showcase its landmark building with a presentation on its architecture and parish history, accompanied by a docent-led tour. Learn about this "made in America" replica of 12<sup>th</sup> century Lombard-Romanesque architecture. This is a free event. The church is wheelchair accessible with off-street parking. For further information, visit <http://www.blessedtrinitybuffalo.org> or call 716-833-0301.

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Lights Benefit & Auction** on Saturday, July 23 at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, 1023 Swann Rd. (off Rt. 18E), Lewiston. Rescheduled from January due to Covid, this year's theme is "Christmas in July." Doors open at 5 pm; wine tasting and appetizers served at 5:30 pm; catered dinner served at 6:15 pm. Over 250 auction baskets, door prizes, live music and more. An elegant evening in support of the Shrine's Basilica Renovation Project. Limited tickets; available by calling 716-754-7489. Preview days of auction baskets: Thursday, July 21 from 11 am-7 pm; Friday, July 22 from 9 am-7 pm; and Saturday, July 23 from 9 am-3 pm.

**YouCon Rise.** St. Greg's Youth & Young Adult Ministry is hosting their first teen conference this summer, open to all high school students. YouCon: Rise will take place on August 5-6 at St. Gregory the Great Parish, Williamsville with national speaker, Mark Hart. The experience will include amazing talks, powerful prayer moments, fun activities and, of course, food! Register at [www.stgregsYM.org](http://www.stgregsYM.org). All teens must have a parish group leader or parent present as a chaperone. For any questions or information, contact Adam Jarosz at 716-688-3578 or [ajarosz@stgregs.org](mailto:ajarosz@stgregs.org).

**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 by the first raffle at 7 pm. Admission fee includes beer, wine, soda and a door prize entry. For information, call Steve Meinzer at 716-445-1366 or the school office at 716-695-2600. Tickets can be purchase online at <https://www.cardinalohara.com/event-registration/>.

**Chicken BBQ Dinner** on August 5 from 4-7 pm at St. Leo the Great, 885 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst. Dine-in or take-out. Dinner includes: ½ chicken, salt potatoes, corn, roll and dessert. Order pre-sale online at [www.stleothegreatamherst.com](http://www.stleothegreatamherst.com) or in-person at the parish office (no phone orders). Proceeds to benefit the church roof project. For further information, call 716-835-8905.

**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.

**The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary & Our Lady Help of Christians' Day of Prayer for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Buffalo** on Monday, August 15 – Outdoor Mass & Blessing of Herbs and Flowers at 10 am; Latin Mass at 12 pm; Living Rosary for Peace at 2 pm; Healing Mass for the Sick and Suffering & Anointing of the Sick at 7 pm. Activities taking place from 11 am-3 pm include: sale of religious items; food trucks; bake sale; basket raffles; activities for kids; and more! Our Lady Help of Christians is located at 4125 Union Rd., Cheektowaga; [www.ourladyhelpofchristians.org](http://www.ourladyhelpofchristians.org).

**Living Logo:** A new piece of Cardinal O'Hara High School's history will be made on September 10 when a COHS Living Logo will be created. Alumni, students, parents and friends of Cardinal O'Hara are invited to help create the Living Logo with everyone gathering on the sports field for an aerial people photo in the shape of the Cardinal O'Hara logo. Cost includes a t-shirt, lunch and ticket to the Hawks football home opener. Participants will gather at 11 am, with 11:30 am set for the aerial photo. For more information, visit [www.cardinalohara.com](http://www.cardinalohara.com). Cardinal O'Hara is located at 39 O'Hara Rd., Tonawanda.

**Fall Eucharistic Conference – “The Eucharist, Our Source and Summit”** on September 16 & 17 at St. Gregory the Great Parish, 200 St. Gregory Ct., Williamsville. We are very excited to bring back two outstanding national speakers, Dr. John Bergsma and Dr. Scott Hahn, for this Fall Eucharistic Conference. The conference will begin Friday evening at 7 pm with a couple of sessions and then go deeper into the riches of our Catholic faith on Saturday, starting with 8 am Mass. You are welcome to bring your own lunch or choose from some options available that day. To view the schedule and purchase tickets, visit <https://stpaulcenter.com/buffalo2022/> or call 740-264-9535.

**Pre-Cana: Perspectives on Marriage Preparation Program** on Saturday, September 17 from 9 am-3:30 pm at SS. Peter & Paul Church, 66 E. Main St., Hamburg. Cost includes all program materials, light breakfast, lunch and light afternoon snack. The program is limited to 10 couples. To register or for more information, call Dave or Leslie Jones at 716-400-3514 or 716-799-2668.

**Padre Pio Relics** available for veneration on Friday, October 14 and Saturday, October 15 at St. Gregory the Great Parish, 200 St. Gregory Ct., Williamsville. Public veneration will begin October 14 after the 12 pm Mass and conclude at 8 pm. Veneration will continue on October 15 after the 8 am Mass and run until 3:30 pm prior to our 4 pm Saturday Vigil Mass. Padre Pio was known to have had the gifts of healing, bilocation, levitation, prophecy, miracles, and abstinence from sleep and nutrition. Despite these wondrous gifts from God, he still looked upon himself as a simple, sinful friar. This event will give the faithful an opportunity to have a “special encounter” with St. Pio; to pray to him and ask for his intercession.

**Save the Date: Wedding Anniversary Mass** on Sunday, October 23 at 10:30 am at St. Joseph Cathedral, 50 Franklin St., Buffalo. The Diocese of Buffalo and the Office of Pastoral Ministries wishes to honor couples who will observe their 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries and recognize the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, challenges and comforts in daily married life. Registration is required; look for further details from your parish. If you have any questions, call 716-847-2205

**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](mailto:ksdudzik@gmail.com) or call the parish office at 716-276-9288.

**Word of Life - July 17:** “Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions.”

**Palabra de Vida - Julio 17:** “La fe y esperanza en la Resurrección nos permiten enfrentar la muerte preparados y sin temor.... Nos preparamos para la vida eterna amando y obedeciendo a Dios ahora y en las decisiones cotidianas.”

**Word of Life - July 24:** “Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. ... That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other.”

**Palabra de Vida - Julio 24:** “El amor matrimonial se distingue de cualquier otro amor en el mundo. Por su naturaleza, el amor del esposo y de la esposa es tan completo, tan ordenado a una vida completa de comunión con Dios y del uno con el otro, que está abierto para crear un nuevo ser humano, al que amarán y cuidarán juntos. ... Ese poder de crear una vida nueva con Dios es la esencia de lo que los esposos comparten”.

#### **ENCLOSURES**

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