

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CHURCH BULLETINS

Bulletin message for weekend of September 3-4: The school year is about to begin. If you're ready to earn your high school equivalency diploma or become career ready, don't let it start without you! Catholic Charities' Education and Workforce Training can get you on the track to success. Services offered for youths and adults in Erie County include tutoring, high school equivalency preparation instruction, basic skills upgrades, employment readiness preparation, post-secondary school education planning and more. To learn more, call 716-893-3500.

Bulletin message for weekend of September 10-11: Costs keep rising and we know for many, it can feel nearly impossible to keep up. If you or your family is facing a crisis situation with food, utilities, toiletries, being able to afford vital medication or more, **Catholic Charities can help. Please call 716-856-4494 if you reside in Erie County, or your local Catholic Charities office if you reside outside of Erie County.**

Charismatic Renewal Healing Mass on Friday, September 2 at 6:30 pm at St. John Vianney Church, 2950 Southwestern Blvd., Orchard Park. Main celebrant will be Fr. Richard DiGiulio. This Healing Mass will be celebrated for all those affected by the tragic shooting on Buffalo's East Side on May 14th. A special collection will be taken to benefit those affected. We will have combined choirs from St. John Vianney, SS. Columba & Brigid and St. Martin de Porres. For information call 716-683-6522, ext. 109 or the parish office at 716-674-9133.

“The Roots of the Catholic Social Justice Movement – Advocating for the Rights of Workers and Immigrants” on Sunday, September 11 at 11:30 am at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1029 Delaware Ave., Buffalo. Presented by George Alexander “Alex” Blair, PhD, faculty member at SUNY Buffalo State and SUNY Erie. Dr. Blair will focus on two closely connected changes – the Industrial Revolution and Immigration – that challenged the American Church. Guided by two Papal encyclicals, the Church slowly began to aid and protect immigrants and workers in the USA. This is a free event, but registration is required at mccarthy2937@aol.com or at the back of the church during weekend Masses.

Grief Share. St. Andrew, Sloan invites you to a support group for those who have lost a loved one. It's a safe place where you can be with people who understand the pain of your loss. DVD presentations are given by grief experts and grieving people will share their stories of loss, giving inspiring lessons leading you on the Journey from Mourning to JOY! All sessions are held on Tuesdays from 1-2:30 pm beginning September 13 through December 13. There is a fee for materials. To register, contact Deacon Greg Feary at 716-892-0425 or deacon.greg.feary@gmail.com. St. Andrew is located at 34 Francis Ave., Sloan.

Blessed Trinity Church will join Explore Buffalo's free “Doors Open Houses of Worship Series” on Friday, September 16. Following a 6:30 pm presentation on its history, art and architecture, enjoy a docent guided tour of one of Buffalo's most amazing churches. At 7:30 pm, experience the building's splendid acoustic as the *a cappella* voices of the St. John Paul Schola Cantorum sing Catholic choral

masterpieces from the 16th-21st centuries. Reservations for the tour at 716-245-3032 or <https://explorebuffalo.org/calendar/>; the 7:30 pm concert is open to all. On the National Register of Historic Places, Blessed Trinity is located at 317 Leroy Ave., Buffalo; wheelchair accessible with off-street parking. Info at www.blessedtrinitybuffalo.org.

Will you allow the Holy Spirit to ignite your heart with faith and trust? Magnificat Ministry to Women, Gentle Woman, Mother of Mercy Chapter presents a morning of prayer, testimony and praise on Saturday, September 17 at Millennium Hotel, 2040 Walden Ave., Cheektowaga. Registration opens at 9 am; program from 9:45 am-12:10 pm. Join us for breakfast for our featured guest speaker, Carolyn Cannizzaro. Through the many difficulties in her life, Carolyn has surrendered and found trust and joy in the Lord, who consoles her and continually directs her life. Hear how the Holy Spirit works in her life and can direct your life as well! Pre-registration is required. Cost and details can be found at <https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/chapter-states-n-o/ny-buffalo/> or by contacting Maureen at 716-683-2290.

Life in the Spirit Seminar – St. Mary of the Lake Church, Hamburg. The Holy Spirit has given us gifts that bring us fully alive and able to live joyfully! Join us for seven consecutive Wednesdays beginning September 21 to November 2 from 6:30-8:30 pm at St. Mary of the Lake Parish Center-School Gym, 4737 Lake Shore Rd., Hamburg. Each evening you will hear great speakers, talk with others and have questions answered, pray, and of course, enjoy snacks and fellowship. To register, call Sandy at 716-864-5583 or email sandys826@hotmail.com.

Auditions Now Open. Here is your chance to sing some of the great masterpieces of Catholic choral music in some of the most beautiful Catholic churches in WNY. The **St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum** invites singers to audition now to join us for the Fall season. Even if you already serve in your parish music ministry, we strive to avoid conflicts with parish activities so that you can participate in both! You can learn to read and sing Gregorian Chant. You will join other singers who love God and love sacred music and work in ways that are both challenging and fun. We seek singers of all voice ranges who can read music and whose voices can blend well with others. To arrange for an audition, email JP2Schola@gmail.com. Auditions can be in-person or online. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/JP2Schola>.

Stress in Your Marriage? Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated or angry in their marriage and don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. For more information, call 716-474-9371 or visit <https://www.helpourmarriage.org/>. Next weekend is October 21-23. All calls are confidential and pre-registration is required.

Word of Life-August 28: "No sin or crime is greater than God's mercy. The sacrifice of the Cross reveals that Christ's greatest desire is to forgive those with a repentant heart."

Palabra de Vida-Agosto 28: "Ningún pecado o crimen es más grande que la misericordia de Dios. El sacrificio de la cruz revela que el mayor deseo de Cristo es perdonar a los que tienen un corazón arrepentido."

Word of Life-September 4: "The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection."

Palabra de Vida-Septiembre 4: "La Iglesia ha enseñado constantemente que toda vida humana es preciosa y digna de protección".

ENCLOSURES

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