

## 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.

**Homily Helps from the Buffalo Diocese Care for Creation Committee.** The Catholic Climate Covenant and the Integral Faith team provide resources for homilists and other materials that will help you integrate the rich insights of *Laudato Si’* and Christian care for creation into Sunday Mass. These include highlights from the scriptures, readings of the day, relevant quotations from *Laudato Si’*, brief commentary, illustrations and anecdotes, sample applications, sample petitions, and bulletin notes. **November 2022 Homily Helps available at:** <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/?tid=14>.

## CHURCH BULLETINS

**Bulletin message for weekend of October 29-30: Is your child age 12-17 displaying chronic negative behaviors** such as noncompliance, verbal and/or physical aggression, truancy, school failure, curfew violations, running away, illegal substance abuse and/or criminal activity? Don’t let struggling be the new norm. **Our Multisystemic Therapy Program in Erie, Niagara, Cattaraugus and Allegany counties can help.** MST is an intensive, family-focused intervention program that’s facilitated in the youth’s natural environments, including the home. Think MST might be a good fit? Call 716-204-0555, ext. 5025 or visit [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org).

**Bulletin message for weekend of November 5-6: Do you need help with gifts for your children and teens this Christmas? We can help! Catholic Charities is once again a participating nonprofit with the WNY Holiday Partnership,** which provides Christmas gifts for families in need. Catholic Charities, in collaboration with the Ladies of Charity, is able to provide toys, books, games or puzzles, and a new pair of gloves and winter hat. The program will begin after Thanksgiving. If you or someone you know could benefit from this program, or if you would like more information, call 716-218-1450, ext. 2003.

**Bulletin message for November:** Billions of cups of coffee are consumed each day, yet how many of us think about the child labor and human trafficking that goes into our brew? Google coffee and forced labor to learn about the slavery component of the coffee business. **US**

**Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114; [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org).

Se consumen miles de millones de tazas de café todos los días, pero ¿cuántos de nosotros pensamos en el trabajo infantil y el tráfico de personas que se encuentran en nuestra bebida? Busca en Google café y trabajos forzados para aprender sobre el componente de la esclavitud en el negocio del café. **US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114; [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org).

**Catholic Health COVID Support Group.** Have you or a loved one suffered from COVID? Through this free monthly COVID support group, we help survivors, loved ones, and caregivers find their new normal, address concerns, and access resources. The group allows individuals to connect with others to discuss their similar journeys. In October, the topic for discussion is: *Dealing With Anxiety*. In-person Support Group will be held on Thursday, October 20 from 4-5:30 pm at Kenmore Mercy Hospital Community Room, 2950 Elmwood Ave., Kenmore. Online Support Group, hosted by Sisters Hospital, will be held on Thursday, October 27 from 4-5:30 pm. To learn more or to register for either group, call 716-447-6211.

**Rediscover Your Marriage. Retrouvaille**, a program for struggling couples, simply means "rediscovery." The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 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.

**Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** will take place on Sunday, October 20 from 12-5 pm at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, 202 S. Union St., Olean. Attend Sunday Mass at 11 am and then enjoy an early dinner. Pick-up and delivery only. Dinner includes: spaghetti and mega meatballs, salad with ranch dressing, roll & butter, and Basilica baked heart cookie. Theme basket raffle in the Centennial Hall (Basilica cafeteria); cash raffle. Online orders recommended at: <https://smaolean.org/spaghetti-dinner>. Fundraiser supports the Oratory of the Sacred Heart in Portville, NY.

**All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, October 23 from 8:30-11:30 am at St. Pius X Parish Hall, 1700 North French Rd., Getzville. Breakfast includes: pancakes, eggs, sausage, home fries, juice, coffee and more. Also, Buffalo Bills jersey raffle. This fundraiser, sponsored by the Holy Name Society, helps support St. Pius X Faith Formation Programs.

**Fall Open House** on Tuesday, October 25 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Christ the King School, 2 Lamarck Dr., Snyder. Tour our school and meet the teachers, staff and families. We offer an elevated learning environment with small class sizes. Come see your child's future for yourself. At CTK we strive to develop the whole child and give them a strong sense of their contribution to a healthier society. Learn more at [www.myCTKschool.com](http://www.myCTKschool.com).

**All Souls Mass & Polish Ancestors' Day** St. Stanislaus Cemetery (Resurrection Mausoleum), 700 Pine Ridge Heritage Blvd., Cheektowaga on Sunday, October 30: 1 pm – Polish family research, imported candles for sale, tours, maps; 1:30 pm – guided tour of St. Stanislaus Cemetery; 3 pm – Holy Mass for the souls of lay, clergy and religious members of the community. Organized by: Association of Priests for Polish Affairs, Polish Legacy Project, Polish Genealogical Society of NYS.

**Lite Up the Nite, Buffalo.** Celebrate a lite and bread **Living Memorial** at St. Casimir Church on Tuesday, November 1 from 5-8:30 pm. Light a red remembrance vigil asking God, *Remember my beloved...*; a gold candle expressing gratitude; a violet candle to say *I'm Sorry*; or a green candle to tell God *I'm hurting*. Soak in Perpetual Lite and light your own. Place a snapshot of a deceased loved one on the Day of the Dead table. Stay for the 7 pm All Saints Mass and then lift your spirit with faith-cultural refreshments: memorial loaves, soul cakes, hot cocoa. St. Casimir Church is located at 160 Cable St., Buffalo.

**Oktoberfest** on Friday, November 4 at St. Gregory the Great (Ministry Center), 200 St. Gregory Ct., Williamsville. Doors open at 6 pm. Join us for a fun filled evening of traditional German food, beer and music from Buffalo's Big German Band. All proceeds from the Oktoberfest Tech Fundraiser and sponsorship or contributions will be used for the SGG Tech Fund which provides much needed support to fund purchases of new information technology hardware and software, improvements and upgrades to existing technology and technology training and support to further SGG's religious and educational purposes. Must be 21 to attend. Tickets online at: <https://givebutter.com/SGOktoberfest>.

**St. Bernardette Parish Open Doors Ministry invites you to a Celebration of Thanksgiving** for parents, caregivers and staff who minister to adults and children with different abilities taking place on Wednesday, November 16 from 7-8 pm at St. Bernadette's Church, 5930 South Abbott Rd., Orchard Park. This pre-Thanksgiving celebration will include a Prayer Service, Blessing, Litany of Thanksgiving and an Interactive Sing-Along concert led by Glenn Colton. Kindly leave a message with Paula at 716-649-1051 or [cozmo3631@gmail.com](mailto:cozmo3631@gmail.com) with the number of parents/caregivers or staff who will be attending.

### **ENCLOSURES**

1. Collection for the Archdiocese for Military Services, USA – letter from Bishop Michael Fisher \*
2. All Souls Mass & Polish Ancestors' Day - flyer

\* = Priests and Deacons only

\*\* = Diocesan Priests only

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**THE CHANCERY**

October 17, 2022

Dear Father:

In 2012, the United States Catholic Conference approved a national collection for the Archdiocese for Military Services USA to be taken every three years the Sunday before Veterans Day. The purpose of this collection is to help the Archdiocese for Military Services meet the pastoral needs of the many men and women from the United States who are stationed throughout the world. The Archdiocese's resources are extremely limited given that they are not an ordinary diocese consisting of parishes and receive no government funding.

Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop of the Military Services, reminds us that these mainly young Catholics serving in the military are all from our dioceses here in the United States. How good it is that we can support their life of faith as they courageously work to protect and defend our well-being and security!

Unlike the required collections you receive notice of each year, this collection is totally at the discretion of the pastor. If you decide to take up this collection, it is suggested the collection occur the weekend of November 5-6, 2022 or another weekend in November at your discretion. Proceeds should be forward to:

Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294  
PO Box 8000  
Buffalo, NY 14267

Be assured of my grateful and prayerful best wishes

Fraternally in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael W. Fisher". The signature is written in a cursive style and includes a small cross symbol at the beginning.

Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher  
Bishop of Buffalo

MWF/mmj

# ALL SOULS MASS & POLISH ANCESTORS' DAY

Sunday, October 30, 2022  
ST. STANISLAUS CEMETERY



## Resurrection Mausoleum

700 Pine Ridge Heritage Blvd., Ckeektowaga, NY

❁ 1 PM - Polish family research ❁  
imported candles for sale, tours, maps

❁ 1:30 PM - Guided tour of St. Stanislaus Cemetery ❁

❁ 3 PM - Holy Mass ❁  
for the souls of lay, clergy and religious  
members of the community

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