

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Diocesan Office of Faith Formation invites all Catechetical Leaders to populate the electronic **DRE Pictorial Directory**. We hope that each DRE will have an opportunity to submit their information by the **November 15** deadline. DRE's can access the Pictorial Directory link on their email, or it may be accessed by typing the following link in your computer search engine: <https://app.spreadsheets.com/forms/O81VICxnSM6lvudFg1TJnwqSTSD8pdQV-xSW-gUL8hxAisvyNh3LQm2ak4f20OU1XA>. This electronic directory will assist our formation leaders in becoming better acquainted with one another, as we foster a spirit of sharing, mentorship, and best practices within the family of parishes framework! Thank you for your cooperation! May God continue to bless you!

CHURCH BULLETINS

Married Couples Retreat. The Mystery and Meaning of Marriage from November 4 at 6 pm (with dinner) to November 6 at 11 am at Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, 57 Center Ave., North Tonawanda. Here is an opportunity for married couples to experience firsthand the wonder, mystery and joy behind that first "I do"...whether you said it last year or many years ago. A time for prayer, inspirational talks, discussions with your spouse and fellowship. For more information or to register, contact Sr. Jacinta at 716-692-0276 or olcparishevent@gmail.com. Free-will donation.

First Saturday Prayer Breakfast from 8-10:30 am at Our Lady of Czestochowa, 57 Center Ave., North Tonawanda on November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6 and June 3. Event includes Mass in the Church, 15 minutes of adoration, coffee and donuts, with a talk and rosary in the parish hall.

Book Study to be held at Our Lady of Czestochowa, 57 Center Ave., North Tonawanda on Mondays at 7 pm and Wednesdays at 2:30 pm starting November 7 and November 9 for 6 consecutive weeks. We will use the book *7 Secrets of the Eucharist* by Vinny Flynn to help us deepen our understanding of the powerful Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The reader will come away with a completely new awareness that the Eucharist is not just about receiving Communion, it's about transforming your daily life. Please purchase book before the start date and bring your bible as well.

Patriotic Rosary on Thursday, November 10 at 7 pm at Our Lady of Czestochowa, 57 Center Ave., North Tonawanda. We are grateful for our veterans' willingness to risk their lives to protect this beautiful country. As we ask God's blessings individually on each state, we would love families, individuals and especially our veterans, who have kept these states safe and dedicated themselves to ensure freedom and safety to others in foreign lands as well, to be present. The event will include prayers, singing and benediction. We hope you can join us.

Weekend Retreat: Praying Sacred Scripture from November 11 at 6 pm (with dinner) to November 13 at 11 am at Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, 57 Center Ave., North Tonawanda. The retreat consists of talks geared to equip participants to more fully understand and appreciate how to read and pray the Scriptures. It includes Holy Mass, availability for confession, conferences, quiet time, meals and fellowship. For more information or to register, contact Sr. Jacinta at 716-692-0276 or olcparishevent@gmail.com. Free-will donation.

OLV National Shrine & Basilica Centennial Celebration. OLV recently welcomed Grammy-winning conductor, JoAnn Falletta and the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra for a one-of-a-kind Centennial Celebration Concert that honored Father Baker's Patroness, Our Lady of Victory. The rebroadcast of the concert will be held on Friday, November 11 from 8-9 pm on WGRZ-Channel 2. On Sunday, November 13, OLV will hold its annual Adoption Mass from 12-1 pm. All are welcome as we honor those individuals/families that have been touched by adoption. Following the Mass, the Basilica will continue its Organ Recital Series as musician Garrett Martin showcases his musical talents. This is a free event. Lastly, beginning on Saturday, November 26 hundreds of Nativity sets from around the world, part of Father Roy Herberger's unique collection, will be on display in the lower level of the Basilica. This Christmas tradition is a must-see with the exhibit running from November 26 until January 6 during regular Basilica hours.

Family Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 3 from 1-5 pm at St. Aloysius Parish Hall, 157 Cleveland Dr., Cheektowaga. The fair includes a variety of prize booths (lottery, gift cards, musical novelties, kid's toys, wine, turkey & hams, and Christmas variety) and our famous theme baskets. Santa Claus will visit with youngsters from 2-4 pm and the kitchen will be serving a menu of home-style food items. For more information, call the rectory at 716-833-1715.

March for Life Pilgrimage, Washington, DC - January 19-20, 2023. Make your reservation today. Bus deadline: Monday, December 26, 2022; to guarantee your seat on the bus you must register and send payment by the deadline (money non-refundable if payment received after deadline). Hotel deadline: make your reservation before December 20, 2022; call the Washington Plaza at 202-842-1300 and mention Buffalo Diocese. **Permission & Health Form for Youth:** deadline December 20, 2022. **VERY IMPORTANT:** return original to the office before the deadline; this is required for final registration. For registration form, visit <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/pro-life-services/> or email Pro-lifeoffice@buffalodiocese.org.

2023 Italy Pilgrimage with Fr. Peter Karalus, Vicar General. Join host Fr. Peter Karalus on a 2023 Italian Pilgrimage "Faith & Flavors" August 28-September 8, 2023. Celebrate Mass at historical locations, 4-star centrally located hotels, breakfast daily, some lunch/dinners included, ground transportation, guides, and all tips and taxes. From the city of Rome, to the Umbrian and Tuscan countryside, to the "Italian Riviera," and to the Alps, this journey includes a wide variety of the flavors of the beauty of Italy. Integrated into the journey are experiences of Italian specialties including wine tastings and an extraordinary pasta making experience. This trip will be rich in the faith, history and culture of the different flavors and beautiful regions of Italy. For a detailed itinerary, go to <https://bit.ly/KaralusItaly>. Early registration discounts available and register early to ensure your spot. For more information, call 716-847-5500.

Word of Life-November 6: "Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a

supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope. Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families.”

Palabra de Vida-Noviembre 6: "La muerte es un momento decisivo en el encuentro de la persona con Dios Salvador. Ayudar al cristiano a vivirlo en un contexto de acompañamiento espiritual es un acto supremo de caridad. Rodea al paciente con el apoyo sólido de relaciones humanas para acompañarlo y darle esperanza. El cuidado paliativo y de hospicio son instrumentos preciosos y cruciales en el cuidado de pacientes con enfermedades graves y complejas o terminales, y ayudan a proporcionar consuelo a los pacientes y a sus familiares.”

Word of Life-November 13: “...the Supreme Court in Dobbs cleared the way for a paradigm shift in American law, allowing it to enlarge its boundaries to again welcome a segment of the human family that had been outside of its protections for close to half a century. Dobbs, then, is a victory for justice, the rule of law, and self-governance. But for those of us who have prayed for this moment to arrive, it is the time for a renewal and rededication of our efforts to build a culture of life and civilization of love.”

Palabra de Vida-Noviembre 13: "...la Corte Suprema en Dobbs allanó el camino para un cambio de paradigma en la legislación estadounidense permitiéndole agrandar sus límites para acoger nuevamente un segmento de la familia humana que había estado fuera de sus protecciones durante casi medio siglo. Dobbs, constituye, entonces, una victoria para la justicia, el imperio de la ley y la autogestión. Pero para los que rezamos para que llegara este momento, es la ocasión para una renovación y rededicación de nuestros esfuerzos para edificar una cultura de la vida y una civilización del amor.”

ENCLOSURES

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