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CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin message for weekend of January 28-29: Evan was ready to give up. “I had lost my job, had no relationships with anyone and was having money problems. I was mad, sad and didn’t see a future for me,” he said. But when he came to **Catholic Charities**, things began to turn around. “For the first time I could remember, I felt like someone was really listening to me and wanted to help. If it hadn’t been for them, I don’t know where I’d be today.” Your gift to **Appeal 2023** helps ensure that people like Evan receive help when they need it most. Give **HOPE** today at www.ccwny.org/donation or text **GIVE HOPE23 to 44321**.

Bulletin message for weekend of February 4-5: Catholic Charities Appeal 2023 marks our 99th annual Appeal! In the 98 years of the Appeal, close to half a billion dollars has been raised to provide help and hope to those who need it most, so you can see why its importance cannot be understated. In our founding year, Catholic Charities served about 12,500 people. Last year, we served more than 134,000 – and the annual Appeal makes this possible! Your donation helps ensure programs and services like basic emergency assistance, educational and vocational programs, counseling, and family safety and stabilization services are accessible and readily available. Give **HOPE** today at www.ccwny.org/donation or text **GIVE HOPE23 to 44321**.

Bulletin message for weekend of February 11-12: In celebration of our centennial year, **Catholic Charities is launching HOPE for the 100th: Personal Care Items Drive** next month. We’re encouraging parishes, schools, businesses, and the community-at-large to hold a collection of personal care items from March 1-24. Items collected will be distributed to clients in need across our eight counties. If you would like to join this initiative, email Jewell Eason, Catholic Charities Events & Administrative Associate at jewell.eason@ccwny.org. **Appeal 2023 is ongoing**. Make a contribution at www.ccwny.org/donation or text **GIVE HOPE23 to 44321**.

Alumni Night at Cardinal O’Hara High School. An evening of fun is scheduled for all Cardinal O’Hara High School alumni on Thursday, February 2 with the annual coed alumni basketball game and cheerleading reunion at the school, 39 O’Hara Rd., Tonawanda. The alumni basketball game starts at 6 pm, followed at 7 pm by the O’Hara vs. Park School game. An alumni reception will follow. All alumni who would like to take part are invited to play or be a spectator. The event is free. To register, call Renee Orr at 716-695-2600, ext. 312 or email rorr@cardinalohara.com.

Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 5 from 3-6 pm at St. Leo the Great Parish Center, 885 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst. Dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, rolls and dessert; cash bar (beer, wine, soda and water). Tickets available at the door, in-person at the parish office or online at <https://stleothegreatamherst.com/events/>. Children under 4 years old are free. Sponsored by Wegmans and Costanzo's Bakery. If you have any questions, contact the parish office at 716-835-8905.

Open Doors Ministry at St. Bernadette Parish, Orchard Park strives to serve people in our community who have special needs. We invite individuals with special needs, their families and friends to join us for a **Mardi Gras Celebration** on Saturday, February 18 from 1-2:30 pm for music and refreshments in the Parish Ministry Center, 5930 South Abbott Rd., Orchard Park; site is wheelchair accessible. Please RSVP to Paula Potteiger at 716-649-1051 so we will be able to contact you in case of a weather cancellation.

Meat Raffle on Sunday, February 18 at St. Leo the Great Parish Center, 885 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst. Doors open at 6 pm; raffle begins at 7 pm. 50/50, Basket of Cheer, Gift Basket Raffle. Ticket includes beer, wine, pop, water. Tickets available at the door, in-person at the parish office or online at <https://stleothegreatamherst.com/events/>. If you have any questions, contact the parish office at 716-835-8905.

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? **Retrouvaille** is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages. The next, local weekend is coming up soon. For more information, call 716-474-9371 or visit <https://www.helpourmarriage.org/>.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel at Christ the King Church needs Adorers. The Chapel is open to walk-in adorers from 7 am to 7 pm. Scheduled adorers and substitutes are needed for all hours. Enjoy time in quiet prayer and be refreshed by His holy presence. The Chapel is located at the corner of Lamarck Dr. & Main St., Snyder. For more information, contact the rectory at 716-839-1430 or email RectoryOffice@CTKSnyder.com or email Kathleen Gallson at kmgallson@roadrunner.com.

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