

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. **May 2023 Homily Helps available at:** <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/?tid=14>.

CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin message for weekend of April 22-23: Catholic Charities In-School Social Work Program, in conjunction with NativityMiguel School in Buffalo, is hosting “**Raising Heroes,**” an event featuring parenting expert and author Nate Turner, on Thursday, May 4 at 7 pm at Canisius High School, 1180 Delaware Ave., Buffalo. Open to parents to learn ways to help their child/children reach their fullest potential. Event will also feature an art show of selected art created by students from several Catholic schools and door prizes. Pre-register is encouraged by visiting www.eventbrite.com and searching “Raising Heroes” in the search bar. **Appeal 2023 is ongoing through June 30.** To make a donation, visit www.ccwny.org/donate or text **GIVEHOPE23** to 44321 today.

Bulletin message for weekend of April 29-30: HOPE Day is coming! The annual **Catholic Charities Appeal’s** one-day “above and beyond” fundraising effort is Wednesday, May 17. Last year donors contributed \$310,850 in 24 hours and this year we are aiming for another successful one-day giving blitz. Be sure to follow our Facebook and Instagram pages for more details on how you can make a contribution, help spread the word, and to track our progress on **HOPE Day! Appeal 2023 is ongoing through June 30.** To make a donation, visit www.ccwny.org/donate or text **GIVEHOPE23** to 44321 today.

Catholic Health is looking for volunteers for all of our hospital sites – Kenmore Mercy, Sisters of Charity, Mercy Hospital of Buffalo, and Mt. St. Mary’s. Volunteers are the heart of our community! For more information, call Lisa Carey, Supervisor of Volunteer Services, at 716-862-1106 or apply online at: <https://www.chsbuffalo.org/volunteer>.

Catholic Women of Buffalo 2023 Conference – “For Such A Time As This” – on Saturday, April 29 from 7:45 am-4 pm at St. Joseph Collegiate Institute, 845 Kenmore Ave., Buffalo. The day includes a continental breakfast, Mass with Bishop Michael Fisher, three national speakers, lunch, confession, adoration, and vendors. For tickets or further information, visit: <https://www.catholicwomenofbuffalo.org/> or email CatholicWomenBuffalo@gmail.com.

Chiavetta’s Chicken BBQ Dinner on Sunday, April 30 from 2-6 pm (or until sold out) at Our Lady Help of Christians, 4125 Union Rd., Cheektowaga. Dinner includes: ½ chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, roll & butter. Drive-thru only (enter on Genesee St.). Pre-sale tickets available at all weekend Masses and at Our Lady Help of Christians Rectory.

One Body in Christ Choral Concert on Sunday, May 7 at 3:30 pm at St. Joseph University Church, 3269 Main St., Buffalo – featuring Our Lady of Hope Church African Choir & Youth Choir and St. Joseph University Parish Choir. This concert is free with a reception following. For reservations, visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4babae23a5fe3-onebody>.

Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 7 from 9 am-12 pm at St. Leo the Great Parish Center, 885 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst. Breakfast includes: eggs, pancakes, potato pancakes, French toast, sausage, ham, fruit tray and beverage. For tickets, visit www.stleothegreatamherst.com.

Polish Heritage Night on Saturday, May 13 at St. Leo the Great Parish Center, 885 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst. Doors open at 5 pm; dinner at 6 pm. Music by New Direction. Dinner includes: breaded pork chops, potato pierogi, smoked kielbasa, lazy pierogi, green beans, rye bread, dessert, coffee & tea. Cash bar; door prizes and basket raffles. Tickets available at the parish office and online at www.stleothegreatamherst.com.

Lakeside Day Retreat. Branches Christian Rest and Renewal Centers invites you to attend our day retreat: "Finding Grace in the Ordinary; Ignatian Spirituality for Today," presented by Damian Zynda, ThD on Monday, June 19 from 10 am-4 pm. Join us for a day of rest and prayer at our beautiful Seneca Lake property (8251 Lower Lake Rd., Lodi, NY). More information at www.branchescenter.org or call 716-901-4313

2023 Hilbert College Boys Summer Basketball Camp. Hilbert College has announced dates for its very popular Boys Summer Basketball Camps for boys entering grades 3-12. **Session 1** is June 25-29. Campers are given the choice of staying on campus or commuting. The day will start each morning at 9 am and conclude by 9 pm. **Session 2** is a day camp being held from July 17-21 from 9 am-5 pm. Meals are included in the cost of each camp experience. For more information, visit <https://discover.hilbert.edu/summer-camps/> or contact Coach Rob deGrandpre at 716-926-8803 or rdegranpre@hilbert.edu.

Celebrate 100 Years with Camp Turner! In honor of Camp Turner's upcoming Centennial celebration, a number of activities are being planned for the summer of 2023 for prospective campers, current and former staff members, and alumni. Kids 7-16 years old can attend a week of overnight camp this summer. Birthday themed activities will be celebrated each week during the summer. Register at <https://www.campturner.com/>. On Thursday, July 13, Camp Turner alumni will meet up to share memories and stories at Mr. Goodbar on Elmwood Ave., Buffalo from 5-9 pm. Festivities really get going at Camp Turner for alumni on Saturday, July 15 beginning at 1 pm, a special Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Fisher at 4 pm, dinner, and a campfire to round out the evening. For more information or to sign up, visit <https://www.campturner.com/events>. If you would like additional information about Camp Turner's upcoming celebration, contact Scott Weigley, OLV Charities' Director of Strategic Community Engagement, at 716-828-9657 or sweigley@olvcharities.org.

ENCLOSURES

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