

## DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SAVE THE DATE: Convocation of Priests** will be held on June 6, 7 & 8 at St. Leo the Great Parish, Amherst. Theme: "The Power of Hope and Vision." Guest speaker: Rev. Frank DeSiano. Further details to follow.

## CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bulletin message for weekend of April 8-9: Happy Easter!** Jesus' triumphant victory over death gives us reason to have infinite and everlasting hope. As we celebrate this awesome gift of HOPE, we want to also express our deep gratitude to all who have donated or pledged to **Appeal 2023 in support of Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith**. Thank you for thinking of those most in need in Western New York and deciding to give them the gift of comfort, peace, healing, and HOPE.

**Catholic Health Services is looking for volunteers for all of our hospital sites** – Kenmore Mercy, Sisters of Charity, South Buffalo Mercy 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>.

**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny** on Palm Sunday, April 2 from 9 am-1 pm at St. Andrew Parish Hall, 111 Crocker St., Sloan. Buffet style breakfast includes pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, coffee, tea and orange juice. There will be activities for the kids, crafters and pictures with the Easter Bunny. For more information or to reserve a craft table, call 716-892-0425.

**St. Bernadette Parish welcomes families with special needs to an Inclusive Easter Mass** on Wednesday, April 12 at 7 pm at the wheelchair accessible church, 5930 South Abbott Rd., Orchard Park. The Mass offers a shorter, less crowded worship setting allowing for people to move freely as needed. The lighting will be dimmer, the music soothing and low gluten hosts will be available. Fr. Joseph Wolf, celebrant; Fr. Gerard Skrzynski will interpret the Mass through American Sign Language. Mass will be live-streamed on St. Bernadette's facebook page. This event is sponsored by the Open Doors Ministry which advocates for the inclusion of people with disabilities into the life of the parish. Questions may be directed to Sharon Urbaniak at 716-648-1720, ext. 3, [sharonu@saintbopny.org](mailto:sharonu@saintbopny.org) or Paula Potteiger at 716-649-1051, [cozmo3631@gmail.com](mailto:cozmo3631@gmail.com).

**The GREAT Shred-It Event Returns** on Saturday, April 22 from 9 am-12 pm outside St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center, 100 St. Gregory Ct., Williamsville. This is a great opportunity to clean out your drawers and file cabinets! Shredding is done onsite by Lincoln Archives – you can watch while it is shredded.

**Spaghetti Dinner** on Sunday, April 23 from 12-4 pm at St. Andrew Parish Hall, 111 Crocker St., Sloan. Dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, roll and butter. Drinks available for purchase. Dine-in or take-out. For tickets or more information, call 716-892-0425. Proceeds benefit St. Andrew Church and Knights of St. John.

**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](mailto:CatholicWomenBuffalo@gmail.com).

**St. Gregory the Great Knights of Columbus Mulch Sale** on Saturday, May 13. Mulch pick-up and delivery from 8 am-2 pm in the St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center Parking Lot, 200 St. Gregory Ct., Williamsville. Premium Mulch in black, brown or red. Orders can be taken through Thursday, May 4 at: <https://www.stgregs.org/great-mulch-sale/>. Free mulch delivery with order of 10 or more bags. Any questions, call George Tirabassi at 716-572-7772.

**St. Mary of the Assumption Parish & St. Mary’s Elementary School Annual Mega Raffle** on Friday, June 9 at 6 pm at St. Mary’s High School, 142 Laverack Ave., Lancaster. There will be three Early Bird Drawings and eleven event drawings. Ticket admits two adults. Tickets available at [www.stmarysonthehill.org](http://www.stmarysonthehill.org). For further information, call 716-473-7117 or email [megaraffle@smeschool.com](mailto:megaraffle@smeschool.com).

**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](mailto:sweigley@olvcharities.org).

**Have you attended a Retrouvaille Weekend and need ongoing marriage support?** Retrouvaille Buffalo offers a monthly CORE (Continuing Our Retrouvaille Experience) meeting in the WNY area to support couples that have gone through the program. CORE allows couples to strengthen their marriage in a supportive environment. For more information, contact Carol at 716-474-9371.

**Word of Life-April 2:** Despite our best efforts, it can sometimes be difficult to recognize the profound value of human life when we see its full weakness and fragility. Yet, the faithful care of human life until its natural end is entrusted to every person.

**Palabra de Vida-Abril 2:** A veces es difícil reconocer el profundo valor de la vida humana cuando, a pesar de todo esfuerzo asistencial, esta continúa mostrándose en su debilidad y fragilidad. Sin embargo, a cada persona le ha sido confiada la misión de una fiel custodia de la vida humana hasta su cumplimiento natural.

## **ENCLOSURES**

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