

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.

Church Bulletin Announcements via Email. The Diocese of Buffalo publishes a bi-weekly email newsletter that offers Church Bulletin Announcements about upcoming events, ongoing ministry and inspirational messages of faith. To subscribe, go to: <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/chancery/>.

International Exhibition: Miracles of the Eucharist Across the World created by Blessed Carlo Acutis. In light of the National Eucharistic Revival 2022-2024, make plans to share this exhibit with your parish. The mystery of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist can be challenging to fully embrace as human beings. “I believe; help my unbelief!” Mark 9:24. We have 27 panels (24” x 36”) describing Eucharistic miracles spanning the globe available to be exhibited in your parish at no cost. We will set it up and take it down in your parish hall or church. If interested, contact Mary Cygan at mary.jp.cygan@gmail.com. Sponsored by Morning Star Family Holy Hour and Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, Olean.

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

CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin message for weekend of May 13-14: HOPE Day is this Wednesday. Catholic Charities annual 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. The first \$110,500 will be matched dollar for dollar. Be sure to follow our Facebook and Instagram pages for details on how you can make a contribution or help spread the word this Wednesday and to track our progress on HOPE Day!

Bulletin message for weekend of May 20-21: 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? **Catholic Charities Multisystemic Therapy Program (MST)** 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 716-597-0756, ext. 2252.

Appeal 2023 is ongoing through June 20. To make a donation today, visit www.ccnny.org/donate or text GIVEHOPE23 to 44321.

Bulletin message for weekend of May 27-28: Catholic Charities Our Kids Parent Education And Awareness Program (OKPEAP) is available to parents or caregivers and their significant others who have experienced conflict regarding custody and/or access issues related to their children. OKPEAP helps parents develop a “business” relationship and encourages co-parents to refrain from putting the children in the middle of conflict. Topics covered include: the impact of separation/divorce on children; child development and the implications for parenting after separation/divorce; cooperative and parallel approaches to parenting; an overview of family law as it affects custody and visitation; and conflict management and problem-solving. Groups are held throughout Western New York. Call 716-896-6380. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit www.ccnny.org. **Appeal 2023** is ongoing through June 20. To make a donation today, visit www.ccnny.org/donate or text GIVEHOPE23 to 44321.

Bulletin message for June: Talitha Kum (Little girl, I say to you, rise up) is a global network of Catholic Sisters who stand with victims and survivors of trafficking in persons; who work to promote a just world in which every human being can live in dignity and fullness of life. Join us. **US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114; sistersagainstrafficking.org.

Talitha Kum (Niña, te digo, levántate) es una red global de Hermanas Católicas que están con las víctimas y sobrevivientes de la trata de personas; que trabajan para promover un mundo justo en el que todo ser humano pueda vivir con dignidad y plenitud de vida. Únete a nosotros. **US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114; sistersagainstrafficking.org.

Healing Mass of Body, Mind and Soul on Thursday, May 11 at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Parish & Diocesan Shrine, 5337 Genesee St., Bowmansville. Fr. Daniel Young, celebrant presiding. For more information, call 716-683-2375.

Our Lady of Fatima Outdoor Procession Services every month starting May 13 through October 13. Join us at the Sacred Heart Parish Shrine & Diocesan Shrine, 5337 Genesee St., Bowmansville for Holy Mass, Rosary and Procession with the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Fr. Bryan Zielenieski, Vicar for Renewal and Development, joins us as celebrant for our first service on May 13 at 4 pm. Other monthly dates are: June 13 at 6:30 pm; July 13 at 6:30 pm; August 13 at 11 am; September 13 at 6:30 pm; and October 13 at 6:30 pm. Bring a lawn chair if you are unable to process but would like to join us in prayer. Rain or shine services. For more information, call 716-683-2375.

“A God Who Hears His People” – a retreat for parish leaders in the Diocese of Buffalo – on Friday, May 19 from 9 am-1 pm at Our Lady of Peace, 10950 Main St., Clarence *or* on Saturday, May 20 from 9 am-1 pm at St. Mary, 417 W. Main St., Arcade. Join parish leaders from across the diocese as we take a page out of the Book of Ezra that will inspire us to listen and create a space to share our joy and lament while we seek to rebuild and renew the Church in the Diocese of Buffalo. For further information and to RSVP, visit <https://alpha.ticketspice.com/a-god-who-hears-his-people-retreat-buffalo>.

The St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum will present their Spring concerts entitled, *“Ecce Panis: A Concert for Eucharistic Revival”* on Sunday, May 21 at 3 pm at Our Lady of Victory Basilica, 767 Ridge Rd., Lackawanna and on Sunday, June 11 at 4 pm (Corpus Christi Sunday) at SS. Peter & Paul Church, 5480 Main St., Williamsville. “Ecce Panis” in Latin means “Behold the Bread” and is the theme for the concerts which will celebrate the Year of Eucharistic Revival in our Diocese. Free-will offerings will be accepted to support the parishes that are hosting the performances. For more information, follow the choir on Facebook and Instagram @JP2Schola or email them at JP2Schola@gmail.com.

Guys' Night Out – *The Cross: Our Standard of Victory* – on Thursday, May 25 from 6-9 pm at Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish Hall, 64 Center Ave., North Tonawanda. Men are invited for an evening out to enjoy subs, soda and speakers. It will be a night packed with fun, food, fellowship and some fabulous speakers. Register by emailing Sr. Jacinta at olcparishevent@gmail.com or calling 716-692-0276.

Girls' Night Out – *The Cross: Our Standard of Victory* – on Thursday, June 1 from 6-9 pm at Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish Hall, 64 Center Ave., North Tonawanda. Women are invited for an evening out to enjoy subs, soda and spirit-filled speakers. A night for sharing and stories, fun and games, and spiritual growth. Register by emailing Sr. Jacinta at olcparishevent@gmail.com or calling 716-692-0276.

Celebrating Memorial Day at a Catholic Cemetery is truly a mixture of flags and wreaths and tributes and taps. Join us at one of two locations for Memorial Day Mass as we honor those who have served our country in the military. On Saturday, May 27 at 10 am, Bishop Michael Fisher will celebrate Mass at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Kenmore and Fr. William Quinlivan will celebrate Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery in Lackawanna. Military are always welcome to represent their branch of the military. Masses will be held outdoors, rain or shine. Tent with seating will be available. You are welcome to bring your own lawn chair. For more information on any of our services, call 716-873-6500.

St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Church will be celebrating its 150th anniversary of its founding on Sunday, June 4 at the 12 pm Mass at St. Stanislaus Church, 123 Townsend St., Buffalo; Bishop Michael Fisher, primary celebrant. Music will be provided under the direction of Dr. Thomas Witakowski and the Chopin Singing Society. St. Stanislaus is considered the Mother Church of Western New York Polonia and is the Diocesan Shrine of St. John Paul II. Following Mass, a celebratory banquet will be held at 2 pm at Kloc's Grove in West Seneca. For ticket information, contact 716-854-5510.

BasilicaFEST to kick-off the summer on June 9-11 at Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, 202 S. Union St., Olean. Events will include live entertainment, classic cars, KidZone with their own entertainment and games, great food (including Fr. John's homemade golabki), theme basket raffles, corn hole tournament, games of chance, pie on our Victorian porch, dessert wheel, live bagpipes, Sunday 5K Run/Walk, pony rides, disc golf tournament and munchkin runs at Gargoyle Park, Sunday Hibernian Chicken BBQ and much more. For more information, visit <https://smaolean.org/basilicafest-2023>. And don't forget our Basilica Tours and the International Exhibition: Miracles of the Eucharist by Blessed Carlo Acutis. Enjoy the beauty, architecture and history of our Basilica offered during our festival.

Join Magnificat Ministry to Catholic Women for a lively morning of praise, testimony, prayer, and a shared meal on June 10 from 9:45 am-12:10 pm at M Hotel Buffalo, 2040 Walden Ave., Cheektowaga. We welcome Bishop Michael Fisher, who will share the importance of trusting in God's love and mercy in answering the Father's call to the priesthood and into this especially challenging time. Pre-registration is necessary. For additional information and cost, call Chris Holden at 716-759-8135 or register online at <https://magnificat-ministry.net/>, click on "Chapters" and "Buffalo, New York."

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.

Infant of Prague 2023 Summer Fest on August 25-26 at 921 Cleveland Dr., Cheektowaga. All are welcome to a festival celebrating summertime, community and God's love for us. We will have our famous basket raffle, games of chance, inflatable obstacle courses for kids and adults, food trucks, a beer tent and much more! For more information, call 716-634-3660.

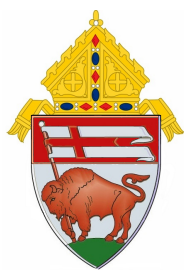
Save the Dates: The return of the Annual Craft Show at St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center and School in Williamsville on: Friday, November 24 and Saturday, November 25. If you are a local crafter or artisan interested in participating or would like more information, email Craftshow@stgregs.org.

ENCLOSURES

1. Priesthood Ordination 2023 – announcement
2. Transitional Diaconate Ordination 2023 – announcement
3. Permanent Diaconate Ordination 2023 – announcement
4. Bishop Smith Clergy Open 2023 – flyer/registration *

* = Priests and Deacons only

** = Diocesan Priests only



*With Gratitude to Almighty God,
the Diocese of Buffalo joyfully announces the
Ordination of*

Jeffrey Joseph Donovan

to the Sacred Order of Presbyter

*to be conferred through the
Invocation of the Holy Spirit and the imposition of hands by
His Excellency, the Most Reverend Michael William Fisher
Fifteenth Bishop of the Diocese of Buffalo*

Saturday, June 3, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Saint Joseph Cathedral

50 Franklin Street

Buffalo, New York 14202

Priests are invited to concelebrate; deacons are invited to vest.

(Please bring an alb and diocesan vestments.)

Family, friends, religious, and all the faithful are welcome!

*The Ordination will be live-streamed via
<http://www.youtube.com/SaintJosephCathedral/>*



*With Gratitude to Almighty God,
the Diocese of Buffalo joyfully announces the
Ordination of*

Sebastian Aristizabal

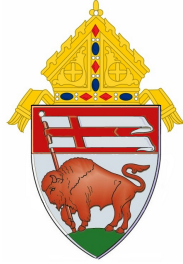
to the Sacred Order of Deacon

*to be conferred through the
Invocation of the Holy Spirit and the imposition of hands by
His Excellency, the Most Reverend Michael William Fisher
Fifteenth Bishop of the Diocese of Buffalo*

*Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
Catholic Community of Buffalo, North
Saint Mark Roman Catholic Church
401 Woodward Ave.
Buffalo, New York 14214*

*Priests are invited to concelebrate; deacons are invited to vest.
(Please bring an alb and diocesan vestments.)
Family, friends, religious, and all the faithful are welcome!*

*The Ordination will be live-streamed via
<https://www.facebook.com/saintmarkchurch>*



*With Gratitude to Almighty God,
the Diocese of Buffalo joyfully announces the Ordination of*

*Kevin Daniel Barron
Todd Berton Bowman
James Vincent Cantella*

*Martin Eugene Hackford
Thomas Dominic Labelle
John Emory Phillips*

John Francis Rhein

to the Sacred Order of Deacon

*to be conferred through the
Invocation of the Holy Spirit and the imposition of hands by
His Excellency, the Most Reverend Michael William Fisher
Fifteenth Bishop of the Diocese of Buffalo*

Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 10 a.m.

Saint Joseph Cathedral

50 Franklin Street

Buffalo, New York 14202

Priests are invited to concelebrate; deacons are invited to vest.

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The Bishop Smith Clergy Open 2023

Diocese of Buffalo



The Bishop Smith Clergy Open

will be held at

Terry Hills Golf Course

5122 Clinton Street Road, Batavia, NY

on **Monday, June 26, 2023**

We will have a **shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.** Lunch (hot dog or hamburger) will be available before tee off. Following golf (around 5:30 p.m.) preprandial and dinner will be served in the Pavilion. Minimal shower facilities are available; bring your own soap and towel.

Bishops, priests, deacons, and seminarians are all invited to join us for golf, dinner, or both. The price is reasonable since it includes golf, cart, refreshments, dinner, and prizes. Again, this year we will be using a “scramble” format for the awarding of trophies.

Golf-Preprandial-Dinner: \$75.00

Preprandial-Dinner alone: \$40.00

Our prize gathering committee no longer exists. They have done an outstanding job for a number of years. If you can secure a prize for the event, please mark the box below or contact Deacon Tim Maloney at 716-812-2950.

Each individual golfer should fill out the form below and send it, with your check (payable to “*Diocese of Buffalo*”) to the Catholic Center **no later than June 14, 2023**. Foursomes and information will be sent to you by June 21st. Prepayment and early registration are appreciated. Thanks.

Detach and **return no later than June 14, 2023**. Send along with a check payable to the “*Diocese of Buffalo*” to: BISHOP SMITH CLERGY OPEN, 795 MAIN ST., BUFFALO, NY 14203.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

If possible, I would prefer to golf with the following partners:

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

I can/will bring a prize for the event.