

Church Bulletin Announcements – May 8, 2023

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.

***** Next newsletter will be published on May 22, 2023. *****