

## 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](mailto:mary.jp.cygan@gmail.com). Sponsored by Morning Star Family Holy Hour and Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, Olean.

## CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bulletin message for weekend of July 15-16: Drawing up your summer bucket list? Add volunteering to the mix!** Our Catholic Charities Immigration & Refugee Assistance Program has many opportunities for volunteers, including: English language tutoring, drivers and transportation guides, organizing donations, and more! Check out these and other volunteer opportunities with Catholic Charities at [www.ccwny.org/volunteer](http://www.ccwny.org/volunteer).

**Bulletin message for weekend of July 22-23: Mark your calendars for Catholic Charities Healthy Baby Festivals!** Returning again this year are our free WIC Healthy Baby Festivals with a new twist for our centennial year! To help celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> year in the WNY community, the Healthy Baby Festivals will include more activities and special giveaways for children and families. The festivals will take place: Tuesday, August 1 from 11 am-1 pm at Allen Park in Jamestown; Wednesday, August 2 from 11 am-1 pm at Mang Park in Kenmore; and Friday, August 4 from 12-2 pm at Hyde Park in Niagara Falls. Be sure to follow our Facebook page for more exciting announcements as the festivals draw closer.

**Bulletin message for weekend of July 29-30: A lot has changed since the founding of Catholic Charities nearly 100 years ago in October 1923.** But one thing has remained a constant throughout the years: **Just as we have for 99 years, catholic Charities is here and ready to help – now.** If you have an urgent need or you or your family is facing a crisis situation, please give us a call at 716-218-1400 or visit [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org) to complete an online assistance form. Help and HOPE are available.

**Bulletin message for August:** The first principle of Catholic Social Teaching is respect for the dignity of persons. Traffickers ignore this principle by treating people as commodities, products to be bought and sold. **US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114; [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org).

El primer principio de la Doctrina Social Católica es el respeto a la dignidad de las personas. Los traficantes ignoran este principio al tratar a las personas como mercancías, productos para comprar y vender. **US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**, 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114; [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org).

**Our Lady of Fatima Outdoor Procession Services** every month 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. Upcoming monthly dates are: 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.

**Father Baker Day Weekend, July 29-30, Our Lady of Victory Basilica**, 767 Ridge Rd., Lackawanna.

- **Jazz Mass on Saturday, July 29** – Last year’s Jazz Mass was a huge hit! So join us for 4:30 pm Mass, enjoy the sounds, and celebrate with your faith family.
- **Annual Penny Drop on Sunday, July 30** from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm. A wonderful tradition, families are welcome to drop their pennies and other loose change on the sidewalk leading up to the Basilica’s entrance.
- **Father Baker Day Mass on Sunday, July 30** at 12 pm. An annual tradition, Father Baker Day Mass honors the solemn occasion of Father Baker’s death.
- **World Youth Day: Buffalo on Sunday, July 30** from 2-10 pm. Gather with other young Catholics at the OLV National Shrine and Basilica to celebrate World Youth Day 2023. There will be speakers, live music and food trucks.

For more information, visit <https://www.olvbasilica.org/>.

**Fourteen Holy Helpers Summerfest 2023** from Thursday, August 3 through Sunday, August 6 at 1345 Indian Church Rd., West Seneca. Family Movie Night, Chalk-Walk contest, Polka Mass, BBQ Burger Dinner, Grilled Pork Chop Dinner, Polish Platter Dinner, beer tent, music, etc. For more information and the schedule, or to purchase dinner and theme basket tickets, visit [www.14hh.org](http://www.14hh.org).

**Biblical Conference – “Our True Faith and the Eucharist”** – from Friday, September 29 through Saturday, September 30 at Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, Olean. Speaker: Dr. John Bergsma, Professor of Theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville. For a complete list of times and talks, visit [www.SMAOlean.org](http://www.SMAOlean.org). RSVP your free ticket online or call the parish office at 716-372-4841.

**Word of Life-July 16:** “Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions.” Read more at [www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations](http://www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations).

**Palabra de Vida-Julio 16:** “La fe y esperanza en la Resurrección nos permiten enfrentar la muerte preparados y sin temor.... Nos preparamos para la vida eterna amando y obedeciendo a Dios ahora y en las decisiones cotidianas”. Lea más en <https://es.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations>.

**Word of Life-July 23:** “Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. ... That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other.”

**Palabra de Vida-Julio 23:** “El amor matrimonial se distingue de cualquier otro amor en el mundo. Por su naturaleza, el amor del esposo y de la esposa es tan completo, tan ordenado a una vida completa de comunión con Dios y del uno con el otro, que está abierto para crear un nuevo ser humano, al que amarán y cuidarán juntos. ... Ese poder de crear una vida nueva con Dios es la esencia de lo que los esposos comparten”.

**Word of Life-July 30:** “A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child. Following Mary’s example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children.”

**Palabra de Vida-Julio 30:** "Una mujer con un embarazo imprevisto puede tener muchos temores y dificultades: hacer frente a ser juzgada por sus amigos y familiares, perder su empleo o vivienda, o que el padre de su hijo la abandone. Siguiendo el ejemplo de María, nos podemos preguntar cómo conocer mejor a estas madres, escucharlas, buscar entenderlas y ayudarlas a satisfacer las necesidades de la vida para ellas y sus hijos".

## **ENCLOSURES**

1. Ladies of Charity 2023 National Conference – flyer

\* = Priests and Deacons only

\*\* = Diocesan Priests only

# 2023 Ladies of Charity National Assembly Speakers



**Cheryl Calire, Director of Pro-Life Activities, Diocese of Buffalo**



**Kelly Diane Galloway, Founder and President, Project Mona's House**



**Toni Taylor, Director of Housing and Peer Services**



**Dennis Walczyk, Social Justice Programs at St. Joseph University Parish**

## The Ladies of Charity of the United States National Assembly Buffalo, NY September 7-9, 2023

Location: Hyatt Regency Buffalo Hotel & Conference Center  
Two Fountain Plaza  
Buffalo, NY 14202

### “We Choose Love”

The theme of this year's Assembly was selected to honor the 10 people murdered at a Buffalo TOPS supermarket in May 2022.

Ladies of Charity throughout the United State and internationally, provide Vincentian Leadership to women in acting together against all forms of poverty.

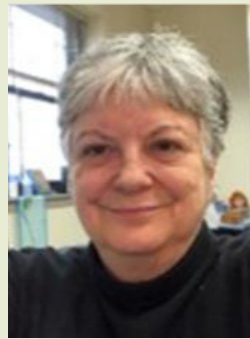
Please consider attending or making a donation to support this year's Assembly program. Ladies of Charity from throughout the United States will travel to Buffalo to attend this year's conference. Topics to be presented include racism, domestic violence, human trafficking, resettlement of refugees, mental health, social justice and the dignity of life.

Registration is open through August 8, 2023 at:

<https://aic.ladiesofcharity.us/register-assembly-2023/>

Call Buffalo Ladies of Charity at 716-895-4001 for further information.

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**Sr. Ellen LaCapria, DC, Keynote Speaker: “Who Is My Neighbor? The Parable of the Good Samaritan: A Vincentian Perspective”**



**Julie Lulek, Senior Director, Catholic Charities of Buffalo**



**Shyam Sriram, PhD, Canisius College - Buffalo, NY**



**Susann Montgomery-Clark, Co-founder & Board President, Megan Montgomery Foundation to Prevent Domestic Violence, Inc. Pictured with her daughters Meredith and Megan.**



**Kathleen Elias, Refugee Resettlement Volunteer**