

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

CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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>.

The St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum is holding auditions from now through the end of August for the Fall season. The Schola is an all-volunteer group of dedicated singers who love to glorify God through the singing of some of the great masterpieces of "a cappella" choral music of the Catholic Church. We are looking for singers of all voice ranges, who can read music, and can commit to weekly rehearsals. To arrange for an audition, email JP2Schola@gmail.com. To learn more about us, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @JP2Schola, and subscribe to our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@JP2Schola>.

Bulletin message for weekend of August 5-6: Make a difference this up-coming school year – become a Foster Grandparent! If you're an Erie County resident age 55 or older, consider being a Foster Grandparent and reap all the benefits of becoming one. You'll stay active by developing one-on-one relationships with children ages 3-18 in a school setting. You'll also gain a stipend, social-emotional health benefits, and the joy of guiding and supporting our next generation. To connect with the program, call 716-896-6388 or visit www.ccwny.org/older-adults.

"Seeking the Peace of Christ Day Retreat with 3 pm Healing Mass" on Friday, August 4 from 9:30 am-4 pm at Branches Christian Rest & Renewal Center, located on Seneca Lake (8251 Lower Lake Rd., Lodi, NY). Retreat facilitator: Rick Paolini; Healing Mass celebrant: Fr. Lukasz Kopala. We will discuss and reflect on how scripture passages from St. Faustina's Diary and life experiences will help us to find Christ's gift of peace designed uniquely for each of us. Join us for a peaceful day of rest and renewal on the shores of beautiful Seneca Lake. Details at www.branchescenter.org; email branches1515@live.com or call 716-901-4313.

Each year the Polish American community remembers and honors the people of Poland who suffered and perished during World War II with a special commemoration of the martyrdom of St. Maximilian Kolbe at Auschwitz. This year's event will especially remember the children who were innocent victims to the horrors of war. The Mass will be held on August 13 at 12 noon at St. Stanislaus B&M Church located at Fillmore & Peckham Ave., Buffalo. Light refreshments will be served immediately following Mass in the church social center where the art exhibit titled "Mom I Don't Want War" will be available for viewing. The event is sponsored by Polish American Congress, Polish Legacy Project-WWII, Polish Chair at Canisius College and Am-Pol Eagle Newspaper.

Celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15 at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 4135 Union Rd., Cheektowaga. Mass in Chapel at 7 am; Outdoor Mass at 10 am celebrated by Bishop Michael Fisher; Latin Mass at 12 pm; Rosary for Peace at 3 pm; Living Rosary at 6 pm; Healing Mass at 7 pm. Other activities, which will take place from 11 am-4 pm, include food trucks, bake sale, basket raffle, Kid's Craft Corner, food drop-off for St. Josaphat's food pantry, etc. For more information, visit <https://www.cheektowagacatholicfamily.org/> or call 716-276-9288.

St. Bernadette Parish Open Doors Ministry invites you to our annual Summer Picnic Party for adults and children with different abilities on Saturday, August 26 from 11 am-2 pm at St. Bernadette Church Parish Ministry Center, 5930 S. Abbott Rd., Orchard Park. The indoor party will have a Buffalo Sports theme. Lunch provided and served at noon. Call 716-649-1051 or email cozmo3631@gmail.com to let us know how many people are in your group.

SS. Peter & Paul's Luncheon & Basket Raffle on Sunday, September 17 at Salvatore's Italian Gardens; sponsored by St. Ann's Sodality. Doors open at 10:30 am. The sit-down luncheon is served at 12:30 pm and features 3 entrée choices. 100-150 baskets are raffled off each year. For more details, visit the SS. Peter & Paul's website at <https://ssppchurch.com/> or call Debbie Napierala at 716-631-9528.

Stress in Your Marriage? Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated or angry in their marriage and don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. For more information, call 716-474-9371 or visit <https://helpourmarriage.org/>. Next weekend is September 22-24. All calls are confidential; preregistration is required.

ENCLOSURES

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