

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. **October 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>.

Hope after Heartache – Tools for Living with Loss. Buffalo Diocesan Catholic Cemeteries offers a comprehensive grief support program for those who have lost a loved one. There are three locations and four meeting choices per month. All are welcome. Open to the community; no charge. Call Marianne Hubert, Director of Grief Support Services, at 716-873-6500 or email mhubert@buffalocatholiccemeteries.org, for a brochure of grief support times and locations, as well as other activities and remembrance services.

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. RSVP your free ticket online or call the parish office at 716-372-4841.

The Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi, a service celebrated by the Franciscan Family all over the world, will be held on October 3 at 7 pm at St. Rose of Lima, 500 Parker Ave., Buffalo; Fr. Chris Emminger presiding. This tradition is observed on the vigil of the Feast of St. Francis to commemorate the death (crossing over) of this beloved Saint. Light refreshments to follow. Hosted by St. Thomas More Secular Franciscan Fraternity.

Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 7 from 5:30-9 pm at St. Leo the Great Parish Center, 885 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst. Enjoy live music by The New Direction Band, and authentic German buffet and beer. Pre-sale tickets may be purchased at <https://stleothegreatamherst.com/events/> or at the parish office; no phone orders. For further information, call 716-835-8905.

OLV Victory Nite on October 12 at 6 pm at AcQua, 2192 Niagara St., Buffalo. What was an auction in the Spring and an awards dinner in the Fall, has been re-imagined as a single night of friends and fellowship. Proceeds from Victory Nite will support OLV Charities and OLV Human Services' new Evaluation & Treatment Center, where children receive early screening and treatment for conditions such as Autism Spectrum Disorder. For tickets and further information, visit <https://www.olvcharities.org/victorynite>.

Open House at Cardinal O'Hara High School on Thursday, October 12 from 4-8 pm or Saturday, October 14 from 9 am-1 pm. Cardinal O'Hara is a Franciscan-based co-educational school located at 39 O'Hara Rd., Tonawanda. Take a student-guided tour of the building and meet faculty from each department. Explore the core curriculum, fine arts, science, music, and world languages programs along with St. Margaret Scholars, a new program offering inclusive special education for students with intellectual disabilities. Visitors will discover the more than 40 sports teams, clubs and activities, including the \$1 million renovation of O'Hara's sports fields now under construction. For more information, contact Thomas Wilkie, director of enrollment and student engagement, at 716-695-2600, ext. 357 or visit www.cardinalohara.com.

Cultural Diversity Dinner – “One Faith Many Cultures” – on Friday, October 13 at 6:30 pm at Classics V, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst. An evening of fun, dinner, dancing, gift baskets, and more. All are welcome. For more information about sponsorship or to purchase tickets, call 716-847-2216 or email rfulton@buffalodiocese.org.

Into the Holidays Vendor & Craft Show on Saturday, October 14 from 10 am-3 pm in the Event Center at St. Leo the Great, 885 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst. Over 40 vendors will have items for purchase. Shopping, basket raffles, door prizes & much more! For further information, call 716-835-8905.

Diocesan Hispanic Heritage Mass – “We Are All, We Are One” - on Sunday, October 15 at 11:30 am at St. Anthony Church, 306 Ingham Ave., Lackawanna. Bishop Michael Fisher will be the main celebrant. For more information, call 716-847-2216 or email rfulton@buffalodiocese.org.

Revival – “Stoking the Flame” – on Saturday, October 21 from 10 am-3 pm and Sunday Mass at 9:30 am at St. Martin de Porres Church, 555 Northampton, Buffalo. With dynamic speaker and revivalist Fr. Anthony Bozeman, SSJ. Saturday includes singing and praise, group faith sharing, youth involvement; lunch provided. For more information, call 716-847-2216 or email rfulton@buffalodiocese.org.

Meat Raffle (sponsored by St. John Kanty/St. Adalbert Parish Community) on October 27 at St. Katharine Drexel Hall, 135 North Ogden St., Buffalo. Doors open at 6 pm; first spin at 7 pm. Admission ticket includes beer and pop. Bring your own food/snacks, but no outside drinks or alcohol allowed. Pizza and sausage available for purchase. Basket raffle, 50/50 split, and take a chance to win a freezer full of meat! For tickets, call 716-893-0412 weekday mornings until 11 am or email stjohnkantybflo@gmail.com.

Meat Raffle on Saturday, October 28 at St. Leo the Great Parish Center, 885 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst. Doors open at 6 pm; raffle at 7 pm. Admission ticket includes beer, wine, pop and water. Bring your own snacks. Lottery tree, 50/50, gift basket raffle, freezer full of meat & much

more! Tickets available online at <https://stleothegreatamherst.com/events/> or at the parish office; no phone orders. For further information, call 716-835-8905.

Saints in the Making Conference for Grades 2-5 on Saturday, November 18 from 9 am-1 pm at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 6441 Seneca St., Springbrook. Join us for a fantastic retreat centered around experiencing the love of God, and understanding the purpose for every one of us...to become the best version of ourselves...to become Saints! Parents and guardians are welcome to stay onsite as there are breakout sessions for adults too. For more information or to register, contact Mary Palmer at mpalmer@olpparish.com or Lisa Benzer at lbenzer@buffalodiocese.org. We can't wait to see you there!

OLV Pilgrimage – Walking in the Footsteps of Venerable Nelson Baker. Join Msgr. David LiPuma, Pastor and Rector of Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica, on this awe-inspiring pilgrimage of faith from April 30-May 9, 2024. Travel to Paris and Rome, retracing and reliving the pilgrimage that changed Father Baker's life forever 150 years ago. If interested, contact Kim Kutera at 716-828-9648 or kkutera@olvcharities.org. Spaces are limited.

ENCLOSURES

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