

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuition Assistance for Private Grammar Schools Now Available. The BISON Children Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to economically eligible children in grades K-8. New families can now apply for scholarships for the 2024-25 school year. To start the process, families can complete a pre-application form online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. If selected in the lottery drawing, the scholarships can be used at any private grammar school in WNY. Deadline to apply is March 15. For more information, contact Cindy at 716-854-0869, ext. 1 or cmcdonald@bisonfund.com.

Camp Turner is hiring for the summer! We are recruiting college students 18 years or older who are looking to work with children ages 7-15 for the summer at camp located in beautiful Allegany State Park. Working at camp is very rewarding for students who want to develop their skills in interpersonal relationships, leadership, communication, group work, critical thinking, problem solving and creativity while managing a cabin with 5-10 campers each week. Contact Camp Director John Mann to set up an interview at 716-417-6692 or jmann@olvcharities.org. See our job postings and apply online at <https://www.campturner.com/employment>.

Camp Turner Summer Registration is OPEN! Space is beginning to fill up for the summer. If your child is returning for another great summer or has never been to an overnight camp before, then take advantage of one of WNY's best summer camps. Camp Turner has been serving children for over 100 years in a safe, nurturing, and developmental environments. Our first aid and CPR certified staff undergo an extensive background check and attend a weeklong dedicated training to understand how to best serve and care for your young ones. You can reach the camp with questions at 716-354-4555 or email campturner@olvcharities.org. Register now online at <https://www.campturner.com>.

Bulletin message for weekend of March 9-10: HOPE when hope feels lost. We know that asking for help can be a difficult thing to do, and that's why the staff works extra hard to make Catholic Charities a welcoming environment, enveloping those who come to us in their times of need with dignity and respect. One client shared, "I admire how staff is welcoming and non-judgmental in all situations. I appreciate all care and concern shown for my children and their wellbeing." When you support the Catholic Charities Appeal, you support this level of care. Give today and help provide HOPE to those in need. Visit www.ccwny.org/donate or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.

Bulletin message for weekend of March 16-17: Did you know St. Patrick is the Catholic Charities 2024 Appeal patron saint? St. Patrick is known for his unwavering faith and tenacious drive to spread the Gospel. As we celebrate his feast day this Sunday, we pray that we, too, can be steadfast in our mission and have the same zeal for Christ's work through us as St. Patrick did. May we follow his example. St. Patrick, pray for us! Make an Appeal donation today at www.ccwny.org/donate or by texting HOPE4WNY to 44321.

St. John Kanty's Lenten Homemade Pierogi & Placek Sale with basket raffle on Saturdays and Sundays during Lent from 10 am-1 pm in the rectory. Sale runs through Palm Sunday, when the basket raffle drawing takes place. Also selling St. Adalbert's delicious chocolates. Visit <http://www.saintjohnkanty.com/>.

Harmonia Chamber Singers on Saturday, March 9 at 7 pm at Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica, 767 Ridge Rd., Lackawanna. Adam Luebke will be guest conductor for the area premiere of Joby Talbot's Path of Miracles. No tickets required; a freewill offering is requested.

Taizé Prayer Service on Sunday, March 10 at 7:30 pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1029 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, with wine and cheese reception to follow. The prayer service is characterized by repetitive, mantra-like songs, prayerful silence, and short scriptural readings. These elements guide the focus of the prayer in a candle-lit environment. RSVP to Michael Pitek at 716-480-8313 or michael@thepitekgroup.com.

40 Days for Life Speaker Event on Tuesday, March 12 at 7 pm at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 875 Eggert Dr., North Tonawanda. Special appearance of Ramona Trevino, former abortion worker who quit her job, returned to her Catholic faith and became a member of the National 40 Days for Life ministry. RSVP to Kristen at 231-286-8685.

"She Did It All" – a live theatrical presentation one-man play about the life of Venerable Nelson Baker – will be presented on March 13 at 7 pm at St. Timothy Church, 565 East Park Dr., Tonawanda. There will also be a Potluck Dinner before the play beginning at 6 pm. Those planning on attending are asked to bring a dish to share with fellow parishioners. RSVP with number attending by calling the parish office at 716-875-9430 or email office@sainttimothyparish.org.

Traditional Celtic Music of Kindred on Saturday, March 16 during the 4:30 pm Mass at Our Lady of Victory Shrine & Basilica, 767 Ridge Rd., Lackawanna. With a rare blend of voice, cello, guitars, and percussion, Kindred has delighted audiences for years.

"La Festa Di San Giuseppe." St. Anthony of Padua Church, Buffalo, celebrates the Feast of St. Joseph, "La Festa Di San Giuseppe," on Sunday, March 17 with Mass at 11am followed by a traditional St. Joseph Day Table in the Mother Cabrini Social Center Hall, 180 Court St., Buffalo; parking is free. Seating is limited. For tickets and information, call the rectory at 716-854-2563 between 9am-1pm.

Renewal Conference – "Jesus Christ's Mission is the Same. Our Reality is Different" – on Friday, March 22 from 10 am-5 pm at Hilbert College, 5200 South Park Ave., Hamburg. The Church of today in the Diocese of Buffalo is facing challenges never before experienced, and this conference is your opportunity to explore concrete ways to help your Family of Parishes respond to these challenges and become vibrant communities. There will be 7 breakout

sessions with over 10 speakers. *Who should attend?* Priests, deacons, staff, pillar members, renewal reps, parishioners and YOU! Engage in discussions about renewal, pillar groups, and the plan moving forward. Register by March 8 to secure your spot: <https://forms.gle/2dzevffV4NLwvxJw5>. Registration fee includes breakfast and lunch. Don't miss out on this chance to be a part of shaping the vibrant future of our communities.

Inclusive Easter Mass on Wednesday, April 3 at 7 pm at St. Bernadette, 5930 South Abbott Rd., Orchard Park. Fr. Joe Wolf, celebrant; Fr. Gerard Skrzynski to interpret Mass through American Sign Language. The Mass offers a shorter, less crowded worship setting allowing people to move freely as needed. The lighting will be dimmer, the music soothing and low gluten hosts available. Refreshments served after Mass in the Parish Ministry Center; wheelchair accessible. Mass will be live-streamed on St. Bernadette's Facebook page. This event is sponsored by the Open Doors Ministry which advocates for the inclusion of people with disabilities into the life of the parish. For further information, contact Sharon Urbaniak at 716-648-1720, ext. 3, sharonu@saintbopny.org or Paula Potteiger at 716-649-1051, cozmo3631@gmail.com.

Revive – a night with Jackie Francois Angel, speaker, vlogger, worship leader and author – on Thursday, April 11 at 7 pm at St. Gregory the Great, 200 St. Gregory Ct., Williamsville. Doors open at 6:15 pm; praise and worship at 7 pm; speaker at 7:30 pm. Sponsored by Chesterton Academy of Buffalo. For information, visit <https://buffalochestertonacademy.org/news-and-events/> or call 716-674-8101.

The Chesterton Barrel & Burn – a night with John Walker as G.K. Chesterton – on April 12 at Chesterton Academy, 5331 Genesee St., Bowmansville. Ticket includes wine & craft beer tastings, smoked meats and finger food stations. Guests will be amused and delighted with a fireside chat by Dr. John Walker, entertainer and professor of theatre. For tickets, visit <https://buffalochestertonacademy.org/news-and-events/> or call 716-674-8101.

Catholic Women's Conference – “Be Still” – on Saturday, April 27 from 8 am-5 pm at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, 845 Kenmore Ave., Buffalo. Speakers: Mary Lenaburg & Anne Marie Stroud. Day includes a continental breakfast, Vigil Mass with Fr. Betti, 2 national speakers, lunch, confession, adoration, and vendors. For further information and tickets, visit www.catholicwomenofbuffalo.org, email catholicwomenbuffalo@gmail.com or call 716-725-9551.

OLV's 2024 Pilgrimage – Walking in the Footsteps of Venerable Nelson Baker – April 30 to May 9. 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 limited.

ENCLOSURES

1. Renewal Conference 2024 - flyer



RENEWAL Conference 2024

Keynote Speaker: Susan Windley-Daoust, Ph.D.

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7 BREAKOUT SESSIONS

MORE THAN 10 SPEAKERS

Join in the conversation about the Renewal, Pillar groups, and the plan moving forward.

Register today!

RSVP BY MARCH 8

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED



FRIDAY MARCH 22

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Hilbert College

5200 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, NY

Who should attend?

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Susan Windley-Daoust , Ph.D.

Susan Windley-Daoust, Ph.D., is director of missionary discipleship for the Diocese of Winona-Rochester (Minnesota). She formerly was a professor and chair of theology at St. Mary's University of Minnesota. She holds a doctorate in theology from Vanderbilt University, a certificate in spiritual direction, is the author of four books, and is the married mother of five children.

OUTREACH / INREACH



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