

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/>.

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. **April 2024 Homily Helps available at:** [Homily Helps April 2024 \(Cycle B\) | Catholic Climate Covenant](#).

CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catholic Health is looking for compassionate, active volunteers 18+ at all hospital sites and skilled nursing facilities. We need friendly visitors, greeters and much more! Catholic Health LIFE center is also seeking senior companions. For more information, contact Lisa Carey at 716-862-1106 or visit our website: <https://www.chsbuffalo.org/volunteer>.

Volunteer Opportunity: Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center Spiritual Care Department needs Eucharistic Ministers. If you have time and would like more information, contact Minnie Wyse, Spiritual Care Department, at 716-845-8051.

Bulletin message for weekend of March 23-24: HOPE when you are troubled. Dominic was ready to give up. “I had lost my job, had no relationships with anyone, and was having money problems. I was mad, sad and didn’t see a future for me,” he said. However, when he came to Catholic Charities, he discovered hope. “For the first time I could remember, I felt like someone was really listening to me and wanted to help. If it hadn’t been for them, I don’t know where I’d

be today." You gift to **Appeal 2024** helps ensure that people like Dominic get help when they need it most. Give today at www.ccwny.org/donate or by texting HOPE4WNY to 44321.

Bulletin message for weekend of March 30-31: Happy Easter! Today we celebrate Christ's triumph over death and his promise of eternal life for those who come and turn their hearts to Him. Through His sacrifice and glory, He gives us every reason for **HOPE**. May your hearts and homes be filled with joy and overflowing gratitude for God's love for us. **Appeal 2024** is ongoing. Please give today at www.ccwny.org/donate or by texting HOPE4WNY to 44321.

Bulletin message for April: There is no more pernicious abuse of power than human trafficking. This modern day slavery is a crime that takes all of us, working together, to eradicate. **Alliance to End Human Trafficking** (founded and supported by US Catholic Sisters), 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114; sistersagainstrafficking.org.

No hay abuso de poder más pernicioso que la trata de personas. En nuestros días, la esclavitud es un delito que requiere de todos para erradicarlo. **Alianza para acabar con lo humano. Trata de personas** (fundada y apoyada por las Hermanas Católicas de los EE. UU.), 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114; sistersagainstrafficking.org.

Palm Sunday Buffet Brunch on March 24 from 10 am-3 pm at Our Lady of Fatina Shrine, 1023 Swann Rd., Youngstown. There will be a large menu with an assortment of breakfast and lunch foods to choose from. There will also be an Easter bake sale and Easter baskets. Tickets available at the Shrine Office, 716-754-7489 and at the door. Limited amount of tickets available.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Palm Sunday, March 24 from 9 am-1 pm at St. Andrew Parish Hall, 111 Crocker St., Sloan. All you can eat buffet style breakfast includes: pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, coffee, tea and orange juice. There will be activities for the kids, crafters, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. For more information or to reserve a craft table, call 716-892-0425.

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.

Come and hear National Catholic Speaker and Author, Paul Zucarelli. Paul had nine cardiac arrests and was dead for two hours. Through intercessory prayer of many, Paul survived with no brain damage and now lives to testify his witness about Heaven and Christ's deep love for us. Paul and his wife, Beth, reside in Phoenix, AZ and are both former Buffalonians. Paul and Beth will be speaking at: Friday, April 12 at 7 pm at Nativity of the BVM, Harris Hill; Saturday, April 13 at 5 pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bowmansville; Sunday, April 14 at 1 pm at St. Gabriel, Elma; Sunday, April 14 at 7 pm at All Saints, Lockport; and Monday, April 15 at 7 pm at Annunciation, Elma. You may learn more about Paul and Beth at

<https://faithunderstood.org/>. This speaking series has been organized by Branches Christian Rest and Renewal Centers, Inc., <https://www.branchescenter.org/>.

Cardinal O'Hara High to induct alumni into its Distinguished Hall of Fame and its Athletic Hall of Fame as well as one supporter of the school as an honorary member at a ceremony on April 20 at Banchetti's by Rizzo in Amherst, starting at 5 pm; followed by dinner and the ceremony. Alumni being honored are Michael Prendergast '69 (posthumously), Mary (Hartnett) Holzerland '70, Rev. Patrick Fleming '73, William Tucker '77, Lawrence Tarasek '79 and Honorable Susan Eagen '89. Being inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame are Jackie Feggans '08, James Ewing '08, Donel Cathcart '15 and Summer Hemphill '16. William Tepas will receive honorary induction into the Hall of Fame. Tickets available at www.cardinalohara.com or call the Advancement Office at 716-695-2600.

Meat Raffle on Friday, April 26 at St. Andrew Parish Hall, 111 Crocker St., Sloan. Doors open at 6 pm; drawings begin at 7 pm. Admission includes beer and pop. Basket raffles, 50/50 splits, grand finale of meats. Pizza available for purchase. Reserved tables available for parties of 8 or more. For tickets or more information, call 716-892-0425.

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.

ENCLOSURES

1. 2025 Diocesan Collection Schedule

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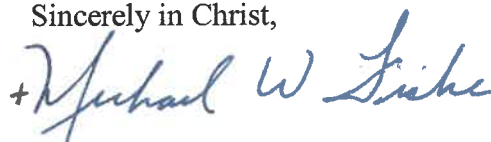
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DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS 2025:

Catholic Relief Services (American BPS Overseas Relief)	January 25-26 (last weekend in January)	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294 PO Box 8000 Buffalo, NY 14267
Church in Central and Eastern Europe & Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland	February 15-16	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294
Black & Native Missions	March 8-9	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294
Holy Land	April 18 – Good Friday	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294
Catholic Home Mission Appeal (CHMA)	April 26-27 (last weekend in April)	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294
Church in Latin America & Church in Africa	Sunday in May – Pastor's Choice	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294
Catholic Communication Campaign	June 7-8 (second Sunday in June)	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294
Mission Cooperative Plan	Mid-June to Mid-July	Propagation of the Faith Lockbox Dept. 512 PO Box 8000 Buffalo, NY 14267
Peter's Pence	Sunday in July – Pastor's Choice	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294
Retired Diocesan Priests' Medical Benefits Fund	August 2-3	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294
Catholic University	August 16-17	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294
Seminarian & Diaconate Formation	Sunday in September – Pastor's Choice	Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo 795 Main St. Buffalo, NY 14203
Respect Life Sunday for Moms & Babies	October 4-5 (first weekend in October)	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294
World Mission Sunday	October 18-19	Propagation of the Faith Lockbox Dept. 512
Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA	November 8-9 (collection held every three years)	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	November 22-23 (last weekend before Thanksgiving)	Catholic Charities 741 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY 14209
Religious Retirement Appeal	December 13-14	Diocese of Buffalo Lockbox Dept. 294

If any of these dates interferes with a parochial program, the collection should be taken on the nearest Sunday.
 Thank you for your cooperation and support for these important efforts.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Rev. Michael W. Fisher
 Bishop of Buffalo