

## DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bulletin message for weekend of April 6-7: Is volunteering on your Spring bucket list?** If so, consider becoming a Catholic volunteer with Charities. There is an urgent need for volunteers at the Kenmore Pantry, Perry-St. Brigid Pantry, Bishop Kmiec Pantry and Lovejoy Pantry. Those interested in being a pantry volunteer can call 716-218-1450, ext. 2003. **Catholic Charities Appeal 2024** is ongoing through June 30. To make a donation today, visit [www.ccwny.org/donate](http://www.ccwny.org/donate) or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.

**Bulletin message for weekend of April 13-14: Are you a parent of young children and your financial situation has changed?** If so, you may now qualify for the Women's, Infants & Children (WIC) federal nutrition program. Catholic Charities is the administrator for WIC in Erie, Niagara and Chautauqua counties, and is ready to assist you and your family. For more information about WIC, including income eligibility, visit [www.ccwny.org/wic](http://www.ccwny.org/wic). To connect with services, call 716-218-1484. **Catholic Charities Appeal 2024** is ongoing through June 30. To make a donation today, visit [www.ccwny.org/donate](http://www.ccwny.org/donate) or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.

**Bulletin message for weekend of April 20-21: Is your child age 12-17 displaying chronic negative behaviors** such as noncompliance, verbal and/or physical aggression, truancy, school failure, curfew violations, running away, illegal substance abuse and/or criminal activity? **Catholic Charities Multisystemic Therapy Program in Erie, Niagara and Cattaraugus counties can help.** MST is an intensive, family-focused intervention program that's facilitated in the youth's natural environments, including the home. Think MST might be a good fit? Call 716-207-7472. **Catholic Charities Appeal 2024** is ongoing through June 30. To make a donation today, visit [www.ccwny.org/donate](http://www.ccwny.org/donate) or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.

**Bulletin message for weekend of April 27-28: HOPE Day is coming!** Catholic Charities one-day "above and beyond" 24-hour fundraising effort is Wednesday, May 15. Last year's HOPE Day was historic as donors gave a record \$507,456. This year, we're aiming for another successful one-day giving blitz. Be sure to follow us at [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org) and on Facebook and Instagram for more details on how you can make a contribution, help spread the word, and track the progress on HOPE Day. To view the full list of programs and services, visit [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org).

**Catholic Charities Centennial Video – "A Century of Hope"** details the rich history and origins of Catholic Charities of Buffalo while outlining the impact the organization has had providing HOPE for all seasons across Western New York for 100 years. To view the video, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UdHcEIHpTng>.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:campturner@olvcharities.org). Register now online at <https://www.campturner.com>.

**Retrouvaille.** Thinking about separation or divorce? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages. For more information, call 716-474-9371 or visit <https://www.helpourmarriage.org>. All calls are confidential and pre-registration is required.

**Have you attended a Retrouvaille Weekend and need ongoing marriage support?** Retrouvaille Buffalo offers a monthly CORE meeting in the WNY area to support couples that have gone through the program. CORE (Continuing Our Retrouvaille Experience) allows couples to strengthen their marriage in a supportive environment. For more information about the monthly meetings, contact Carol at 716-474-9371.

**St. Gianna Pregnancy Outreach Center Annual Banquet** on Thursday, April 25 at 6 pm at Classics V, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst. Keynote Speaker: Diane Ferraro (Save the Storks). Make your reservation today at <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/st-gianna/> or email [StGianna@buffalodiocese.org](mailto:StGianna@buffalodiocese.org). Reservation deadline is April 17. This is your opportunity to join us in our mission to help moms and families choose life when facing unplanned/unsupported pregnancies, providing material, emotional and spiritual support during and after pregnancy in a caring and compassionate atmosphere. For more information, call the Respect Life Office at 716-847-2205.

**Ladies of Charity Annual Gift Card Raffle** on Saturday, May 4 at Catholic Charities, 75 Caldwell, Lackawanna. Doors open at 11 am; first drawing at 12 pm. Ticket includes 2 slices of pizza and a drink. Bring your friends, your own snacks and your dollar bills to support Ladies of Charity and its ministries. For additional information, contact 716-895-4001.

**2024 Hilbert College Boys and Girls Summer Basketball Camp Dates Announced.** Hilbert College has announced dates for its very popular Boys and Girls Summer Basketball Camps. The Boys Traditional Resident Camp (Session 1) is June 30-July 4. A 9 am-9 pm commuter option is available. The weeklong Boys Day Camp (Session 2) is July 15-19 from 9 am-5 pm. The Girls Resident Camp (Session 1) is July 7-11; a commuter option is available. The Girls Day Camp (Session 2) is July 22-26 from 9 am-5 pm. There is also a one-day Girls Elite Camp (Session 3) on Sunday, August 4. Meals are included in the cost of each camp experience. To register or to view a brochure, visit <https://discover.hilbert.edu/summer-camps/> and select Basketball Camps under the Athletic Camps section. For more information on the boy's camps, contact Coach Rob deGrandpre at 716-926-8803 or [rdegranpre@hilbert.edu](mailto:rdegranpre@hilbert.edu). For more information on the girl's camps, contact Coach Nicole Bullock at 816-926-8775 or [nbullock@hilbert.edu](mailto:nbullock@hilbert.edu).

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