

Church Bulletin Announcements – April 22, 2024

Bulletin message for weekend of May 18-19: HOPE when you are in need. When Leah came to **Catholic Charities**, she was homeless, in an unhealthy relationship, and in jeopardy of losing custody of her son. Her depression led to her being evicted and she was feeling like she didn't want to live anymore. With Catholic Charities, Leah started therapy and soon felt safe enough that she shared a childhood trauma that she had kept inside all these years. Sharing that trauma was a catalyst to her starting to make healthier choices for her life. This was three years ago. Leah now has a full-time job and her own apartment, her son has started a new school and is doing well, and her long-term goal is to become a lawyer so she can advocate for the homeless. Your gift to **Appeal 2024** ensures that individuals like Leah can receive the help they need to lead healthier, successful, fulfilled lives. Make a donation today by visiting www.ccwny.org/donate or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.

Bulletin message for weekend of May 25-26: The traditional school year is winding down but that doesn't mean you need to wait until September to start achieving your goals! If you are looking for HSE/GED prep, math and/or reading remediation, job readiness skills training, financial literacy training, **Catholic Charities** can help with all of this and more. Call 716-893-3500 to get started. **Appeal 2024** is ongoing through June 30. To make a donation today, visit www.ccwny.org/donate or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.

Bulletin message for May: Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal industries in the world even though it is illegal in every country of the world. It is a multi-billion dollar business sustained by greed and pleasure. **Alliance to End Human Trafficking** (founded and supported by US Catholic Sisters), 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114; sistersagainstrafficking.org.

La trata de personas es una de las industrias criminales de más rápido crecimiento en el mundo, aunque sea ilegal en todos los países del mundo. Es un negocio multimillonario sostenido por la codicia y placer. **La alianza para poner fin a la 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.

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>.

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>.

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.

Great Shred Event on Saturday, April 27 from 9 am-12 pm at St. Gregory the Great Ministry Center, Maple Rd. (next to Millard Fillmore Suburban), Amherst. Bring and shred your personal documents; shredding done onsite by Lincoln Archives. Sponsored by St. Greg's KofC. For more information, call 716-688-5678.

Concerts for the Soul Presents: Spring Healing and Miracles – A Musical Poetic Journey on Saturday, April 27 at 7:30 pm at SS. Columba & Brigid, 75 Hickory St., Buffalo and on Sunday, May 5 at 1 pm at Unity Church of Buffalo, 1243 Delaware Ave., Buffalo. Join Tenor/Vocalist/Pianist Cory James Gallagher, Writer-Poet Amy Gallagher and Harpist Azure James under the warm glow of candlelight as we embark on an inspirational journey through the many gifts of the Spring season. Come be uplifted and inspired. Event is by donation.

Meat Raffle and More, to benefit St. John Kanty/St. Adalbert Parish Community, on May 3 at Knights Event Center, 2735 Union Rd., Cheektowaga. Doors open at 6 pm; first spin at 7 pm. Admission includes beer and pop. Raffles include a grill, cooler of cheer, baskets, 50/50. Bring your snacks, your dollar bills and a cooler for your winnings! For tickets go to www.saintjohnkanty.com, click on the "donate" tab and scroll down to the Meat Raffle event or call 716-893-0412 between 8:30-10:30 am weekday mornings.

"Life in the Eucharist" Retreat Opportunity from 6:30-8 pm on Fridays from May 3-May 31. Sessions to be held at St. Raphael, Niagara Falls and St. Peter, Lewiston. In the Eucharist, we find unity. In the Eucharist, we find nourishment. In the Eucharist, we find healing. In the Eucharist, we find Jesus! Let us embark on this journey together and rediscover the power of Christ's true presence in the Eucharist and allow Him to transform us as His living Church. For further information, contact MaryBeth at 716-754-4118.

Healing Mass on May 5 at 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, 1023 Swann Rd. (off Rt. 18), Lewiston. Celebrant: Fr. Daniel Ogbeifun. Mass will be followed by prayers for healing. Also on May 5 is the **May Crowning of Our Blessed Mother** after the 3 pm Rosary Procession. All are welcome. For more information, call 716-754-7489.

Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb on Sunday, May 5 at 10:30 am at St. Joseph Cathedral, 50 Franklin St., Buffalo. Celebrant: Bishop Michael Fisher. We will celebrate and pray for mothers, fathers, families, and for children in the womb. Mass will include a special blessing for unborn children and their expectant parents. We will also pray for couples who are hoping for the gift of a child. For more information, call the Office of Respect Life at 716-847-2205.

Marian Mini-Retreat on Thursday, May 16 from 7-8:45 pm at Kin Loch Farmstead, 4299 Ridge Rd., Lockport. Join your female friends in faith for an evening of peace, wellness and fellowship to celebrate the month of May. Activities include movement and praying the Rosary, tea tasting and make your own lavender sachet. For tickets or further information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/MarianMiniRetreat24>. All proceeds benefit Chesterton Academy.

The St. John Paul II Schola Cantorum presents “Source and Summit: A Concert for Eucharistic Revival” on Sunday, May 19 at 2 pm at Fourteen Holy Helpers, 1345 Indian Church Rd., West Seneca and again on Sunday, June 2 at 3 pm at St. Adalbert Basilica, 212 Stanislaus St., Buffalo. The Catholic Church tells us that the Eucharist is the “source and summit of Christian life.” Freewill offerings will be accepted to support the host churches. For more information, follow the choir on Facebook and Instagram @JP2Schola, subscribe to their YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@JP2Schola> or email JP2Schola@gmail.com.

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. For more information on the girl’s camps, contact Coach Nicole Bullock at 816-926-8775 or nbullock@hilbert.edu.

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Program at Sisters Hospital is an ACPE accredited center. It is an interfaith program where students learn to minister to people in crisis and spiritual needs. Students minister in hospitals, nursing homes and also community sites. CPE combines professional education and supervised ministry. CPE Program dates:

2024 Fall Unit is from September 3 to December 12; 2024/25 Fall/Winter Extended Unit is from September 10, 2024 to March 6, 2025; CPE Residency (includes stipend and benefits) is from January 14, 2025 to January 10, 2026. For more information, visit <https://www.chsbuffalo.org/mission/clinical-pastoral-education/program-dates> or contact Nancy Koteris at 716-862-1374.

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