

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.

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. **July 2024 Homily Helps available at:** <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/learn/resources/>.

CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin message for weekend of June 29-30: “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Jesus calls us to help and love our neighbors, especially those who are in need. **Catholic Charities** helps put this call into action by providing services like food for the hungry, counseling and care for those struggling, and direction and guidance for those who feel like they have nowhere else to turn. We are now in the final two days of Appeal 2024. When you support the Appeal, you are a part of this life-changing work. To make a donation today, visit www.cwny.org/donate or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.

Bulletin message for weekend of July 6-7: THANK YOU for your generous support of Catholic Charities Appeal 2024! We hope you know how grateful we are for your parish chairs’ and other Appeal volunteers’ dedication and commitment to this year’s campaign, and of course for you, our faithful donors. If it weren’t for your compassionate support, we couldn’t be a beacon of HOPE for those in need. Your efforts are truly life-changing for those who come through our doors – from food assistance to mental health services to education and job skills. **We are humbled and grateful for your support of our work at Catholic Charities! Thank you, thank you, thank you! –The 2024 Appeal Team**

Bulletin message for July: Human trafficking is a market-driven industry that is based on the rules of supply and demand. It is important to address the forces of demand which fuel them. **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 industria impulsada por el mercado que se basa en las reglas de oferta y demanda. Es importante abordar las fuerzas de la demanda que la alimentan. **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>.

Biblical Stations of the Holy Eucharist Exhibit, inspired by Fr. Jonathan Meyer, National Eucharistic Revival Preacher. Experience this unique, faith-fun, educational, reverent and interactive exhibit on Sundays from June 2024-June 2025 after 10 am Mass and every Thursday from 4:30-8 pm through September 2024 at the Church of St. Casimir, 160 Cable St., Buffalo. Bring your bibles and your loved ones along to greet Jesus, the Bread of Life and Lamb of God foretold by God for centuries of Sacred Scripture.

BasilicaFEST, three days of Faith-Family-Fun, on June 7, 8, 9 at Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, Olean. Event includes live entertainment, classic cars, KidZone, great food, theme basket raffles, games of chance, delicious pies on our Victorian porch, dessert wheel, live bagpipes, Saturday 5K Run/Walk, pony rides, disc golf tournament and munchkin runs at Gargoyle Park. On Sunday, celebrate with Mass and Eucharistic Procession, Hibernian Chicken BBQ and more. For more information, visit <https://www.smaolean.org/>.

Mass for the healing of body, mind and spirit on Thursday, June 13 at 7 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas, 450 Abbott Rd., Buffalo. June 13 is the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua. A first-class relic of the saint and the sacrament of the anointing of the sick will be available. The church is handicapped accessible. All are invited to come and experience the healing presence of the Lord. Any questions, call 716-822-1250.

Garden Party & Flower Show Fundraiser on Saturday, June 15 from 3-7:30 pm at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, 1023 Swann Rd. (off Rt. 18), Lewiston. This outdoor event will feature: fresh fried dough, appetizers served from 4-5:30 pm, gourmet buffet served at 6 pm, basket raffle, floral basket raffle and sale, "Ladies' & Mens' Hat Contest," and a cash wine and beer tent. Proceeds benefit the continued efforts to beautify the Shrine. Garden Party tickets must be purchased on or before June 13; no ticket sales at the door. For more information, call the Shrine Office at 716-754-7489, ext. 0.

Reunion for ALL years for Nativity of the BVM (Albany St., Buffalo) on Sunday, July 21 from 11 am-7pm at Fontana's Grove, 2299 Clinton St., West Seneca. Picnic will be catered with lunch served from 12-2 pm and dinner served from 5-6 pm. Cost is \$30 per person. For more information, contact Helen (Brown) Kurzdorfer at 716-400-7977 or Rosie (DiLiberto) Mendolera at 716-881-1306.

ENCLOSURES

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