

Church Bulletin Announcements – May 6, 2024

Bulletin message for weekend of June 1-2: Catholic Charities Appeal 2024 is in its final month. If you haven't yet donated, now is the time. No gift to Appeal 2024 is too small because every dollar makes a difference. In fact, each dollar raised during the annual Appeal leverages an additional \$5-\$6 of government support and contracts. Truly every dollar counts because more funding means more services for those in need in our communities. Give HOPE today at www.ccwny.org/donation or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.

Bulletin message for weekend of June 8-9: Lisa came to us after two years of homelessness. Once a licensed nurse, mental health issues caused her to stop working. Without work, Lisa became homeless. At **Catholic Charities** her hope was restored. She was connected to a social worker who helped her apply for food stamps, return to the workforce, and pursue counseling. Lisa now works full time, has purchased a home and a car. "My hope has been restored," Lisa said. "Thank you for keeping me alive and for giving me a reason to live!" Your gift to **Appeal 2024** helps people like Lisa – those who come to Catholic Charities when they feel they have nowhere else to turn. Your gift makes HOPE possible. Give today at www.ccwny.org/donate or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.

Bulletin message for June: Human trafficking is a scourge, a crime against the whole of humanity. It is time to join forces and work together to free its victims and to eradicate this crime that affects all of us, from individual families to the worldwide community. Pope Francis. **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 un flagelo y un crimen contra toda la humanidad. Es hora de unir fuerzas y trabajar juntos para liberar a sus víctimas y erradicar este crimen que nos afecta a todos, desde familias individuales a la comunidad mundial, nos dice el Papa Francisco. **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.

Kenmore Mercy Hospital is looking for a Specialized Counselor-Coach (per-diem position) to provide spiritual and emotional support for patients, families and staff within the context of illness, suffering, loss and death. Prefer active, practicing Catholic with pastoral and/or counseling experience and with at least two years of experience in health care, education, counseling, mission or spiritual care. For more information, contact Dennis Mahaney at dmahaney1@chsbuffalo.org or 716-447-6360.

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>.

Buffalo Congress XIII Meeting on Friday, May 10 from 6-8 pm at St. Martin de Porres Church, 555 Northampton St., Buffalo. Congress participants will share their awesome experience and ideas to implement action steps for the Diocese of Buffalo. All are welcome to attend. Build back better; join Jesus and become a cornerstone builder. RSVP at rfulton@buffalodiocese.org or 716-847-2216.

Karlo Broussard, staff apologist for Catholic Answers and national speaker, will offer 12 unique talks over four days – May 19-22 – at St. Mary's Church, 6919 Transit Rd., East Amherst. Karlo communicates with precision of thought, a genuine love for God, and an enthusiasm that inspires. Morning and evening sessions will be held. Talks are free and open to the public. A complete list of topics and times are listed at www.stmaryswormville.org.

Sacred Sites Open House at Blessed Trinity Church on Sunday, May 19 from 12-3 pm. This year's open house highlights both past – the second year of its construction centennial (1923-28) – and present – the church as the setting of a pivotal scene in the 2024 movie Cabrini. Docents will share their knowledge of this unique replication of 12th century Lombard-Romanesque architecture. Blessed Sacrament is located at 317 Leroy Ave., Buffalo. Church is wheelchair accessible with off-street parking. This is a free event. Visit: <https://blessedtrinitybuffalo.org/>.

Celebrating Memorial Day at a Catholic Cemetery is truly a mixture of flags and wreaths and tributes and taps. Join us at one of three locations for Memorial Day Mass as we honor those who have served our country in the military. Bishop Michael Fisher will celebrate Mass at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Kenmore on Saturday, May 25 at 10 am; Fr. William Quinlivan will celebrate Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna on Saturday, May 25 at 10 am; and Fr. Jacek Mazur will celebrate Mass at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lewiston on Saturday, May 25 at 11 am. Masses will be held outdoors – rain or shine. Tents with seating will be available. For more information, call Marianne at 716-873-6500.

Summer BBQ Meat and Basket Raffle on Friday, May 31 at Infant of Prague (Henesey Hall), 921 Cleveland Dr., Cheektowaga. Doors open at 5:30 pm; first spin at 7 pm. Camillo's Sloan Super Market is supplying a delicious selection of prizes. Gather your family and friends to stock up on all your summer picnic needs. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph University Parish ministries. Purchase tickets online at <https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-2246?tab=home>. Any questions, call 716-833-0298, ext. 321.

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/>.

Magnificat Buffalo invites you to share a meal, a special morning of praise, prayer and fellowship on Saturday, June 8 from 9:45 am-12:10 pm at Joseph's Country Manor, 275 Columbia Ave., Depew. Special guest, Karen Trimper, a local Catholic wife and mother, will share how devotion to the Holy Spirit has transformed her life. Registration is necessary. Visit <https://www.magnificat-ministry.net/>, click on "Chapters," then "NY," then "Buffalo." For more information, call Maureen at 716-683-2290.

Columba-Rumba Day on Sunday, June 9 from 12:30-4 pm at SS. Columba & Brigid, 75 Hickory St., Buffalo. BW BBQ dinner includes: ½ chicken with 2 sides, 1 non-alcoholic beverage, 2 cookies, popcorn, cotton candy and sno cones. Live music by Al Ferguson (jazz) and Taken By Storm. 50/50, bell jar, special raffle and games. For more information, call 716-852-4441.

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