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CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin message for weekend of August 31-September 1: Catholic Charities Our Kids Parent Education and Awareness Program (OKPEAP) is available to parents or caregivers and their significant others who have experienced conflict regarding custody and/or access issues related to their children. OKPEAP helps parents develop a “business” relationship and encourages co-parents to refrain from putting the children in the middle of conflict. Topics covered include: the impact of separation/divorce on children; child development and the implications for parenting after separation/divorce; cooperative and parallel approaches to parenting; an overview of family law as it affects custody and visitation; and conflict management and problem-solving. Groups are held throughout Western New York. Ready to connect? Call 716-896-6390. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit www.ccwny.org.

Bulletin message for weekend of September 7-8: Has the start of the new school year left you with an urge to downsize and donate? If so, please keep **Ladies of Charity** in mind. The volunteer organization, which is affiliated with Catholic Charities, accepts donations of new or gently used clothing, footwear, purses and bags; and household items such as small kitchen appliances, curtains and drapes, dishes, utensils and bed linens. Donations are used for the Ladies’ Lots of Clothes Thrift Store in Buffalo, the Wellsville Outreach Thrift Store in Wellsville, and for the Fresh Start program which provides basic household goods for those who have experienced home displacement for a variety of reasons. To schedule a donation in Buffalo, call 716-895-4001. To schedule a donation in Wellsville, call 585-296-3757.

OLV Human Services Evaluation Treatment Center provides a variety of treatment options for children suspected with developmental disabilities including Autism Spectrum Disorder. Parents who are using the center are so pleased with the efficiency of getting an appointment quickly. They find the assessments thorough and the individualized treatment plans making a difference. For more information and/or to make an appointment, contact us at etcintake@olvhs.org or 716-828-7586.

15th Anniversary of the loss of Buffalo Fire Department’s “Chip” McCarthy and Jonathan Croom – August 24 marks the 15th anniversary of the Line of Duty Deaths of Lt. Charles “Chip” McCarthy and Firefighter Jonathan Croom of the Buffalo Fire Department. They were battling a fire on Genesee St. & Burgard Pl. in the early morning hours. Angie Heusinger, FF Croom’s mother, gathers with firefighters each year at 3 am at the site of the tragedy and then again at about 10 am at her late son’s firehouse (Engine 34 & Ladder 7) at 2837 Main St. Fr. Paul Seil,

BFD Chaplain, will celebrate Mass at St. Joseph's University Church, 3269 Main St., Buffalo at 9 am in memory of the firefighters. All are welcome to attend.

Ceili Rain Trio in Concert on September 6 at 7 pm (doors open at 6:15 pm) at Blessed Sacrament Parish Center, 263 Claremont Ave., Tonawanda. Tickets are \$20 which includes beer, pop and water. Tickets available in the parish office or scan the QR code found in the bulletin or at <https://givebutter.com/CeiliRainTrio>.

St. Mary's Annual Ham Dinner on Sunday, September 8 from 12-3 pm at The American Legion, 83 Main St., Canaseraga. Cost is \$15 per meal; tickets available at the door. Take-outs available. Also, check out the basket raffle while you are there! For more information, call St. Mary's Office at 607-545-0040.

Be Purely You – A Retreat for Young Women on Saturday, September 14 from 8 am-3 pm at St. Gregory the Great Parish Ministry Center, 200 St. Gregory Ct., Williamsville. All ladies grades 8th-12th are welcome to join us for a fun-filled day of talks, music, activities, games and food. Learn about TRUE BEAUTY – beauty within ourselves as daughters of the King, and truly beautiful friendships and relationships. Cost is \$25 per person. Registration includes breakfast and lunch. Register by Friday, September 6 at www.stgregsym.org/hs. For more information, contact Kaitlyn Hogg at 716-688-3578, ext. 338.

Shred-It-Event on Saturday, September 21 from 12-2 pm at Christ the King Parish, 30 Lamarck Dr., Snyder. Protect your identity and safely dispose of your documents. \$15 per bag/box (kitchen garbage bag/bankers box size) or \$35 for 3 bags/boxes. Shredding is done on-site in a secure commercial shredding truck.

Grief Sharing Support Group. If you've experienced the death of a loved one or know someone who has, consider joining us for the first of 14 sessions on Wednesday, October 23 at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center at Our Lady of Pompeii Church, 129 Laverack Ave., Lancaster. A different DVD will be shown two Wednesdays per month on how to cope with Grief and Loss. An informal discussion will follow. RSVP/registration required; <https://www.olpparish.com>. Limited space. Questions? Call Sr. Joyce at 716-683-6522, ext. 103.

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