

## 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. December 2024 Homily Helps available at: <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/learn/resources/>.

## CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Catholic Charities bulletin messages for upcoming weekends:

**Weekend of November 23-24: Thankful.** As we look toward celebrating Thanksgiving, we find a renewed sense of gratitude – thankful for the people, places, opportunities and blessings in our day-to-day lives. **Catholic Charities** would like to take this chance to offer our sincere thanks to all who support us. Because of your support, we can continue to be a beacon of HOPE to those in need across Western New York. Thank you! If someone you know needs help, go to [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org) or call 716-218-1400.

**Weekend of November 30-December 1: This weekend marks the beginning of Advent** – a time of reflection, prayer and great anticipation for Jesus, the Light of the World, to arrive. During this special time, you can act as a light and a beacon of HOPE for those in need. This Advent, consider a drive to help our neighbors in Western New York. Good items for consideration are non-perishable and unexpired food items, toiletries, diapers, menstrual products, paper towels and cleaning supplies. Food items can be dropped off at any of **Catholic Charities’** nine food pantries during regular pantry hours, which can be found at [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org). All other items can be dropped off by appointment at Ladies of Charity, 122 Broadway, Buffalo. Call 716-895-4001 to schedule an appointment. Join us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. If someone you know needs help, go to [www.ccwny.org](http://www.ccwny.org) or call 716-218-1400.

**Bulletin message for December:** Give a gift and join us to help strengthen initiatives which seek to educate the public about human trafficking and to identify and support victims of trafficking. **Alliance to End Human Trafficking** (founded and supported by US Catholic Sisters), 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114; [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org).

Haz una donación y únete a nosotros para ayudar a fortalecer iniciativas que buscan educar al público sobre la trata de personas e identificar y apoyar a las víctimas de la trata. **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](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org).

**Catholic Health is currently seeking compassionate and enthusiastic volunteers of all ages to lend their time and talent at one of our sites.** Mercy Hospital of Buffalo, Sisters of Charity Hospital, Kenmore Mercy Hospital, Mt. St. Mary's Hospital and Lockport Memorial Hospital are all seeking various roles. Please apply at <https://www.chsbuffalo.org/volunteer> or call Lisa Carey at 716-862-1106. Make a difference!

**Call for new volunteers! Would you like to make a difference in someone's life? Little Portion Friary** offers many opportunities to help others. We provide temporary support to homeless men and women. We have a variety of areas where you can help and flexible schedules. Complete the volunteer form on our website [www.littleportionfriary.com](http://www.littleportionfriary.com) or call 716-882-5705.

**Third Order Dominicans.** If you have been contemplating a deeper journey into your faith and have felt a call to religious life, consider the Third Order Dominican vocation. The lay fraternities of Saint Dominic are available to any Catholic in good standing, married or single. We currently meet at Our Lady of Victory Basilica, Lackawanna twice a month. For information, go to <https://www.laydominicans.org/>.

**All Souls Mass & Polish Ancestors Day** on November 10 at St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Resurrection Mausoleum, 700 Pine Ridge Heritage Blvd., Cheektowaga. Beginning at 1 pm, experts from the Polish Genealogical Society of NYS will be on hand to share advice about conducting family research. Detailed maps of the cemetery will be available as well as special memorial candles from Poland. A free tour of the historic cemetery highlighting important individuals from Buffalo's Polish community will be offered at 1:30 pm and a Mass for the souls of deceased clergy, religious, veterans, and lay members of the community will be offered at 3 pm. All activities will take place from the Resurrection Mausoleum Chapel.

**Inclusive Thanksgiving Mass** on Saturday, November 16 at 1 pm at St. Philip the Apostle Ministry Center, 950 Losson Rd., Cheektowaga. This Mass is for people of all ages with disabilities, families, friends and those who minister to adults and children with different abilities. Fr. Ryan Keating will be the celebrant and Fr. Gerard Skrzynski will interpret the Mass in American Sign Language. The Mass offers a shorter, less crowded worship setting allowing for freedom of movement as needed. The lighting will be dimmer, the music soothing and low gluten hosts will be available. Please bring a non-perishable food item for our pantry. Kindly leave a message with your name, number of people who will be attending and a contact number with Elaine at 716-553-2618 or [edristoj@aol.com](mailto:edristoj@aol.com).

**Young Adult Professionals Dinner & Discussion with Jacquie Walker – Staying Informed: A Moral Duty in a Modern World** on Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 pm at UB Newman Center, 495 Skinnersville Rd., Amherst. Young adults (18-40), join veteran news journalist Jacquie Walker for an engaging and thought-provoking talk on why staying informed empowers you to make a difference, live out your values and navigate today's world with wisdom and compassion. Free dinner. RSPV required at <https://yapbuffalo.com/>.

**Eucharistic Convocation** on Friday, November 22 from 6-9 pm at Fourteen Holy Helpers, 1345 Indian Church Rd., West Seneca. Join us for an evening dedicated to the Eucharist. John Paul II said the

Eucharist is the “source and summit of the Christian life.” The night will begin with a welcome from Fr. Greg Faulhaber, Fr David Baker will speak next about the Mass, and Fr. Sean DiMaria will talk about the Eucharist. The evening will end with a Holy Hour and Benediction. The night will include music by John Paul Von Arx, the Coordinator of Worship & Music Director at Franciscan University. A light reception will follow in the parish hall. This event is free and open to all thanks to the generosity of the Fourteen Holy Helpers Holy Name Society. In order to plan for the reception, call the rectory at 716-674-2374 if you plan to attend.

**36<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Lights** from November 23 to January 5 at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, 1023 Swann Rd., Youngstown. Lights will be on from 5-9 pm November 23-December 1, December 6-8, December 13-15, and December 20-January 5. See 15 acres of spectacular Christmas lights, including a 9-foot tall outdoor illuminated Nativity scene and a life-size Fontanini Nativity scene in the Basilica. For an amazing view, go to the top of the Basilica and get a bird’s eye view of the Avenue of Saints and the Spirit of Christmas. Admission and parking are free. All groups welcome. For scheduled hours, for specific dates for the office, gift shop and cafeteria, call our office at 716-754-7489 or email [office@fatimashrine.com](mailto:office@fatimashrine.com).

**Buffalo Mass Mob** on November 24 at historic St. John Kanty Church, Broadway & Swinburne St., Buffalo. Fr. Cole Webster will celebrate Mass at 10:15 am. Additional details in the coming weeks on Facebook: SaintJohnKanty or BuffaloMassMob. We hope to see you there.

**St. Gregory the Great Christmas Craft Show** on Friday, November 29 from 10 am-4 pm (Black Friday) and Saturday, November 30 from 10 am-3 pm (Small Business Saturday). We will have 2 buildings full of 140+ hand-made crafters, food and entertainment. Once again, this year we will feature the animations from AM&As. Admission is \$3; children 12 and under are free. Parking is free. Any questions, contact [craftshow@stgregs.org](mailto:craftshow@stgregs.org) or call 716-688-5678, ext. 424.

**Family Christmas Fair** on Saturday, December 7 from 12-6 pm at St. Aloysius Parish Hall, 157 Cleveland Dr., Cheektowaga. The fair includes a variety of prize booths (lottery, gift cards, musical novelties, toys, wine, turkey or hams, and Christmas variety) and our famous theme baskets. Santa Claus will visit with youngsters from 2-4 pm and the kitchen will be serving a menu of home-style food items at reasonable prices. For more information, call 716-833-1715.

**Mega Basket Raffle** on December 7 from 5-8 pm at Blessed Sacrament, 263 Claremont Ave., Tonawanda. Basket raffle preview on December 6 from 4-6 pm. Great selection of fun, practical and creative baskets, a 50/50 and Queen of Hearts drawing. Free popcorn, pop and water. Admission: \$5.

## **ENCLOSURES**

1. All Souls Mass & Polish Ancestors’ Day - flyer

\* = Priests and Deacons only

\*\* = Diocesan Priests only

**ALL SOULS MASS &  
POLISH ANCESTORS' DAY  
Sunday, November 10, 2024  
ST. STANISLAUS CEMETERY**



**Resurrection Mausoleum**

700 Pine Ridge Heritage Blvd., Cheektowaga, NY

☀ 1 PM - Polish family research ☀

Imported Polish candles for sale, cemetery maps.

☀ 1:30 PM - Guided tour of St. Stanislaus Cemetery ☀

☀ 3 PM - Holy Mass with the Chopin Singing Society ☀  
for the souls of lay, clergy, religious, and military  
members of our community.

*Organized by: Association of Priests for  
Polish Affairs, Polish Legacy Project,  
Polish Genealogical Society of NYS*

