

Church Bulletin Announcements – November 18, 2024

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!

Concerts for the Soul presents “Autumn Gifts: An Evening of Healing and Remembrance” on Friday, November 22 at 7 pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 115 O'Connell Ave., Buffalo; on Saturday, November 23 at 7 pm at Canisius University, Christ the King Chapel, 2001 Main St., Buffalo; and on Sunday, November 24 at 1 pm at Unity Church, 1243 Delaware Ave., Buffalo. Join Tenor Vocalist Cory James Gallagher and award winning poet Amy Gallagher as they lead you through a reflective journey of the heart celebrating the many gifts of Autumn and this special season of remembering our loved ones that have gone before us. Join us for this unique, reflective and healing candlelit concert experience. Concerts are by donation.

St. Gregory the Great Christmas Craft Show on Friday, November 29 from 10 am-4 pm and Saturday, November 30 from 10 am-3 pm. There will be 2 buildings full of 140+ hand-made crafters, food and entertainment. Once again, this year 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 or call 716-688-5678, ext. 424.

Catholic Singles Mingle on December 5 from 7-9 pm at JP Lounge, 5445 Transit Rd., Williamsville. Celebrate the holiday season with fellow Catholic single adults in their 30s and 40s. All proceeds benefit the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center which serves families and life by providing material, emotional and spiritual support to mothers, fathers and families in need during and after pregnancy. For more information and to reserve your spot, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/catholic-singles-jingle-mingle-adults-30s-40s-tickets-914097900427>.

Magnificat Ministry to Catholic Women Prayer Breakfast on December 7 from 9:30 am-12:10 pm at Joseph's Country Manor, 275 Columbia Ave., Depew. Prepare your heart for love and joy in the Christmas Season by joining your sisters in Christ. Mary Palmer, spirit-filled speaker and musician, will share how the Holy Spirit has worked and continues to work in her life. Registration is required no later than November 22. Registration and cost information can be found at: www.magnificat-ministry.net (click on “Chapters,” find “NY,” then “Buffalo”).

Candlelight Remembrance Service. The holiday season is filled with memories of times spent with those we love. When they are no longer with us, those memories become a precious gift. You are invited to attend the **Catholic Diocesan Cemeteries Annual Candlelight Remembrance Service** on Sunday, December 8 at 2 pm at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 4000 Elmwood Ave., Kenmore with guest speaker Bishop Michael Fisher; and Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 pm at Holy Cross Cemetery, 2900 South Park Ave., Lackawanna with guest speaker Jeffrey Sturmer, Hospice Chaplain. This spiritually uplifting service is filled with music, scripture, prayers and healing words. Bring an

ornament in memory of your loved one or take one that is provided to hang on the tree. Reserve your spot by calling Mount Olivet at 716-873-6500 or Holy Cross at 716-823-1197.

Be Inspired. Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica has some very inspiring events planned to help you celebrate the Advent and Christmas Seasons. All activities are free. On December 15 at 7 pm there will be a **Festival of Lessons and Carols**, a reflective service of Scripture and Song. Throughout these special seasons, come and view **Sacred Stories in Glass**, a close-up exhibit of some of the Basilica's beautiful stained-glass windows. And by popular demand, Fr. Roy Herberger's unique collection of Nativity Sets from around the world will also be on display. Both exhibits will be located in the lower level of the Shrine during regular Basilica hours. Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica is located at 767 Ridge Rd., Lackawanna.

Breakfast with Santa on December 15 from 9 am-12 pm at St. Leo the Great Parish Center, 885 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst. Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, ham, sausage, potatoes, fruit and refreshment. Pancakes with chocolate chips included for the kids. Giveaway from Santa! \$12 adults; \$5 children ages 5-10; and children ages 4 and under free. Tickets available at www.stleothegreatamherst.com/events or at the parish office. Any questions, call 716-835-8905.

March for Life – Washington, DC – January 23-24, 2025. Join the Buffalo Diocese and hundreds of thousands of Catholics and others in solidarity for a pilgrimage of public witness, penance and prayer in Washington, DC. Bus departs OLV Charities, Lackawanna on January 23 at 5:30 am. Deadline for bus registration and payment is December 20. For hotel reservations, call Washington Plaza Hotel at 202-842-1300 or 800-424-1140 or book online at www.washingtonplazahotel.com. For pamphlet and online registration, visit <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/pro-life-services/>. Limited space; register today.

***** Next newsletter will be published on December 9, 2024. *****