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NEWSLETTER

October 19, 2026 #1737

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CHURCH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Opening: Camp Turner Director. The Director of Camp Turner is responsible for developing and implementing the mission, purpose, goals, objectives, budget, and organizational needs of Camp Turner. The Director provides leadership and oversight for camp operations during overnight summer children's camp (June to mid-August) and rental groups (non-summer months) in alignment with OLV Charities' mission, policies, and procedures. For further information, please visit https://www.olvcharities.org/career.

6th Annual Cultural Diversity "Celebration Dinner" on Friday, October 23 at Classic V, 2425 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst. Reception at 5:30 p.m.; dinner and program begins at 6:30 p.m. Dress to impress in your cultural attire. Tickets $60. For further information, email rfulton@buffalodiocese.org.

Youth Revival – "Still He Reigns" on Sunday, October 25 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Martin de Porres Church, 555 Northampton St., Buffalo. Special Guest Choir: The UB Gospel Choir. For further information, call 716-883-PRAY (716-883-7729).

Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, October 25 from 12:00-5:00 p.m. at Holy Cross School Hall, Niagara & Maryland Sts., Buffalo. Tickets are $15 for adults and $7 for children under 10. Take-outs available. Also featured will be a theme basket auction. For tickets/reservations, call the Holy Cross Rectory Office at 716-847-6930.

Musical Evening of Reflection: "Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord," with Msgr. Paul Litwin, on Tuesday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. at Christ the King Church (upper church), 30 Lamarck Dr., Snyder.

Catholic Cemeteries of Buffalo – Mass of Remembrance on Saturday, November 7 at 9:00 a.m. at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 4000 Elmwood Ave., Kenmore. Join us for our monthly Mass offered for our faithful departed. Fr. Charles Slisz will be the presider as we remember our loved ones interred and cared for in these sacred grounds. Please join us at the Holy Family Mausoleum as we remember those who went before us.

Come and Venerate Relics on Saturday, November 7 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church & Diocesan Shrine, 5337 Genesee St., Bowmansville. Come and venerate the relics of St. Charles Borromeo; St. Andrew, Martyr; St. Mary Magdelene De Pazzi; St. Gertrude the Great; and a surprise relic. This special time for veneration will be right after

the 8:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass as requested by Our Blessed Mother to Sr. Lucia to practice the 5 First Saturdays in reparation for sins committed against her Immaculate Conception.

Meat Raffle on Saturday, November 7 at Holy Cross School Hall, Niagara & Maryland Sts., Buffalo. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are $15; pre-sale only. Buy tickets online at https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/D5RA7BH93Q9D2. Adults only. Also featured will be a theme basket auction.

SS. Peter & Paul in Williamsville is celebrating 190 years of Faith, Devotion & Service. All are welcome to attend this event featuring St. John Neumann as our founder. Our celebration will take place on November 7 with Mass at 4:30 p.m. in the church and dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the school. Tickets are $45 for adults and $10 for children under 12. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit https://www.ssppchurch.com/events. SS. Peter & Paul is located at 5480 Main St., Williamsville.

"Graced Moments and Chance Encounters with Pope John Paul II" on Monday, November 9 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Pompeii Church, 157 Laverack Ave., Lancaster. Presenter: Fr. Richard Siepka. All are welcome! Refreshments to follow.

2027 Sicily & Malta Pilgrimage with Fr. Peter Karalus, Vicar General. Join host Fr. Peter Karalus on a 2027 pilgrimage to Sicily & Malta from April 15-25. Sicily is filled with contrasts: ancient temples, rolling vineyards, and turquoise seas. A crossroads of civilizations throughout the centuries, this island has been shaped by Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Normans, and Spaniards. Each have left their mark and echo in the island's culture today. This inspiring journey has an appealing itinerary that has something for every taste: spiritual, historical, architectural, culinary, nature, and so much more. Visit and celebrate Mass at beautiful and historic sites. This trip includes centrally located hotels, breakfast daily, ground transportation, guides, and tips and taxes. Be part of this remarkable and unforgettable experience. For a detailed itinerary, go to https://www.unitours.com/client/KaralusSicilyMalta.html or contact Fr. Peter at 716-847-5560 or pkaralus@buffalodiocese.org. Reserve your spot now and don't delay!

ENCLOSURES

1. Catholic Grandparenting Initiative
2. OLV March for Life Pilgrimage
3. Notre Dame Retreat House – Upcoming Retreats & Events
4. Notre Dame Retreat House – 12-Step and Recovery Retreat

CATHOLIC
GRANDPARENTING
INITIATIVE
A Ministry of OLV's Catholic Parenting Initiative

Our Next Meeting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Marian Room, OLV Lower Basilica
767 Ridge Road · Lackawanna, NY 14218

FREE LUNCH INCLUDED

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS CALLING YOU

Take the initiative. Make a difference in your grandchildren's lives.

Our next step: Starting Catholic Grandparenting Groups

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LEARN MORE

Visit **cpiwny.org**, choose "Initiatives" tab, then "Catholic Grandparenting Initiative."

RSVP

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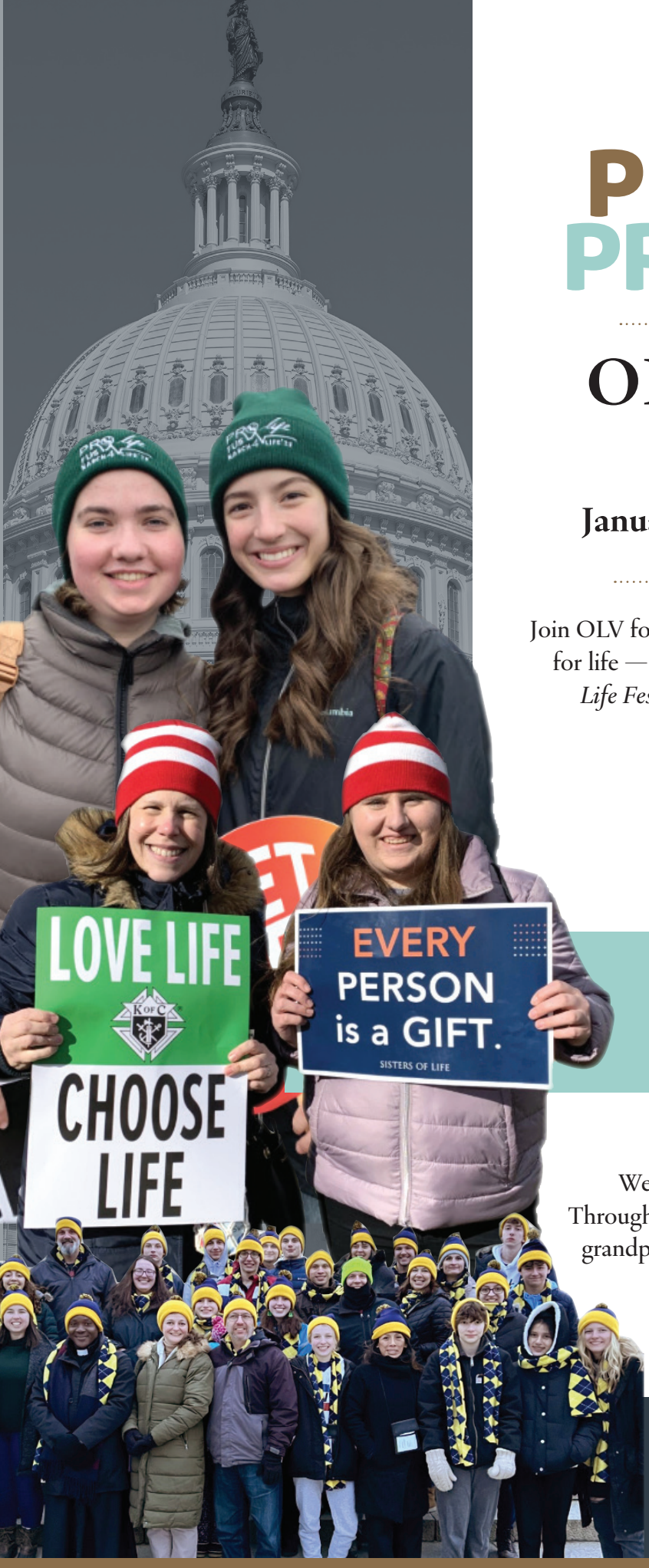

PRO-LIFE. PRO-FAMILY. PRO-FUTURE.

OLV March for Life Pilgrimage

January 21-23, 2027 | Washington, D.C.

Join OLV for a three-day pilgrimage of prayer, fellowship and witness for life — including visits to National Shrines, the Sisters of Life *Life Fest Rally*, and the *March for Life* in Washington, D.C.

LEARN MORE & REGISTER

Space is limited so reserve your seat today!
Call Maria Walker at (716) 828-9658,
visit **www.olvmarch.org** or scan below:

Register

Itinerary

MARCH FOR LIFE AS A FAMILY

We want families to make this pilgrimage together! Through the *Catholic Parenting Initiative*, one parent or one grandparent per family rides the bus free. And students in grades 6–12 can enter our essay contest for a chance to win $200. Visit our website or scan the code for details.

Essay Contest

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UPCOMING

Retreats & Events

OCT
16-18

MEN'S RETREAT

"Holy and Beloved"

A retreat to discover who we are and a call to become who God created us to be. Come and be uplifted and inspired!

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WOMEN'S RETREAT

"Holy and Beloved"

A retreat to discover who we are and a call to become who God created us to be. Come and be uplifted and inspired!

NOV
13-15

SEMI- SILENT RETREAT

"Holy and Beloved"

A retreat to discover who we are and a call to become who God created us to be. Come and be uplifted and inspired!

NOV
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FILL YOUR SOUL DAY

"Fostering a Deeper Relationship with Jesus""

A day to explore how our personal experiences of God and Jesus transforms us.

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RETREAT HOUSE

12 -Step and Recovery Retreats

Noel Retreat

"Blessed are You"

December 4-6, 2026

Register at:
www.notredameretreat.org/events/special events

Women in Recovery

"Steps to Love"

January 15-17, 2027

Register at:
www.notredameretreat.org/events/additional group offerings

Men and Women in Recovery

Serenity Retreat Weekend