

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Life and Life Issues: Novena and Holy Hour

The recent Reproductive Health Act passed in New York State repeals a State law which had guaranteed the right to immediate medical care and legal protection for any child born alive following a botched abortion after 20 weeks gestation. The act also repeals criminal penalties for violent crimes that cause the death of a woman's unborn child. Previously, any person who was not a licensed physician who intentionally caused a woman to miscarry her child was liable to a felony. Other effects of this law are too harsh for this publication but may be found at, <https://www.pop.org/new-york-state-to-allow-abortion-up-to-birth/>

U.S. Catholic Bishops in their document *A Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities* wrote,

"Only with prayer - prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls - will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with the culture of life." Prayer is the foundation of all that we do in defense of human life.

The following **Novena for Life and Life Issues** is a freely adapted version of the USCCB prayer which includes many Life Issues. Our Prayer of the Faithful parish petition embraces the dignity of all human life and reminds us of our responsibility for the flourishing of all life which is our mission to be faithful stewards of God's creation.

For the safeguarding and dignity of all human life from conception to natural death, including those persecuted because of race, creed, nationality or lifestyle, we pray with confidence through Christ our Lord. Amen.

You are invited to pray **The Novena for Life and Life Issues** and to join us for a special **Holy Hour for Life and Life Issues** next Saturday, **February 23rd from 11 am to 1 pm**. Father Kevin will give a keynote talk at 11 am in Church.

A Novena to Three American Saints for Life and Life Issues
Saints Elizabeth Seton, John Neumann and Frances Cabrini are powerful witnesses to the Gospel of Life, each in their own time. This novena suggests three days of prayer to each of the Saints for the promotion of Life in our country and our Church today.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Day One, Two, Three

Saint Elizabeth Seton,
you knew the beauty of all human life
when you carried a child in your womb
and when, as a young widow,
a teacher, and founder of the Sisters of Charity,
you sought to live the Gospel of Life.
Inspire us, intercede for us, and be with us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day One

- You know the sacrament of Holy Matrimony;
Teach us to support all families with faith and truth.

- You know the love of a good spouse;
Intercede for all newly married couples.
 - You know the stirring of the child in your womb;
Intercede for every unborn child.
 - You know the miracle of giving birth;
Pray for mothers wrestling with decisions about abortion.
- † Our Father ...Hail Mary ...Glory Be ... For the safeguarding and dignity of all human life from conception to natural death, including those persecuted because of race, creed, nationality or lifestyle, we pray with confidence through Christ our Lord.
Action: Support your own or another's marriage by a kind deed.

Day Two

- You know the searching of the adolescent;
Open our eyes to the wonder of their lives.
 - You know the journey of the dying;
Be with us as we journey toward death with those whom we love.
 - You know the pain of the widow;
Inspire to us to seek out those who are most in need.
- † Our Father ...Hail Mary ...Glory Be ... For the safeguarding and dignity of all human life from conception to natural death, including those persecuted because of race, creed, nationality or lifestyle, we pray with confidence through Christ our Lord.
Action: Reach out to someone who is lonely, sick or dying.

Day Three

- You know the loneliness of the orphan;
Consecrate us to the protection of children.
 - You know of the vocation of the teacher;
Inspire us to teach the Gospel of Life.
 - You know the vows of religious life;
Pray that we might be faithful to the Gospel of Life.
- † Our Father ...Hail Mary ...Glory Be ... For the safeguarding and dignity of all human life from conception to natural death, including those persecuted because of race, creed, nationality or lifestyle, we pray with confidence through Christ our Lord.
Action: Pray for someone and witness to your prayer by telling them about it.

Saint John Neumann

Day Four, Five, Six

Saint John Neumann,
as a loyal son, a faithful priest, and a tireless Bishop,
you worked to support and defend life in all its wonder.
Intercede for the Church you loved with all your heart
that we may be faithful witnesses to the Gospel of Life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day Four

- Faithful son of faithful parents;
Teach us to honor our parents when they grow old.
- Immigrant and stranger;
Inspire us to welcome the rejected of the world.
- Protector of the young;
Inspire us to work for the safety of all children.

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Action: Say an encouraging word to a parent or to a child.

Day Five

- Missionary to America;
Pray that the leaders of our country work for justice and peace and the flourishing of all peoples.
- Tireless servant of the cross;
Make our hearts to love Christ suffering in those who suffer addictions, are in prison, have grown very old.
- Model of self- sacrifice;
Help us to live the corporal and spiritual works of mercy while proclaiming the Gospel of Life.
- Faithful unto death;
Guide unwed fathers, that they may be true to the Faith.

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Action: Perform a corporal work of mercy.

Day Six

- Preacher of the truth;
Teach our nation to protect the lives of all its citizens.
- Friend of the sick;
Inspire us to care for the sick and may we and all healthcare workers cherish and protect the gift of life.

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Action: Perform a spiritual work of mercy.

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

Day Seven, Eight, Nine

Saint Frances Cabrini,
In every corner of the hemisphere
you sought out those whom everyone had forgotten.
Mother of immigrants, friend of orphans, protector of the poor,
intercede for us who seek to follow your example.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Day Seven

- Mother of immigrants;
Give us a love for the lives of all who are rejected or forgotten.
- Mother of the oppressed;
Inspire us to work for justice and the protection of all life.
- Mother of the lost;
Inspire us to seek out all whose lives are forgotten.

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Action: Express gratitude for the workers you encounter such as checkout personnel, bank tellers, etc.

Day Eight

- Mother of the aged;
Be with those who are forgotten and alone.
- Mother of the oppressed;
Pray for all who are in prison and those condemned to die.
- Mother of the sick;
Pray for those tempted to forget the infinite value of life.

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Action: Donate to some charitable work.

Day Nine

- Mother of those who care for the sick;
Inspire doctors, nurses and healthcare professionals to be apostles for life.
- Mother of the homeless;
Teach us that all life comes from God and rests only in him.
- Mother of little children;
Be with the child who is alone or afraid.

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Action: Express your gratitude to someone who has helped you in life by being a model of faith and goodness.

Freely Adapted from ---USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

For anyone experiencing the spiritual, emotional and psychological pain of having had an abortion or suffer vicariously by association, please contact the ministry devoted to healing and full restoration for all who may benefit from help in this area: The Diocesan Respect Life Office - Dr. Mary Mazzarella at 973-777-8818 ex. 269.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE AND LIFE ISSUES

Saturday, February 23, 2019

Church

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Keynote Address - Msgr. Kevin Flanagan

Closing Benediction - Fr. Joseph Boykow

RCIA

Journey with Us!

Monday, February 25th from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Russo Room. We will be discussing the Bible with Fr. Joseph. All are welcome! For more information about **RCIA**, please call Donna Scancarella at 973-779-6200.

9TH ANNUAL



ST. PATRICK & ST. JOSEPH

DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019

7 - 11 PM

St. Philip Auditorium

Traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage
Chicken Cacciatore & Italian Desserts
Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks, Coffee/Tea

\$40 per person

Entertainment by The Doug Ferony Orchestra
Tickets on sale at the Molloy Center
And after Mass 2/16 & 2/17
Or call Donna @ 973-779-6200

Must be 21 years or older to attend

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study sessions will resume for an eight-week period during Lent beginning on **Monday, February 25th** in Church at **11 am**. We will discuss the mission of the apostles, the parables of Jesus and His healing mission ending with His Passion, Death and Resurrection.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

In PreK and Kindergarten, we celebrated the 100th day of school. We practiced counting to 100 in different ways. PreK4 also celebrated Chinese New Year by making paper dragons. We had a wonderful time celebrating Valentine's day! Czarina Alfonso, a St. Philip Prep alumni, has been chosen as one of two state honorees for the *Prudential Spirit Community Award*. The award recognizes her vaccine program. The family attributes her foundation to St. Philip School.

BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The annual Troop 21 Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast will be held in the St Philip the Apostle School Auditorium on **Sunday, February 24th - 8 am to Noon (last seating at 11:30 am)**. Adults \$10.00, seniors \$8.00 and children 12 & under \$5.00. Children under 4 eat free with paying adult. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice & coffee and support Troop 21!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1 - 6: **Sunday, March 3**

Grades 2, 7-10: **Sunday, March 10**

Pray for the Confirmation candidates during their times of retreat as they prepare to receive the Sacrament in May.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting will be Thursday, **February 21, 2019 at 9:45 am** in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome. You do not need to be a Columbiette to join.

ROSARY SOCIETY

Conference Call Rosary - Thursday, February 21, 2019. Call in at 8:00 pm to be a part of our Telephone Rosary. Watch for postcard for dialing instructions.

SPOUSAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

Next meeting: **Tuesday, February 26th at 7 pm** in the Russo Room. Please contact Thalia Sanchez 862-295-1688.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

1st and 3rd Wednesday: The VFW Hall -Valley Rd; 8:00 pm

PRAY FOR

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Olivia Grace Lopez, child of Jose and Angela
Abigail Marcinkiewicz, child of Brandon and Joanna

THE DECEASED: Frances MacGregor, Frank Sardo, Dominick Gagliostro

THE SICK: Rose Lucignani, Barbara Pineda, Antony Fernandes, Victoria Spadofora, Monique Tommaro, Dan Cotto

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: FEBRUARY 11, 2018	\$17,109.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: FEBRUARY 10, 2019	
Envelopes	\$12,589.00
Cash	\$ 1,672.00
Online giving donation	\$14,261.00
Total	\$20,259.00
Second Collection: Project Faith	\$ 2,913.00

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Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019

8:00 John Tolvay, Jr.

10:00 Giuseppe Rubino
Mark Emr

12:00 Red Mulholland
Ed Sese

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2019

7:00 NO MASS AT THIS TIME

9:00 Gabriel Liegey

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019

7:00 Steven R. Kuhta

9:00 Rose Rossi

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019

7:00 Florence Bonacolta

9:00 Patsy Sinisi

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019

7:00 Robert D. Gordon

9:00 Richard Brophy - 23rd Anniversary

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019

7:00 Marguerite Paternoster

9:00 Audrey Joan Mulligan

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019

9:00 Jerry Vacca

5:30 Rose Mary McMullan
Gabriel Liegey

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019

8:00 All the People of the Parish

10:00 Giuseppe Rubino
Joseph Hugh Ganguzza

12:00 Nikki Valle
Lee & Peter Bartolo

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: FEBRUARY 23/23, 2019

5:30 PM	Fr. Kevin	8:00 AM	Fr. Joseph
10:00 AM	Fr. Matt	12:00 N	Fr. Joe