



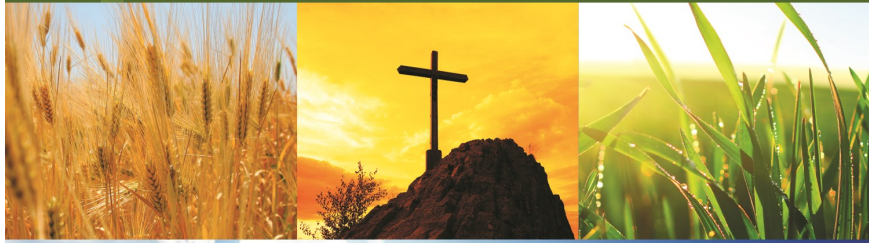
27th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sacraments

Baptism: For more information, please visit the parish website. Baptism classes are generally held at 10am on the first Saturday of every month. Please call the office to register for class or register on-line.

Eucharist, Confirmation, & Sacrament of the Sick: Contact the parish office.

Reconciliation: Every Saturday 12-1 pm or contact Fr. Jeff anytime for an appointment.

Holy Orders: Contact Father Andrew Young at (859) 392-1500.

Matrimony: You must contact the parish at least six months in advance to the desired date. Please complete a Wedding Registration form to schedule a wedding. It is a good idea to confirm the date with the parish first before reserving a reception hall. For more information, please visit the parish website under sacraments at the bottom of the home page.

WORSHIP MINISTRY:

The new schedule is available. **Deadline for cannot serve dates for the next Schedule is: Sunday, December 1, 2019**

Contact Paul Washnock if you need a printed copy

Please input your cannot serve dates, so we do not have issues filling the positions. If you cannot serve unexpectedly, please request a sub. We know schedules change, but sometimes it is difficult to find someone to fill in last ten minutes before Mass starts. Please help us by inputting. *Thank you for your commitment to the Lord & His Sacrifice.*

Weekly Mass Schedule

Secretary:	Coleen Hamilton	(859) 356-5151 x 10
Hospital/Nursing Home Visit:	Fr. Jeff VonLehmen Coleen Hamilton Paul Washnock	(859) 356-5151 x 18 (859) 356-5151 x-10 (859) 356-5151
Preschool Administrator & VIRTUS Coordinator:	Pam Nunneley	(859) 344-7040 (859) 356-5151 x-16
CCD Religious Education Administrator:	Coleen Hamilton Mallory Hamilton	(859) 356-5151 x-10 (859) 356-5151 x-11
Acolyte, Worship Ministries, Sick & Homebound:	Paul Washnock	(859) 356-5214
Youth Ministry Coordinator:	Mallory Hamilton	(859) 356-5151 x-11
Bereavement, Welcome Committee & Altar Society:	Mary Ann Wilson	(859) 356-6498
Deacon: St. Elizabeth Full Time	Carl Ledbetter	(859) 356-5151
Joyful Noise Choir:	Joe Ising	(513) 616-4463
Parish Hall:	Coleen Hamilton	(859) 356-5151 x-10
Pastor, Spiritual Direction, Adult Formation	Fr. Jeff VonLehmen	859-356-5151 x-18

Sunday Masses

Saturday	4:30 PM
Sunday	8:30 AM
	11:00am

For Holy Day Mass schedule see inside of bulletin

Daily Masses

Monday-Wednesday & Friday 7:35 am
Wednesday (Evening Only) 7:00 pm
First Saturday of the Month every month 8 am

New Secretary's Office Hours

Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri

9am-5:15pm

Fr. Jeff & Spiritual Direction

Fr. Jeff will be available in the church at certain times for Spiritual Direction. In the case of youth, please bring another person along. If you have a time scheduled, please feel free to come to the church. He is available for about 20-30 minutes per person. However, he will make himself available for longer if needed. Spiritual Direction is a way to help an individual discern how the spirit is leading the person. The role of a spiritual director is not to direct attention to oneself, rather it is to help the directed focus on Christ and sort out confusion or obstacles. Confession is also available during these times. Please contact Fr. Jeff if you would like to schedule a time to meet with him contact the parish office.

St. Brigid's Pantry

Next Donation will be going to Rose Garden Mission:



Please say the following prayer when assembling your donation:

A Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Thank you Lord, for making my life free of serious want. Protect those in need with food this day. Give me a chance to nourish the poor through my compassion. Help me to see the hungry and never turn away. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sick & Homebound

If you know of someone in our parish that is: in the hospital, nursing home, sick and/or is homebound, or is in need of the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, please notify us by calling the parish office or email the secretary. Due to privacy laws we are no longer automatically notified unless someone tells us. Please help us serve our fellow brothers and sisters in the parish that are in need of this ministry. Your help in serving them is welcomed and greatly appreciated!

Thank you and Christ's Peace,
Fr. Jeff

Parish Ministry & Programs

Addiction to Drugs or Alcohol...There is Help: Doug Witt, a parishioner and recovering addict would like to talk with you about healing. Please contact him for help at: (859) 630-3972.

Ladies Altar Society: Meets at 7:00 pm every fourth Tuesday each month in the Parish Hall.

Healing Hearts is a confidential support group for anyone struggling with grief, illness, loss or change. It's also helpful for caretakers or the times when we need a little support as we go through life's many ups and downs. The group offers practical, creative and prayerful ways to cope with and heal all types of change and loss. We meet twice a month on the first and third Saturday in the Parish Hall at 9:30 a.m. Please contact the parish office or Debra Martin with your confidential interest.

Ministry for Alternatives to Contraception and Women with Irregular Cycles : Work with Dr. Kim Sanders. Call the office for more information.

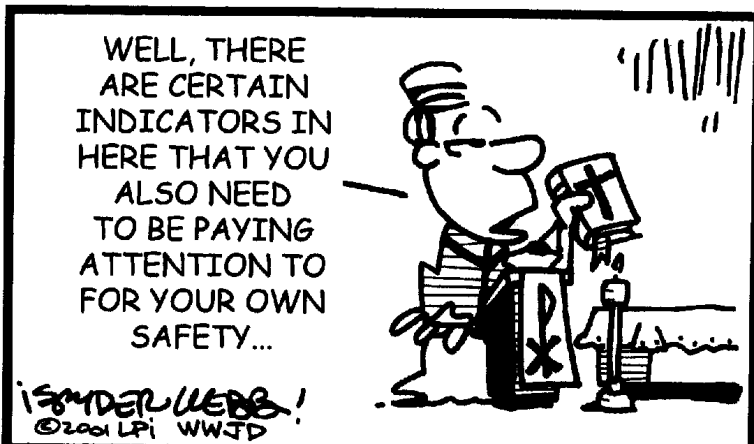
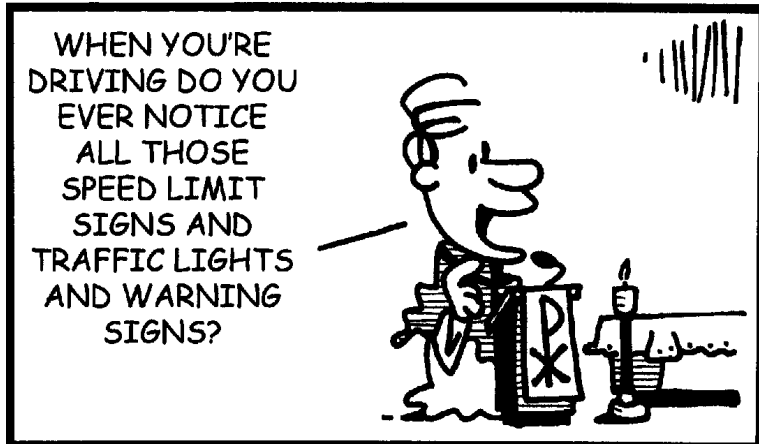
Parish Nurse Ministry Blood pressure screenings first weekend of each month. Call the office to contact Judy Schneider if you are interested in volunteering.

Project Rachel—God's Greatest Desire is to Forgive: If you have ever had an abortion experience, the Catholic Church wants to reach out to you and offer healing and reconciliation through Project Rachel, a confidential ministry for women and men. For more information, please call our Project Rachel confidential telephone number at: (859) 392-1547.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Mon	7:35am	Repose of Carol Schaber
Tue	7:35am	Communion Service
Wed	7:35am	Communion Service
	7:00pm	Communion Service
Fri	7:35am	Communion Service
Sat	4:30pm	Repose of Karen Cress
Sun	8:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	Elihu & Remona Reynolds



Please Pray For: Larry Howell, Sarah Nadolny, Darrel, Fred Martin, Sharon Hiles, Dorothy Crawford, Brian Lauer, Ed Gripshover, Willis Family, Linda Mardis, Bob & Dottie Carneal
Repose of: Rev. Jim Ryan, Karl Nageleisen, Dorthy Kleindl

CCD ENROLLMENT

Registration 2019/2020 We are taking enrollments for the 2019/2020 CCD year. If your child was not in our program last year please register them by going on the Parish website and completing the online form. If you have any questions please contact Mallory Hamilton for more information. CCD 2019-2020. Register thru the myParish APP or online.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Preschool 2019-2020 Enrollment If you have a child who will be eligible for 4 year old preschool next school year, and are interested in St. Patrick Catholic Preschool, contact Pam Nunnelle: (859) 344-7040. Register thru the myParish APP or online.

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Do you Want to Volunteer in Worship Ministries or become a CLOW teacher or a CCD Substitute Teacher? If you would like more information or would like to sign up for any of the Worship Ministries: Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion, Greeter, Lector, Server, Usher, or help teach CLOW or become a CCD substitute teacher, it's easy to inquire or sign up: complete the online form at: <http://www.rotundasoftware.com/no-dl/ministry/knock?enroll=1> and we will contact you.



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-OCTOBER 6, 2019 SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Hab 2:4)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. (2 Tm 1:7)

Gospel:

"So should it be with you.

When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" (Lk 17:10)

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading

The prophet Habakkuk sought answers from the Lord to the sufferings of his times. Habakkuk was encouraged to seek answers through the lens of faith. How does your faith help you sort through the social discord of our times?

Second Reading

Paul opens his letter to his co-worker Timothy urging him to pass on the faith without hesitation. What gives you pause to share your faith with others?

Gospel Reading

In the apostles' request to "increase our faith," Jesus emphasizes the importance of service. In what ways does your service to others reflect what you believe?

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of October 6, 2019

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Observances for the week of October 6, 2019

Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

Monday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

Thursday:

Friday: St. John XXIII, Pope

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



GOSPEL MEDITATION - DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"When you have done all you have been commanded, say 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" The metaphor in the story could seem harsh to us today. A servant has worked hard all day, and rather than receiving a much-needed respite, the master commands an additional task. Jesus, however, is appearing to their sensibilities. This was a hierarchical society in which everyone had a place. His listeners would know this. No servant would presume a reward for good deeds.

It's important to remember that we do have a place at God's table. But we don't "earn" it. Dining with the Lord at the heavenly wedding feast requires surrender. It requires deep faith in God and His promises. It also requires commitment. The kingdom takes work! There are fields to plow and initiatives to prepare. There are sheep to tend to and family to care for. There are people waiting for our yes to generous service. When we serve dinner at a homeless shelter, we are waiting on the table of Christ. When we visit an ill relative, we're imitating the Good Samaritan. We're visiting Jesus! We're growing his kingdom of life and love.

The Gospel today reminds us to check our motives. Are we serving because we're seeking a reward? Or because we have faith that this is who we're meant to serve? That is, is this where we're meant to be? The Gospel reminds us that this faith can do powerful things! "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." But, ultimately, we're not the ones doing the deeds. We're not the ones "earning" the grace. Faith, and the good we do for others, is a gift.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

All of the violence and unrest we regularly witness in our world can easily distress us. We can also find ourselves wondering how long it will take before God intervenes and does something about it. Then we remember our call to discipleship and spreading the Good News of the Gospel. We recall the persecutions the early disciples endured and the fate of so many martyrs throughout history, both past and present. It is not God's responsibility to fix our mess but ours. God has given us the power of love and a strength of endurance that comes from Him alone. Our request of God becomes that of the disciples: "Increase our faith." It is our task to stand up for the values of the Gospel and live them regardless of the price.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

How Much Is Enough?

During a conversation about good stewardship of money and time, my daughter shared that sometimes doing the best thing was so hard for her to

do. It wasn't always a matter of right and wrong, black and white, but a matter of better and best. I began to reflect on the truth of her statement. When confronted with a decision, we can sometimes be given a choice of good, better, and best. We fool ourselves into believing that the good choice is not a bad one, so it must be enough. However, we have essentially placed a limit on our generosity or commitment with our false sense of good stewardship.

Jesus calls us in different ways every day. Sometimes the cost to us is clear. Yet sometimes there is no clear metric. When called to love, how much love is enough? When someone needs our time, how many hours is enough? When a small gift will bring about a positive outcome, what could a larger gift accomplish?

Don't be fooled by Jesus' teaching of the mustard seed. He was speaking to those who were caught up in concerns of status, uncertainty of heart, and lack of true faith. Jesus taught with parables and then demonstrated true faith and generosity by his crucifixion. Perhaps the mustard seed of faith allows us to move mountains and trees so that we may see through to the horizon of the cross. In the cross, we find the real metric of love and generosity that is for all who follow Him.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

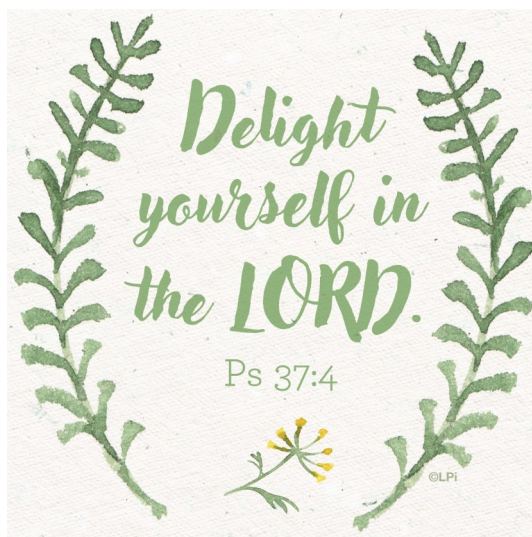
What is the story behind the rosary?

Answer:

The rosary is a sacred and popular Catholic devotion, but its origins are mysterious. Prayer beads to facilitate meditation began in the early ages of the Church. In the early medieval period, bead strings were used to count Hail Marys or Our Fathers. A tradition has developed that the rosary in its current form was given to St. Dominic by the Blessed Mother. However, the earliest biographies of the saint do not include this story. In the Middle Ages, the prayers were grouped into 50 Hail Marys with verses from Psalms and vignettes from the lives of Jesus and Mary. By the 16th century, the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries were established.

The rosary rose to prominence in the late 1500s. The Turkish Empire was spreading across eastern Europe, and pirates were raiding Christian ships. The Christian nations of Europe rallied for a great battle at sea. Pope St. Pius V urged all Christians to pray the rosary for victory. While vastly outnumbered, the Christian fleet was victorious at the Battle of Lepanto. The pope established October 7th as the feast of the Holy Rosary. Later, all of October would come to be known as the Month of the Rosary.

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CCD NEWS

CCD Donations: CCD is seeking donations for Family Catechesis, which will be held on Sunday December 1st. All donations will be used for by families for making of a nativity set. Donations can be dropped off in the CCD office on Sunday's between 9:30-11am, or place them in the plastic bin marked Family Catechesis, which are located at the main church entrances. Contact Mallory Hamilton for any questions or more information. We are in need of the following items:

- Scraps of fabric
- Yarn
- String
- Ribbon
- Pipe cleaners (specifically gold pipe cleaners, but will take any color)

Volunteers Needed for Family Catechesis on Sunday December 1st.

Setting up the hall will take place Saturday November 30th at 11am. The hall will need to be cleaned and put back after the event Sunday. This would be a great way to get in service hours, if you need them. Please contact Mallory Hamilton to sign up or for more information.

PARISH MINISTRY NEWS

Altar Society Bake Sale – The St. Patrick Church Altar Society will hold our annual bake sale

Sunday, October 20th after both masses, in the elevator lobby/hall. We will offer a variety of “sweet treats”! The proceeds from this bake sale go toward helping with our ministry here in our parish. We thank Fr. Jeff and our St. Patrick Parish family for your continued support!

Divine Mercy Chaplet—First Sundays Please join us as we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy after the 11:00 Mass the first Sunday of each month. The first class relic of Saint Maria Faustina will also be present for veneration.



Tickets Available Now

New film about St. Faustina will get theatrical release Oct. 28

The remarkable true story of St. Faustina and the message of Divine Mercy will be told in more than 700 movie theaters across the United States for one night only, on Monday, Oct. 28.

The groundbreaking new film “Love and Mercy: Faustina” follows the incredible call of St. Faustina to religious life and the healing effects of the Divine Mercy message on countless people around the world. The Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception served as consultants for this 120-minute documentary that was written and directed by Michal Kondrat. For more information or to watch the trailer visit: http://www.loveandmercyovie.com/?utm_source=Monthly+eNewsletter&utm_campaign=efb48e6d44-Love+and+Mercy+Purchase+Tickets&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_742398e3be-efb48e6d44-125274305

The Mysteries of the Rosary

Have you ever wanted to explore the life of Jesus and Mary in a deeper way? Each decade highlights a sacred episode:

Joyful Mysteries: Through the Annunciation (1) and Visitation (2), we get a glimpse at Mary's joyful yes to God. She gives birth to Jesus in the Nativity (3). Mary and Joseph present their son at the temple (4) and bring him there again when he is a teenager (5).

Luminous Mysteries: Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River (1) before Mary gives him a nudge to his first miracle at Cana (2). Jesus proclaims the Gospel (3), is transfigured on Mount Tabor (4), and institutes the Eucharist (5). The light is shining!

Sorrowful Mysteries: Jesus prays in agony in Gethsemane (1), knowing his hour of suffering has come. After his betrayal and arrest, Jesus is scourged (2) and crowned with thorns (3). He carries his cross (4), and Mary stands at the foot of the cross as he is crucified (5).

Glorious Mysteries: Christ is risen in glory (1)! After appearing to those he loves, he ascends into heaven (2). Jesus' followers receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (3). Mary, unaffected by original sin, is assumed body and soul into heaven (4), where she is crowned queen, humble mother of Christ the King (5).

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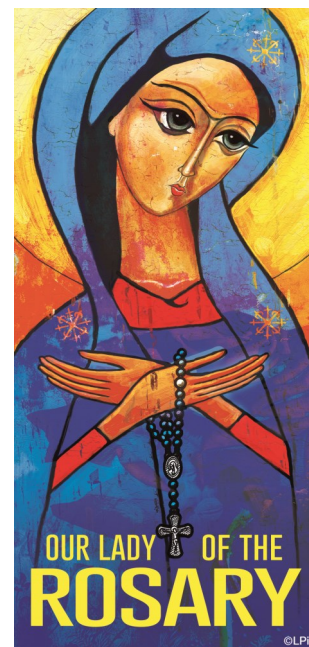
Praying the Rosary

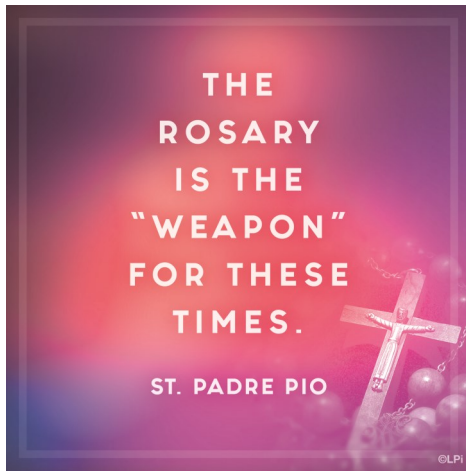
1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
2. Holding the Crucifix, say the *Apostles' Creed*.
3. On the first bead, say an *Our Father*.
4. Say one *Hail Mary* on each of the next three beads.
5. Say the *Glory Be*
6. For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery (perhaps followed by a brief reading from Scripture) then say the *Our Father*.
7. While fingering each of the ten beads of the decade, next say ten *Hail Marys* while meditating on the Mystery. Then say a *Glory Be*. (After finishing each decade, some say the following prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: *O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.*)

After saying the five decades, say the *Hail, Holy Queen*, followed by this dialogue and prayer: V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us pray: O God, whose Only Begotten Son, by his life, Death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen. (A [prayer to St. Joseph](#) may also follow.) Conclude the Rosary with the Sign of the Cross.

OTHER NEWS

Marriage Encounter Weekend Oct 18-20 Holy Spirit Center Cinti, OH & Nov 1-3 at Maria Stein Renewal Center in Maria Stein, OH. Register today at: <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php>





USA TODAY Slams Church For Defending Itself

October 3, 2019

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on an article posted October 2 on the website of USA TODAY on priestly sexual abuse:

Marisa Kwiatkowski is a young reporter for USA TODAY. Her colleague, John Kelly, is a middle-age reporter. For the sake of argument, let's say they are both much older, in their late sixties. Let's also imagine that they have been accused of sexual misconduct by a cub reporter when they were in their early thirties.

Nothing can be done about their alleged misconduct because the accuser came forward only yesterday, and the claim is beyond the statute of limitations. But a new law is being considered that would suspend the statute of limitations for one year, allowing old cases to be adjudicated. The law, however, only applies to those who work in journalism. If someone was molested by a priest or a rabbi, the new law would not apply.

What would Marisa and John have to say about that? Would they protest, arguing that the law was unjust because it singled out journalists? What if they enlisted the support of the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) and it agreed to tap an army of lawyers to fight the bill—wouldn't they feel that was justified? And how would they react if their critics called them every name in the book, branding them and the SPJ "criminals" for skirting punishment for their outrageous behavior?

We all know what they would say. Which is why they are such phonies. The authors have done to the clergy and the Catholic Church what they would find despicable if done to them and their profession.

According to the logic outlined in their 3700-word story, it is callous, if not cruel, for bishops to fight legislation that singles out the Catholic Church under a law that suspends the statute of limitations in cases of sexual abuse. The bishops are supposed to keep their mouths shut, never alerting the faithful to the fact that the law has zero application to those who work outside the Catholic Church.

Obviously, the Catholic Church pushes back against lawmakers who never have the guts to include public school employees—teachers who rape their students—in such legislation. Should it be the only institution in the nation not to defend itself against unjust legislation?

We at the Catholic League have fought hard for decades trying to establish a level playing field, and we apologize to no one for doing so. Guess what happens when we succeed and the public schools are covered? The public school establishment rolls out its big-time lawyers to fight it.

The authors also find it unjust that the Catholic Church complains about adjudicating old cases. Do they have any idea why we have statutes of limitation on the books? Have they ever heard of due process? How can it reasonably be determined if the accused is guilty when the alleged offense took place decades ago?

The reporters think they've hit gold when they "ran 10 of the church's opposition statements—including news releases and letters to government officials and to parishioners—through a language-processing algorithm, searching for commonalities." Guess what their high-tech gimmick found? The Church frequently says that the unjust legislation they are fighting against is "unjust." The sophistry of the reporters is stunning.

The story gets even sillier when we read about some alleged victim who "did not remember being the victim of abuse as a child...until she was 40." Really? And why was that? If the reporters were on their game, they would know what a discredited concept the notion of repressed memory is. The scientific literature is near unanimous in concluding that the more heinous the offense, the less likely it is not to be remembered.

What makes this USA TODAY story so astonishing is its failure to mention the outstanding report done by USA TODAY in December 2016: it exposed what is going on in the public schools. The title of the report says it all. "Teachers Who Sexually Abuse Students Still Find Classroom Jobs: Despite Decades of Scandals, America's Schools Still Hide Actions Of Dangerous Educators."

The story is riveting. "A year-long USA TODAY Network investigation found that education officials put children in harm's way by covering up evidence of abuse, keeping allegations secret and making it easy for abusive teachers to find jobs elsewhere." It correctly noted that Congress passed a law in 2015 "requiring states to ban school districts from secretly passing problem teachers to other jurisdictions or face losing federal funds." And what happened? "But 45 states have not instituted a ban."

Why didn't the authors of the USA TODAY story draw on this study? Wouldn't that have put the issue in context? Or would that have gotten in the way of their narrative?

The Catholic Church has made enormous strides in combating sexual abuse. Indeed, as I have said many times before, there is no institution today, secular or religious, that has less of a problem with sexual misconduct than the Catholic Church. But one would never know this by reading this USA TODAY story.

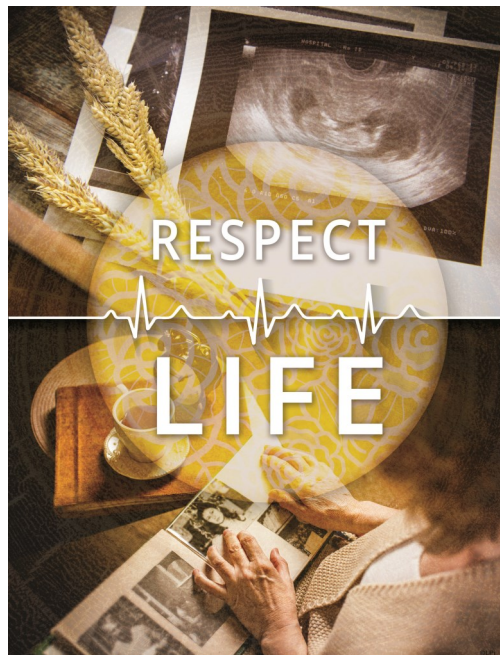
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RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October 2019





Respect Life Reflection

Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life

From the time we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God.

Today the gift of life is threatened in countless ways. Those who are most vulnerable, rather than receiving the protection they deserve, are all too often seen as a burden and as expendable. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we can be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unfailing hope.

"Hold fast to the hope that lies before us. This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm."
Hebrews 6:18-19

Hope is not false optimism or empty positivity. Christian hope is something much more profound and goes to the very depths of our identity as followers of Christ.

Hope is the virtue "by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (CCC, 1817).

Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, "God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end" (*Spe salvi* 31).

Christians know "they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness" (SS 2).

For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find the strength to welcome her precious child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is only the beginning of eternal life with Christ.

The Church teaches us that "the one who has hope lives differently" (SS 2). Christ's promise of salvation does not mean that we will be spared from suffering. Rather, the promise of salvation ensures that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. By virtue of this Christian hope, we can face any challenge or trial. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

Mark Your Calendars:

Fall 40 Days for Life - Wednesday, September 25 through Sunday, November 3, 2019

Diocesan White Mass Most Reverend Roger J. Foy requests the honor of your presence at the 4th Annual Diocese of Covington White Mass FOR ALL HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES The annual "White Mass" gathers the faithful to pray for God's Blessing upon all who labor in the healing ministry of the Church, such as physicians, nurses, compassionate care ministers, chaplains, mental healthcare workers, and all men and women religious and catholic laypersons serving in the healthcare profession. A special blessing will be extended to the faithful who care for God's people with compassion. Thursday, October 24, 2019 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption 1130 Madison Ave., Covington, KY Reception immediately following in Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium (across the street from the Cathedral) We look forward to seeing you at this joyful occasion coordinated by the Sts. Teresa of Calcutta and Faustina Guild of the Catholic Medical Association. Please invite your family and friends as we join together Celebrating the Eucharist. For more information, please call (859) 392-1500.



2020 March for Life Adult / Family Bus

JANUARY 23-25, 2020

Please join the Diocese of Covington for the annual pilgrimage to Washington DC for the 47th Annual March for Life. The March for Life will be on January 24, 2020.

An Adult/Family Bus will depart N. Kentucky on Thursday, January 23rd and return Saturday, January 25th.

Hotel accommodations for two nights are at the Washington Marriott Metro Center

Trip Cost:

\$325.00 per person dbl occp.

\$270.00 per person triple occp.

\$240.00 per person quad occp.

***Family Rates available upon request**

(Price includes 2 nights' accommodations and bus travel)

\$50.00 Deposit due December 6, 2019.

For more information, contact Peggy Piccola

at: 859-392-1500 or email ppiccola@covdio.org.

LIVE NATIVITY



ST. PATRICK PARISH & SHRINE Volunteers Needed

St. Patrick will hold its annual Live Nativity event the weekend before Christmas, again this year to share in the tradition of adoring the Christ child as a parish family and community. Emmanuel — God With Us, is God's greatest gift to all of us. The same Christ that came at Christmas is the same Christ that we are blessed to receive in the Most Blessed Sacrament at every Mass. We are in need of many volunteers in various areas to help with the event. The goal is to get many volunteers to help, so that everyone may still participate and enjoy this beautiful tradition. It is something to pass on to our children and grandchildren that will help build up their faith and create fond family and community memories. It is also evangelization as we invite anyone that passes by to encounter the Lord's greatest gift, His Son by remembering His Birth. Please prayerfully consider volunteering in whatever way you feel your schedule will allow. We invite youth ages to participate in the acting during the live events, which will take place as noted below. There will be a short practice/dress rehearsal on Sat Dec 21st. There are no speaking parts. The acting parts last about 30 minutes. Everyone will again be invited to the Parish Hall afterwards for a short reception for fellowship, and refreshments., including beer. There will be a short volunteer meeting/information session in the Parish Hall after the 11 am Mass on Sunday, November 10th. Contact the parish secretary for more information.

Live Event Dates and Times:

- Saturday, December 21, 2019— After the 4:30pm Mass
- Sunday, December 22, 2019—After the 11am Mass



ST. PATRICK PARISH & SHRINE



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LIVE NATIVITY EVENT

Volunteers - After 4:30pm Mass Saturday, December 21, 2019

- ☐ Youth Actor: Roles will be assigned
Angels, Joseph, Mary, Shepherds & Wise Men
- ☐ Adult Volunteer to Help Youth
- ☐ Adult Volunteer to Help
- ☐ Caroling
- ☐ Clean-up After Reception
- ☐ Food Donation: baked goods/hor d'oeuvres
- ☐ Greeter
- ☐ Hospitality During Reception
- ☐ Music

Additional Volunteers Needed:

- ☐ Clean Costumes Before Nativity by 11/1/19
- ☐ Nativity Construction/Set-up 9am 11/23/19
- ☐ Reception Prep: Set-up Tables/Chairs After
11am Mass 12/15/19
- ☐ Re-set Tables/Chairs for CCD (After 11am
Mass 12/29/2020)
- ☐ Nativity Take Down Jan 2020

Volunteer Info.

- ☐ Adult (18 and over)
- ☐ Youth (under 18)

Volunteers - After 11am Mass Sunday, December 22, 2019

- ☐ Youth Actor: Roles will be assigned
Angels, Joseph, Mary, Shepherds & Wise Men
- ☐ Adult Volunteer to Help Youth
- ☐ Adult Volunteer to Help
- ☐ Caroling
- ☐ Clean-up After Reception
- ☐ Food Donation: baked goods/hor d'oeuvres
- ☐ Greeter
- ☐ Hospitality During Reception
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Clean Costumes After Live Event
(Due Back 1/2/2020)

Animal Care: 12/20/19 thru 12/26/19

- ☐ Feed and Water Animals (any days)
- ☐ Maintain Cleanliness of Yard (any days)

Volunteer Name _____

Contact Name _____



Address _____

Email _____

Phone/Cell _____

Return Form to the

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marked: "Live Nativity"
and place it in the of-
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