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Cathedral Office Hours
Monday—Thursday 9:00am — 3:00pm
Friday 9:00am — Noon
We are CLOSED Mon—Thurs from 12:10pm — 12:40pm

MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 7:00am, 9:15am & 11:15am

Daily Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 12:10pm
Tuesday at 7:30am

CELEBRATION OF PENANCE

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 11:30am — Noon
Friday 11:30am — Noon and 4:45 — 5:30pm
Saturday 2:30 — 3:30pm

January 26, 2025
Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

As I write these words, it is currently the morning of January 22nd, which in the Dioceses of the United States is designated as a “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” The instruction from the US Bishops is that it: *“shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.”*

By the time you read this bulletin article, I realize that the day will have already passed, and looking back, I suppose that this reminder is about one week too late. But as important as I think the day is on the national level, at the parish level I’m actually far more concerned about ***promoting amongst all of our parishioners a deeply held PRO-LIFE COMMITMENT, uncompromised and unashamed, that is simply such a part of our Catholic identity that we take it for granted (in a good way).***

Occasionally in this column I mention what I think are two important visible indicators of the spiritual health of successful parishes: 1. Authentic Eucharistic devotion/reverence; and 2. Frequent confession. But in the back on my mind, I’ve always thought that there really is a third indicator that merits attention: 3. Pro-life commitment.

Here are three reasons why I think this is case:

1. IT IS AT THE FOUNDATION OF ALL THE REST OF THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY. Christ commands his disciples to demonstrate love of neighbor by assisting those in need: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the imprisoned, sheltering the homeless, and so on. All of this is, without a doubt, a part of being an authentic follower of Christ. But if this care for our neighbor does not also contain a preeminent place for those who are ***most vulnerable, most voiceless, and most endangered*** in our own society (roughly 3000 abortions take place every day in the US) then our just concern for these other areas of charity is likely motivated by something other than the mind of Christ.

Perhaps no one in recent memory was more committed to the care for the world’s poor than Mother Theresa. She cared for the destitute, sick, and dying on the streets of Calcutta, to the admiration of all the world. But her interior priorities were unflinching: “The greatest destroyer of peace in the world today is abortion, because it is a direct war, a direct killing,” she said. “If we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell people not to kill one another?”

2. IT IS TIED TO SO MANY OTHER KEY MORAL ISSUES OF OUR DAY. I’m very aware from first-hand, pastoral experience that the temptation toward abortion is closely linked to a host of other background conditions: poor family structure, pre-marital/extra-marital sexual activity, improper use of sexuality within marriage, radical feminist ideology, systemic poverty, and the like. It would involve a sort of hypocrisy (or at least short-sightedness) to focus only on that issue, without also being concerned about these common root causes. But that is just the point—the Church’s moral teaching IS a united whole! When followed in totality and lived, it leads toward authentic human flourishing. When parts are ignored (particularly in our post-sexual revolution world), then it is not surprising that it leads to particularly egregious social consequences.

3. THE PRO-LIFE COMMITMENT INVOLVES AN ALMOST DAILY TEST OF FORTITUDE IN THE FAITH. Let’s be honest, when was the last time that you really felt any sort of external push-back in your belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist? My guess is that unless you have strongminded Protestant friends, this experience is fairly rare. But when was the last time that you experienced social push-back on the pro-life cause? Probably almost every day (in some way) via the news or social media platforms!

The pro-abortion position is basically a “dogma” of many of the “cultural elites” and any dissent from within those ranks is met with swift online ridicule and attempts a social “cancelling.” But the irony is that the opposite really is a dogma of the Catholic faith—namely, that the direct and intentional killing of unborn human life is always the grave sin of murder. This means that faithful Catholics living in our culture today will daily experience the effects of being out of synch with those who are regarded as “something” in the eyes of the world.

Trust me, I know the struggle that this involves, and I sympathize with those for whom this is painful. But take refuge in the words of Sacred Scripture: ***“God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God”*** (1 Cor. 1:27-29).

In the hearts of Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Peter Van Lieshout

This Weeks Sanctuary Candle

*Intentions Of—Tino Sanzotta
Requested by — Capone Family*



Saturday, January 25, 2025—Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle
Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
2:30—3:30 pm Confession
3:00 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Intentions of Helen & Dominick—Family
Phillip Karlnoski—Family
Lissette Demier—Friend

Sunday, January 26, 2025—Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10, 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27, Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21
7:00 am Mary Jo Whalen—Margaret Whalen
9:15 am Debra Tellier—The Jewish Home Adult Day Center
11:15 am For the people of the Cathedral Community
8:00 pm Solemn Compline w/Fr. Van Lieshout

Monday, January 27, 2025
Heb 9:15 24-28; Mk 3:22-30
11:30—Noon Confession
12:10 pm Lynn Rainone—Darlene Piersall

Tuesday, January 28, 2025—Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35
7:30 am James Blackburn—Aquinas Institute 1978

Wednesday, January 29, 2025
Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20
11:30—Noon Confession
12:10 pm Intentions of Thomas Nietopski—Kristen & Jim Nietopski

Thursday, January 30, 2025
Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25
11:30—Noon Confession
12:10 pm Intentions of Lauren Ryan—Kristen & Jim Nietopski

Friday, January 31, 2025—Saint John Bosco, Priest
Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34
11:30—Noon Confession
12:10 pm Rose Marie Calcagno—Piersall Family
4:45—5:30 pm Confession

Saturday, February 1, 2025
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41
2:30—3:30 pm Confession
3:00 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Shawn McKechney—Joanna Sanguedolce

Sunday, February 2, 2025—The Presentation Of The Lord
Mal 3:1-4, Heb 2:14-18, Lk 2:22-32
7:00 am For the people of the Cathedral Community
9:15 am McInerney Family—Family
Hugh Higgins—Jepson Family
Robert D. Foley—Joe Foley & Family
Jerry Desiato—Stephanie & Anthony Anello
11:15 am Gianna Medical of Central & Western NY—Michele & Jim Kelly
8:00 pm Solemn Compline w/Fr. Van Lieshout



Joseph Anthony Lockemeyer

We welcome our newly baptized into our parish community!

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

In your charity, please pray for Robert Heitz, Phillip Karlnoski and Lissette Demier and all of our deceased



Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them.

Family Rosary & Potluck

The next scheduled Family Rosary & Potluck will take place Sunday, February 2 after the 11:15 am mass in the Cathedral Hall.

All are welcome to attend!

PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Shirley Atwell, Heather Beisheim, Nell Burandt, Ken Cross, Robert DiFulio, Heidi Erb, Sr. Joan Hilbert RSM, Jon Herron, Megan E. Miller, Gregory McCarthy, Irene Morgan, Donald Stiner, Joseph Whipple

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Most Rev. Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester
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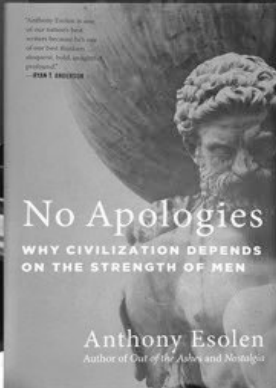
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BANNS OF MARRIAGE



John Martello & Krista Brugnoni

Please keep their future happiness in your prayers.

Next Sunday, February 2nd, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

All Masses will begin with the traditional blessing of candles (similar to the blessing of palms on Palm Sunday).

While primarily the blessing will be for the altar and sanctuary candles used throughout the year, parishioners are welcome and encouraged to bring in their own home/devotional candles to be blessed as well.

Parish Offertory January 18 & 19, 2025

Actual	Goal	Variance
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