

+ THAT SHAMEFUL DAY IN AMERICA +

Fifty-two years ago on January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion, making that day certainly one of the most shameful days in the history of our nation!

Our Holy Father, the late Pope John Paul II reminds us: *"...All human life...from the moment of conception and through all subsequent states...is sacred because human life is created in the image and likeness of God. Nothing surpasses the greatness or dignity of a human person..."* In his Encyclical Letter, "Gospel of Life" the Pope further reminds us: *"Abortion and euthanasia are...crimes which no human law can claim to legitimize. There is no obligation in conscience to obey such laws; instead there is a grave and clear obligation to oppose them by conscientious objection..."*

As Catholics and disciples of Jesus, we are called to speak out and pray constantly for an end to this terrible scourge of abortion in our nation so that the sanctity of all human life may again be manifested in the laws and attitudes of our nation.

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT – When God chose to become man, He arrived as an unborn child. His conception in Mary's womb, documented in Scripture, marked the beginning of His earthly life. What has changed since then? Nothing, but confused minds unenlightened by divine truths.

Reflection

Your mercy is always there, always available, always outlasting the interval between my first breath and my last. I know that your mercy will enfold my children, and my children's children, with a strength and finality I can never possess. And so, I offer myself up entirely to your mercy; please let it carry my prayer for peace into every generation.

LOOKING AHEAD 2025

- January – Catholic Charity Fund Appeal Begins
- March 5 – Ash Wednesday – Season of Lent Begins
- March 6 – Polenta/Cavati Dinner
at Santa Maria Di Prata Hall
- March 9 – Daylight Savings Time
- April 5 – Annual Parish Dinner Dance
at Santa Maria Di Prata Hall
- April 13 – Palm Sunday
- April 20 – Easter Sunday
- April 27 – Divine Mercy Sunday
- May 4 – Confirmation at Cathedral of Ss. Peter & Paul



Each liturgical year the Gospel passage for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time is from John. This Gospel is very different from the other three. John focuses exclusively on Jesus' identity: the purpose of everything that Jesus says and does is to reveal that God has sent him as savior of the world. The reading for today transitions us from the Christmas season, with its feast days that highlight Jesus' divinity, back to Ordinary Time, when we hear about Jesus' public ministry. As we continue through the liturgical year, we remember that the one who is proclaiming and bringing about God's kingdom is God's own Son!

**2025 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL
A STATE OF HOPE**

Every gift matters. Every gift makes a difference.



*"Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act."
Psalm 37:5*

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MASSES FOR

JANUARY 20 - 26, 2025

Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead, however the following are specifically remembered this week.

Monday, January 20

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

Tuesday, January 21 – St. Agnes

7:30 am – Intention of Priest Celebrant

Wednesday, January 22

7:30 am – Mass for Peace & Justice

Thursday, January 23

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

Friday, January 24 – St. Francis de Sales

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, January 25

The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

8:00 am – For A Special Intention

+ A DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE +
January 22nd has been designated by our Bishops as a **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.**

For the dignity of the human person and a DAY OF PRAYER for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life, a **Mass for Peace and Justice will be celebrated on Wednesday morning, January 22nd at 7:30 am.**

Sanctuary Candle &

Altar Bread & Wine:

In Memory of:

Gloria J. Saritelli

+ Died in Christ +

Maria Mancini

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday, January 25

5:00 pm

Brian A. Coulter & Maddox Brian Orsini by Isabelle
Maria & John Pitocco

Sunday, January 26

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am

Intentions of Parishioners

11:30 am

Frank & Marion Cuiccio by daughters
Luigi Piccirillo by family

WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT

Church Collections & Mail-in Budgets

Weekend of January 11 & 12, 2025

\$6,755.00

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Penance is offered
in the Church:

Saturdays from 4:15 to 4:45 pm in English

Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:45 pm in Spanish

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