

### More Than a March

By: Fr. Cody Chatagnier (2017)

Every January young adults from our Diocese embark on a pilgrimage to Washington DC to participate in the March for Life. This pilgrimage's main objective is to protest a Supreme Court decision (Roe vs. Wade) made back in 1973, which legalized abortion in our country. The March itself is the primary reason why we go on the pilgrimage; however, it is not the only thing we do while we are in the DC area. Every activity we do is chosen to help those on the pilgrimage to understand the impact abortion has on our country.

Our first stop brought us to Arlington Cemetery, where we see the tombs of those who have died to protect the freedoms we enjoy in this country. While visiting Arlington, our pilgrimage had an unexpected grace this year. We not only were able to see the cemetery, but also were able to see one of our heroes laid to rest. Arlington is powerful because the many tombs help us to understand how important freedom is to our country. However, since the legalization of abortion Arlington could be filled many times over with the number of Americans killed due to this distorted freedom of choice. There are about 400,000 tombs in Arlington compared to the 59,000,000 killed due to legalized abortion since 1973.

Another activity the pilgrimage does is a monument walk, where we tour the Washington, Lincoln, FDR, Korean, Vietnam, and Jefferson monuments. What struck my heart this year was the reflecting pool in front of the Lincoln Memorial made famous by the movie Forrest Gump. The wind was so strong while we were touring the monuments that the reflecting pool was extremely choppy. Reflecting on this image, I thought about our country. Even amidst the great history of the monuments and their dedication to great Americans who have helped to create our country there is great turbulence and struggle in making the United States a beacon of freedom.

Although exploring our countries emphasis on freedom is important, there are also important opportunities for education in the arguments for the pro-life position. One of the main events that help to educate us is the Geaux Forth Rally, where all pilgrims from Louisiana come together to worship and learn about the ways we can all promote life in our local area. One of the most moving aspects of the Geaux Forth Rally was a video that showed the history of the fight to end abortion. Beginning with Roe vs. Wade in 1973, the video portrayed women who were born during the specific year a historic event happened in the battle to end abortion. The purpose of the video was to show the desire not only to end abortion but also to be the generation that ends abortion. This is important because although a few Supreme Court justices legalized abortion, it will take an entire generation, a pro-life generation to end abortion. This video also had a message of hope in showing that the pro-life movement has had the better of the fight in recent years.

During our pilgrimage, we enjoyed having daily Mass to sanctify our day and pray for those considering or dealing with the aftermath of an abortion. We were able to have Mass in two churches in the DC area. The first church we visited was the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. (I believe this is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest church in the world.) The Basilica stands as a symbol of our purpose as American Catholics to help to guide and influence our country to enact laws that reflect God's Divine Law, which always seeks to highlight the primary gift God has given us: life.

Between the days of August 28th through August 30th in the year 1862, 25,000 Americans were killed or wounded in the 2nd Battle of Bull Run in Manassas, Virginia. On January 26th, I had the distinct pleasure to celebrate Mass at St. Mary of Sorrows; the Church parish was used as a hospital after that battle to tend to the wounded. Being in a church parish that holds so much history of healing, I could not help but reflect on the image of the Church as a hospital whose purpose is to help heal those who are wounded. I found it very profound that during that battle in the Civil War, the church/hospital helped to heal soldiers who were not only injured but perhaps also helped to kill or injure others. When one decides to have an abortion, what those performing the abortion don't tell them is that they don't just kill an innocent life, but they themselves are wounded. This is so evident when listening to the many women who attest to the physical, emotional, and spiritual scaring that happened when they had their abortions. Hospitals heal through distribution of medication. The Church heals through an invitation to the sacraments and an encounter with Jesus Christ the Divine physician.

Obviously, the main objective of our pilgrimage is to attend the March for Life. This year, the March had a very special guest, Vice President Mike Pence, who before becoming Vice President was active in the March for Life. The Vice President gave a moving speech reaffirming what our founding fathers desired when they wrote the Declaration of Independence that life is an unalienable right. We marched for that unalienable right. We marched for those that are denied that unalienable right. We marched to show our country and our leaders that an unalienable

right means that it cannot be changed. It is fundamental. We marched. Will you march with us next year? Will you join us? Will you help to send your children and your grand children? Will you help this nation to recapture one of the unalienable rights that makes it so great?

 **MASS INTENTIONS** 

**For the Week of, January 22, 2019 – January 27, 2019**

**8:00 A.M. – Tuesday, January 22**

**All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:**

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Rai & Thaddeus Pellegrin, Macon Bascle family, Remy Reulet family, Mark & Billy Pellegrin, Mary Ward, S.N. & family, Sue, Jake, & Matt*

**8:00 A.M. – Wednesday, January 23**

**All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:**

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**8:00 A.M. - Thursday, January 24**

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*Parishioners of St. Ann, Cody Naquin, Rhea P. Voisin & Eddie Voisin Jr., Randy Donaldson, S.N. & family, Sue, Jake, & Matt*

**8:00 A.M. - Friday, January 25**

**All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:**

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**4:00P.M. - Saturday, January 26**

**All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:** *Parishioners of St. Ann, Ramos & Coralie Hornsby, Jimmie & Virgie Prosperie, Eldred & MayBelle Ellender, Wilbert & Elise Hebert Linda Ann Hebert, Salome H. Matherne, Matthew S. Matherne, Peter W. Hebert, Samuel Dominic Hebert, Michael Lee McGee, Wayne G. Cancienne, Wilbert Dupre Sr., , Jerry & Matthew Arceneaux, Albert Pinell, Mr & Mrs. Wills Boquet Sr., Mr & Mrs. Amos family, Jerry & Gertrude Aucoin, S.N. & family, Sue, Jake, & Matt, Gloria Collins, Caro & Boquet family, Ruth Pinell, Eric, Joel & Frank Rogers, Julius Boquet, Clinton & Wilma Picou*

**8:00A.M. - Sunday, January 27**

**All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:** *Parishioners of St. Ann, Lawrence & Eula Mazerac, Judith & Donald Lirette Jr., Rhea P. Voisin & Eddie Voisin Jr., Sue Bueche, Mary Eve & Vayne Bascle, Lionel Bascle family, Arthe' Breaux family, Arthur Lee Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Irby Petit, Aubrey Lee Boquet, Cindy R. Broussard, Vin & Joyce LeBlanc family, Gilbert & Rita Bergeron family, S.N. & family, Sue, Jake, & Matt, Wilma, Eugene & John Dusenbery, Ella Mae Guidry, Ann Hebert, Veronica Trahan, Jesse Fanguy Sr., Terry Lirette, Amelia Thibodeaux, Gloria Collins, Ruth Pinell*

**10:00A.M. - Sunday, January 27**

**All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:**

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Joyce, Deborah, Celina & Herbert Belanger, Rosie & Richard Lafont, Geraldine Dupre Keri Lynn Niette, S.N. & family, Sue, Jake, & Matt  
Ruth Pinell*

 **MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 20, 2019** 

The Sanctuary Light burns this week in memory of ***Macon Bascle family*** requested by Randolph & Kathie Bascle .  
The Altar Bread is in memory of ***Remy Reulet*** requested by Randolph & Kathie Bascle.

The Altar Wine is in memory of *Mark & Billy Pellegrin* requested by Randolph & Kathie Bascle.

**YOUTH FORMATION NIGHTS:**

**Monday 7-8:15p.m. (6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>)**

January 28<sup>th</sup>  
February 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>  
March 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>  
April 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

**Tuesday 6-7:00 p.m. (K-5)**

January 29<sup>th</sup>  
February 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>  
March 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>  
April 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>

**CONFIRMATION:**

**Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>- Confirmation Mass 11a.m.**

**\*\*Candidates must be at the parish center by 10:15a.m.\*\***

**If you have any questions please Call Lisa L. @ 985-852-2007**

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**Nazareth Night!!**

**Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**

*“Nazareth is the school in which we begin to understand the life of Jesus. It is the school of the Gospel. Here we learn to observe, to listen, to meditate, and to penetrate the profound and mysterious meaning of that simple, humble, and lovely manifestation of the Son of God.” (Pope St. Paul VI)*

Nazareth night is a ministry meant to support holy families.

The night consists of music, spiritual talk/teaching, adoration/benediction, followed by a pot luck supper.

**All ages are welcome!**

**Knights of Columbus St. Ann Bourg Council 8932** is accepting applications for the 2019 Catholic Youth Leadership Award Scholarship Program. Applications, directions for filling out the application, and informative information about the award can be found at [www.louisianakc.org](http://www.louisianakc.org), by contacting your school guidance counselor, or picked up at the St. Ann Parish Center. The CYLA Award is open to all graduating Catholic boys and girls who are in the 12th Grade. Applicant must be a parishioner of St. Ann Catholic Church to apply for the St. Ann Bourg Council award. Application deadline is January 25, 2019 by midnight, and must be turned in to a Knight of St. Ann Bourg Council 8932. For additional information please see the Louisiana Knights of Columbus web site. Good Luck!

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**January 12 & 13 2019: Envelopes: \$+Loose: \$ + \$ (Online)**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**CHURCH CLEANING: Week of January 27** – Charlene A., Lyndell G., Shirley M., Janet T., Una H., Jeannie U.

<b>MASSES</b>	<b>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</b>	<b>COMMENTATOR/ LECTOR</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>
<b><u>January 26 &amp; 27</u></b>				
<b>SATURDAY 4:00P.M.</b>	Randolph, Kathie Sue, Steve	Elia, Connie	Tyler, Grace	Steve H., Jan
<b>SUNDAY 8:00A.M.</b>	Patsy, Dana, Christine, Doug	Nick, Hayes	Lee, Volunteer	Butch, Leroy, Walton
<b>10:00A.M.</b>	Cindy D., Leroy, Gerald, Melody	Alyse, Lisa	Kirkland, Kailey, Hailey, Mason	Volunteer
<b>*This schedule only serves as a reminder. Please pick up a complete schedule in the back of church. Thank you for serving St. Ann Parish.*</b>				

