**Fall Respect Life Sample Bulletin Inserts**

**Respect Life Corner**

1st Sunday of September

**Life Fact**: 30 days after conception a baby has grown 10,000 times! His brain has human proportions and blood flows in veins.

*“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 a culture of life." -Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Catholic Bishops*

**Action:** The next 40 Days for Life campaign runs from September 22 to October 31. To find a vigil site near you visit: 40daysforlife.com

**Respect Life Corner**

2nd Sunday of September

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**Action:** Join your parish’s Respect Life Team! Don’t have one, then start one! Help shape and implement activities supporting Pro-life initiatives at your church. Resources can be found at: [archny.org/respect-life](https://archny.org/respect-life)

**Respect Life Corner**

3rd Sunday of September

HELP SAVE LIVES IN WHITE PLAINS!

40daysforlife.com/white-plains

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Vigil location: Outside the Planned

Parenthood abortion center at 175

Ta r r y t o w n Road, White Plains

(Greenburgh)

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Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily

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Local contact: Gerald Yeung at (914)

837-7008

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Learn more … get involved … and sign

up for prayer times by visiting our

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**Respect Life Corner**

4th Sunday of September

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***"Remember, Vote for Life. It may be your Own!" - Mother Angelica***

**Action:** Join in praying for the protection of human life on Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 3rd. For a listing of parish events including the Life Chain and Rosary Coast to Coast visit the Respect Life Website: [archny.org/respect-life](https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/respect-life)

**Respect Life Corner**

1st Sunday of October

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between.

***“No Catholic can responsibly take a "pro-choice" stand when the "choice" in question involves the taking of innocent human life.”***Resolution on Abortion (1989) National Conference of Catholic Bishops

**Action:** You're invited to join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month this October with the message "Live the Gospel of Life"! As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of John Paul II’s encyclical *The Gospel of Life,*learn how you can respond to His summons to “respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life!” Learn more at [www.respectlife.org/2020](http://www.respectlife.org/2020).

**Respect Life Corner**

2nd Sunday of October

October is Respect Life Month. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect the most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. The five keys: Reflect, Pray, Share, Learn more, and Stay Connected can be found at [www.respectlife.org/celebrate](http://www.respectlife.org/celebrate)

***“The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed***.” – United States Counsel of Catholic Bishops – Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship 11/2019

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**Action:** 40 Days for Life: Now through Nov 2rd, Every Day 7am – 7pm,: [**40daysforlife.com**](http://40daysforlife.com/white-plains)

**Respect Life Corner**

3rd Sunday of October

**Life Fact**: 28 days after conception a baby has eyes, ears, and even a tongue! Muscles are developing along the future spine. Arms and legs are budding.

***“It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish”.*** *– St. Teresa of Calcutta*

**Action:** Donate baby items to a pregnancy center, a Sisters of Life Baby Shower or a Good Counsel Baby Shower. Pray for the unborn.

"We encourage all citizens, particularly Catholics, to embrace their citizenship… as an opportunity meaningfully to participate in **building the culture of life**. Every voice matters in the public forum. **Every vote counts**…. **We must exercise that power in ways that defend human life, especially those of God's children who are unborn, disabled or otherwise vulnerable"** (US Bishops, Living the Gospel of Life, n34).

**Respect Life Corner**

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*“Those who justify their inaction on the grounds that abortion is the law of the land need to recognize that there is a* ***higher law, the law of God. No human law can validly contradict the Commandment: "Thou shalt not kill****."”* Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics (1998), no. 32

**Action:** Prayer is the foundation of all that we do in defense of human life. Say a short prayer. Meditate or ask God's intercession. Devote some time to pray a Holy Hour, or commit to a novena or Stations of the Cross.

**Respect Life Corner**

1st Sunday of November

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**Election Day is this Tuesday, November 3, 2020.**Be informed of your **Pro-Life candidates** at the local, state and national levels. Vote and Pray for the unborn

*“America you are beautiful . . . and blessed . . . . The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace,* ***then America, defend life****.” –* **St. John Paul II**

**Respect Life Corner**

2nd Sunday of November

**Life Fact**: 42 days after conception the unborn baby’s skeleton is formed. His brain coordinates movement of muscles and organs. Reflex responses have begun.

***“The Catholic community must offer support to those women who may find it difficult to accept a child… Likewise, the community should be open to welcome back all who repent of having participated in the grave sin of abortion, and should guide them with pastoral charity to accept the grace of forgiveness, the need for penance, and the joy of entering once more into the new life of Christ.”*** *– Pope Benedict XVI*

##### Action: Life is a gift from God, and so is His mercy. If you or someone you know is hurting after an abortion there is help. The Sisters of Life offer confidential, compassionate help for healing after abortion: 866-575-0075; hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

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Thanks to those that participated in the just completed 40 Days for Life Campaign!

Through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils and with God’s help, over 400 babies were confirmed saved from abortion this campaign and over 17,000 babies for all campaigns plus over 100 abortion centers closed! The next campaign will start Feb 2021.

**Respect Life Corner**

3rd Sunday of November

**Life Fact**: 42 days after conception, the unborn baby’s brain waves can be detected, the jaw forms, including teeth and taste buds. He begins to swallow amniotic fluid. Fingers and toes are developing.

***“Motherhood is the gift of God to women. Yet we can destroy this gift of motherhood, especially by the evil of abortion, but also by thinking that other things like jobs or positions are more important than loving, than giving oneself to others. No job, no plans, no possessions, no idea of “freedom” can take the place of love. So anything that destroys God’s gift of motherhood destroys His most precious gift to women– the ability to love as a woman.”*** *– St. Mother Teresa*

**Action:** Pray for nine months: “Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of (baby’s name) the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion”

**Respect Life Corner**

4th Sunday of November

**Life Fact**: 20 days after conception the foundation of the brain, spinal cord and entire nervous system is established. The eyes also begin to be formed.

*“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect*.” - *Pope Francis*

**Action:** Visit or call an elderly friend or relative. Offer to shop for or help an elderly neighbor or new mother. Thank God for your Life!

**Respect Life Corner**

5th Sunday of November

**Life Fact**: 45 days after conception: Buds of milk teeth appear, and the unborn baby’s facial muscles develop. Eyelids begin to form, protecting the developing eyes. Elbows take shape. Internal organs are present, but immature. 99% of muscles are present, each with its own nerve supply.

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**Action:** Do you or someone you know need help with an unexpected pregnancy or need help healing from an abortion? The Sisters of Life offer free confidential support and a safe space to share. Call **866-575-0075** or visit online **sistersoflife.org/healing-after-abortion**