***Pray for Dobbs***

In in 2018 Mississippi passed a law protecting unborn children after 15 weeks of gestation. The law was challenged and the case, called Dobbs v Jackson Women’s Health Organization, has gone to the Supreme Court. This is truly a landmark case that could potentially overturn the decision of Roe v Wade. The oral arguments will be heard on Dec 1, 2021 but the decision is expected in June 2022.

Christians of all denominations are uniting in prayer and fasting for this vital intention. The following is our Archdiocesan response to the USCCB to join this national effort [www.prayfordobbs.com](http://www.prayfordobbs.com).

For the past 49 years, the **infamous date of January 22** has been one of solemn prayer and remembrance for the tragedy of legalized abortion in this country. From **October 2021 until June 2022,** we hope to make the **22nd of each month** a special day of prayer and fasting for the Dobbs case, in the hopes that on its 50th anniversary (Jan 22, 2023) Roe v Wade will have been finally overturned.

**We need your help.**

1. **Called to Pray** - We ask that you consider celebrating your already scheduled morning Mass as *the Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life* in the Roman Missal on the **22nd of each Month (Oct to June).** We also encourage your parish to organize special Holy Hours, Masses, or Prayer Vigils for Life on these days. Resources for Mass, Holy Hours, Rosaries, Intercessions and other Prayers for life can be found on the Respect Life Office [website](https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/respect-life/get-involved/parish-life-leader-resources/parish-life-2/).
2. **Invite Others** - We ask that you help **promote this prayer campaign** through your parish bulletin, Mass announcements, and bulletin boards. Download the flyer in [English](https://archny.org/wp-content/uploads/Pray-for-Dobbs-Flyer.pdf) and [Spanish](https://archny.org/wp-content/uploads/Pray-for-Dobbs-Flyer-SPANISH.pdf).

More information about the Archdiocesan Pray for Dobbs campaign can be found [here](https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/respect-life/events-2/pray-for-dobbs/).

***March for Life – January 21st, 2022***

**The March for Life is scheduled for Friday, January 21st 2022 and we encourage your parish to host a pilgrimage to D.C. This year the Archdiocese is not imposing any diocesan-wide COVID-safety protocols on bus trips and you are free to make decisions based on the specific situation of your parish or group. For example, wearing masks or limiting capacity on the buses may be prudent, depending on the recommended guidance from health officials in January.**

**You will find some helpful information about local D.C. COVID vaccination and testing travel regulations** [here](https://washington.org/dc-information/coronavirus-travel-update-washington-dc)**. However, they should not affect your trip as long you do not plan to stay within the city of D.C. for more than 24 hours.**

***Mass for New York Pilgrims***

**Cardinal Dolan will again celebrate a Mass in D.C. for pilgrims from the Archdiocese on the morning of the March for Life.**

**Friday, Jan 21st – 10:30 am St. Patrick’s Church 619 10th St NW Washington, D.C**

***National Prayer Vigil for Life – Basilica of the Immaculate Conception- Thurs, Jan 20th***

**The National Prayer Vigil will take place this year at the Basilica with limited capacity of 3000 persons. There will be an online reservation system to secure a place. Details to be released soon. The capacity limit may also affect concelebrating bishops and priests.**

***Youth Rally ­-*  Tickets for the Youth Rally at the Capital One Arena have already been purchased for a number of schools and parish youth groups in the Archdiocese.**

***March for Life Scarves* – Official Archdiocese of New York March for Life pilgrim scarves are available for your group at a cost of $5 each. Please contact** sr.mary.margaret.hope@archny.org **to order.**

For more information about other events surrounding the March for Life visit our [website](https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/respect-life/events-2/march-for-life/).

**If you have further questions about hosting a bus trip from your parish, the Respect Life Office is here to support you! Please contact us with any questions or concerns. If you do plan to host a trip, please let us know so we can help you to advertise. Please email** sr.mary.margaret.hope@archny.org

## ***Care & Prepare: End of Life Education Presentation***

The Respect Life and Public Policy Offices will be hosting evenings for end of life education in several parishes throughout the Archdiocese in the coming year. Please download the flyers for the upcoming the [Staten Island](https://archny.org/wp-content/uploads/Care-and-Prepare-Flyer-St-Clare.pdf) and [Ossining](https://archny.org/wp-content/uploads/Care-and-Prepare-Flyer-St-Augustine.pdf) events and invite your parishioners to these important and informative workshops.

## **Staten Island**

**Tuesday, Nov.16, 2021- 7pm**

 ***Church of St. Clare***

110 Nelson Avenue, Staten Island

\*\*\*This event will also be viewable on [livestream](https://www.youtube.com/c/StClareChurch)\*\*

## **Westchester**

**Tuesday, Nov 30, 2021- 7pm**

**St. Augustine's Parish**

381 N Highland Ave, Ossining, NY

Learn practical steps for navigating end of life decisions for yourself and for your loved ones. This free and informative workshop will give you the tools to access quality care, protect your loved ones and understand Church teachings on end of life.

As legislation permitting physician-assisted suicide looms, it is more important than ever to be educated on the Church's end-of-life teachings and equipped with the necessary tools to care for yourself and others at this increasingly vulnerable time.

**Featured Speakers:**

**Ed Mechmann**, Archdiocese of New York Director of Public Policy

**Alexis Tracey,** Archdiocese of New York Office of Public Policy

**The Sisters of Life**