**National Night of Prayer for Life – Dec 8th- 9th 2022**

The [National Night of Prayer for Life](https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/respect-life/events-2/natl-night-of-prayer-for-life/) occurs every year on the night of Dec 8th -9th, our national feast day of the Immaculate Conception and the anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We encourage every parish to join in praying for the cause of human life on this holy occasion by hosting a prayer vigil. The official hours are **9:00PM Dec. 8th to 1:00AM Dec. 9th**. From 12:00AM-1:00AM EST, churches in every time zone across the country will be united in prayer.

We understand that not every parish is equipped to host prayer during those late hours, thus you can feel free to modify your prayer schedule to be united in prayer at a time that works best for your parish that evening.

If your parish is hosting a vigil, please send the location and hours to sr.mary.margaret.hope@archny.org so they can be included in the Archdiocesan listing.

**50th Annual March for Life – Friday, January 20th 2023**

**With the successful overturn of Roe v Wade, the 50-year goal of the March for Life, the end-point of this year's March will no longer be the steps of the Supreme Court, but to the new front in our battle for life, the steps of the United States Capitol! This year, we will celebrate and give thanks for the gift of the Dobbs v Jackson decision. Nevertheless, although this decision permits more effective lobbying on the state level, the battle on the federal level continues to intensify as bills are proposed that could either expand or restrict abortion nationally.**

**The National March for Life is much more than a political rally. It has become a pivotal event each year that inspires, encourages, and unifies a grassroots movement across the USA and reverberates throughout the world. Now more than ever it is important for our Church to gather to pray and witness together in our nation’s capital in response to this critical threat to the dignity of the human person that continues to divide our country. Far more essential than changing laws is changing hearts!**

**Please consider hosting a bus pilgrimage from your parish. The Respect Life Office is happy to assist 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

***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 20th – 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 19th***

**The National Prayer Vigil for Life will gather thousands of bishops, priests, seminarians and lay faithful at the National Basilica. The Opening Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Lori on Thurs, Jan 19th at 5:30 p.m. and will be immediately followed by a 7:00-8:00 p.m. Holy Hour for Life. A closing Mass for the Vigil will be celebrated by Cardinal O'Malley at 8am on Friday morning.**

***March for Life Rally* – The official March for Life rally, featuring The Chosen’s Jonathan Roumie and NFL Hall of Fame coach Tony Dungy begins at 12 noon on the National Mall. There is a pre-rally concert beginning at 11am with the band We are Messengers.**

***March for Life Scarves* – Official Archdiocese of New York March for Life pilgrim scarves are available for your parish pilgrimage group for FREE while supplies last. Please contact** sr.mary.margaret.hope@archny.org **to order.**

***Stay tuned for more information about other rallies and events that may be in the works!***

**Prayer Vigil for Life – St. Patrick’s Cathedral Sun, Jan 22nd, 2023 – 2 PM**

Although Roe v Wade has now been overturned, Cardinal Dolan will celebrate Mass acknowledging the somber moment of the 50th anniversary of this egregious decision. We will recall the 64 million lives that have been lost in the United States since that infamous day of Jan 22, 1973 and continue to pray for an end to abortion here in New York and throughout the world.

**Note:** The official USCCB designated “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children” is transferred to Mon, Jan 23 this year because Jan 22 falls on a Sunday.