***Pray for Dobbs***

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 were heard on Dec 1st, but the decision is not expected until June 2022.

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 now 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. 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/).

**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 (until 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).
3. **Prayer cards –** The Respect Life Office has printed special prayer cards with a prayer for the Supreme Court, in both [English](https://archny.org/updated-pray-for-dobbs-prayer-card/) and [Spanish](https://archny.org/updated-pray-for-dobbs-prayer-card-spanish-copy/). If you would like us to send some to your parish, contact [sr.virginia.joy@archny.org](mailto:sr.virginia.joy@archny.org)

***Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children***

**Saturday, January 22nd 2022** will be the 49th anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision. It is a day of particular prayer and fasting as declared by the US Bishops. Here are some ideas for how to observe it in your Parish –

1. Organize a Holy Hour and/or Mass of Reparation at your parish (see our [website](https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/respect-life/get-involved/parish-life-leader-resources/parish-life-2/) for more information)

2. Organize a prayerful witness at a local abortion facility

3. Preach about it with your Sunday homily.

***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 no limited capacity and seating is first come first serve!**

**Bishops and Priests who wish to concelebrate can register now for the Mass** [here](https://bnsic.formstack.com/forms/vigilforlifeclergy2021)**.**

***March for Life Scarves* – Official Archdiocese of New York March for Life pilgrim scarves are available for your group for FREE. Please contact** [sr.mary.margaret.hope@archny.org](mailto: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](mailto:sr.mary.margaret.hope@archny.org)