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

As we approach the 50th annual March for Life, we are at a critical moment in history that demands a new vision. Let’s return to the heart of the matter.  The fall of Roe is not the end.

Why do we March? Because love is the answer. Because every human person is made in God's image. Because our world is crying out for healing. We need each other. Let’s renew our commitment to love.

**Here is a listing of** [**Bus Pilgrimages**](http://bit.ly/archnymarchforlife) **from the Archdiocese of New York.**

Are your parishioners attending the March for Life? Consider giving the [Blessing of Pro-Life Pilgrims](https://www.respectlife.org/blessing-of-pro-life-pilgrims) before (or after) their journey.

**Other Events in D.C.**

***LIFE FEST - Because Love is the Answer***

Join The Sisters of Life and the Knights of Columbus at Life Fest, a brand-new rally on the morning of the March, featuring dynamic speakers, music, the Holy Mass, and Eucharistic adoration. Perfect for youth and young adults. For more information and tickets visit: [lifefest2023.com](file:///\\192.168.0.89\share\Respect%20Life%20Office\Vicar%20General%20Mailings\2022%20VG%20Mailings\lifefestrally.com)

**Jan 20, 2023 - The Entertainment and Sports Center, Washington D.C.**

***Mass for New York Pilgrims***

**There will be a special 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 Bishop Burbidge 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 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.**

**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children – Jan 22/23**

Although Roe is gone, the need for prayer for the legal protection of unborn children continues and the official USCCB designated “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children” remains. It is transferred to Monday Jan 23 this year because Jan 22 falls on a Sunday. However, since Sunday, Jan 22nd, 2023, will mark the 50th anniversary of the egregious Roe decision, it would seem to be an appropriate moment in the Sunday liturgy to thank God for its overturning and to commemorate the lives that have been lost, and continue to be lost here in New York.

The USCCB has provided some [Homily Helps](https://www.usccb.org/sites/default/files/2022-12/6-rlp-20-action-guide-homily-january.pdf) for this occasion. As well as **intercessions**, **announcements** and more in the Respect Life January [Action Guide](https://www.usccb.org/sites/default/files/2022-12/rlp-20-action-guide-roe-anniversary.pdf)

**As stated in GIRM 373:** ​

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The liturgical celebrations for this day may be the "Mass For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life” (no. 48/1 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with white vestments, or the Mass “For the Preservation of Peace and Justice” (no. 30 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with violet vestments.”

**Respect Life Week Curriculum – Jan 23-27, 2023**

Education on the sanctity of human life is of critical importance. Consider implementing the *Respect Life Week* curriculum in your school and/or CCD program. The curriculum is available for free online with lesson plans on a wide-range of life issues. This year’s topics are: poverty, the death penalty, celebrating special needs, abortion, and racism. The material is presented at an age-appropriate level for all grades (PK-12). All Archdiocesan elementary schools will celebrate Respect Life Week **Jan 23-27.** You can access the curriculum on the Respect Life Office [website](https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/respect-life/respect-life-week/).