

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church Newsletter  
May 8, 2022

My Dear Parishioners,

We as Catholic Christians hold fast to the truth that Life is a gift from God. Yes, God has given men and women a role in the propagation of new Life. We know that the breath of Life comes from God alone. We as Catholic Christians also hold fast to the truth that since Life is His gift that no one may deliberately take an innocent Life, which is the true meaning of God's 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment. These realities are the realities that make us a Pro-Life Church.

News reports this week were dominated by the leaked draft of the Supreme Court decision on the "Dobbs" case. The leaked draft of the decision seems to indicate that the Supreme Court will be ruling in favor of the State of Mississippi and upholding the state's recent Pro-Life legislation. For us Pro-Lifers, this is an answer to so many prayers and so many hours of witnessing for Life. We are hopeful and cautiously optimistic about the news.

If the final Supreme Court decision remains the same as the draft, it sadly does not outlaw abortion in our country. What it does do is return the decision power to the States and allows each State to decide whether to allow abortions and how they will be regulated. That means that our work as Pro-Lifers is not done, as we turn our efforts from Washington to Harrisburg to promote and protect the precious gift of Life.

But then again, our work as Pro-Lifers is and never will be done. For as we cautiously celebrate the potential victory in the Supreme Court, we are reminded that the real work of Pro-Lifers is to transform our society. The real work of Pro-Lifers is to transform our society into a purer and more chaste society, a society less focused on personal pleasure and more open to authentic love and the gift of Life. This means promoting chastity and abstinence in our homes and in our schools. This means continuing our charitable efforts to help families in need, especially those facing tough times *both* before and after the birth of a child. This means continuing our support for organizations such as Legacy of Life and Crossroads Pregnancy Solutions. This means that our Pro-Life Group is more important than ever. This means we need everyone's continued help and support for our Pro-Life Group.

So, as we cautiously pray our prayers of thanksgiving for a victory for Life, we as a parish now recommit to making our society a true Pro-Life Society, and along those lines I really and truly thank all of those who have helped to support our baby drive for Crossroads Pregnancy.

As we celebrate the gift of Life this weekend, it is appropriate that we celebrate in conjunction with Mother's Day.

At all the Masses this weekend, we will have prayers for our mothers, both living and dead, and we will have a blessing of mothers. We will also have a gift for our mothers. We thank all of those who put together the little gift bags for our Moms. We also thank God for the gift of our mothers, and may God richly reward them for all they have done and continue to do for us.

We also thank all of those who helped make our Confirmation such a special afternoon for our families and those Confirmed. We especially thank Mrs. Reed, our Catechists, and all of those who volunteer for our excellent Religious Education Program for the excellent job they have done in preparing our children for Confirmation. We moreover thank our parents for their commitment to their children's religious education and their need for an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ, a relationship that can only come through the Sacraments.

If you are interested in joining the Pro-Life Group, or in volunteering in our Religious Education Program as a teacher, a teacher's assistant, or a hall monitor, please contact the office and the office will get you in contact with the right person.

Let us continue to storm Heaven with our Rosaries and our Chaplets for Life, for peace in Ukraine, for First Responders, for Vocations, for the sick, for the Souls in Purgatory, for a purer and more chaste America, and most importantly this weekend, for Moms.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!  
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, pray for us!

Fr. Michael J. Pawelko, Pastor



A Poem about Mothers:  
God's Helpers

God could not be in every place  
With loving hands to help erase  
The teardrops from each baby's face,  
And so He thought of mother.  
He could not send us here alone  
And leave us to a fate unknown;  
Without providing for His own,  
The outstretched arms of mother.  
God could not watch us night and day  
And kneel beside our crib to pray,  
Or kiss our little aches away;  
And so He sent us mother.  
And when our childhood days began,  
He simply could not take command.  
That's why He placed our tiny hand  
Securely into mother's.  
The days of youth slipped quickly by,  
Life's sun rose higher in the sky.  
Full grown were we, yet ever nigh  
To love us still, was mother.  
And when life's span of years shall end,  
I know that God will gladly send,  
To welcome home her child again,  
That ever-faithful mother.

~ George W. Wiseman

On this Mother's Day Weekend, we also remember the Mother of God and the Mother of our Church with the words of the beautiful hymn the Ave Maris Stella:

Hail, bright star of ocean,  
God's own Mother blest,  
Ever sinless Virgin,  
Gate of heavenly rest.  
Taking that sweet Ave  
Which from Gabriel came,  
Peace confirm within us,  
Changing Eva's name.  
Break the captives' fetters,  
Light on blindness pour,  
All our ills expelling,  
Every bliss implore.  
Show thyself a Mother;  
May the Word Divine,  
Born for us thy Infant,  
Hear our prayers through thine.  
Virgin all excelling,  
Mildest of the mild,  
Freed from guilt, preserve us,  
Pure and undefiled.  
Keep our life all spotless,  
Make our way secure,  
Till we find in Jesus,  
Joy forevermore.  
Through the highest heaven  
To the Almighty Three,  
Father, Son and Spirit,  
One same glory be. Amen.



# Respect Life Baby Drive

appreciated. All of the donations will be donated to the new expecting Mothers at Crossroads Pregnancy Center in Quakertown.

## Following Donations Needed:

- Pacifiers (0-6 months)
- All Size Diapers
- 4T-5T Pull Ups
- Aveeno Baby Lotion
- Baby Bottles
- Puffs Snacks
- Walmart Gift Cards
- Pacifiers (6+ months)
- 2T-3T Pull Ups
- Baby Wipes
- Fresh Food Feeder
- Sippy Cups
- Amazon Gift Cards
- Enfamil Baby Formula (Neuropro Gentle Ease or Sensitive)
- Pacifiers (16+ months)
- 3T-4T Pull Ups
- Johnson's Head to Toe Wash
- Baby Forks & Spoons
- Toddler Plates
- Target Gift Cards

Monetary donations for the purchase of gift cards can be made via the Parish Scrip Program - 1) Lorri Resuta at (215) 534-3092 or Email [olshscrip@gmail.com](mailto:olshscrip@gmail.com) or 2) SCRIP Table in the Church Narthex.

The Drive will be running from  
April 23, 2022 ~ May 8, 2022

Bins for donations will be in the Church Narthex.

Any Questions  
Renzi Dager ~ [Renzi.dager@outlook.com](mailto:Renzi.dager@outlook.com)



**RamPacks**



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# DRIVE

**Donate Your Gently Worn, Used or New Sneakers  
for RamPacks that helps Pennridge Community**

**COLLECTION DATES:**

**APRIL 23 - MAY 15**

**DROP-OFF BINS LOCATION:**

**Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church Narthex  
100 Broad Street ● Hilltown ● PA 18927**

**START  
TIME  
11:00 AM**



**Ages  
13+**

**5/21**

**1ST  
PLACE  
\$150.00**

**2ND  
PLACE  
\$100.00**

# **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**

**3RD  
PLACE  
\$50.00**

**FOOD & BEVERAGES  
AVAILABLE FOR  
PURCHASE**

**OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART**

**100 Broad Street • Hilltown • PA 18927**

**Registration Fee: \$50.00 per team (2-person team)**

**One person to register for the team(s)**

**Info: Chris Rosica ~ (215) 913-6648**

**OR**

**Online Registration:**

**<https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-6137742/>**