

Masses For The Week**Monday - January 21**

6:30 NO 6:30
9:00 Special Intentions

Tuesday - January 22

6:30 Pamela Karpiak
9:00 Thomas Hanrahan

Wednesday - January 23

6:30 Stephen & Helen Parsniak
9:00 George Wroniecki

Thursday - January 24

6:30 Mary & Patrick Foley
9:00 Caroline Campbell

Friday - January 25

6:30 Rocco D'Ambrise
9:00 Mary O'Neil

Saturday - January 26

9:00 **Multiple Intentions Announced**
5:00 Dorothy Smith
7:00 Phyllis & Michael Pedro

Sunday - January 27

7:00 The People of the Parish
8:30 Mary McCutcheon
10:00 Anthony Guglielmo
11:30 Frank & Fay Paradise
1:00 Tesoriero & Lazzati Families
5:30 Bernard Kearney

Readings For The Week

Mon. Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22
Tues. Hebrews 6:10-10; Mark 2:23-28
Wed. Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-8
Thurs. Hebrews 7:25-8:6; Mark 3:7-12
Fri. Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18
Sat. 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 3:20-21
Sun. *Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Ezra the priest stood before the people and proclaimed the book of the law. Then he "interpreted it so that all could understand." He declared the day holy and urged the people to rejoice.*

1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 The body is one and has many members, but all members, though many, are one body. Further, each part is indispensable. So it is with Christ's body: we, though many, are one.

Luke 1:1-4; 4:13-21 Returning to Nazareth, Jesus entered the synagogue and read from the prophet Isaiah. After reading, Jesus proclaimed "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

***Divine Mercy Novena***

***Every Friday at 2:00 p.m.
in the Eucharistic Chapel
ALL ARE WELCOME!***

Our Weekly Sacrificial Gift**Last Week January 12-13 Collection**

Amount Budgeted: \$17,500.00

Amount Received: \$17,227.34

Thank you for your generosity & support!

Reflection & Living Stewardship

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and they are given, not for us alone, but for the common good. The generosity of God knows no limits-the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who are open to God's call and stand ready to make the best use of their gifts in service to their neighbor through such efforts such as Catholic Charities.



Please pray for the women and men in our Military and their families and friends as they selflessly protect and defend our nation against all forms of terrorism.

Charismatic Prayer Group

When we were kids, we called "sitting in the front seat of the car" and whoever called it first, got it! It was a very special treat. (Now you can guess how old I am!) Maybe you got to control the radio! You are always in the front seat when you travel with God. He will do all the driving and all you have to do is pay attention.

Our next meeting on Monday, January 28th in the Church. When God's in your life, the possibilities are endless. Call (516) 993-9672 for any prayer requests or more information.

St. Martin of Tours HOP Club

Jan. 14	#528 Christina Kennedy	\$25.00
Jan. 15	#571 Paul J. Berner	\$25.00
Jan. 16	#462 Thomas & Kathy Frost	\$25.00
Jan. 17	#282 Rosann & Walter Beckmann	\$25.00
Jan. 18	#590 Rosa & Giovanni Giandalivigni	\$250.00

Letter from the Pastor

The movie *Lincoln*, starring Daniel Day Lewis seems to be the frontrunner for the *Oscar* as best movie. I liked the movie very much since I love American history and have read several biographies about Abraham Lincoln, who many historians consider our greatest president.

The movie focuses on Lincoln's commitment to have the 13th amendment passed, an amendment that would put an end to slavery in the United States once and for all. Although Lincoln was opposed to slavery throughout his life, when he ran for president in 1860, he promised the southern states that he would not end slavery in those states where it was present. Although it could be argued, I think most scholars would agree that the Civil War was fought primarily to preserve the Union; ending slavery became a focus well into the war. At one point, Lincoln even proposed the idea of having the freed slaves go to Africa and establish a new nation.

I wrote that not to denigrate the great president, but to show that it took a great deal of time for our nation to understand how evil slavery was and the need to end it. I have heard slavery called the "*original sin*" of our nation, and one that sometimes haunts us to this day. Many of us are old enough to remember the terrible scenes we saw in the 1950's and 1960's, when fire houses and dogs were turned on Black Americans (as well as white sympathizers) who were seeking to end segregation. Churches were bombed, men were lynched by mobs, and people segregated into terrible conditions. One of my personal heroes is Jackie Robinson, the first Black American baseball player. He suffered tremendous prejudice in his days with the Brooklyn Dodgers. Our nation, a land that I consider the greatest land of freedom and openness to immigrants and people of every land and nation, a nation that has and continues to do enormous good all over the world at great cost to itself, committed terrible deeds toward our fellow human beings for well over a hundred years. Much of this was flowed from moral and cultural blindness. Some people were raised in a way that bigotry become an accepted way of life. *Prejudice* literally means to *pre-judge*, to make judgments about people based on ignorance.

When I look back over the past, I am not sure if our Catholic moral teaching was always well-focused on the evils of prejudice. I know that we considered any sin against the sixth commandment as mortal, as well as missing Mass on Sunday or eating meat on Friday, but I am not sure if I ever confessed as a young man the sin of prejudice, which I am sure I committed at times. I am not sure how aware we were of this issue years ago.

I think it is fair to say that our nation has made great progress in terms of race relations. Segregation is illegal. Black Americans have rightly broken into every field and endeavor of our nation. Although I am not always in agreement with him, I do take pride that our nation has broken a major barriers by electing a Barach Obama president of our nation. Although Martin Luther King, Jr., like all our great national figures of the past, was a man who had flaws, I am glad that our nation sets apart a national holiday to honor all he did to promote racial justice and harmony in our land.

It is not easy to overcome fear and prejudice. It is an issue that affects us all, Black and White, and people of every color in between. It is easy to pre-judge people based on their religion, their sex, their sexual orientation, their economic status, their educational level, their nationality, and even their sports teams. We fear that which is different from us - at least I know I do. It is easier to criticize than to come to know and understand. I find political correctness wearying and at times ridiculous. We cannot make people respect and care for each other by law, but only by a change of heart and in my mind, a conversion by the grace of God.

I will end with the some of the beautiful spiritual words from the famous *I Have a Dream* speech by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today! I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight; "and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together." And this will be the day -- this will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning:



"My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the Pilgrim's pride, From every mountainside, let freedom ring!"

And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. And so let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania. Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado. Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California. But not only that: Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia. Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee. Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when this happens, when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!

Father Pat, CSSR
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Catholic Schools Week at Our Lady of Mercy School
520 South Oyster Bay Road, Hicksville NY 11801

Sunday, January 27
OPEN HOUSE IN THE SCHOOL
11:45 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

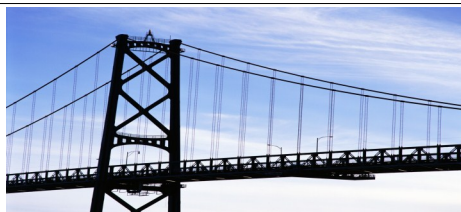
Wednesday, January 30
OPEN HOUSE
1:15 P.M. - 2:15 P.M.

"Building a Bridge to the Future"

**Come and
you will
see!**
John 1:39

Religion, Family
Respect, Reading
Prayer
Social Studies
Faith, Kindness
Language

OUR LADY OF MERCY SCHOOL



Love, Learning
Art, Gym
Joy, Math, Science
Peace, Music
Service
Friendship

Wedding Banns

No banns to announce.



*"Whatever you do for one of these,
the least of my sisters & brothers,
you did it for me."*

This week the Pantry could use mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, rice, peanut butter, canned peas, sugar, shampoo, conditioner, tooth brushes, bar soap, dish soap, diapers (sizes 5 & 6) and paper towels. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Food Pantry:

208 Broadway, Bethpage
Monday: 9:30AM - 2:30PM
Thursday: 2:00PM - 7:00PM
Phone: (516) 931-7332

**Divorce and Beyond
Separated and Divorce Support Group**

A ten week program for those separated or going through the process of divorce. The program is designed to help men and women find encouragement as they explore the emotions and experiences often associated with separation and divorce. The group meets every Friday beginning February 8, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at St. William the Abbot Church, 2000 Jackson Avenue, Seaford.

Cost for the ten week program is \$20. For further information and registration, please contact: Angie at 516-868-2503 or Carol at 516-432-2241.

Or e-mail us at
BeginningToday@gmail.com.



*Week of January 20-26, 2013
Altar Bread & Wine
In Loving Memory of
John Spedale*

Rest in Peace

Acts 7:49: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

**Edward P. Naughton, Rosalie J. Maida
Julia Teresa Massone, Lawrence F. Gradirose**

Please pray for the sick of our parish:

*Reminder: please call the rectory at 931-0818 to
remove a name off the list.*

*Fr. Brendan Greany C.Ss.R., Fr. Tom Siconolfi CSsR
Fr. James Small CSsR, Helena Carroll, Pat Pedone
Vincent Valenti, Ledwin Mason, Leevalli Annearosa,
Fran Pignataro, Skylar Vega, Catherine Dalessio
Leigh Murphy, Helena Mulligan, Richard Piernini
John Tortorice, Joseph Simon, Douglas Torres
Patricia Hall, James Robertson, Amy Hayes
Mom & Dad, Gina Cava, Helena Mulligan, Bill Kelly
Salvatore Milo, Jr., Matthew Messina, Anne Cramer
William John Staudt, Jimmy Stiffa, Sharon Shiecko
Christopher Gratton, John Mitchell, Salvatore Accardi
Christina Martuge, Barbara Mangiamiele
Catherine Mangiamiele, Peggy Namiotka*

Baptism Companions

St. Martin of Tours Baptism Program is in need!

Volunteers called "***Companions***" are at the heart of this program. They are the people who reach out to these families with the newborn babies. They guide and journey with them through the Gathering, Baptism, and Reflection.



If you think that you may be interested in this ministry, please call Deacon Gene Capobianco at 516-933-4690.

Holy Hour

St. Martin of Tours will have a Holy Hour on **Thursday, January 24 at 3:00 p.m.** I am encouraging as many people as I can to come and implore Our Lord through the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to pray fervently for the end of Roe v. Wade which has been the law of our land for the last forty years.

In petitioning Our Savior, may we also show mercy and compassion to those who have had abortions and especially for those who are currently pregnant and thinking about an abortion.

In the Redeemer, Father Pat, CSSR

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 23: Reconciliation Practice 6 & 7:15 p.m.
- Jan. 24: 3:00 p.m. Holy Hour of Petition to end Roe v Wade
- Jan. 25: Remember to say a prayer, the rosary or a decade of the rosary to end Roe v Wade
- Jan. 26: Reconciliation Service 11 & 1:00 p.m.
- Jan. 26: Defensive Driving Course 9 - 4 p.m.
- Jan. 30: Reconciliation Practice 6 & 7:15 p.m.
- Feb. 2: Reconciliation Service 11 & 1:00 p.m.
- Feb. 9: International Night Supper 8:00 p.m.

TELECARE TELTHON 2013

Our annual Telethon is the weekend of January 19th and 20th from 2—10 PM Saturday and 12—10 PM Sunday. We have had a great deal of growth this year breaking 7 million homes and are looking forward to an entertaining and beneficial Telethon.

Contributors like you are a major part of our success. We cannot do this without your help! We have a number of exciting developments to announce soon and your prayerful support is greatly appreciated. Many of you have expressed kind words about our work. Your suggestions, and yes, even your critiques, make for a better ministry and outreach to our people. On behalf of all of us at **Telecare**, we wish you a blessed, prosperous and safe New Year.



The Catholic Counseling Center 12 Ryder Court, Dix Hills NY 11746

Professional therapy, provided by NYS licensed therapists, is available to our parish and 147 other parishes. This program, under the direction of George A. Giuliani, PhD, Director/Psychologist, is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or the diocese. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. Confidential information and appointments are available by calling Dr. Giuliani at 631-243-2503.

You may visit his website at
<http://thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>.

FAITH FORMATION

In an effort to improve existing security during our religious education classes on Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays, we are in need of security/hall monitors. These monitors will observe the hallways a half hour before classes and during class times. Please call Religious Education at 822-9768 for more information.

Monday: 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Parents escorting children to their 1st and 2nd grade classes on the first floor is acceptable, but no adults will be allowed on the 2nd floor. In addition, we are also in the process of upgrading/installing security cameras.

SCHOOL PARKING LOT

FOR THE PROTECTION & SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN



Please note that while school is in session, the Religious Education Department will lock both gates leading to the school parking lot on the following days and times:

**Monday and Tuesday
3:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Saturday: 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

**Please park outside the gates during
these days and times.**



St. Martin's Life Teen program is for all high school aged teens (9th-12th grade). Life Teen gathers every Sunday for the 5:30pm Youth Mass and every Sunday night from 7-8:30pm in the Youth Center (room 107 of the school) for our Life Nights. Each week we gather to grow in faith and friendship with Christ & each other. Check out our parish website for a calendar of events at www.smtbethpage.org or contact Erin at EKHoran@yahoo.com.



The Edge program is for all middle school aged student (6th-8th grade). Edge meets every other Thursday evening from 7-8:30pm. This program is a wonderful way for young adolescents to grow in their faith as well as build lasting friendships.



Parent Life is designed to give parents an opportunity to support their parish ministry programs while strengthening their own relationship with Christ and His Church. Parent Life meets once a month on Sundays following the 5:30pm Mass in the school building. **All parents and adults are welcome!**



On Monday, January 21, 2013 the Rectory Office will be closed in observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and will open on Tuesday, January 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

There is no 6:30 a.m. mass on that day, but there is a 9:00 a.m. as usually scheduled.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Life Teen Youth Ministry has Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction every 2nd Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:00 PM in the Church. Our next service is Tuesday, February 12th.



We fervently hope that you come and join us in prayer and adoration of our Risen Lord. The music and praise that are lifted up to Christ will bring you to a place of peace and hope. Everyone is welcome!

"It is not to remain in a golden ciborium that He comes down each day from Heaven, but to find another Heaven, the Heaven of our soul in which He takes delight."
- Saint Theresé of Lisieux

DRIVER EDUCATION CONSULTANTS Martin Z. Hirschfield, Executive Director St. Martin of Tours is hosting a 6-hour Class 1 Defensive Driving course

**Cost: \$45.00 per person
Saturday, January 26, 2013
from 8:30AM—3:00PM**

**St. Alphonsus Hall
38 Seaman Avenue, Bethpage**

**REGISTRATION:
call Driver Education at (631) 360-9720
Monday-Friday 9AM to 4PM.**

**Minimum enrollment: 15 people
Maximum enrollment: 40 people**



SAVE THE DATE

SECOND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL NIGHT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2013—8:00 p.m.
ST. ALPHONSUS HALL

GREAT FOOD AND FUN!

Plan your menu: Irish Soda Bread, Lasagna, Tacos, German Potato Salad, Polish Sausage, Spanish Paella, Indian Curry (made by Father Ciya), British Fish 'n' chips, Vietnamese Goi cuon (summer roll), French Fries, Belgium Waffles, Potato and Cheese Pierogi, Tapa, and International Beers as selected by the famous connoisseur of great lagers, Father Pat! A wide selection of chocolate donuts from every nation will be served.

No charge--- Just prepare and bring your favorite food. Wear your ethnic clothes if you wish. Sing an international song or do a flamingo or talented tango!

ROCK OUT AUTISM CONCERT

Last week, I was asked if we could loan our auditorium to a popular, local teenage singer, *Nick Tangorra* and his band. I met with Nick, his brother Rafe and their parents and was assured that the group and those attending would be well-supervised and monitored.



Their music (although not my style - I am more a Bruce Springsteen man), does not have inappropriate lyrics. I checked on the group while they were performing, and the overwhelming majority of those attending were teenage girls, many accompanied by their parents.

The proceeds have gone to Autism programs, and we will make a donation to pay our expenses for lighting and heat. In addition, the group gave me a check for \$500.00 which we donated to our food pantry and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

I am sorry if this inconvenienced anyone in terms of parking or noise levels, but I think it is a good thing to have young people gather in a safe environment for a very worthy cause. - Father Pat

COMING IN MARCH

Please mark your calendar for the **ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH LENTEN MISSION** planned for **March 9th through March 13th**. The Mission will be led by Redemptorist Fathers Kevin O'Neil and James Wallace.

More details to follow as the date comes closer, but it should prove to be a very powerful and spirit filled experience.

FOR HELP IN A CRISIS PREGNANCY

Call Diana Mirando
(C)830-5077 (H) 605-1979

ROSELINE, LIFE CENTER 24 HOURS,
RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT (631)
243-2373.

Baby Safe Haven, Safe Babies, Safe Place at
1(877) 796-HOPE. Adoption, Foster Care,
Maternity Services, Catholic Home Bureau
1(800) 592-4357.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

We will be joining the Holy Hour to pray for the end to Roe v. Wade, for all pregnant mothers and their babies on Thursday, January 24th at 3:00 p.m. in the church.

Please continue to pray the rosary especially for all those who are marching in Washington D.C. on Friday, January 25th to stand for the respect of all human life from conception to natural death. We ask God to protect them for a safe journey.



RotaCare

Free Health Care for People in Need

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have some free time to share to help the poor get the care they need?

RotaCare is a free health center located in Uniondale run entirely by volunteers. We provide care for the uninsured poor of Nassau County and the surrounding areas.

We are looking for lay persons to help us complete paperwork to apply for free medications on behalf of our patients.

If you can commit to a few hours a week or even a few hours a month, please contact Mary Beth Welsh at (516) 429-9026 or at info@rotacareny.org.

Please visit our website at www.rotacareny.org to find out more about us.

This may be just the corporal work of mercy you are looking for.

GLUTEN, PEANUT & DAIRY FREE HOSTS

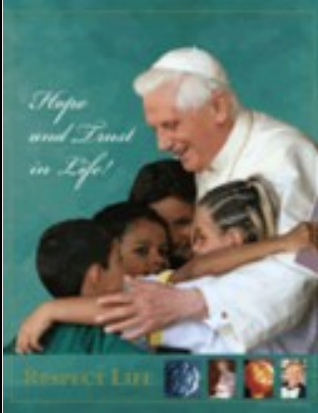
St. Martin's always has a supply of hosts available for anyone who is allergy-sensitive to these types of foods. Please seek out the sacristan *before mass* so that the priest is prepared to include it for consecration. Please be sure to follow this procedure every time you attend mass.

FACE THE TRUTH

On Sunday, January 20th from 1:30 - 3:00 pm, The Long Island Coalition for Life's annual Roe v. Wade memorial anniversary event, Face the Truth, will take place in front of the Nassau University Medical Center, 2001 Hempstead turnpike (Route 24), East Meadow. All are welcome to join and defend life in this pro-life event: a silent, public witness against the tragedy of abortion. Signs provided. For information call 631-243-1435.

The following quote is on the National Conference of American Bishops' website:

The fortieth anniversary of Roe v. Wade lands squarely within the Year of Faith. It is as if the Holy Father has given the Church in the United States a focused time to acknowledge the great sin of abortion with all its manifold consequences, and to embrace a time of penance and conversion. Above all, in this Year of Faith, may the Church and all its members become living witnesses to God's longing to forgive and to pour out his healing mercy upon all those who have promoted or been wounded by the culture of death.



Pope Benedict has invited us on a journey of faith to open our eyes to the grandeur and beauty of all human life and to become courageous and effective defenders of every human life. How will you respond to this invitation?

**HOPE AND TRUST IN
LIFE! RESPECT LIFE!**

*The Holy See calls each of us in this Year of Faith to study the teachings of Catholicism and to strengthen our personal relationship with our Lord. While the Church singles out the Catechism of the Catholic Church as foundational for our reflection, it also calls our attention to the beautiful teachings in the pro-life encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, the Gospel of Life. So for Americans, the Year of Faith can be a time of reflection and response to forty years of the culture of death with the inspiring vision of the Gospel of Life. May we take full advantage of this coming year, as individuals, parishes and organizations, in our prayer, reflection and acts of reparation. As we enter the Year of Faith, may the journey open our eyes to human life in all its grandeur and beauty.*

The March for Life this year will be **January 25, 2013** in Washington, D.C. **Since the Supreme Court legalized abortion in 1973, it is estimated that there have been more than 55 MILLION abortions in our land.** When the church speaks of a "culture of death," it is saying that when we can take the life of the unborn so easily, it can also become acceptable to move toward assisted suicide, the death penalty, unchecked wars, and the ignoring of the poor and needy. All of life can become cheap. Information about parishes and bus trips can be found on the diocesan website at <http://www.drvc.org>.

Recently *Time Magazine* ran a cover story where it suggested, to its great disappointment, that the abortion movement is in decline, and more and more Americans are moving toward a more pro-life stance. We can be very proud of all that our parish does to support the pro-life movement in both prayer and action. So do not feel like you are fighting a losing fight. At the same time, I would say to any woman who has had an abortion that **the Lord is always ready to bring you his healing mercy** and that **our priests will do all they can to help you find healing**. Please - **never be afraid to approach us!**

On January 24 at 3:00 p.m., we will have a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament as we pray for our nation and end to the tragedy of Roe v. Wade.

On January 25, if you can say a prayer, the rosary or a decade of the rosary in support of life, that would be wonderful. Also you might consider making an act of sacrifice in reparation for the countless abortions that have taken place since 1973. — Father Pat

John Paul II's Closing Prayer of Evangelium Vitae

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.

Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.

God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people. Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!