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Because of the limited size of our staff, hours are subject to change. It's best to call first.

February 10, 2019 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eucharist of the Lord's Day

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Weekday Eucharist

Thursday 7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Holydays of Obligation

As announced in the bulletin

Reconciliation

After the Sunday morning Masses,
Thursday evening 6:30pm

And by appointment at any reasonable time

Pastoral Care and Liturgy

Very Rev. James S. Lentini, V.F., Pastor
Rev. Idongesit A. Etim, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Timothy J. Brady, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Mano Salla, Parochial Vicar

Deacon James M. Tormey, Sr.
Deacon Sherman Mitchell, III

Christian Formation

Mrs. Alicia Poppiti, D.R.E.

Hispanic Ministry

Mrs. Arline Dosman

If you or someone you know is in need of
financial assistance, please call

St Vincent DePaul (302) 670-6702

The Sacraments

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process in which adults and children of catechetical age join the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon Sherman Mitchell III, our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-492-0753.

Parents wishing to present their children for **Infant Baptism** must participate in an orientation session. Please call the parish office at 410-482-8939 for details.

Please contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 about the preparation of young people for **Confirmation**, or about children's first reception of the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and the **Eucharist**.

Couples planning **Matrimony** meet with the Pastor or one of the Deacons at least one year in advance of the wedding date they are considering. Please call the parish office to arrange for this meeting.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: The **Anointing of the Sick** is appropriate for anyone faced with hospitalization or a serious challenge to health. When a hospital admission is planned, please arrange to receive the Anointing here beforehand, if at all possible. Our lay ministers to the sick bring **Holy Communion** to those unable to come to Mass for any length of time. Please call the parish office to arrange for these services.

Your Pastor, Deacons and parish staff members are always happy to speak in confidence with anyone who senses a call to **ordained ministry** or **religious life**.

Dear Parishioners,

Judge Dred. In 1857 the Supreme Court of the United States in the Dred Scott Decision ruled that Dred Scott, a black man, and former slave could not bring action in court for his freedom, as he was not a person, but personal property of his master. In this decision Chief Justice Taney, referring to the language in the Declaration of Independence that said, "all men are created equal" said that the phrase "all men" did not refer to blacks, slave or free. Chief Justice Taney reasoned that "it is too clear for dispute, that the enslaved African race were not intended to be included and formed no part of the people[.]" This ruling held until the conclusion of the Civil War and the passage of the 13th Amendment.

Oh, Canada! In 1928 the Supreme Court of Canada was posed a question about personhood. The British North America Act which until 1980 or so was the law of Canada, said that persons can be named to the Canadian Senate by a specific procedure. The question asked was "Does the word "persons" in Section 24, of

The British North America Act, 1867, include "female persons?" The court replied, 'no,' and held that women were not 'persons' and were thus not entitled to hold office as Senators in Canada. This ruling held until the British Privy Council overruled it a year later.

New York, New York. On January 24, 2019, the Governor of New York, Andrew Cuomo, signed a new state law that not only codified the heinous Roe v. Wade abortion decision into state law... but then expanded on it. Let me note some of the key provisions and implications of the laws:

- Under the law (ironically titled, The Reproductive Health Act), doctors are now allowed to perform abortions up and through all three trimesters of a pregnancy (this is not a misprint). To make this worse, and more shocking, the law also allows non-doctors to do likewise.
- The law provides no presence of "born alive" protections. What does that mean? Well, in New York (up until this law) as in most states, if a baby

is born alive during a botched abortion, that child's life has an affirmative right to be protected. Under the new law, those protections are repealed; thus, a child born alive can now be allowed to simply die.

- If the child in the womb, if killed in a crime, can no longer be counted as a victim of homicide, whereas previously they could have been. The new law excludes unborn children from the definition of "human person." So, basically, all protections for the child are removed. [Let me add this: In New York, it is a crime to abandon an animal and leave it to die (and that penalty is about to be increased in legislation that passed the State Senate earlier this year). So, your pet dog Fido has greater protection than a human child in the Empire State.]
- There is much more that could be written on the specifics of the laws, but space constrains me. In short: This is a terrible law, a hateful law – and its intention is clear: to allow abortion anytime for any reason.

Celebration? If the aborting of a child or an increasing number of abortions something to celebrate? Well, evidently, Governor Andrew Cuomo thinks so. When this "Reproductive Health Act" was signed into law by Governor Cuomo, he deemed it celebratory. He ordered One World Trade Center and other New York sites to be lit up in pink so as to celebrate the passage of the expansive abortion law. In New York – a State where over one in four (28%) pregnancies end in abortion – it is astounding that having a new law that allows the snuffing out of even more lives by abortion is considered by anyone as something to be celebrated. How sick. How abjectly, totally, demented. Likewise, as the bill passed in the New York State Senate, it received a standing ovation and applause. Usually one applauds an accomplishment, not the diminishment of humanity.

A Tough Week. It was an especially sickening week, in New York, for human life. It was especially disturbing week for the faithful to witness the temptation of the Prince of Lies convincing people that they determine who is and isn't deserving of life. When mankind, and when political leaders, get into the business of determining who a human person, things go very badly. Look at our nation's Dred Scott Decision (1857) and the Canada's Person Case (1928), to see the ramification of humanity's hubris at play, when playing the role of the maker, and shunning the role of protector.

Rev. Martin Luther King, whose birthday was observed in January, famously wrote in his letter from a Birmingham Jail, "We should never forget that everything Adolf Hitler did in Germany was 'legal'" Indeed we should never forget that. We should not forget that when a child is killed in utero in the ninth month of a pregnancy in New York in the coming months or is born-alive-but-left-to-die, those things are now legal in New York, but morally reprobate and contrary to natural law and God's law. But, alas, this is what happens when people forget the importance of the presence of teachings of Jesus Christ in the public square and in the halls of power. Or as more clearly put by Alexander Solzhenitsyn, critic of atheistic communism, and survivor of Soviet gulags, when I identifying some of the terrible actions of humanity, "If I were called upon to identify briefly the principal trait of the entire twentieth century, here too, I would be unable to find anything more precise and pithy than to repeat once again: Men have forgotten God."

Of Sin and Sinatra. I am reminded of a passage from the 17th Chapter of the Second Book of Kings (2 Kings 17:9a,11b-12): "They adopted unlawful practices toward the LORD, their God... They did evil things that provoked the LORD, and served idols, although the LORD had told them: You must not do this." But I buoyed by the hope that there is always redemption, and possibility of changes of heart. And it is my prayer that that happens in this matter. But to quote Frank Sinatra: "It's up to you, New York, New York."

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, February 10

8:30 Christina Godfrey

11:00 Charles Beck

Misa en Español 1pm For the People

Thursday, February 14

7pm Misa For the People

Sunday, February 17

8:30 Joan Vari Lagron

11:00 Ronin Francis Gallagher

Misa en Español 1pm For the People

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Offertory: \$ 3791.50

Supplementary: \$ 541.00

Second Collection Today: Black and Indian Missions and Home Missions

Your continued support of the work of your Church is much needed and appreciated

Join our Parish Family....Registration Forms are Available at the front vestibule or the Parish Office.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Altar Servers

February 17

8:30am Mass – Averil Locke, Anna Clancy

11am Mass – William Meyer

Spanish Misa 1pm – Jose & Yareli Ortiz

Lectors

February 17

8:30am Mass – Barbara Thompson

11am Mass – Sherry Tucker

Spanish Misa 1pm – Roman Cuin, Juan Díaz

Eucharistic Ministers

February 17

8:30am Mass – Greg Taraila, Brenda Lawson

11am Mass – Joan Stewart, Jim Ward

Spanish Misa 1pm – Dolores Cuin, Carlos Miguel,
Flora Pérez, Genaro Pérez, Antonio Pérez

Collection Counters

Feb 10 Ann Lawson & Julia Moore

Feb 17 Frank & Joyce Cristiano

Feb 24 Paul & Robin Engstenberg

Church Cleaning Crew

Febrero 15, 2019 Grupo #10

Marcos Domingo, Orelia Berdugo, Carmen Gabriel,
Susana Ortiz Morales, Alberto Morales

Febrero 22, 2019 Grupo #11

Maurilio Gabriel, Carlos Miguel, Aurora Rivera,
Bernarda Miguel., Dario Ortega

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Parenting Pointer –

February is Black History Month. No matter what our skin color, religion, or economic status we need to learn to get along with people who are different from us. As a family, learn about a race different from your own this month by reading, a movie, or personal contact. It might be a challenge to get out of your bubble whether it be black, white, or something in between. Do it anyway.

Marriage Moment –

"Love is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests..." (1 Cor. 13: 5) Which of these negative qualities is your beloved best at avoiding?

Tax letters are available
in the office now.



SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Feb 10 9:40am – SRE Classes in Classrooms

Mon, Feb 11 6:30pm – “Catholicism” in Hall

Tue, Feb 12 6:30pm – 1st Communion Prep

Tues, Feb 12 7pm – Juan XXIII

Fri, Feb 15 6pm – Formación in Hall

Fri, Feb 15 7pm – Band Practice

Fri, Feb 15 7pm – RCIA

Sat, Feb 16 3pm – San Valentin in Hall

Rachel’s Vineyard Catholic Retreat

The next retreat is May 3-5, 2019 at Malvern Retreat House. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for emotional and spiritual healing for any woman or man who has struggled with abortion. For more info contact Nan Freeman at 302-333-1904 or visit rachelsvineyard.org.

Plan to Join Us!! SAVE THE DATE



**ICC PENNY
PARTY
March 9th
6PM**

Knights of Columbus



Next meeting Tues, February 12

6:30pm Rosary

7pm Meeting

in the Knights Hall

All members are encouraged to attend.



The February 15th edition of The Dialog will feature a Tribute to our Priests. As part of their ongoing coverage of the Diocese of Wilmington’s 150th anniversary, The Dialog will publish photos of diocesan and religious order priests active in parish and diocesan ministry. Pick up your copy after Mass next weekend.

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

School of Religious Education
9:40am-10:50am

****NO classes next week- February 17****



Registrations for the 2019-2020 school year are ready. Please register your children now to secure a spot for your children.

We are taking registrations until April 1, 2019.



Sacramental Prep:

1st Communion Prep: Tuesday, Feb 12 at 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Parish hall.

Catechetical Day ("Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ") with Bishop W. Francis Malooly will be held on Saturday, **March 23, 2019 at St. Thomas More Academy.** Bishop Malooly will individually recognize DREs and Catechists celebrating significant anniversary years. The day includes refreshments beginning at 8:30 am and lunch at 12 noon. The Presenter is Father Christopher Walsh. The day concludes at 2:00 pm. The final registration deadline is



March 1, 2019. Please get registration from Alicia Poppiti.



Archives to hold exhibit in conjunction with Diocesan 150th anniversary celebration.

In celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Diocese, please join us Sun, Feb 24th Noon to

3PM in the Family Center of Saint Joseph on the Brandywine Church, 10 Old Church Rd Greenville, Delaware. The exhibit features items and documents going back to the 1600s when the first Catholic Europeans arrived in present-day Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. It is free and open to the public.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: We are continually invited to follow Jesus.
Question for Children: What is a way that you can follow Jesus?

Question for Youth: Following Jesus can mean leaving some things behind. What do you need to let go of to follow Jesus more fully in your life?

Question for Adults: When recently did God call you to do something that was difficult?

5^o domingo en tiempo ordinario

Tema: Se nos invita continuamente a seguir a Jesús.

Pregunta para los niños: ¿Cuál es una manera en la que pueden seguir a Jesús?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: Seguir a Jesús puede significar dejar atrás ciertas cosas. ¿Qué necesitas dejar atrás para seguir a Jesús plenamente?

Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Cuándo recientemente los llamó Dios a hacer algo que era difícil?

Pilgrimage 2019 Bulletin Announcement:

Bishop Malooly invites youth, young adults, and families from all parishes and schools to join him as we come together for the tenth annual Pilgrimage on **Saturday, April 13, 2019.**



Pilgrims from across the diocese will carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross through the streets of Wilmington with the Bishop as a representation of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem and His journey on Good Friday to Calvary. The day begins at St. Elizabeth parish with opening prayer and a concert featuring Ben Walther at 10:30 am. We conclude with the 5pm Mass at St. Elizabeth. Don't miss this great opportunity to wrap up your Lenten journey with hundreds of your peers. Cost for the day is \$15 per person or \$45 max per family (bring your own lunch). To register, please contact Alicia Poppiti, a bus will provide transportation for an additional \$10 per person, and you must be registered to ride bus. Deadline for registration is April 1st.

Are you being called to the priesthood or religious life?

Find out more about the priesthood at www.diocesanpriest.com
E-mail: vocations@cdow.org
Call us: (302) 573-3113 today!



COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 10 DE FEB, 2019.

Queridos feligreses,

Juez Dred. En 1857, el Tribunal Supremo de los Estados Unidos en la Decisión Dred Scott dictaminó que Dred Scott, un hombre negro y un antiguo esclavo no podía actuar en el tribunal por su libertad, ya que no era una persona, sino propiedad personal de su amo. En esta decisión, el Juez Taney, refiriéndose al lenguaje en la Declaración de Independencia que decía: "todos los hombres son creados iguales", dijo que la frase "todos los hombres" no se refería a los negros, esclavos o libres. El Presidente del Tribunal, Taney, razonó que "está demasiado claro para la disputa, que la raza africana esclavizada no estaba destinada a ser incluida y que no formaba parte del pueblo." Esta decisión se mantuvo hasta la conclusión de la Guerra Civil y el paso de la Enmienda 13.

¡Oh, Canadá! En 1928, la Corte Suprema de Canadá planteó una pregunta sobre la persona. La Ley de Norteamérica británica, que hasta 1980 o más o menos era la ley de Canadá, decía que las personas pueden ser nombradas al Senado canadiense mediante un procedimiento específico. La pregunta que se hizo fue "¿La palabra "personas" en la Sección 24 de la Ley Británica de América del Norte de 1867 incluye a "personas femeninas"? El tribunal respondió" no "y sostuvo que las mujeres no eran "personas" y, por lo tanto, no tienen derecho a ejercer el cargo de senadores en Canadá. Este fallo se mantuvo hasta que el Consejo Secreto Británico lo rechazó un año más tarde.

Nueva York, Nueva York. El 24 de enero de 2019, el Gobernador de Nueva York, Andrew Cuomo, firmó una nueva ley estatal que no solo codificó la atroz decisión de aborto de Roe v. Wade en ley estatal ... sino que luego la amplió. Permítanme señalar algunas de las disposiciones clave y las implicaciones de estas leyes:

- Bajo la ley (irónicamente titulada, La Ley de Salud Reproductiva), los médicos ahora

pueden realizar abortos hasta los tres trimestres de un embarazo (esto no es un error de imprenta). Para empeorar esto, y más impactante, la ley también permite a los que no son médicos hagan lo mismo.

- La ley no provee ninguna presencia de protección de ley "nacidos vivos". Qué significa eso? Bueno, en Nueva York (hasta esta ley) como en la mayoría de los estados, si un bebé nace vivo durante un aborto fallido, la vida de ese niño tiene un derecho afirmativo a ser protegido. Bajo la nueva ley, esas protecciones son revocadas; por lo tanto, ahora con esta ley si un niño nace vivo simplemente se permite que muera.

- Si el niño en el vientre, si es asesinado en un crimen, ya no puede ser considerado como víctima de homicidio, mientras que anteriormente podría haberlo sido. La nueva ley excluye a los niños no nacidos de la definición de "persona humana". Entonces, básicamente, se eliminan todas las protecciones para el niño. [Permítanme agregar esto: en Nueva York, es un delito abandonar a un animal y dejarlo para que muera (y esa pena está a punto de aumentar en la legislación que aprobó el Senado estatal a principios de este año). Entonces, tu perro Fido tiene mayor protección que un niño humano en el Empire State.]

- Hay mucho más que podría escribirse sobre los detalles específicos de las leyes, pero el espacio me limita. En resumen: esta es una ley terrible, una ley odiosa, y su intención es clara: permitir el aborto en cualquier momento y por cualquier motivo.

¿Celebración? Si el abortar a un niño o un número creciente de abortos, ¿ es algo para celebrar? Bueno, evidentemente, el gobernador Andrew Cuomo cree que sí. Cuando esta "Ley de salud reproductiva" se convirtió en ley por el Gobernador Cuomo, lo consideró un acto de celebración. Ordenó que One World Trade Center y otros sitios de Nueva York se iluminaran de color rosa para celebrar la aprobación de la extensa ley del aborto. En Nueva York, un estado en el que más de uno de cada cuatro (28%) embarazos

terminan en aborto, es sorprendente que teniendo una nueva ley que permita eliminar aún más las vidas del aborto sea algo para celebrar. Que repugnante, que despreciable, totalmente, demente. Del mismo modo, a medida que el proyecto de ley se aprobaba en el Senado del estado de Nueva York, recibió una ovación y un aplauso. Por lo general, uno aplaude un logro, no la disminución de la humanidad.

Una Semana Difícil. Fue una semana especialmente patético, en Nueva York, para la vida humana. Fue una semana especialmente perturbadora para los fieles presenciar la tentación del príncipe de las mentiras convencer a las personas de que determinan quién o quién no merece la vida. Cuando la humanidad, y cuando los líderes políticos se meten en el negocio de determinar quién es una persona humana, las cosas van muy mal. Mire la Decisión Dred Scott de nuestra nación (1857) y el Caso de la persona de Canadá (1928), para ver la ramificación de la arrogancia de la humanidad en juego, al desempeñar el papel de creador y eludir el papel de protector.

El reverendo Martin Luther King, cuyo cumpleaños se observó en enero, escribió en su carta desde una cárcel de Birmingham: "Nunca debemos olvidar que todo lo que Adolf Hitler hizo en Alemania fue" legal ". De hecho, nunca debemos olvidar eso. No debemos olvidar que cuando se mata a un niño en el vientre en el noveno mes de un embarazo en Nueva York en los próximos meses o si nace con vida pero se deja a morir, esas cosas ahora son legales en Nueva York, pero Moralmente reprobado y contrario a la ley natural y a la ley de Dios. Pero, ay, esto es lo que sucede cuando las personas olvidan la importancia de la presencia de las enseñanzas de Jesucristo en las plazas públicas y en los salones del poder. O como lo señala más claramente Alexander Solzhenitsyn, crítico del comunismo ateo y sobreviviente de los campos de concentración soviéticos, cuando identifico algunas de las terribles acciones de la humanidad: "Si me llamaran para identificar brevemente el rasgo principal de todo el siglo

XX, aquí también, sería incapaz de encontrar algo más preciso y conciso que repetir una vez más: los hombres han olvidado a Dios".

De Ignominia y Sinatra. Me recuerda un pasaje del Capítulo 17 del Segundo Libro de los Reyes (2 Reyes 17: 9a, 11b-12): "Adoptaron prácticas contra el SEÑOR, su Dios... Hicieron cosas malas que provocaron al SEÑOR. , sirvieron a los ídolos, aunque el SEÑOR les había dicho: "No hagan eso ". Pero me animé con la esperanza de que siempre habrá redención y posibilidades de cambios de corazones. Y es mi oración que eso suceda en este asunto. Pero para citar a Frank Sinatra: "Depende de ti, Nueva York, Nueva York".

María, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros!

Tuyo en Cristo
P. James Lentini
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