

2022 March for Life and Related Events – Options & Alternatives

Updated on January 3, 2022

The March for Life in Washington D.C. is expected to proceed as scheduled on Friday, January 21, and this year's theme is **"Equality Begins in the Womb."** **HOWEVER, the Diocese of Youngstown's Department of Pastoral & Educational Services' Guidelines for Programming During COVID-19 stipulate that "With the understanding that the majority of children and teens have not been vaccinated, overnight trips continue to be strongly discouraged."**

EWTN is expected to televise the March for Life. For more information go to <https://marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/>.

Two Masses for Life Scheduled this January 2022

Each year in January we recall the infamous Supreme Court decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* that effectively legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States. Our diocese hosts two Masses for Life as a prayerful reminder that we "must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence." Bishop Bonnar will preside at the Masses for Life on:

✠ Tuesday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel at Walsh University, North Canton (2020 E. Maple St.), and

✠ Sunday, January 23, at 4:00 pm at St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown (154 W. Wood St.).

Each Mass for Life will include a Blessing of Children in the Womb and will be followed by a reception. All are welcome – no reservations needed. For more information contact 330-744-8451 ext.272 or dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

9 Days for Life – Wednesday, January 19 to Thursday, January 27, 2022

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life, surrounding the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions that effectively legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. For more information go to <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>.

CHANGED: **The National Prayer Vigil for Life** will take place from Thursday, January 20 through Friday, January 21 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The January 20 Opening Mass will begin at 5:30 p.m. (Eastern) and will be immediately followed by a 7:00-8:00 p.m. Holy Hour for Life, concluding the evening portion of the Vigil program. Both the Mass and Holy Hour will be televised live by EWTN so that millions can participate remotely. The following morning, the Closing Mass on January 21 will take place once again at the Basilica at 8:00 a.m. (Eastern), and will also be televised by EWTN.

The on-site prayer events at the Basilica will be open to the public. There is no longer a seating limit. No advance reservations are needed. No tickets are required. Everyone is welcome to attend any part of the Vigil program. As always, there is no reserved seating inside the Basilica for the public, and everyone will be accommodated on a first-come, first served basis. Please also note, due to the pandemic, that the Basilica will still be enforcing its [guidelines for entry](#) for individuals and groups attending the Vigil.

Additional information pertaining to clergy participation may be obtained by contacting 330-744-8451 ext. 272 or dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

Stark County Youth Alive 4 Life

Plans are underway for youth from parishes throughout Stark County to gather at St. Joseph Parish, Canton near the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision (January 22) that effectively legalized abortion on demand. Although not attending the March for Life in Washington D.C. this year, they will take time for learning, prayer, fun, fellowship, and possibly participating in some of the events in Washington through live streaming. For more information contact Deacon Randy Smith at rsmith@youngstowndiocese.org.

JUST ADDED: Mahoning County Right to Life Local Observance of the 49th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade: Friday, January 21, 1:30 p.m. in front of the Federal Building at the base of the Wick Ave. hill. For more information call 330-799-6160.

CHANGED: The Youth Rally and Mass for Life hosted by the Archdiocese of Washington has been changed to a virtual event this year. (Prior to the Covid pandemic, this event took place in the Capital One Arena with about 19,000 youth and adults present.) Details as to times and registration for the virtual event will be forthcoming. More information may be found at <https://youthrallyandmassforlife.org/>.

The Archdiocese of Washington has collaborated with the **University of Notre Dame's McGrath Institute** to published a series of **educational resources** for parishes, schools, and youth groups. These resources include:

1. An educational video series to prepare youth for the March for Life
2. In Service of Life and Dignity Toolkit (featuring a gifts discernment guide, lesson plans, infographics, and general information)
3. A spiritual sponsorship guide to help adult members of the community show support for youth as they seek to live out their pro-life values

<https://mcgrath.nd.edu/about/centers-initiatives-and-programs/life-human-dignity/march-for-life/>

Life is Very Good: The Diocese of Arlington, VA is again hosting events called "Life is VERY Good" at the EagleBank Arena, on the Campus of George Mason University, in Fairfax, VA, including an Evening of Prayer on Thursday, January 20 and a Morning Rally and Mass on Friday, January 21. This is an in-person event and at this time there are no plans to live-stream it. For more information, such as costs and times, go to <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry/life-is-very-good/>.

JUST ADDED: Geneva-Madison Knights of Columbus Council 5286 March for Life: 12:00 Noon until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 22. The march will commence at Assumption Church on Route 20 (W. Main St.) and Lockwood Street in Geneva. Marchers will assemble in the rear parking lot and proceed 1/2 mile to the Rotary Pavilion next to the Geneva Community Center on Rt. 20 (near the main intersection with Rt. 534). For those unable to march there is public parking behind the pavilion. We will stand on Rt. 20 for a period of time, weather depending, then march back to the church to hear a speaker and enjoy coffee and hot chocolate. Social distancing protocols will be maintained at all times.
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National Pro-Life Summit: Students for Life of America is again offering a large in-person conference the day after the March for Life on Saturday, January 22 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington D.C. At this time there are no plans to live-stream this event. For more, such as times and costs, information go to: <https://prolifesummit.com/>.

JUST CHANGED: 23rd Annual Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life: Georgetown University, Washington D.C., is again offering this conference the day after the March for Life on Saturday, January 22. **This event has just been changed to a virtual format.** For more information, such as times and costs, go to: <https://www.oconnorconference.com/>.

ADDED: Eucharistic Procession for Life: A diocesan wide Eucharistic procession for life will be held in January at St. Jude in Columbiana, for youth and young adults. Please contact Fr. Ryan Furlong at 330-744-8451 ext. 239 or rfurlong@youngstowndiocese.org for more details.

For more information on any of the above events, or to add events to this list, contact 330-744-8451 ext. 272 or dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.