

Lifelines... St. Francis Respect Life

October 7, 2012

October 7 Respect Life Sunday

Year of Faith begins October 11

Forty years ago the Catholic bishops in the United States designated October as Respect Life Month, and named the first Sunday of October as "Respect Life Sunday." Throughout October, Catholics are called in a special way to reflect on the gift of human life, the threats against it and how we can protect all persons from conception to natural death. Providentially, Pope Benedict XVI has declared a worldwide *Year of Faith*, beginning on October 11, 2012 and concluding on November 24, 2013. The Holy See calls each of us in this *Year of Faith* to study the teachings of the Church and to strengthen our personal relationship with our Lord. 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, and to embrace a time of penance and conversion. Above all, in this Respect Life Month and throughout the *Year of Faith*, may our parish 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.

Please join us for upcoming events sponsored by Respect Life as we recognize Respect Life Month and prayerfully recognize the upcoming 40th Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* on January 22, 2013.

Next Respect Life Event:

**St. Francis "Youth for Life" Convocation for All youth ages 13-21 who want to support the Culture of Life! Sunday, October 21st at 12:45 p.m. Location: St. Clare House
Pizza and Drinks provided**

R.I.P.

Nellie Jane Gray

MARCH FOR LIFE FOUNDER

June 24, 1924 - August 13, 2012

"a tireless warrior for the unborn" - Fr. Frank Pavone

"the Joan of Arc of the pro-life movement" - Cardinal Sean O'Malley

This Jan. 25th, 2013, we urge all parishioners and friends to join us as we march in Nellie's memory and honor by doing everything possible to protect and save the unborn children of this nation, to whom she devoted her life, and to finish the task she began by ending the scourge of abortion in America.

"no exceptions, no compromise" - Nellie Gray

Check out our website!

www.stfrancisparish.org/respectlife
including our Events Calendar

Respect Life Contacts:

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3rd Quarter Treasurer's Report

Respect Life Collection (August, 2012): \$2586.92

Outgoing: \$1900 for Camp Joshua
\$230.69 Mary's House ministry

Mary's House is in need of diapers, wipes, and parishioners willing to provide temporary housing to women in need. **Call Mary's House: 213-HOPE**
Kristi Walsh, Director Lisa Olshove, CoDirector

40 Days for Life -- see reverse for more details!

~Faith opens our eyes to human life in all its grandeur and beauty~