

March 10, 2024

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A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN

Why does the Church oppose in vitro fertilization? (Modified from: www.catholicscomehome.org.)

First: The Church teaches that human dignity is best respected when the beautiful sexual union of a married couple conceives a child. This does not happen when a human being is created in a laboratory. As the Catechism teaches: IVF dissociates the sexual act from the procreative act. The act which brings the child into existence is no longer an act by which a married couple give themselves to one another, but one that entrusts the life and identity of the embryo into the power of doctors and biologists. Only respect for the link between the meanings of the conjugal act and respect for the unity of the marital union make possible procreation in conformity with the dignity of the person. Second: Human life begins at conception. This is not just Church teaching, but science supports this claim. Modern genetics has established that a human being's DNA is created when the sperm fertilizes the egg. At this moment of conception, a unique identity of the human person is created. Unfortunately, in vitro fertilization does not fully respect this reality. For the process to be effective, several human embryos are created, and the overwhelming majority are destroyed in the process. It is also worth noting that in vitro fertilization is a process that is relatively ineffective (less than one-fourth of treatments are successful) and causes much physical pain to many women who undergo the IVF procedures.

So, does this mean that the Church essentially teaches that infertile couples cannot share in the great joy that is having children?

Absolutely not! The Catholic Church celebrates human life and the family more than any other institution in today's world. The Church recognizes that infertility is a great cross for couples to carry. The Church is a compassionate and loving Mother, and thus she encourages infertile couples to nonetheless try to form a family. There are millions of children in the United States and all over the world who dream of nothing more than to have parents. It is a great act of Christian charity, and one that brings much joy, to decide to adopt children. This does not mean, however, that the Church is against science in its efforts to help infertile couples. The Church is not against medical advancements that would help infertile couples as long as they do not interfere with God's vision of human sexuality and do not disrespect human life. For this reason, the Church is an enthusiastic supporter of NaPro TECHNOLOGY. This pioneering method, developed by world-renowned gynecologist Dr. Thomas Hilgers, allows physicians to diagnose the causes of fertility and help couples find a time when they can engage in intercourse with the greatest chance of getting pregnant. In fact, NaPro TECHNOLOGY is much more effective than in vitro fertilization, not to say much cheaper and safer. To learn more about NaPro TECHNOLOGY and find a doctor who will lead you through the process see: <https://fertilitycare.org/what-is-naprotechnology>.

Since the Church is against in vitro fertilization, does this mean that the Church sees children conceived this way as somehow worse or evil?

Absolutely not! The Church believes that every human life is a beautiful gift from God, even if the baby was not necessarily conceived in accordance with God's objective plan. For this reason, the Church celebrates life and is pro-life in the case of every pregnancy, regardless of how the baby was conceived.

I have tried in vitro fertilization – how do I get things right with God?

Our Church knows all of us are sinners, so it realizes that all ppl make decisions at times that are not in accordance with God's plan. Part of being a Catholic is to recognize that reality. We are blessed with the great gift of the Sacrament of Confession. God absolves us of our sins there and gives us a new chance to live a holy life. If you have done IVF, then we priests will help you there. Have a blessed week. Borrowed with permission from Rev. Richard Tomkosky.

ALTAR SERVERS

If you would like to be an altar server for Stations Fridays at 7PM during Lent, please talk with Fr. John or call the rectory 814-944-8509.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 25 thru March 31	Picture Directory Sign-Up Dates
March 17 April 10 - 12	Coffee & Sweets Sunday Picture Days for Parish Directory
May 1	Deadline for Cookbook Recipes
August 25	100th Anniversary Celebration

**ALTAR/ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DUES
PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR MEMBERSHIP
DUES IN YOUR REGULAR OFFERING ENVE-
LOPES. INSTEAD, PLEASE USE THE YELLOW
ENVELOPE MARKED SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS
PURPOSE. THANK YOU.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 10 - Third Sunday in Lent
 Wed. March 13 - 5:00-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary
 Thurs. March 14 - 6:00 p.m. Monica's Tears Adoration
 Fri. March 15 - 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross



Monday, March 11

8:30 a.m.
 †Vincent Engelman (Mary Engelman)
 7:00 p.m.
 For the Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, March 12

8:30 a.m.
 †Frank Massimilla (Pat & Linda Nagle)

Wednesday, March 13

8:30 a.m.
 †Rita Fields (Charlene & Tony Labriola)

Thursday, March 14

8:30 a.m.
 †Joe Dinardo (Ellen Rahm)

Friday, March 15

8:30 a.m.
 †Ron Brown (Janeen Nebelski)

Saturday, March 16

9:30 a.m.
 For the Intention of the Celebrant
 4:00 p.m.
 †Patricia Brown (John Brown & Family)

Sunday, March 17 Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m.
 Mass for the People
 10:30 a.m.
 †Nathan John Stehle (Mom & Brad & Paulette)

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING
February 25, 2024**

Regular	\$ 5,874.00	Loose	\$ 713.00
Children's	\$ 43.00	Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10.00
Ash Wed.	\$ 17.00	Easter Flowers	\$ 10.00
Parish Life	\$ 5.00	Black/Indian Mission	\$ 25.00
Cadlemas	\$ 10.00	Christmas Club	\$ 10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 12.00	Christmas	\$ 10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00	Total	\$6,749.00

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

To receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick due to upcoming surgery, medical procedures or serious illness, please come to the front pews after Mass & Father will anoint you.

40 Cans for Lent

For many families in our community, ongoing economic hardships have resulted in daily struggles to put food on their tables. Some people simply don't have enough food to eat and go to bed hungry. This year the St. Rose of Lima St. Vincent DePaul Conference will once again be joining our Parish's Knights of Columbus members in their "40 Cans for the 40 Days of Lent" program. We aspire to have each parishioner at St Rose of Lima contribute one can of food per day throughout the 40 days of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 14th and concluding on Holy Thursday, March 28th. Donations of canned food or dry goods can be placed in the donation box located in the vestibule of the Church. All donations will be delivered by March 28th. Each day of Lent we also ask you to say the following prayer at meal time for those needy individuals and families throughout the world. **Make us worthy, Lord, to serve those people throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands, this day, their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give them peace and joy. Amen** (Prayer for the Poor by St. Mother Teresa) Thank you and may God Bless You!

St. Rose Liturgy Schedule

Weekends
 Saturday 9:30 AM 4:00 PM
 Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Weekdays Tuesday through Friday 8:30 AM
 Monday 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM
Holy Day Vigil 4:00 PM
Holy Day 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM
Adoration Thursday after 8:30 AM Mass to 10:00 AM
 Thursday Evening 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Confessions Saturday at Noon, Monday at 6:00 PM or by appointment
 Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent 7:00 PM

**DEACON JIM'S "A MOMENT WITH OUR LADY"
March 10, 2024**

If we visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the same things that happened to Juan Diego can also happen to us. Let's look at the Blessed Mother from within our own sufferings, our own fear, hopelessness, sadness, and say to her, "What can I offer since I am not learned?" We should look at our Mother with eyes that reflect our thoughts: there are so many situations which leave us powerless, which make us feel that there is no room for hope, for change, or transformation... In looking at her, we will hear what she says to us once more, "What, my most precious little one, saddens your heart?" (Nican Mopohua, 107). "Yet am I not here with you, who have the honor of being your mother?" (ibid., 119). Mary tells us that she has "the honor" of being our mother, assuring us that those who suffer do not weep in vain. Those tears are a silent prayer rising to heaven, always finding a place in Mary's mantle. In her and with her, God has made himself our brother and companion along the journey; he carries our crosses with us so as not to leave us overwhelmed by our sufferings.

Men of God: Are you Irish Catholic? As we celebrate each March, Irish American Heritage Month, do you feel called to embrace more fully your Irish Culture and Catholic Faith? Then the A.O.H. is Looking for You! The Ancient Order of Hibernians is the Oldest, Largest Catholic Fraternal Organization in America. Now is your chance to become a member of a local AOH Division. If you are interested, please contact one of our division presidents: Our Johnstown Division: John Skelley (814) 525-2505 / JSkelley@atlanticbb.net or Our Altoona Division: Tom Halinan (814) 934-7940 / xcrunr1@yahoo.com

ANNUAL FISH DINNER MARCH 15 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF ST. JOSEPH CHURCH WILLIAMSBURG TAKE OUT ONLY 3:30—6:30 PM \$14.00 QUESTIONS CALL 814-599-1196.

**Scripture Readings
For the Week of March 10, 2024**

Monday

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR Sat, March 16th
St. Mary Church, Hollidaysburg. Teachings by Fr. Brad Baldwin, Msgr. Stan Carson, Mandy Conrad, Fr. David Dodd, Fr. Mike Pleva, Deacon Mike Anna, Dough Putchko & Dominic Tornatore. Praise & Worship, small group faith sharing & more. Donation \$25 Students free. Lunch & Dinner provided. Call 814-931-0192 or email holy spiritmiistry20@gmail.com. by 3/6/24

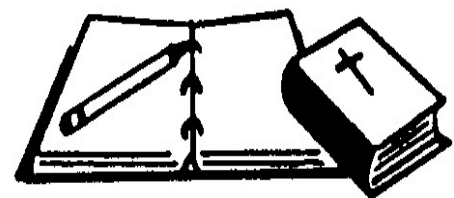
GARVEY MANOR COFRATERNITY OF THE BROWN SCAPULAR

This group meets on the **first Saturday of each month in the Chapel at Garvey Manor.** Rosary begins at 9:30 am, attend the 10:00 am Mass, then spiritual reflection led by Sister Jacinta under the loving protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Membership is open to any Catholic who would find it spiritually beneficial to be united with others in pursuit of holiness. Call Sister Jacinta (814) 695-5571

- March 10th Pillow Case Service Project
9:15 AM to 10:15 AM Mass Directly After
- March 17th Third Session for 11th Grade Public
and BG students
- March 17th Rite of Sending for Candidates and
Sponsors

PLEASE NOTE: THE 2024-25 RELIGIOUS CLASSES WILL BEGIN, AS ALWAYS, THE WEEKEND AFTER WILL BE HELD EVERY WEEK.

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE TEXT OR CALL YVONNE AT 814-330-2518



Religious Education News

LABOR DAY, SEPT. 8TH. CLASSES

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Saturday, March 16, 2024 4:00PM

John Donley *Lector*
Joe Maschue *Lector*

Mary Ann Eberhart *Eucharistic Minister*
Theresa Knob *Eucharistic Minister*

VOLUNTEER NEEDED Eucharistic Minister
VOLUNTEER NEEDED Server
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Sunday, March 17, 2024 8:00AM

Shawn Wesner *Lector*
Thomas Irwin III *Lector*

Elfrieda Beard *Eucharistic Minister*
Mary Lou Horton *Eucharistic Minister*

VOLUNTEER NEEDED Eucharistic Minister
Thomas Charlesworth *Server*
James Charlesworth *Server*

Sunday, March 18, 2024 10:30AM

Jeanette Fabbri *Lector*
Patrick Condrin *Lector*

Ron Skupien *Eucharistic Minister*
Mary Wiley *Eucharistic Minister*

Helen Miranda *Eucharistic Minister*
Nathan Breton *Server*
VOLUNTEER NEEDED Server

**St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference
Weekly Reflection for March 10 - Fourth Sunday of
Lent:**

In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime, quarter, or dollar is multiplied by coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

If you know of someone in need, please visit our website (<http://strosesvdp.org>) to inform us of their situation. We will do our best to help in any way we can. We encourage all parishioners to use our website to help us help those in need. Thank you!

Our Conference's next meeting is on March 13, 2024 at 6 pm. We will be meeting in the **St Rose Community Room.** Please contact **Dan Weaver at dweaver@Breezeline.net** for more information.

Night at the Races

Holy Trinity Catholic School

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Holy Trinity - Eldorado Gym

Doors Open 5:30 PM Dinner 6:00pm

Horses Races start at 7:00PM

Tickets are \$40.00 per person and includes food, drinks and ownership of one horse, jockey or trainer.

Stay after the races for an "after hours" get-together!

<https://stsgive.com/MOG2>

**AMERICAN CANCER-RELAY FOR LIFE
CHICKEN BAR-B-Q**

Saturday, March 23rd, supported by the Hollidaysburg Knights of Columbus. Diners are \$12.00 (1/2 chicken, baked beans, applesauce, roll and butter) and will be available for drive-thru pick-up from 11Am until 1PM at the Knights Hall at 324 Bedford Street, Hollidaysburg, Tickets are available from Relay for Life of Central Blair County participants or by contacting Dan Weaver at dweaver@breezeline.net and he will arrange to get tickets to you.

St. Rose of Lima Prayer List

It is a Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the sick. If you know of someone in the parish who is ill or has passed away and in need of prayers, please call the office (814-944-8509) or email Becky Reed at breed@dioceseaj.org to add their name to the prayer list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING and their caregivers and give thanks for those who have recovered. Lord we ask for your blessings and care for these and all people in need:

- Erma Anthony • Steve Anthony •
- Eileen Buxton • Matilda Capouellez • Richard J. Courtot, Sr. • Sarah Dietzel • Jared Dietzel • Syrenah Dietzel • Jeremy Dietzel •
- Frank & Rose Marie Fochler
- Ed Garlena • David Garman Family • Larry and Nancy Harker • Kelly & Carl Harris
- Housum Family • Donna Ivory
- Kelly Mullegan Kline • Patricia Kraft
- Carmie Maniglia • Michele • Mike Murphy
- Rose Nasralla • Mike Nazaruk & Family
- Nicole M • Jean Raugh • Antonio Recchia
- Joe and Carole Reilly • Scott and Heather Reimer • Alita Ricasoli • Ron Rodgers Beth Sanders
- Julia Scarfone • Ann Schreiber
- Jim Trexle • Mareo Washer • Webb Family •
- Linda Zakrzwski
- Mary Beth Zibilich • Carole Zonfrilli