

**Respect Life Meeting
January 5, 2016**

In attendance: Karen Kitchell, Jean and David Bushnell, Vicki and Edd Chinnock, Theresa Wessels, Maureen Patterson and Dianne Glaser

Christmas Caroling; About twenty carolers participated. Very enjoyable and residents seemed to like.

January: Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade: In our diocese

JANUARY 22 – RESPECT LIFE MASS - DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN The annual Respect Life Mass will be held on Friday, January 22, 2016, 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad Street, Columbus. Bishop Frederick Campbell celebrant. On this day of the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision Roe V. Wade, our diocese will join all dioceses of the United States in observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. All are invited to attend. For more information about the Church's teaching on pro-life issues, visit the U.S. Bishops' website at www.usccb.org/prolife or contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

JANUARY 22 – ROE REMEMBRANCE AT OHIO STATEHOUSE (OUTDOORS)

Greater Columbus Right to Life will sponsor the 43rd Annual Roe Remembrance event on Friday, January 22, at the Ohio Statehouse. The hour-long program will begin at Noon and be held outdoors. Due to Statehouse security restrictions, no signs or banners are permitted inside of the Statehouse. For additional information, please visit Greater Columbus Right to Life online at www.gctrl.org. Please note. Last year this was indoors because of extreme cold.

Holy Hour for Life: January 15, 6 PM in the Adoration Chapel. Deacon Hector has graciously agreed to lead this. Please come to pray for and end to abortion and for deeper respect for all Human Life. Thanks to Beth Thompson and Deacon Hector this will be in the bulletin this weekend.

Candle prayer at all Masses, Jan 16,17. Please volunteer if you can. We still need one reader at 8 AM Mass.

Readers so far:

5PM Mass John Zang
8 AM Mass open
9:30 AM Edd Chinnock
11:15 AM David Bushnell

So far the Zang family is covering the 5 PM Mass

Candles:

5 PM members of Zang family
8AM need reader and 5 candle bearers
9:30 AM Vicki, 4 more needed
11:15 AM Wayne and Maureen, Jean Bushnell, 2 more needed

I would like to give a completed list to Father Jim by Monday. Thanks Theresa, for taking the lead on this.

March for Life: letters to our parish youth who are participating in the March for Life. Maureen shared the list of those attending the March. We had previously decided to write support letters. If you would like to volunteer to write letters please let Maureen know. Edd will contact Tina Bowie to ask her to present the letters to attendees of the March.

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| Kateri Hoverman | Diane Glasser will write |
| Tara Bowie | Theresa |
| Hannah Thompson | Karen |
| Rosa Robertson Perez David | |
| Sarah Oboy | Maureen |
| Chaperones | |

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| Tina Bowie | Vicki |
| Barb Serrano | Edd |
| Kim Wheeler | Jean |
| Dave Oboy | Vicki |

Please give your letters to Maureen by Sunday January 16. She will make sure all have letters and pass them on to Tina. Thanks Maureen, for taking the lead on this.

40 Days for Life, Feb 10-March 20. The pray vigil will once again take place at Founders Clinic on East Broad during lent. It was suggested that Seton adopt March 19, the feast of St. Joseph, for our day to pray at the clinic. Would someone please volunteer to coordinate this for our parish? I will be out of town.

Diocesan Respect Life Conference is Saturday, March 5, 2016, at St. Joseph Church, 670 W. Main Street, Plain City. The theme is *Being Pro-Life in the Year of Mercy*. Keynote speaker is Fr. Kevin Lutz. Other speakers will cover the spectrum of care and concern promoting the dignity of human life. Conference 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration is \$20 which includes lunch. To register, please send a check payable to the Office for Social Concerns, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus, Ohio 43215. For details, call (614) 241-2540 or email at socmailbox@colsdio.org.

Praying at the clinic: Diane Vincent, from Greater Columbus Right to Life, is looking for people to pray at the clinics when Sidewalk counselors are there. Founders on Broad has become a thriving business when it is opened. The counselors want/need prayer back up.

Abortion statistics

From Beth Vonderkoi, Director of Greater Columbus Right to Life: "I would like to thank you all for joining us to pray for life. Since we started our first campaign, we have seen two of Columbus' four abortion clinics close or quit performing abortions. We have seen abortion numbers decline dramatically - there were nearly 2500 fewer abortions in 2014 than in 2007, and we can estimate that nearly 10,000 unborn children have been saved from abortion (assuming figures had held steady at 2007 rates). We have no doubt that a large part of that dramatic decline is because of your prayers and your work in the community. We have also seen that since last fall's campaign at Founder's we have seen the clinic go from being open 5-6 days per week to being open 2-3 days per week. Most importantly, we've met the precious unborn children whose mothers turned away because of our efforts."

Next Meeting: Feb. 2