

St. Mary's Church

*Cordially invites you and your family
to share in our*

Mass of Remembrance

Thursday, November 2, 2017
7:00 pm

*Join us as we remember our loved ones.
The names of our loved ones will be recited
by Deacon Tom Shea and a keepsake candle will be given to each
family.*

-All Are Welcome-

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Please fill out and detach this response sheet and place in the collection baskets by
October 29th.

Name _____ Number of Attendees _____

Loved one(s) to be remembered _____

PRO LIFE CORNER

In 1994, Saint Teresa of Kolkata during the National Prayer Breakfast said:

“Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.... I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?”

Adoption: The Loving and Caring Option

In the U.S., there are approximately two million couples waiting to adopt. Clearly, this is absolutely tragic. Many good, loving families are waiting throughout our nation for a baby whom they want to cherish, value, and raise for the rest of that baby's life. Instead of babies going to these families, they go into a trash heap or down a garbage disposal, victims of abortion.

Adoption—especially the adoption of a newborn baby—almost always involves a loving, excited couple who have dreamed for years of holding and caring for their own special treasure.

Do mothers considering abortion realize that families actually go on waiting lists to adopt newborn babies? Do they realize that some couples wait years to adopt the baby they've desperately waited to hold in their arms? Do mothers realize how many experienced parents with wisdom, resources, and plenty of love are reaching out to adopt another child—no matter his or her race, gender, or disability?

We need to let mothers know that they can handpick their babies' adoptive families. They can choose an open adoption, where they see their babies at certain times throughout the year. They can choose a partially open adoption, where they receive photos and updates about their children's lives. Or they can choose a closed adoption and give their babies completely over to their adoptive families. We must let expectant mothers know that adoption is the loving, caring option.

"Some people argue that changing laws will not eliminate abortions. It is certainly true that a change of heart is more important than a change of law. What is forgotten, however, is that the law is the great teacher. Children grow up believing that if a practice is legal, it must be moral."

—Cardinal John O'Connor

A "Difficult Choice"

Advocates of abortion often refer to the decision to have an abortion as a "difficult choice."

Why is it a difficult choice? The reason is very simple and obvious. We all know that the unborn child is a person growing inside the mother's womb. So, of course, it is "difficult". Choosing to terminate the life of another human being is a "difficult choice".

If the unborn child was not a person, what would be so difficult about choosing to end his or her life? Is killing a cancer growing inside your body a "difficult choice"? Of course not.

Dehumanizing the child is a vital strategy used by pro-abortionists to disguise the "difficult choice" that is being made. The baby is made to appear like the invading "blob of tissue"—like a cancerous growth.

Why do we allow such deceit and victimization of the pre-born? Can you find a more innocent or vulnerable human being than a precious baby boy or girl inside his/her mother's womb?

Anti-Catholicism and Abortion

You do not have to be Catholic (or even religious) to know that medical and scientific evidence confirms that what grows in a mother's womb is a new, distinct human being. Moreover, everyone can understand that each human being—without discrimination—merits dignity and respect. At the very least, respecting human life must exclude the deliberate and direct destruction of life—and that is exactly what abortion is.

However, the fact is that no institution has stood up against the abortion industry more than the Catholic Church. The Church has consistently and will continue to teach that abortion is evil, whether its words are popular or unpopular, politically correct or incorrect, because the "values" of different cultures may change from time to time, but the truth does not change.

Pro-abortionists disparage Catholicism because it is the bulwark against abortion, just as the communists vilified Catholicism because it was a bulwark against communism.

Bernard Nathanson, a renowned and reformed abortionist, admitted that demonizing the Catholic Church was a specific tactic of the pro-abortion movement. He stated, *"We systematically vilified the Catholic Church and its 'socially backward ideas'.....We fed the media such lies as 'we all know that opposition to abortion comes from the hierarchy and not from most Catholics'.....and that Catholics in favor of abortion are enlightened and forward looking".*

What is even more disturbing about Nathanson's statement is that the pro-abortion propaganda fed to the mainstream media is uncritically accepted by it.