

# Respect Life February 2022

*"I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse.  
Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live..."  
Deuteronomy 30:19*

## **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3 MARYLAND MARCH FOR LIFE**

We encourage you to be a voice for the vulnerable by participating in the Maryland March for Life in Annapolis on this day. Please join the family-friendly, peaceful, prayerful witness in Annapolis!

Join pro-life Marylanders who march for the defense and protection of vulnerable human lives. Life is worth protecting! We will meet on Lawyers Mall at 5 p.m. for a rally and vigil for LIFE with dynamic speakers like Toni McFadden, Terrisa Bukovinac, and more!

Please visit [www.mdmarchforlife.com](http://www.mdmarchforlife.com) for details.

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## **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE**

We invite you to join us for the Holy Hour for Life during Eucharistic Adoration from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Little Church.

We invite people of all ages to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, sing songs of praise, listen to teens and children read prayers/scripture verses, and pray all will respect the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

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## **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5 PARTICIPATE IN ROSARY WALK**

The Legion of Mary and the Respect Life Committee invite you to a rosary walk. We will meet in front of the Sacred Heart Little Church at 10 a.m., and then we will pray a rosary as we process behind a statue of Our Lady of Fatima while walking around the neighborhoods surrounding our church. We pray all will respect the sacred gift of life from conception to natural death, for peace in our world and special intentions.

## **ST. VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

We invite you to share Christ's love with the senior citizens at Future Care Cherrywood Nursing Home by making St. Valentine's Day cards for them. Please drop off the cards at the Parish Center by Thursday, February 10. Please contact Denise Blair-Nellies at 443-547-4634 if you have questions. Thank you.

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## **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 ROSARY FOR LIFE/RESPECT LIFE PLANNING MEETING -**

We invite you to pray a virtual rosary for life (6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.) and participate in the virtual Respect Life planning meeting (7 p.m. to 8 p.m.) on Tuesday, Feb. 15. We welcome you to join us in planning ways we can spread awareness for respect for the sacred gift of life from conception to natural death. Please email Denise Blair-Nellies at [bill.nellies@gmail.com](mailto:bill.nellies@gmail.com), by Feb. 14, so she can send the zoom link to your email, or call Denise at 443-547-4634 for information.

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## **THANK YOU FROM THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE FOR CARDS FOR RESIDENTS AT FUTURE CARE CHERRYWOOD NURSING HOME**

The Respect Life Committee thanks all who made "Jesus Loves You" cards for the residents of Future Care Cherrywood Nursing Home during the month of January. Your gift of time and talent reminded the senior citizens of Christ's everlasting love for them.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
PRAYERFUL SING-A-LONG**

"Sing to the Lord a new song..." (Psalm 96:1)

We invite people of all ages to join us for songs, prayers, fellowship, and refreshments at the Respect Life Prayerful Sing Along from 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. in the Music Room. We invite you to bring a donation for the Center for Pregnancy Concerns (e.g. diapers, wipes, baby shampoo, etc.)

Child care is provided. Children will make pictures for senior citizens, play games, and then join us for songs, fellowship, and snacks. Please call Denise Blair-Nellies at 443-547-4634 for more information.

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**MESSAGE FROM YOUR FOUR MONTH OLD  
SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED BABY**

I'm bigger and stronger now. I'm about 6 inches long and I weigh 4 ounces. When mommy goes to the doctor, she can even listen to my heartbeat! I hope that one day I will run and play with friends like you. Thank you for praying for me.

Love,  
your spiritually adopted baby

Did you know?

Your little four month old spiritually adopted baby now weighs six ounces. She has fingernails and eyelashes. She has her own unique fingerprints, which will remain the same until she dies. Her taste buds are working. Her sense of hearing is developing and present at 14 weeks. There are no major developments anymore. At this month rapid eye movements (REMs) can be detected — a sign of dreaming. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. All she needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong. What a miracle she is! Please keep praying so she can fulfill her dreams.

**Entrustment of the Cause of Life**

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world,  
Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life  
Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born,  
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,  
of men and women who are victims of brutal violence,  
of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.  
Grant that all who believe in your Son  
may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love  
to the people of our time.  
Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel  
as a gift ever new,  
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude  
throughout their lives  
and the courage to bear witness to it  
resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will,  
the civilization of truth and love,  
to the praise and glory of God,  
the Creator and lover of life.

-- Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* (1995)