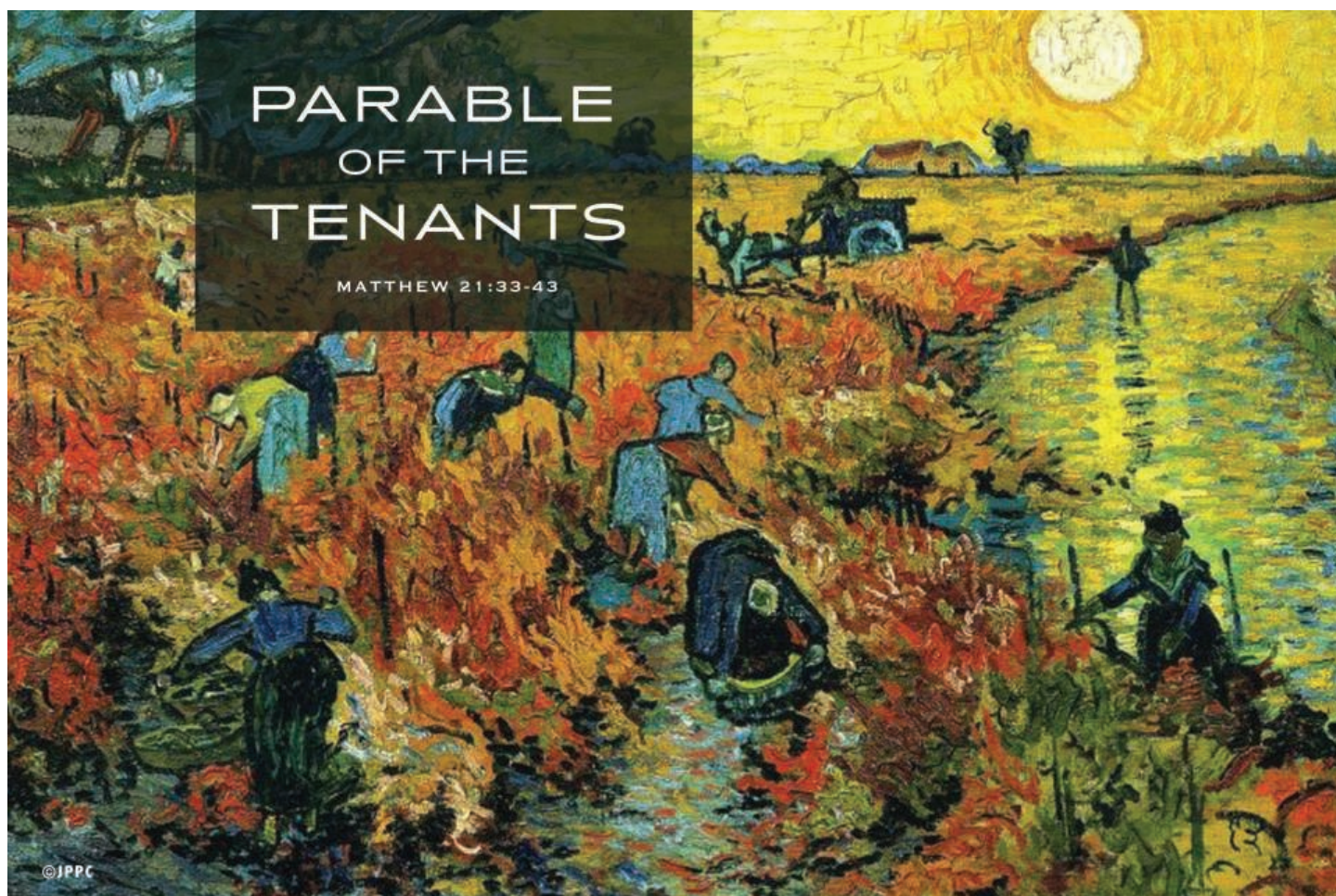


St. John's Catholic Church

619 Chestnut Street, Lakehurst, New Jersey



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8, 2023

St. John's Catholic Church

619 Chestnut Street

Lakehurst, NJ 08733

SERVED BY

Rev. James F. O'Neill, Pastor
Msgr. Elso Introini, retired priest
Msgr. Richard A. Rusconi, retired priest
Rev. George Deutsch, retired priest
Rev. Andrew Zmarlicki, retired priest
Steve Aiello, Business Manager
David Shirley, Music Director
Mary Ann Dempkowski, Dir. of Religious Education
Linda Olsen, Parish Secretary

PARISH OFFICE

Monday to Friday: 8:30 AM to 3 PM

Main Office: 732-657-6347

e-mail: office@stjohnlakehurst.com

Religious Education Office: 732-657-2348

EMERGENCIES

- 1) For shelter, food, clothing, and financial assistance, call and leave a message with our St. Vincent de Paul conference at 732-657-6359.
- 2) For other emergencies during office hours, call the parish office at 732-657-6347.
- 3) Outside of office hours for the Anointing of the Sick or to schedule a funeral, call 732-930-1690.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Our parish covers Lakehurst, a small part of Jackson, and the eastern half of Manchester. We are a community of Catholics in this world helping each other on the way to Heaven. Families moving into or out of our parish are asked to call the Main Office to update your registration.

WEBSITE & LIVESTREAMING

stjohnlakehurst.com

Our website contains more information about our parish, old bulletins, the eight most recent Flocknote messages, and a link to our livestreaming YouTube channel. We livestream most liturgies.

FLOCKNOTE

Fr. Jim writes Flocknote e-mails to the parish usually on Mondays and Fridays. RE parents receive updates via Flocknote. Sign-up at stjohnlakehurst.flocknote.com

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Confessions

Saturday: 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM

Sunday Mass

Saturday at 4 PM & 6 PM

Sunday at 8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 Noon

Church Open for Private Prayer

Monday through Friday: 7:30 AM to 4 PM

Saturday: 7:30 AM to 7 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM to 1 PM

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Daily Mass, Monday through Saturday

8 AM with Rosary at 7:35 AM

Miraculous Medal Novena after Monday Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday: 2-7 PM (except holidays)

Confessions

Monday: 2-4 PM and 6-7 PM (except holidays)

Holy Hour and Confessions

Friday: 3-4 PM

Chapel Open for Private Prayer

Monday through Friday: 7:30 AM to 3 PM

Saturday: 7:30 AM to 8:45 AM

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements. Baptisms are usually celebrated on the 2nd & 4th Sundays at 1 PM.

WEDDINGS

The Sacrament of Matrimony requires a time of spiritual preparation. The couple should contact the Main Office one year before the date of marriage.

FUNERALS

Families usually work with funeral homes who then contact the office to schedule funerals. Our Resurrection Team will contact the next-of-kin to plan the funeral including the readings and hymns.

COMMUNION CALLS

Call the Main Office to request Holy Communion for the homebound.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parents are the first and foremost educators of their children. Our RE program assists you. We have classes for K through 8 that meet on Wednesday afternoon & evening and Saturday morning. Call the RE office or visit our website to learn more.

**Saturday, October 7th**

4:00 PM Anna M. Martin (birthday rem.)
Charles & Barbara Cipriano
(65th wedding anniv. rem.)
6:00 PM Donald DiPasquale
Joseph Pompetti

Sunday, October 8th, 27th Sunday in OT

8:00 AM Anna Circchini (anniv. rem.)
Joseph Signorile (1st anniv. rem.)
10:00 AM Delice Chibbaro (birthday rem.)
Sean O'Brien
12:00 PM Christopher Stefano
Gregory Lamanna

Monday, October 9th, Ss. Denis & John Leonardi

8:00 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, October 10th

8:00 AM Patrick McNulty (1st anniv. rem.)
Frank Muniz (birthday rem.)

Wednesday, October 11th, St. John XXIII

8:00 AM Emma O'Connor (alive-21st birthday int.)
Robert Sokol

Thursday, October 12th

8:00 AM Lillian Kohler

Friday, October 13th

8:00 AM Bill Montross (birthday rem.)

Saturday, October 14th, St. Callistus I

8:00 AM Joseph Ribaudo
4:00 PM Robert Morse (33rd anniv. rem.)
Joseph Bilotta (1st anniv. rem.)
6:00 PM William (BT) Thompson
Donald DiPasquale

Sunday, October 15th, 28th Sunday in OT

8:00 AM Katia Giorgio
Christopher Vranka
10:00 AM Sean O'Brien
Sean O'Brien
12:00 PM Josephine Noto
Jim & Arline Terzek (67th wedding anniv)

CANDLES for October 8th-October 14th**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

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SACRED HEART

In loving memory
Leo Donoughe

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In loving memory
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ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers may be purchased for any occasion. If you are placing an order, please do so 2 weeks in advance by calling Loretta Schuck of the Rosary Altar Society at 848-333-0436. Thank you for your participation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially:

Week 1: Anna Buys, Captain Vincent Manco, Joanne Wright

Week 2:

Week 3: Deloris Bodner

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE DECEASED:

Gabriel Amoroso, Robert Braadt, Joan Fitzgerald, Patricia Slattery

PLEASE PRAY for all our parishioners and friends who are serving in the military, as well as our police, firefighters, first responders:

CPL George Daly IV	W5 Darren S. Kesty
LTC Kenneth R. Dougher II	LCPL Jacob C. Kesty
AC1 Megan Downes USN	Major Corey J. Smith
Spec. Corinne McGrath	CW5 Thomas Oroho
SPC Brian McNichol	Capt. Meghan Oroho
CPO Michael M. Miehle	Tech. Sgt. Corey Hall
Tech. Sgt. Megan Hall	AMN Joshua Cipriano
A1C Cheyenne Thomas	LTJG Gregory Gaskel

Financial News

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Envelope giving	\$10,526
Online giving	\$1,170
Loose Cash	\$1,130
Total October 1, 2023	\$11,826

October 7, 2022 \$12,179

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Thank you for financially supporting our parish! We have several ways for you to donate. For Sunday Masses, baskets are at the three entrances inside the church. We also have a drop box at the main entrance of the Parish Center. You can donate online at our website, stjohnlakehurst.com or mail your contributions to:

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619 Chestnut St.
Lakehurst, NJ 08733

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The final outreach for the 2023 Annual Appeal arrived in homes last week. Thank you to those who have made a gift to get our parish to 82% percent of goal! If you would like to make a gift to help our parish reach goal please respond to the mailing or fill out a pledge card found at the entrances to the church - every gift helps! Plus, when we reach our goal, we receive 15% of funds received to goal, and 50% of funds received over goal back for parish needs. This additional support enhances our services, programs, and facilities. Thank you for your consideration!

For more information, see
<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal>

Parish News

COLUMBUS DAY SCHEDULE

Our parish office and church will be closed on Monday, October 9th, in observance of Columbus Day. We will have daily Mass in the chapel at 8 AM and the usual prayers before and after. The chapel

will be closed the rest of the day. Confessions and Exposition are canceled.

RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

For those considering becoming Catholic or are in need of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, our sessions begin Sunday, September 24th at the 10:00 AM Mass until December 17th. On January 6th, we will change to the 9:00 AM Mass. For more details contact Joe Pittarelli at 732-323-8469.

ROSARY RALLY

We invite you to join in a Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 14th, at 12 noon outside the front of the rectory by the Blessed Mother statue. This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of over 20,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on that day. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States. Will you be able to join us and other Catholics on that very important day?



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

TIME TO REGISTER

Registration is still open for Religious Education classes for the 2023-2024 school year. To register, visit <https://www.stjohnlakehurst.com/re>

Click on "Re-registration" if your child/children attended classes last year. If your child/children has not yet attended class at St. John's, please click on "New registration."

Please register ASAP. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Dempkowski at 732-657-2348.

Parish Ministries

Contact Joe Pittarelli when you see him, or in the office, or at 732-323-8469 for information about distributing Holy Communion at Mass, in a nursing home, or to a loved one at home. He's also the person to contact for ushers, lectors, and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Here's a list of other groups at St. John's:

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

General Meeting

Our next meeting of the Rosary Altar Society will be held on Monday, October 9th at 11:30AM for recitation of the rosary followed by noon Mass celebrated by Msgr. Rusconi.

At this meeting we will be inducting our board members and new members into our organization. All are welcome to attend (**men** and women alike).

Bread for Life Campaign

October 21st & 22nd

SAVING LIVES ONE LOAF AT A TIME

Through our monthly bread and baked goods sale proceeds will benefit respect life efforts to assist mothers in need.

As always if ANYONE would be interested in BAKING we would be most happy and grateful for your participation and look forward to your delicious goods!!! Please let us now if you would be interest by contacting us before our next campaign.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS OPEN MEETING

Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting every Monday night from 8:00 to 9:00 pm all are welcome. If you, or someone you know has a problem with alcohol, or needs to learn more about AA, you are welcome to come and hear our experience, strength, and hope.

AL-ANON

Are you troubled by someone else's drinking? Al-Anon meets every Friday at 1 PM in the Parish Center. All are welcome. For more information call 888-944-5678.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St. John's Church is happy to offer a Bereavement Support Group for those who are grieving a recent loss. This is a Christ-centered support group offering a caring, compassionate, and confidential environment in which to verbalize your feelings. Our next session will begin on October 11, 2023 and continue for 6 weeks. For registration and details, contact Anna Reuther at 732-657-6613 or Barbara Williams at 732-581-8817.

COLUMBIETTES

Come join this wonderful group of Catholic women who support the people in need in our community and around the world. We work with the Knights of Columbus, but you need not be married to or related to a Knight to join. Work with us to help others! If you or someone you know would like more information, please call our new President, Linda Olsen at 848-223-2605. We meet once a month on Wednesdays. Our next meeting is October 11th at 1PM.

WINGS AND A PRAYER

We are looking for volunteers to help with the store when we move it to the church hall. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer.

CURSILLO ULTREYA

"Cursillo Ultreya" is part of the Trenton Cursillo Movement, a movement within the Catholic Church. It proposes no new type of spirituality, but simply a method through which one's spirituality may be developed, lived & shared, encouraging a close relationship with Christ.

We will meet on October 19th at 1 PM. If you have any question please contact David & Alice Riggio @ 732-323-0216 or Barbara Cipriano @ 732-323-8878.



SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

We meet on Tuesdays, 10:30 AM—12:00 Noon, in the Parish Center and attend the 4 PM Mass on Saturdays. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Blake at 732-773-4321.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12940

When a husband, father, son, or brother joins the Knights, he joins the largest Catholic family service fraternal organization in the world.

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Please contact Council 12940 for more information and discuss any questions you may have. Call the Grand Knight, Mike Varrone directly at 646-996-6253 or our deputy, Chris Olsen at 848-223-2606.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus St. John's Council 12940 invites you to join us for a fundraiser pancake breakfast at Applebee's in Manchester on Saturday, October 14th from 8-10 AM. The tickets are \$12.00 per person and include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, juice or soda. For tickets, please contact Tim Sammy at 732-657-1110, Sue Aucoin at 732-551-8234, or Al Ruth at 732-657-3333, or you may pay at the door.

Serious About Serious Things

We must be suspicious when we ourselves or others use religion for appearances or to achieve selfish goals. This is sacrilege and an offense against God. It is an offense against God to lie. Saying you are Christian but then trashing, destroying, sounding off, and the like are deplorable behaviors. Machiavelli's book *The Prince*, is dead wrong. Christ taught us: "what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his sole?" (Mark 8:34-38)



In 1532, Nicolo Machiavelli's book *The Prince* was published after his death five years earlier. The book explained how a new prince might establish and keep power. Published with the approval of Pope Clement VII, the work was revolutionary. It said all the things powerful people did but would never admit to. This "how-to" leadership guide said, "do whatever you must to attain power". Machiavelli believed "the ends justify the means". A prince

should have a greater desire to create fear than to earn love. A new prince must establish himself through any means to gather people, conquer lands, and own institutions. Enemies must be wiped out so there is not possibility of revenge. This list goes on, but you get the gist.

Today many politicians and leaders practice such ideas—especially regarding religion. Machiavelli wrote that religion is good for the state...it gives people a rallying point and controls them. He wrote that the prince must do whatever he can to support the Church and give every appearance of being religious himself. HOWEVER, the prince should never actually be religious. According to Machiavelli, putting religious teachings into practice was a weakness and delayed success. A prince should only keep his word to suit his purposes but do his utmost to maintain the illusion of keeping his word. Machiavelli advises the ruler to become a "great liar and deceiver". He justifies this by saying that men are wicked and never keep their words, thus leaders don't have to keep theirs. As Machiavelli noted in chapter 15, a prince must appear to be virtuous to hide his actions, and he should be able to be otherwise as needed; this includes being able to lie, yet as much as he lies, he should always appear truthful.

Religion is not a game or a weapon. It is wrong to claim to be a Christian and not practice Christianity. It is an offense against God to lie. Machiavelli was totally wrong.

To repeat from above, Christ teaches: what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul? (Mark 8:34-38) We must be serious about serious things, and it doesn't get any more serious than claiming to be one thing but acting like something else. Pray that God saves elected leaders along with us all.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

As the economy continues to struggle, the list of our needs is always changing. Please see the new revised list below. We would appreciate that you donate these items only. We purchase these if they aren't donated so it would be a great help!

Sugar free Items: jams, jellies, pancake syrup, etc.
Fruit: canned lite, all varieties

Apple Sauce
 Coffee-canned
 Tea bags
 Pasta Sauce: i.e.: Francesco Rinaldi, Ragu etc.
 Pasta: Boxed except spaghetti & elbow macaroni.
 We get these from Fulfill.
 Hearty Soups: i.e., Progresso, Campbells Chunky etc.
 Cereal for kids: sugary. We get non-sugar cereals from Fulfill
 Pasta: Canned i.e., Ravioli, Beefaroni, etc.

NOTE: we no longer need laundry detergent. We have found a charity that supplies this to us!

NOTE: Food can be dropped in the blue bin in the church hall any time the church is open.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT place frozen or refrigerated food in the Blue Bin. Please bring to the pantry Monday mornings from 9 to 11 AM when we are open.



We thank you as always for your generosity, and God bless you. Thanks to everyone at St. Johns for your continued generosity. This helps us to help our neighbors!

St John's Food Pantry, Volunteer Staff

Respect Life News

NJ RIGHT TO LIFE

NJ Right to Life will be selling raffle tickets after all Masses the weekend of October 14th and 15th. Prizes consist of a Volvo automobile and Shop Rite gift cards. We thank you for your support of this deserving charity.

RESPECT LIFE NOVENA

The Respect Life Novena begins on October 13th. The Novena can be found going to <https://www.usccb.org/resources/respect-life-month-novena>

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Our next meeting is October 6th at 3 PM as we pray for greater respect for all human life during our parish holy hour. Afterward at 4 PM, we will meet in the church hall. We will hear reports from members about other parish groups' respect life activities.

See Our Carriage to Hold Needs for "Moms & Babies in Need"

The Respect Life Committee is collecting toiletries for Birthright and Open Door located in Toms River. Please place your donations in the "Carriage Container" in the church hall. In need of:

- ◆ Powder
- ◆ Lotion
- ◆ Shampoo
- ◆ Baby soap
- ◆ Diaper rash cream
- ◆ Vaseline
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radical solidarity

In the Gospel of John, shortly before he is to suffer his Passion, Jesus proclaims to his disciples: *"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another"* (Jn 13:34). And it is love for one another that Jesus says will be the identifying characteristic of his disciples.

The Church's entire social doctrine is guided by the fundamental principle that every human life has innate dignity and incomparable value: "Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives."¹ As disciples of Christ, we are called to make a sacrificial gift of ourselves for the sake of our neighbor, for "to love someone is to desire that person's good and to take effective steps to secure it."²

Fulfilling Christ's command to love one another takes shape in our practice of solidarity. Solidarity is the means by which we put our love for others into action, making the good of others our own. Solidarity "is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people... On the contrary, it is a firm and

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commandment: love one
another. As I have loved
you, so you also should
love one another."**

John 13:34

persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good...to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all."³

In reaction to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, some areas of the country now protect the child in the womb, while others are doing all they can to increase access to abortion. At this critical moment, we have been entrusted with new *opportunities* and new *responsibilities* to build a civilization of authentic love. Our culture claims to offer women so-called "choice," but ultimately abandons mothers to make tragic and painful decisions alone. We must lead the way in showing the alternative: *"In firmly rejecting 'pro-choice' it is necessary to become courageously 'pro woman,' promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women. ... The only honest stance,*



in these cases, *is that of radical solidarity with the woman*. It is not right to leave her alone.”⁴

Experience shows that when a mother is supported, “she is even capable of heroism.”⁵ Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their

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preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own.

Radical solidarity “refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a *new mindset*.”⁶ A culture of radical solidarity “gets involved by word and deed in people’s daily lives... and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others.”⁷ We each have our particular gifts, role, and obligation within the Body of Christ to help build a culture of life. We must honestly ask ourselves, “What radical, out-of-the-ordinary, actions have I taken to help a pregnant or parenting mother in need, or to proactively contribute to a culture of life in some other way?”

Inspired by Christ’s own example of love, may we “enter fully into the fabric of society, sharing the lives of all, listening to their concerns, helping them materially and spiritually in their needs, rejoicing with those who rejoice, weeping with those who weep.”⁸ May we work together to bring about a culture of life through radical, sacrificial, Christ-like love.

To learn more about the call to radical solidarity—including ways that you can help support pregnant and parenting women in your community—visit respectlife.org/radical-solidarity.



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1 Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*), no. 274.

2 Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in veritate* (*Charity in Truth*), no. 7.

3 Pope John Paul II, *Sollicitudo rei socialis* (*On Social Concern*), no. 38.

4 Pope John Paul II, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, p. 207.

5 Pope John Paul II, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, p. 207.

6 Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*), no. 188.

7 Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*), no. 24.

8 Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*), no. 269.



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