

## **Caring for the Sick and Homebound.**

Twice a year we provide a light lunch following the Anointing Masses. The anointing of the sick unites the sick person to the passion of Christ for his own good and that of the whole church, giving strength, peace and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age and the forgiveness of sins as the priest anoints with oil the forehead and hands of the sick person. We also visit 2 nursing homes and invite the youth of our parish to join us. Last year the Faith Formation classes made Valentines for us to deliver to nursing home residents and they really brightened their days. We also visit some people who are home-bound.



Butterflies are a symbol of life. We will be planting a butterfly garden in the fall. We hope all will enjoy it.

**Additional information: life saving contacts for those in crisis pregnancies**

<b>Birthchoice</b>	<b>1-919-781-5433</b>
<b>Catholic Charities</b>	<b>1-910-251-8130</b>
<b>Mama J's</b>	
<b>Helping Hand</b>	<b>1-910-327-1302</b>
<b>Project Rachel</b>	<b>1-919-852-1021</b>
<b>Post Abortion Ministry</b>	

## **St. Jude the Apostle & St. Mary Gate of Heaven Pro-Life Ministry**

*Life Issues are the central social justice issues of our times. Pope Paul VI said, "If you want peace, work for Justice"; Pope John Paul II said, "If you want justice, defend life."*

**The Pro Life Committee meets monthly  
on the 3rd Thursday at 10:15 AM**

**For more information please call**

**Anne Allocco...270-6170  
or  
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## Events

March for Life: is held in January in Raleigh, Wilmington, NC. and Washington, DC. This is an annual event and all are invited to participate. The dates will be advertised in the bulletin.

Wilmington Life Chain: this is an annual event held throughout the country on the first Sunday in October. In Wilmington we stand on College Rd at a designated spot from 2:30 to 3:30 PM. It is a silent, peaceful, prayerful vigil to which all are invited. We especially encourage the youth of our parish and their families to attend.



### Outreach to support life

### Baby Bottle Collection

Our baby bottle collection is an annual event whereby empty bottles are presented to our parish family who generously fill them with cash and checks. Last year we realized \$956.00 which was gratefully received by Catholic Charities who provide services and supplies to women and children in need.

## Prayers and Vigils

40 Days for Life: are observed in the spring and fall. You may log on to [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com) for the next scheduled date and for daily devotional readings and other information. .

Genacles for Life Rosary: is prayed every Thursday after 9 AM Mass and all are invited.

Unborn Baby Rosary: please see the booklet and order sheet.



Pray for Our Military: we honor our military men and women by praying for them and we also sponsor a lunch/social for the military spouses twice a year. In addition, we clip coupons for the benefit of Wounded Warriors Project.

Prayer vigils at the Wilmington Abortion clinic are held weekly from 9 to 10AM. These are also silent prayer vigils.

## Honoring Mothers and Fathers

### Mothers Day

We honor Mary and all our mothers on this day. A mother is the truest friend we have. When trials and heavy burdens fall upon us, when friends desert us, when troubles come our way, our Heavenly Mother is always there to bring peace back to our hearts. Some of our activities to honor our earthly mothers have been distributing Precious Feet pins and carnations. This year we joined the Catholic Daughters in the grotto praying the Rosary and singing Mary hymns.

### Father's Day

We honor our fathers by sponsoring a baby shower which ends on Fathers Day. The proceeds from our generous parishioners go to Catholic Charities and Mama J's Helping Hand. This year we received \$95.00 and 127 baby items.

### Life Matters

End of Life booklets, as well as various Life Matters pamphlets, are available in the gathering area or from Fr John,