

## St. Stephen Respect Life Ministry March 20, 2018, Meeting Minutes and News



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RLM April Dates <http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life/>

- 03/24 7:00 PM Kent Lent for Life Closing Dinner  
8:30 PM Candlelight Vigil at Planned Parenthood
- 03/30 5:00 PM [Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion](#)
- 04/04 7:30 - 5:30 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Renton Cedar River Clinics Sidewalk Prayer Vigils (1-hr each)  
8:45 AM Mass at St. Anthony and Process to Sidewalk Prayer Vigil  
11:00 AM Fr. Ed White leads prayers (when his schedule permits)
- 04/06 7:00 - 8:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration (RLM, Gabriel Proj, Legis. Advocacy)  
8:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Movie & Munchies (a Divine Mercy DVD)
- 04/07 8:30 AM Mass at St. Stephens  
9:30 - 11:00 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Kent Truth and Prayer witnessing
- 04/21-2 Last Chance "Mother of Life" picture sales after Sunday (including vigil) Masses
- 04/24 7:30 - 9:00 PM RLM meets (after 6:30 PM Mass)
- 04/28 8:30 AM Mass at St. Stephens  
9:30 - 11:00 AM 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Defund Planned Parenthood Rally ([www.protestpp.com](http://www.protestpp.com))

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St. Stephen Respect Life Ministry met at 7:30 PM in St. Stephens Copy Room

### Attending

Rudy (St. John); Rowena, Mary K., Craig, Bernie, Mary S.

### Opening

We opened our meeting with a Prayer for the Victory of Life and Freedom in NIFLA (<https://nifla.org/>) Supreme Court Case [www.priestsforlife.org/novenas/novena.aspx?id=150](http://www.priestsforlife.org/novenas/novena.aspx?id=150).



### Closing Kent Lent for Life Saturday, March 24

Praying to End Killing Innocent Babies  
Kent Planned Parenthood, James at 102<sup>nd</sup> SE  
[ststephenslife.com/kent-lent-for-life](http://ststephenslife.com/kent-lent-for-life)



See website for details, vigil schedule for remaining days, suggested prayers, handouts and photos. We continue praying in solidarity with the national 40 Days for Life effort to end killing of innocent unborn babies through the 24th.

We will celebrate closing our Lenten prayer campaign with **7pm no-host dinner** at a restaurant near Kent Planned Parenthood following 5pm Saturday Mass. (Reservation required for dinner; details on website.) At **8:30pm** the Lent prayer campaign will conclude with a **candlelight vigil** on the sidewalk across from Kent Planned Parenthood. 60-80 electric "votive" lights will edge the sidewalk.

We are aware some two dozen prayer partners participated and suspect a few more came to pray who'd not signed up.

Even though Lent begins in March next year, we will begin the Jericho Walk later in the day to minimize risking the icy streets of mornings that hindered us in February 2018.

### 5:00 PM Good Friday, March 30 Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion

We will participate in the national effort to pray for the victims of abortion at a modern-day Calvary, **Kent Valley Planned Parenthood**, where the most innocent among us, babies in the womb, are put to death. [www.prolifeaction.org/](http://www.prolifeaction.org/) links to our St. Stephens



event flyer, identical to the March 25<sup>th</sup> SSTM bulletin insert. Find link at <http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life/>

### April – June 2018 Pro-Life Events Calendars

We prepared a new **pro-life event calendar for April – June 2018** to post to our website before the end of March. Our sister pro-life parish group's Legislative Advocacy events as well as its monthly meeting dates are included.

Find current **calendars of pro-life events**, one for SSTM parishioners and neighboring parishes, and another for our Protestant prayer partners (omitting Mass, Adoration, etc.), and flyers detailing events listed on the calendars available for download from <http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life/>

### Our April Calendar



We will **sell 11" x 14" "Mother of Life" prints**, taking payments with orders after Mass in the narthex during the April 21-22 weekend. Picture artist, Nellie Edwards, has agreed we may sell her prints at the same price we did last year. April 21-22 was chosen to ensure delivery before May 13<sup>th</sup>, Mothers' Day. This will be the **last chance** for parishioners to buy prints through us. [www.paintedfaith.net](http://www.paintedfaith.net) offers same and more.



The third annual national **Defund Planned Parenthood Day** is Saturday, **April 28<sup>th</sup>**. We will participate at the Kent Valley Planned Parenthood site and will promote the event by inviting all area prolife friends to join us.

[www.protestpp.com](http://www.protestpp.com) lists our event on their national site.

We suggest asking each of our legislators if he/she is getting support from Planned Parenthood.

### Narthex Displays

We discussed how to make use of a **large sturdy 4-legged wooden easel** with two panels that measure 4' x 6'. We will ask for space for it for three weeks in April.

It will be configured for use during the April 21-22 "last chance 'Mother of Life'" picture sale. We will also experiment with displays, beginning with a large version of our quarter-year pro-life event calendar.

We plan to buy a battery-powered **LED picture light to affix to the poster easels used in our narthex displays.**

### Volunteer Opportunities

As our activities have grown over the years, so have the volume of duties that a few have assumed. It's time to engage more of our members in behind-the-scenes preparations that make our events possible. Active membership can be more than mere participation in events!

**We need chairmen to oversee and coordinate tasks required for individual events.**

**Rowena is our Coffee n Donuts money counter. Craig volunteered to become our liaison to SSTM's bookkeeper, who maintains and manages our accounts.**

**Bernie and Sarah** have been chairing **Life Chains** in Kent and Renton each **October**.

**Jane** has been chairing the **Rosaries prayed before Masses in May and in October**. Jane asks as many of us as can do so, to **sign up to lead Rosaries**, especially for the earlier weeks of May. Watch the bulletin and look for signup sheets in the narthex early in April.

We had a brief discussion about designing and ordering **umbrellas with a pro-life message** for holding on the sidewalk. Making **umbrellas with "signage"** of our design, for year-round use on the sidewalk, is a project awaiting a chairman. What might the "signage" look like?

**Please consider volunteering to chair an upcoming event or any other job you want to do!**

NOTE: Chairing an event does not mean doing everything alone! Experienced help with the necessary individual tasks is available for the asking, as is on-the-job training.

### St. Joseph and First Wednesdays



Something to keep in mind during our First Wednesday Renton prayer vigils... [www.ncregister.com/blog/joseph-pronechen/st-joseph-appeared-in-the-united-states](http://www.ncregister.com/blog/joseph-pronechen/st-joseph-appeared-in-the-united-states) says **St. Joseph** appeared to Sister Mary Mildred Neuzil in Ohio 60 years ago and said:

*Let my children honor my most pure heart in a special manner on the **First Wednesday of the month** by reciting the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary in memory of my life with Jesus and Mary and the love I bore them, the sorrow I suffered with them. Let them receive Holy Communion in union with the love with which I received*

*the Savior for the first time and each time I held Him in my arms.*

*Those who honor me in this way will be consoled by my presence at their death, and I myself will conduct them safely into the presence of Jesus and Mary.*

NOTE: This rosary is to be a rosary in addition to a rosary of the Glorious Mysteries, as recommended for Wednesday.

St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

### Miscellaneous

- We'll watch a **Divine Mercy-related DVD** for our **April 6th Movie**, after First Friday Adoration.
- We will watch an **Our Lady of Guadalupe DVD** during a First Friday Movie Night within the next few months.
- **"Theology of the Body" study** is suspended due to the difficulties inherent in the document's translation, as we look at alternatives to reading the direct translation. We expect recommendations on proceeding from Father Ed before our next meeting.
- Craig suggested we obtain the very moving **Stations of the Cross** Kathleen had on the March 16-17 pilgrimage ([www.holyangels.org.uk/Mary%27s%20Way%20of%20the%20Cross.pdf](http://www.holyangels.org.uk/Mary%27s%20Way%20of%20the%20Cross.pdf)). These could be used during special services, perhaps the night before a pro-life event.
- Rudy asked for a list of charities or pre-addressed **donation envelopes** to offer to sidewalk prayer vigil passers-by who want to donate to a pro-life cause.
- **Created Equal** exposes illegal activity in one of several eye-opening videos posted at [www.createdequal.org/](http://www.createdequal.org/). One video shows a Greenville (North Carolina) Women's Clinic employee illegally transporting dead babies to a Stericycle waste truck at a local gas station.
- Prolife reasons to say, "No, thank you!" to **Girl Scout Cookies** are listed at [www.ncregister.com/blog/guest-blogger/archdiocese-removes-girl-scouts-citing-catholic-conflict](http://www.ncregister.com/blog/guest-blogger/archdiocese-removes-girl-scouts-citing-catholic-conflict) and more at <http://www.lifenews.com/2018/03/22/say-no-to-girl-scout-cookies-because-of-their-ties-to-planned-parenthood/>
- **Students for Life** Northwest representative Katie Lodjic is eager to form a **Students for Life chapter** that will include SSTM Youth. Katie hopes to talk with SSTM Youth about Students for Life <http://studentsforlife.org/> as schedules permit.
- Father Ed plans to schedule **NaPro speakers** to talk during Sunday (vigil too) Masses as soon as possible.
- Please continue praying for **Louise's** healing!



### Closing

We closed with the **St. Michael the Archangel Prayer**.



Next meeting April 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 PM (after 6:30 PM Mass) in the Copy Room

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