

Pastor's Greetings
July 3, 2022

Greetings,

It was with great joy that we as Catholics received the news of the overturning of Roe v. Wade last week.

Was it not fitting that the ruling arrived in the midst of two solemnities in our liturgical calendar that both speak to the issue at hand? In the celebration of the Nativity of John the Baptist (which we celebrated the day before the ruling), we remember the moment when the Blessed Mother and St. Elizabeth (both of them pregnant) greeted each other, and the unborn John the Baptist leapt with joy at his recognition of the unborn Christ. What greater scriptural testimony to the humanity of the unborn infant could we ever look for? And in the celebration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (which we were celebrating the day of the announcement), we commemorate the mystery that Jesus has taken on our own fleshly existence so fully that he has a beating heart like each one of us – like every man and every woman, like the elderly, like every child, like the unborn.

I invite you to read the statements of our NYS Bishops, our US Bishops (both available online), and to visit the website of our Archdiocese's Respect Life office, which details resources for pregnant women. Let us continue to keep in prayer all those who suffer from past abortions, all victims of abortion, and all mothers, fathers, and families. Let us also remember that we are always called to love our neighbor – which includes not only the unborn and those who agree with us, but also those who disagree with this ruling.

As we enter a new era in our country's political life, we entrust our Church, our society, and our parish to the care of Our Lady, who is always leading us to a true culture of life.

Fr. Luke