

Jan. 7-8, 2017

Thoughts from the pastor,

We have our St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Patron Pizza Party this weekend. It will start right after the 5:30pm Mass this Sunday. We encourage you to bring an old deck of cards or a board game that you might like to play with the other attendees. We ask a donation of \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Any extra donations would go to the roof fund. Actually I encourage you to bring someone you ran into at Mass this weekend. Meeting people at Mass is legitimate in a parish that wants to keep its image of being a friendly place.

Over the past few weeks you have probably noticed a lot of commercials with sad puppies. These are a part of the animal rights work in this country. It is to try and find a good home for every puppy and kitten. They worry about animals being mistreated or harmed in any way. They want animals to be loved and not hurt. It is a good thought. This weekend you will notice an abundance of flyers on people rights. This month we focus on how on January 22, 1973, a simple majority of the U.S. Supreme Court decided that it is legal to do to infants in the womb; things that, if done to a dog or cat, would be punishable by a fine or a jail sentence.

Imagine a world in which we would have commercials asking for financial help in order to help find a home for unwanted children. Imagine watching pictures of what is left after babies have been tortured on late night television and being asked to help the suffering to end. Imagine those ads asking you to imagine what those children have gone through and asking you to help end the violence.

What is interesting is that anyone who tries to do that is condemned for being cruel and insensitive. Some who have tried to expose this violence for what it is have been taken to court. Many others have been mocked for their inability to “get with the times.” After all, the Supreme Court made it our right to kill unborn children. That Supreme Court made it the right of an adult to kill their child. At the same time it is not a right of ours to abuse cats and dogs. Some animals have more rights than babies.

The Church and many other truly sensitive people continue the fight to protect the unborn and find them homes. We don't have commercials but we do rally to get new Supreme Court Justices and to educate the ones we have. We hold banquets to help gather the supporters together to help keep them up-to-date on the current levels of these atrocities and how they are being fought. We have baby showers to help out those who are trying to help a baby have a safe home in which they will be loved and where they will have adequate care. So read the flyers and see what you can do. You might have already saved a helpless animal but you might also be able to save a helpless infant. And while you are at it, pray for spiritual healing for those who have had an abortion and for a change of heart for those who still believe it is a good idea.

In the next couple weeks I will be collecting books to have another trading library in the church narthex. I have a bunch already but if you have good spiritual reading that you are done with, just bring it to the parish offices or drop them off near the cry room. Books are meant to be read, not to sit on shelves.

God bless you,
Fr. Frank