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39th Annual March for Life on M

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Today is the last day of the religious celebration of the Christmas season, the day when the three Magi presented their gifts to the Child Jesus and as the Collect from today's Mass tells us, God revealed His "Only Begotten Son to the nations...." Today is the beginning of the rest of the year when we live out the Christmas message. In case you missed the Christmas Message, here is [Father De Celles' homily of Christmas](#).

There are two significant events which we wish to focus on this month. **The March for Life** and our speaker for February, **Marjorie Dannenfelser, the President of Susan B. Anthony List**. This will be the **39th Annual March for Life**. Our day will begin with Mass at 10:30 a.m. and then buses will take us to the March and return us afterwards where we will be greeted by a Chili Supper. If you have not signed up for the March, Sign up on the lists in the back of the church. Seating may be limited, so don't wait. In order to stimulate you, here's a copy of [Father De Celles' Pro-Life March homily from 2011](#).

St. Raymond's 2011-2012 Speaker Program

We are extremely honored to present Marjorie Dannenfelser, the President of Susan B. Anthony List, as the third of our St. Raymond's 2011-2012 Speaker Program, on February 9th at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Marjorie will be speaking on the topic of "Living out Your Faith in the Public Square." **Just as a side**

note, please reserve your calendar for our fourth Speaker, Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, who will be with us on April 26th at 7:30 p.m.

Marjorie Dannenfelser, an original organizer of the Susan B. Anthony List (SBA List), is the organization's President. In this role, Marjorie directs the mission of SBA List and serves as its primary spokeswoman. Under her leadership, the organization has grown to more than 330,000 members nationwide.

Since its founding, the organization's connected political action committee, the nonpartisan Susan B. Anthony List Candidate Fund, has helped elect 90 pro-life candidates to the U.S. House of Representatives, 12 to the U.S. Senate and 13 to other statewide offices across the country.

This year, the SBA List is leading the fight to defund Planned Parenthood of its taxpayer funding. At the federal level, the SBA List was a key coalition-builder among pro-life and social conservative groups to apply intense grassroots pressure on Congress to pass legislation to defund Planned Parenthood of federal tax dollars. Despite the refusal of Congress to defund America's number one abortion provider, the SBA List is marching forward at the state level to assist state activists across the country to stand up for Life and defund Planned Parenthood. At the same time, the SBA List is looking ahead to the 2012 elections to improve upon pro-life gains made in the 2010. With the launch of the Pro-life Presidential Leadership Pledge, the SBA List has raised the bar on what it means to be an authentic leader on Life issues.

Marjorie has appeared as a commentator on Fox News in addition to appearances on "The O'Reilly Factor," "Your World with Neil Cavuto," "Fox & Friends," CNN's "John King Live," EWTN's "The World Over" and CBN. Her impressive list of recent op-ed placements includes FoxNews.com, The Weekly Standard, The Hill, Human Events, The Washington Post, The Washington Examiner, AOL Politics Daily and WORLD Magazine. Marjorie is also a regular contributor on RedState and Townhall.com. She has been interviewed or cited in an array of national print, radio and online outlets, some of which include the Associated Press, Politico, United Press International, MSNBC.com, ABC News, National Public Radio, Focus on the Family, the Janet Mefferd Show, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, American Spectator, Catholic News Agency, Congressional Quarterly, The Hill and Roll Call.

Marjorie was also recently named one of Newsweek's top ten "Leaders of the Christian Right."

She serves on the boards of the Alliance Defense Fund, Constituting Culture Foundation and Chosen Families, a ministry to families who have special needs children. Prior to launching the Susan B. Anthony List, Marjorie served on Capitol Hill as staff director of the Congressional Pro-life Caucus. Prior to her work on Capitol Hill, she worked at the Heritage Foundation. She is originally from North Carolina and is a graduate of Duke University. Marjorie lives in Arlington, Virginia with her husband Marty and their five children, ages 10-19.

Susan B. Anthony List carries out part of the mandate in [Faithful Citizenship](http://FaithfulCitizenship.org) by identifying and supporting political candidates who believe that "The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and not just one issue among many." (#28). The Susan B. Anthony List, and its connected Political Action Committee, the SBA List Candidate Fund, are dedicated to electing candidates and pursuing policies that will reduce and ultimately end abortion. To that end, the SBA List will emphasize the election, education, promotion, and mobilization of pro-life women. Please visit their website at www.sba-list.org to learn more about their work.

Parish Calendar of Respect Life Events:

- January 22nd at Life is Good Youth event at Hilton Memorial Chapel, Woodbridge. Reservations are required. Contact Kristin Smith, St. Raymond's Director of Youth Apostolate
703-440-0535 or straycyo@gmail.com.
- January 23rd Early Morning Youth Mass at Verizon Center followed by March for Life. Reservations required. Contact Kristin Smith.
- March for Life – Buses will depart from St. Raymond's Parish after a special 10:30 a.m. Mass. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex in January.
- 3rd Annual Welcome Back Chili Dinner for marchers and others not able to attend
- March for Life, Parish Hall. Offers to help would be welcomed by Julie Bailey at Julie@baileypeople.com.
- February 9th 7:30 p.m. St. Raymond's Speaker Series – [Marjorie Dannenfelser](#), President, Susan B. Anthony List, Parish Hall.
- February 22nd Spring/Lenten 40 Days for Life Campaign begins
- March 2nd/3rd St. Raymond's Commitment for 40 Days for Life (plus each Friday during Lent)
- March 8th 7:30 p.m. (after 7:00 p.m. Mass) Project Rachel Holy Hour for the Diocese
POC Diane Spinelli, Church
- March 24th 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. *Making Abortion Unthinkable – The Art of Pro Life Persuasion* Seminar/Training day, Parish Hall
- April 26th 7:30 p.m. St. Raymond's Speaker Series – Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, Parish Hall
- September 22nd (Tentative) 9:00 a.m. Mass and then lecture. Kick off the 2012 St. Raymond's Speaker Series with a return of Father Tad Pacholczyk, Ph.D., Director of Education at the National Catholic Bioethics Center