

**"FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP:
a call to political responsibility from the catholic bishops of the united
states conference of catholic bishops last week."**



Americans share many blessings and strengths, including a tradition of religious freedom and political participation. However, as a people, we face serious challenges that are clearly political and also profoundly moral in nature.

We are a nation of immigrants, struggling to address the challenges of many new immigrants in our midst.

We are a society built on the strength of our families, called to defend marriage and offer moral and economic supports for family life.

We are a powerful nation in a violent world, confronting terror and trying to build a safer, more just, more peaceful world.

We are an affluent society where too many live in poverty and lack health care and other necessities of life.

We are part of a global community facing urgent threats to the environment that must sustain us.

These challenges are at the heart of public life and at the center of the pursuit of the common good.

As Catholics, we are part of a community with a rich heritage that helps us consider the challenges in public life and contribute to greater justice and peace for all people. Part of that rich heritage on faithful citizenship is the teaching of Vatican Council II's *Declaration on Religious Liberty*.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Last Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent we read:

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and the anxieties of daily life. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the coming of the Son of Man."

And this Sunday, the Second Sunday of Advent we read:

"Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued the following statement on the passing of President **George H W Bush**.

"We join with people across the nation as we mourn the passing of President George H.W. Bush. We remember with gratitude this great man who spent his life selflessly in service of his country."

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
"Hail Mary, full of grace." Sometime Saturday pray the rosary to Mary.

2nd Sunday of Advent
God sent an angel to Mary for her to bear Jesus who would save us from an eternal life separated from God. Take home the **Responsorial Prayers** placed in the pews and pray them daily with a family member.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
PATRICIA CONWAY**
Patty celebrated her 70th with parishioners and friends Friday night in our parish center.

**GRATEFUL FOR GOD'S
GOODNESS CAMPAIGN**
Donations to the campaign are accepted until December 30th.

CCD CLASSES
From 8:25 to 9:45
BIBLE STUDY
Monday at 9:30 a.m.
and Tuesday with the pastor 7:00

NEXT WEEK:
BAKING:
Saturday, Ann Devine, DeeLaBrie
Sunday, Pam Morelli, Sue Finnerar
FAMILY INTENTIONS:
Cote, Leavitt – Clark, Timothy
COLLECTION
\$1,894.00 Thank you.