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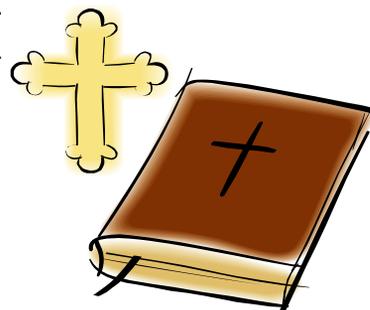
The Conversion of St. Paul

# *Saint John Vianney*

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Friends in Christ Jesus,

One week from today Archbishop Michael Sheehan will join us to celebrate Mass and dedicate our new building. Mass begins at 10 AM. Keep in mind that it will be the only Mass celebrated at St. John Vianney that day--there will be no 8 AM Mass. Religious education classes will be canceled for that day, but just for that day. Following the Mass, snacks and drinks will be served, so plan on hanging around for a while and enjoy fellowship. And sports fan, do not worry. You will be home in plenty of time to watch the Super Bowl. Please keep praying for the successful opening and dedication of our new building.



Have a blessed week.

Fr. Scott Mansfield

**Thank You, St Thomas Aquinas School, for having  
St John Vianney Mission Church as your guest  
over the past years.**

## Upcoming Events

February 1, 2009, 10AM ..... Archbishop Michael Sheehan Celebrates Mass  
February 8, 2009 (New Schedule) ..... Saturday 4PM, Sunday 8AM, 10AM

## Our Nation by Carl E Beyer

Excerpt from George Washington First Inaugural Speech

“Such being the impressions under which I have, in obedience to the public summons, repaired to the present station, it would be peculiarly improper to omit in this first official act my fervent supplications to that *Almighty Being* who rules over the universe, who presides in the councils of nations, and whose *providential aids* can supply every human defect, that *His benediction* may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States a Government instituted by themselves for these essential purposes, and may enable every instrument employed in its administration to execute with success the functions allotted to his charge. In tendering this homage to the *Great Author* of every public and private good, I assure myself that it expresses your sentiments not less than my own, nor those of my fellow-citizens at large less than either. No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the *Invisible Hand* which conducts the affairs of men more than those of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of *providential agency*; and in the important revolution just accomplished in the system of their united government the tranquil deliberations and voluntary consent of so many distinct communities from which the event has resulted can not be compared with the means by which most governments have been established without some return of *pious gratitude*, along with an humble anticipation of the *future blessings* which the past seem to presage. These reflections, arising out of the present crisis, have forced themselves too strongly on my mind to be suppressed. You will join with me, I trust, in thinking that there are none under the influence of which the proceedings of a new and free government can more auspiciously commence.”

With the inauguration of our new president I thought it may be a good time to do a little history review. So often, in the past century, the inauguration speeches seems to have replace the “Invisible Hand” with the United States. From reviewing the speeches that can all be found at <http://www.bartleby.com/124/> it is more common in recent history to either take credit or blame the United States for events both locally and around the world.

Somewhere in our recent comfortable age the thought of being “God Fearing people” has lost its meaning. Our first president did not give a speech taking credit for all the deeds that as the General of the Army he had accomplish. No, he gave credit where credit was due. George Washington recognized the higher power that was the “Invisible Hand” behind the events. He knew the only power he truly posses was the power to be a servant of God in all his duties. George Washington was not an idle by-stander waiting for God to deliver what he thought he deserved.

In that one paragraph God is referred to in eight different ways: Almighty Being, Providential Aids, His Benediction, Great Author, Invisible Hand, Providential Agency, Pious Gratitude, and Future Blessings. Have we lost the beauty of these words in our present lives? This wasn’t a speech about separating Church and State. No, it was clearly a speech relating to the very intertwining of the United States and God.

Pray for our nation’s leaders that they may return to our Founding Fathers simple belief that they were guided by an “Invisible Hand”. Now go forth and pray that the Will of God is to be done.

## Defending Our Faith: Special Edition- by John Lombardo

Dear friends in Christ, Fr. Scott asked me to write a special edition this week to elaborate on the specific ramifications of the Freedom of Choice Act (S. 1173, H.R. 1964). FOCA states that every woman has a “fundamental right” to have an abortion, and no government (federal, state, or local) may “deny” or “interfere with” this right. In short, an abortion may not be treated differently from a live birth - if a public program supports motherhood it must also support abortion.

**1. FOCA** will invalidate laws to protect a woman from unsafe abortion clinics and to ensure she is informed about abortion.

FOCA **removes** language in all previous legislation (federal, state, local) to protect the rights of women, parents, children, and health care personnel. Women no longer need be informed of problems that may arise because informing women about abortion and alternatives involves some delay, and may lead some women to **change their mind**. Laws ensuring informed consent will be seen as interfering with the abortion right.

**2. FOCA** will require taxpayers to pay for abortions

*Roe* said nothing about abortion funding. Later Supreme Court cases held that *Roe* implies no limitation on the states authority to favor childbirth over abortion. The current version FOCA states that government may **not** “discriminate” against abortion in publicly funded programs. Taxpayers may now be forced to pay for abortions with their tax dollars.

**3. FOCA** will require states to allow “partial birth” and other late-term abortions.

*Roe* allowed states to ban abortions after viability (when a child can survive outside the womb) if they included an exception for the mother’s “health”. More recent decisions have upheld laws placing various limits on late-term abortions, even upholding a federal law banning “partial birth” abortions, even before viability and without a health exception. All of these gains, won over the past 36 years, will be annulled by FOCA’s insistence on a “fundamental” right to abortion throughout pregnancy. FOCA sponsors deliberately inserted this amendment to invalidate the “partial-birth” abortion ban upheld by the Supreme Court this past year.

**4. FOCA** will require states to allow abortions by *non-physicians*.

*Roe* allowed a state to “proscribe (prohibit) any abortion by a person who is not a physician.” FOCA does not authorize such laws and will probably invalidate them.

**5. FOCA** will bar laws protecting the right of conscientious objection to abortion.

*Roe* approved and allowed an AMA resolution that no “physician, hospital, nor hospital personnel” be required to violate “personally-held moral principles.” The current FOCA bill now before Congress **removes** language in previous versions that allowed conscientious objection to abortion.

**6. FOCA** will deny parents an opportunity to be involved in their minor daughter’s abortion decision.

The current version of FOCA states absolutely that any law which “interferes” with mom’s decision to kill her baby is **invalid**. FOCA is the most radical and extreme abortion legislation ever considered in the U.S. Please, let’s get to work and let Congress and the new administration know we will fight for life to our last breath. Remind them there is another election in 2 years. **PEACE**

I will be on a pilgrimage to Rome February 9-19. I would like to take a prayer list with me. I will take the list with me and offer it at daily Mass.

April Karen McClellan (aprilkaren@msn.com)

# We are



# Moving

*Thank you to all that helped placed  
tabs on St. John Vianney flyers.*

*St. John Vianney Catholic  
Parish Hall  
Dedication and First Mass*

*February 1, 2009 at 10am*

*Archbishop*

*Michael J. Sheehan, Celebrant*

*New Mass Schedule  
Starting February 8, 2009*

*Saturday (Sunday Obligation)  
4pm*

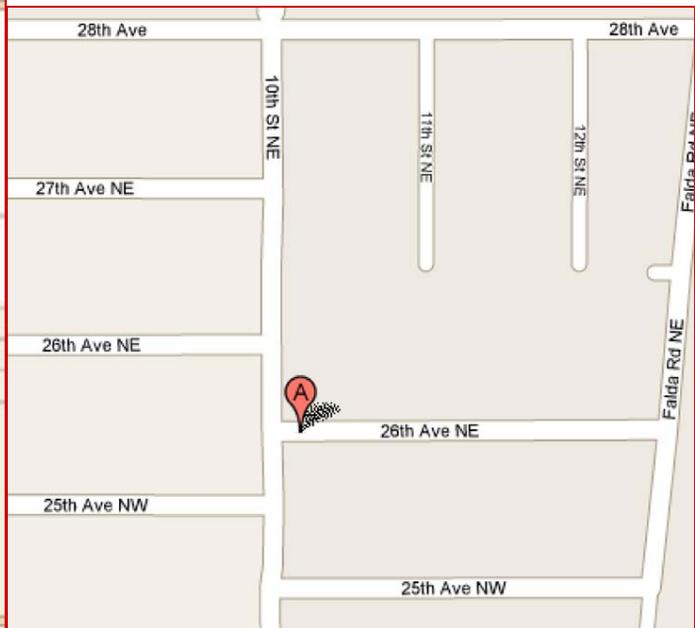
*Sunday 8 & 10am*

*Saturday Confession 3 - 3:45pm*

*Sunday Religious Education  
11:15am*



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Volunteer Schedule	Sunday January 25th		Sunday February 1st
	8:00AM	11:00AM	10:00AM
Ushers	James Dory John Christensen	Tony Quinones Aaron Quinones John Riley John Jenkins	Tom Anderson Tony Quinones John Christensen
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Readers	Peggy Riley David Schutten	Lillian Ortiz Rosie Root	Julie Burnside Peggy Riley

### Holy Rosary

20 Minutes before every mass

### Holy Mass

Saturday .....4:00PM

Sunday .....8:00AM

Sunday ..... 10:00AM

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A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face."

"Yes," the class said.

"Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?"

A little fellow shouted, "Cause your feet ain't empty."

***Prayer Corner***

Let us join as a community in prayer for our fellow parishioners and/or their family members.

- ◆ Manuel Romero - For a liver transplant / recovery.
- ◆ Mary Q. Haygood – For her health.
- ◆ Healing and God's care for Ken and Sydney Mayer.
- ◆ For our country leaders to make the right decision for the well being of our country.
- ◆ For guidance to our leaders for the removal of the stain of abortion from our country.
- ◆ All our brave men and women of the world keeping their country free.

Thank you for your prayers.

Thank you for reading our bulletin. Any suggestions, comments, prayers or articles can be sent to [bulletin@sjvnm.org](mailto:bulletin@sjvnm.org). We also like to hear about births, baptisms, marriages or other news about our church members.

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Melba: My husband was named Man of the Year.

Pam: Well, that shows you what kind of a year it's been.

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