

Respect Life

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1. Opening prayer

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

2. May

a. May Crowning – May 15th.

b. Mother of Holy Hope Quilt Raffle for Assist Suicide prevention training funds – May 15th, we will need somebody to sell raffle tickets after the Masses at St. Celestine's and St. Cyprian's. The Quilt will be displayed at St. Celestine's. Paul will ask if the parish has a supply of unused raffle tickets.

c. Blue Mass – May 29th at St. Cyprian's. We need to get invitations out to the various Police, Fire, and EMS agencies.

3. June

a. Unplanned Movie screening – Late September?

4. Closing prayer

O gentle Jesus, through whom all life came to be,
hear our prayers for all men and women.
Hear our prayers for the great and powerful.
Hear our prayers for the weak and broken.
Hear our prayers for the littlest and most innocent.
Hear our prayer for tall human cedars
and the very littlest of human flowers.
May all see in each the souls so precious to You,
and through the intercession of Saint Thérèse
may each of them be kept saved and loved.
We ask this though Christ our Lord. Amen.

Premature Twin Babies Rescued From Kyiv Ukraine During Bombing by Russian Forces



Prematurely-born twin babies were rescued from the Ukrainian capital Kyiv amid shelling by Russian forces.

Twins, Lenny and Moishe, were [rescued](#) by Project DYNAMO, an American civilian and ally rescue charity, during the conflict and transported from Ukraine to Poland.

The rescue mission, which the organization is calling “GEMINI”, was completed with the help of two doctors, two neonatal specialists, one nurse and a Ukrainian ambulance crew.

Project DYNAMO [reported](#) that their rescue volunteers were able to hear shelling “within earshot of the hospital” during their escape.

Bryan Stern, co-founder of Project DYNAMO, said: “During operational planning and execution, I was anxious because premature babies, under the best of circumstances in the best hospitals, are fragile and vulnerable. When we put them in a war zone surrounded by Russian artillery and troops, that presents a complicated medical situation and makes it much scarier”.

The babies were evacuated in incubators via an ambulance, which was accompanied by an escort of the charity’s volunteers.

Stern [added](#): “From an evacuation perspective, having to move these fragile babies through these war zones by vehicle, is wrought with peril and danger. I’m overcome with joy and happiness to be able to help the family by delivering Lenny and Moishe”.

“The Project DYNAMO team, in concert with others, all worked together to deliver these bundles of joy to two happy families. Once the operation was complete, with happy parents, I felt like a delivery room doctor introducing children to their parents for the very first time”.

The rescue convoy traveled more than 700 miles from Kyiv to PRO-FAMILIA Hospital in Rzeszow, Poland. There, the American twin boys, and another premature British baby girl who was also rescued, were reunited with their families.

Right To Life UK spokesperson, Catherine Robinson, said: “These hopeful stories continue to shine through a dark period for the country. We wish the children and their families all the best in the midst of these very difficult circumstances, as well as all those whose lives have been terribly affected by this war”.