

# Life News

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#### 44th Annual MARCH FOR LIFE

Friday, January 27, 2017 - Washington, D.C.

Plan now to March and to Visit Your Senators and Representative

Thurs., 1/26 & Fri., 1/27: Conference & Exhibits

Renaissance Washington DC Downtown Hotel, 999 Ninth Street

NW & K Street, Washington, D.C., 20001

Thurs., 1/26-Sat., 1/28: Evangelicals for Life Conference

for more info Evangelicalsforlfe.org

Thurs., 1/26: 1-3:30 PM Law of Life Summit for leaders and

students at Renaissance.

Fri., 1/27 12 Noon March Rally: grounds of Washington

Monument near 15th St. & Constitution Ave.

<u>Fri., 1/27 Rose Dinner</u> 6 PM at Renaissance. For information contact March for Life office at 202-234-3300, e-mail info@marchforlife.org.

Fri., 1/27: 3:00 PM Silent No More testimonies outside U.S. Supreme Court

There are so many more events, please go to the March for Life website at: www.marchforlife.org.

Note: Because of the Presidential Inauguration, the March for Life is January 27th instead of January 22nd.

**L.I. BUS "CAPTAINS":** Please register bus with the LICL: Nassau buses- 631-289-2095; Suffolk buses - 631-472-4314. Parish buses must also register with DRVC 516-678-5800. Ext. 626. **Individuals seeking transportation from Nassau & Suffolk** may call LICL at 631-243-1435 (from 10AM to 7PM) to locate nearest bus. LICL urges each bus to send a team to visit your area representative. Call early for appointments and advise LICL of times. **Note:** Team may need to leave Rally site early to complete appointments. Send/e-mail photos of your group in DC to your local media. Please return your sign-in lists to LICL, PO Box 223, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.

#### **Annual Knights of Columbus**

**Pro-Life Mass** - Sun., Jan. 22 St. Patrick Cathedral, NYC

Transportation available from Msgr. Delaney K of C, Farmingdale - 8 AM breakfast; 8:30 bus departs; 10 AM Mass at Cathedral; Brunch on return compliments of Chapey Funeral Home - Cost \$20/pp RSVP: Keith 516-633-1435; Chick 516-349-6244

#### Peaceful Pro-life Demonstration

to oppose the legalized killing of unborn children.

Fri., Jan. 20 10:45 AM prayer at the
Southampton Full Gospel Church
130 County Road 39, Southampton 11968
Followed by witnessing at Southampton GYN

& Southampton Hospital. If weather threatens, call the Church at 631-283-6829.

#### Diocese of Rockville Centre Jan. 27 March for Life

- ◆ 11:15 AM Diocesan gathering Southeast corner of 15th St. NW & Constitution Ave.
- ◆ 12 Noon Rally; 1 PM March
- ◆ 2-4 PM Prayer Service & Blessing at St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill, 313 Second St., NE (blessing every 15 min., refreshments for marchers); 516-678-5800, Ext. 626/381; e-mail respectlifeoffice@drvc.org.
- ◆ For information on Youth program; including Mass, concert and praise & workshop call Marianne at 516-678-5800, (Ext. 615).

Diocesan Respect Life signs available while supply lasts, call 516-678-5800 x626 for pick up at the Diocese, 50 North Park Ave., Rockville Centre 11571.

#### Jan. 27 Prayer Vigil in Smithtown

for those who cannot go to Wash. D.C.

11:30 AM Prayers at the Memorial to the Unborn in

St. Patrick Cemetery, Mount Pleasant Rd. (just N. of Rt. 347), Smithtown.

12 Noon Prayer Service at Planned Parenthood abortion provider 70 Maple Ave., Smithtown. For information call 631-724-8721 before 8:00 PM



The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. Meetings begin at 7:45 PM. Upcoming meetings are Jan. 23 (St. Regis Council K of C Hall, Rosevale Ave. & Pond Rd., Ronkonkoma 11779) & Feb. 27, 2017 (Joseph Barry Council K of C Hall, 45 Heitz Pl., Hicksville 11801). Julie Woodley will be our guest speaker at the January meeting. Julie will speak to us about helping post-abortive women. She is a speaker, author, certified trauma counselor, founder & director of Restoring the Heart Ministries. All are welcome - please join us! For further info, call LICL at 631-243-1435.

The LICL is most grateful for the use of facilities for our meetings provided by Joseph Barry K of C Council, Hicksville, St. Regis K of C Council, Ronkonkoma, and the Life Center of Long Island. We also thank O'Keefe CPA, LLC for their donated accounting services. Our sincere thanks also go to all our contributors, volunteers and those who have prayed in support of our pro-life endeavors. May God richly bless you.

#### **2017 Oratory Contest**

Sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust

What: Pro-life speech (5-7 minutes in length) on Abortion, Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide,

Health Care Rationing or Cloning/Stem Cell Research

Eligibility: 11<sup>th</sup> and 12th graders, including home-schooled students

When: Sunday April 9, 2017

Local Prizes: First

Where: **Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale** 

**Topics:** Any aspect of a topic listed above, presented from a pro-life perspective

Second

The First Prize Winner will be eligible to compete in the New York State Right to Life Committee contest to be held in Albany.

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Mail or e-mail written speech by March 1, 2017 to address above or to: mjkev@verizon.net

#### FEDERAL LEGISLATION

After a Presidential election, each State Governor certifies the results, and "as soon as practicable," sends a *Certificate of Ascertainment* to the US Archivist (disputes must be resolved by Dec. 13). The Electoral College

meets Dec. 19, and Congress will count the votes on Jan 6, 2017. Currently, Mr. Trump has 306 Electoral votes; Sec. Clinton 232. Recounts are under-way, or sought, in Michigan, Pennsylvania & Wisconsin.

As of Dec 6, the New Congress breaks down as follows: House 241R - 194D; Senate 52R - 46D - 2 Independent Several appointments by Pres.-elect Trump have been hailed as pro-life: Sen. Jeff Sessions (Attorney General),

hailed as pro-life: Sen. Jeff Sessions (Attorney General), Betsy DeVos (Education Secretary), Gov. Nikki Haley, (UN Ambassador). Dr. Ben Carson (HUD Secretary), steadfastly says he is pro-life, despite his comment on the fight to save Terri Schiavo. Rep. Tom Price (HHS Secretary), is called pro-life and anti-HHS abortifiacient/sterilization/contraceptive Mandate.

<u>VP-elect Pence</u> told the *Wall Street Journal* (12/1) that ObamaCare repeal and replacement, and the SCOTUS vacancy are among the top priorities in Mr. Trump's agenda. (The LICL urges Congress to reject all 'healthcare' laws that include any abortion coverage and/ or abortifacient/sterilization/contraception coverage at taxpayer expense, and direct or implicit limiting of care to vulnerable populations such as sick newborns and the terminally ill.)

Steven Mosher, writing in *Population Research Institute Review* [Nov/Dec 2016], reported the following prolife indications from President-elect Trump:

- \*Asked the House and Senate to send him legislation defunding Planned Parenthood.
- \*Backed legislation to ban abortion after 20 weeks (Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act), and pledged to sign it.
- \*Pledged to "repeal and replace" Obamacare (see above)
  \*Backs writing the 'Mexico City policy' into permanent
  law (i.e.: NGOs that receive federal money can't perform, promote or lobby for legalization of abortion in
  other countries.)
- \*Wants to permanently defund *UN Population Fund* a 'cheerleader' for China's forced sterilization and abortion programs

<u>A staff member</u> of Rep. Chris Smith (Co-Chair, Cong. Pro-life Caucus), told this writer they expect the PP defund bill, the Pain-Capable ban, and most other prolife bills that 'died' on Dec. 31 to be re-introduced in the new Congress. The House had acted on many of those bills, the Senate on few.

On Nov. 22, Pres. Obama admitted that Merrick Garland, his SCOTUS nominee, would not be confirmed. In mid-May, Pres-elect Trump listed 21 possible pro-life SCOTUS nominees. In early December, Trump told *FoxNews* his first pick was down to "three or four" names.

#### Federal legislation continued.....

On Dec. 1, the House Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives issued nine criminal and regulatory referrals citing abortion providers and/or fetal tissue companies. It's now up to respective local DA's, State AG's and Federal officials to act on the referrals. The Panel also issued 41 Subpoenas. (Note: late-term abortionists LeRoy Carhart & Warren Hern, among others, have yet to fully comply). The Panel was formed in Oct. 2015, in response to David Dalieden's undercover videos, and funded through 2016. Panel Chair, Rep. Blackburn [R-TN], said they were charged with: protecting the integrity of scientific research and voluntary organ donation, while pursuing "bad actors" re fetal tissue trafficking, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester abortions, born-alive infants, and tax dollar involvement. The owners of DV Biologics, one of the companies that received a criminal referral, have been the subject of articles re political contributions and immigration status favors. [See: NY Times 3/11/14 and Operation Rescue 10/27/16]

"The Texas Health and Human Services Commission introduced a new rule in July which requires that abortion facilities, hospitals and other medical centers either cremate or bury the remains of aborted and miscarried babies. State officials said the rule does not apply to miscarriages or abortions that take place at home. The commission finalized the rule in late November. It is scheduled to go into effect Dec. 19. Abortion activists have been protesting the rule, claiming it will create additional expenses and other burdens for abortion facilities. They also claim the rule is a pro-life attempt to end abortions. Previously, abortion facilities could dispose of aborted babies' bodies in landfills or give them to research groups. More states are moving to require dignified burials of aborted babies' bodies after the undercover videos by the Center for Medical Progress were released. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said aborted babies' bodies should not be "treated like medical waste and disposed of in landfills... It is imperative to establish higher standards that reflect our respect for the sanctity of life." [LifeNews.com, 12/5/16]

**ACTION ITEM**: The *March for Life* will be held on January 27, 2017. We encourage you to attend, and consider being a "citizen lobbyist" by visiting the offices of your elected officials.



## NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

The NYS Legislature will open a new session on January 4, 2017. There is no

legislation carryover from 2016. New Physician-Assisted Suicide and Abortion Expansion laws are likely to be reintroduced in the NYS Legislature. Please contact your NYS Senator and Assemblyperson regarding these issues.

To discuss Federal Legislation, e-mail Charles Feldman at cdefeldman@optonline.net. To discuss State Legislation, e-mail Jim Miller at jimmiller9@aol.com.

#### **HEALTH & SCIENCE**

"Protecting Life, Not Punishing Women"



Tim Bradley, research associate at the Charlotte Lozier Institute wrote on his blog on October 6, 2016, "Some abortion advocates claim that pro-lifers want to punish women seeking abortion. They argue that women were punished for having abortions before Roe v. Wade was decided by the Supreme Court in 1973, and that if Roe is repealed women will once again be subject to punishment. Those leveling these charges may sincerely believe that the logical implications of the pro-life position – that each and every human being, at any stage of development and condition of dependency, possesses a right to life simply by virtue of being human and ought to be protected by law from having that life taken from it – entail that women seeking abortions should be punished for their cooperation in an act that ends an innocent human life. Are they right? Accurate knowledge of the history of abortion law in this country before 1973, the legislative efforts of the pro-life movement to reduce and ultimately end abortion since Roe, and the rationale at the heart of the pro-life movement reveal that the answer is – emphatically – no."

Bradley notes that Clarke Forsythe, acting president of Americans United for Life, stated that "there were zero prosecutions of pregnant women under any abortion law in the United States between 1922 and 1973. The only two documented cases in American law in which a woman was charged in participating in her own abortion occurred in 1911, in Pennsylvania, and 1922, in Texas. In neither of those cases was the woman convicted." Bradley further notes that Justice Blackmun acknowledged in the majority opinion in Roe that prevailing laws did not prosecute women for self-abortion or cooperating in an abortion performed upon her by another. Most state statutes at the time did not allow for the prosecution of the woman, and in states that did have statutes prohibiting self-abortions or consenting to an abortion, no women were prosecuted.

According to Bradley, the reason for this is that state abortion laws before Roe were aimed at prosecuting the abortionists, not the women. Abortionists were considered the 'principals' of the act'; women were, for the most part, considered the 'victim' rather than the 'accomplice'. There was a practical reason for this: if a woman is considered the accomplice, she cannot testify against the principal in court. This would have limited the state's ability to enforce laws against abortionists. Forsythe wrote in an op-ed in the Los Angeles Times (3/31/16), "The states understood that the point of abortion law is effective enforcement against abortionists; that the woman is the second victim of the abortionist; and that prosecuting women is counterproductive to the

goal of effective enforcement of the law."

Will women face penalties if Roe is repealed? Bradley states that "there is no reason to answer in the affirmative". According to Paul Linton (Issues in Law and Medicine, Spring 2012), if Roe is overturned, it will not prohibit abortion nationwide. State laws will not be restored to what they were in 1973. Most state laws have been repealed or overridden by state court decisions since 1973. There are just a handful of states that have passed laws prohibiting abortion since 1973 that would be affected by a repeal of Roe. Therefore, most states would need to design new laws to prohibit abortion. Bradley reflects that given the history of abortion law in the United States, there is no reason to think that new laws would punish women.

Bradley acknowledges that "most pro-lifers and all major pro-life organizations oppose punishing women for procuring abortions...abortion restrictions that have been enacted at both the state and federal levels indicate that pro-life lawmakers have no interest in punishing women...The Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003 explicitly states, 'A woman upon whom a partial-birth abortion is performed may not be prosecuted under this section.'"

Bradley concludes, "This position against punishing women, which the pro-life movement embraces, is coherent with its fundamental premises. Abortion law before Roe showed a high level of sympathy for pregnant women facing difficult circumstances. It also recognized that these women's testimonies were crucial in order for the state to be able to carry out its aim of protecting the unborn child by punishing those who perform abortions.

"Robert P. George and Ramesh Ponnuru explain (National Review, 5/9/16) that the pro-life movement wants our laws today to accomplish the same thing that pre-Roe laws did for decades. Those laws 'recognized that unborn children are living human beings with the same right not to be killed that the rest of us possess; they gave effect to this recognition by prohibiting abortion; and they imposed no legal penalty on the mothers.'

"Saving babies, not punishing women, has been the purpose of the pro-life movement in this country from the start and continues unabated today."

Submitted by Regina Carbonaro 516-243-1435

Key: (M) = MONTHLY (W) = WEEKLY

**PRO-LIFE PRAYERFUL PRESENCE**. Scheduled times at local abortion provider/referral sites are listed below. To volunteer,

speak with the contact person before going to a site. Never witness alone. Your presence, if even for 30 min. a month, is important. Note: Vigils & Witnesses are NOT sponsored by the LICL and are provided for informational purposes.

Nassau County - Location	Day/Time	Contact Phone (516)				
540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead	(W) Sa 8 AM-Noon	741-3405	<u>IMPORTANT</u> :			
" " "	(M) 1st. Sa 10 AM Liturgy/Clergy	741-3405	Peaceful assembly on			
35 Carmans Rd., Massapequa	(W) Sa 10:30-Noon	541-8056	public property near an			
Suffolk County - Location	<u>Day/Time</u>	Contact Phone (631)	abortion site is a lawful			
70 Maple Ave, Smithtown	(W) We & Sa 7:30-10:30AM	979-8541	First Amendment right.			
" " "	(M) 1st Sa 9:30 AM Prayer/Clergy	979-8541				
42 First Ave, Brentwood	(W) We 10-10:30 AM	667-2532				
" "	(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM	665-3630				
200 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge	(W) Sa 9:45-11:45 AM	265-2736	1			
540 E. Main St, Riverhead	(W) We 2-4 PM	722-3111				
498 Rt. 111, Smithtown	(W) Sa 7-9 AM	751-7894				
450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue	(M) 2nd Sa 10:30-11:30 AM	472-0033				
595 Hampton Rd. S. Hampton OB/GYN	(W) Fr 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	807-6001	A			
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Pro-Life Counseling Centers nearest to abortion sites:

Life Center of L.I. (FOUR locations): Massapequa 516-798-9100, 35 East Willow St, at E end of Sunrise Mall behind White Castle, (bilingual) open Mo-Fr, 10 AM-4 PM, Sa 9 AM-Noon (by appt. only); Hempstead 516-408-6300, 474 Fulton Av (Rt 24) (bilingual) open Mo-Fr 10 AM-4:30 PM & Sa 9AM-1PM; Deer Park 631-243-0066, 1767 Deer Park Ave, (bilingual) open Mo 10 AM-8 PM, Tu-Fr 10 AM-3 PM. (Closed Sa); Riverhead 631-591-9017, 524 E. Main St., Ste. 200, open Mo-Fr 10 AM-4 PM

#### Local Pro-Life Viewing – All programs weekly on CableV Ch 20 (except where noted) through Sept. 30, 2017:

Life Issues – hosted by LICL – Nas/W Suf Tu 9 PM, CSuf Tu 9 PM & Rvhd We 9 PM

Life Talk - Mark Crutcher's Life Dynamics - Nas/W Suf Tu 10:30 PM, Ch 115, Rvhd We 2 PM Ch 20

Defending Life - hosted by Priests for Life on EWTN CableV Ch 135, Verizon Ch 285 We 2:30 AM & Th 11 PM

Long Island Teen Freedom Sexual Integrity and Risk Avoidance-a product of Life Center of L.I. Nas/W Suf W Tu 3:00 PM Ch 20, CSuf We 3:30 PM, Rvhd Mo 3:30 PM Ch 20

AFA of NY: Mo 8 PM, Ver. Ch 40; CableV Nass /W. Suff. Mo 8 PM Ch 20 & Sa 8 PM Ch 115, C Suff. Tu 4:30 PM Ch 20 Contemporary Social Issues: Mo 9 PM Ver. Ch 40; CableV Nass. & W Suf Th 8 PM Ch 20, C. Suff. Th 4:30 PM Ch 20 *Listen to pro-life radio on the Internet:* blogtalkradio.com/march4lifeny-radio

### **Healing the Shockwaves of Abortion**JANUARY: Partners in Healing

January focuses on churches and pastors and how they can best communicate with love, mercy and truth about abortion and abortion loss. Those in the pews who may be tempted to abort would be blessed by hearing the truth about the lifelong effects of abortion. It is a life-changing event with serious spiritual, emotional and relational consequences that have lifelong and eternal consequences. Shockwaves encourages churches to "Be Not Afraid! Break the Silence" and to enlighten the congregation about the truth of abortion and the availability of post-abortion healing. Resources (including sample sermons and bulletin inserts) are available on the Shockwaves website.

#### FEBRUARY: Healing the Black Community

African-American women constitute about 13% of the female population age 15-44 in the U.S., but they underwent about 36% of the abortions in 2012. Shockwaves focuses on how this "black genocide" and the eugenics history of the abortion history particularly impact minority communities. This sense of being 'targeted' for abortion becomes part of the post-abortion healing process.

For more information, visit abortionshockwaves.com.

### Entering Canaan Days of Prayer & Healing

Sat., 1/14/17 & Sat., 2/4/17 (Spanish)
For more information contact:
866.575.0075 (toll free) hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org
Sisters of Life - www.sistersoflife.org

#### March For Life 2017

Participants - Provide Your Own Press Coverage:

Tired of just complaining about no March For Life coverage in the major local newspapers? Bring March For Life coverage to your home town through your local weekly newspaper. Weeklies like to cover what local residents are doing - just a picture and a short caption is all it takes.

Suggestion: Take a photo of your pro-life group against the MFL crowd. Write a brief caption, such as: Pictured are members of ABC parish/youth group at the March For Life in Washington D.C. on January 27, 2017. These prolife advocates joined hundreds of thousands at this event calling for an end to abortion and return to respect for the life of unborn babies. Mail or e-mail your photo/caption to a local paper (e.g. LI Herald or Anton Community Newspapers). Bring pro-life news to your neighbors!

Youth Attending March for Life - Feedback Wanted! If you are 10-16 years old and attend the 2017 March for Life in D.C., the LI Coalition for Life wants to hear about your experience. Please tell us in about 25 words what you thought of the March for Life. We hope to publish some of your feedback in Life News. Please e-mail or mail your feedback to us at: <a href="mailto:info@prolifeLI.org">info@prolifeLI.org</a> or LICL, PO Box 247, Old Bethpage NY 11804 - to be received no later than 2/4/17/ Include your Name, Age, Town, and who you went to the MFL with (e.g. school, parish, family). Thank you for attending the MFL and sharing your thoughts with us.

See more information on March for Life 2017 on page 1.

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Did you know?

Planned Parenthood operates 88% of the medical abortion (RU486) facilities in the US.

64% of PP's abortion business in Iowa involves "telemedicine" video conferencing.

\* Reuters reported that in 2014, abortion pills made up 43% of the of abortions at PP.

\* PP performs almost 1/3 of all abortions in the US - over 320,000 per year.

PP aborts 160 children for every one adoption referral.

\* PP performed less than 2% of all breast exams in the US in FY 2014/15 - physical breast exams, not mammograms. PP does **not** 

perform mammograms.
\*PP performed less than 1% of all Pap tests in the US in FY

2014/15.

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#### Love Them Both

Sat., Feb. 18 9:30AM - 10:30AM

In front of Planned Parenthood 110 School St., Glen Cove 11542 Celebrating the spirit of Valentine's Day. Unborn babies need love, too. Signs provided at site. Sponsor LICL 631-243-1435; info@prolifeli.org

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#### **Healing the Shockwaves of Abortion**

In January 2015, Priests For Life, through its Silent No More Awareness post-abortion healing ministry, launched a "Healing the Shockwaves of Abortion" program. The Shockwave Initiative reveals how abortion impacts so many segments of individuals in society. Each month the Shockwave Initiative offers discussion and resources for different persons (e.g. mother, father, grandparents, siblings) affected by an abortion decision. In upcoming Life News issues, we will be providing a short synopsis of the monthly focus. You can learn more about this healing program at: abortionshockwaves.com. Please share this important ministry information. See page 5 January & February focus.

#### -----Face the Truth Abortion Kills

#### Roe v Wade Memorial Face the Truth Sun., Jan. 22 1:30-3 PM

In front of NUMC, 2201 Hempstead Tpke., (Rt. 24) East Meadow, NY Sponsor: LICL 631-243-1435 Email: info@prolifeLI.org Pro-lifers are asked to join the vigil on behalf of the hundreds of unborn children tragically aborted at NUMC.

Fri., Jan. 27, 2017 **Annual March for Life Washington DC** 

Because of the 2017 Presidential Inauguration, the date has been changed. Please see

pages 1 & 5 for additional information.

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Best Wishes for a Happy, Healthy New Year!