



# Life News

Long Island's Pro-Life Newsletter

PO Box 223, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779 • PO Box 247, Old Bethpage, NY 11804 • 631-243-1435 • [www.ProLifeLI.org](http://www.ProLifeLI.org)

Volume 52 No. 3

2026 **April** Issue

Subscription \$18.00 Annually

*"The defense of the innocent is not a game, it is not a political question, and it is not a debatable issue. It is quite literally a matter of life and death for every individual created in the image and likeness of God."*

Judie Brown, American Life League

## High School 2026 Scholarship Award

The LI Coalition for Life Educational Trust invites all high school juniors and seniors (including home schooled) in Nassau & Suffolk counties to take part in its 2026 High School Scholarship Award. Applicants are to participate in and engage their peers in respect for human life activities. Students will be evaluated on their level of involvement, creative advocacy and dedication in supporting respect for human life. For more information and an application, please visit: <https://prolifeed.org/events/> or email [MakeRoom4Him@gmail.com](mailto:MakeRoom4Him@gmail.com). **Deadline is 4/15/26.**

## Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust 22nd Annual Respect for Human Life Oratory Contest

The twenty-second annual High School Respect for Human Life Oratory Contest, sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust, was held on March 7th at the Knights of Columbus, Joseph Barry Council in Hicksville. The contest is open to high school 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. This year we had 10 fine speakers, including 5 from St Pius V High School: Francesco Posillico, Alexis Ghecas, Michaela Ghecas, Noah Lawson and Thomas Marrone. Three students represented Kellenberg Memorial High School: Juliana Cook, Robert McCallin and Isabella Holm. Chaminade sent one speaker, Sebastian Franzke, as did Our Savior New American School, Abigail Gilbert.

Invitations and applications were sent to guidance counselors at all LI Public High Schools, but none responded. Students were invited to research, write and deliver a 5-7 minute original speech on life issues such as abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, or cloning/stem cell research. The judges praised the excellent quality and fine presentations of the speeches, resulting in difficult judging! The 1st place winner was Francesco Posillico, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner was Alexis Ghecas and 3rd place winner was Sebastian Franzke. Prizes of \$1000, \$600 and \$400, along with plaques were awarded to these excellent speakers. All other speakers received certificates acknowledging them as finalists for being selected to deliver their speeches at the contest.

All participants did a fine job and we sincerely thank them for their participation and effort! Thanks also to their parents and teachers for supporting and encouraging them with this worthwhile endeavor! Judges Kathy Feldman, Fred Peritore and George Frost capably handled the difficult task of selecting winners. Thank you judges!

Thanks to Sr. Mary Fatima and Sr. Mary Bernadette from St. Pius V, Brother Michael Gillen from Kellenberg, Mr. William Clemens from Chaminade and Mr. Bruce Bennet from Our Savior New American School, who all encouraged/coordinated with students and/or attended the contest. It was so wonderful to hear the younger generation speaking up for LIFE!

Thanks also to Charlie and Kathy Feldman for always providing the refreshments at the event. We also appreciate Coalition members Dan Sherry (Trustee of the Educational Trust), Jack O'Brien, (Chairman of The LI Coalition for Life), Ann Cook (*Life News* Asst. Editor) and Celeste Broyles (Nassau County Chairperson) who all attended and/or spoke with participants. Guest speakers John Hinshaw and Marco Posillico also shared testimonies of their long and active involvement protesting at abortion clinics. In this way, the older generation inspired the younger and vice versa for standing up for LIFE!



Pictured left: Sebastian Franzke, Francesco Posillico, & Alexis Ghecas. Pictured right all finalists & winners: Francesco Posillico, Alexis Ghecas, Michaela Ghecas, Noah Lawson, Thomas Marrone, Juliana Cook, Robert McCallin, Isabella Holm, Sebastian Franzke and Abigail Gilbert.



**You're  
Invited**

The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. General meeting Monday, **April 27 at 7:30 PM** at Joseph Barry K of C Council, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville. **All are welcome - please join us!** For further info, call LICL at 631-243-1435.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Janet Stevens, MSN, RNC-OB, will be the guest speaker at the LICL meeting on **June 22, 2026**. Ms. Stevens will discuss Catholic Health's programs ministering to parents with prenatal loss.

### **Lobby for Life - LICL Bus to Albany - April 21, 2026**

The LI Coalition for Life is sponsoring a lobby bus trip to Albany on Tuesday, April 21. Our efforts will be used to support pro-life related legislation or against pro-abortion legislation. Please join us in letting our voices be heard in our State Capitol!

The bus to Albany has four stops, departing:

Ronkonkoma: St. Joseph's Church, 45 Church St. 5:30 AM

Melville: LIE Exit 49 Park & Ride (westbound) 6:00 AM

New Hyde Park: Notre Dame Church, New Hyde Park Rd. 6:30 AM

Bayside: American Martyrs Church, Union Tpke. & 216th St. 6:45 AM

Bus is expected home between 6 -7:00 PM.



Participants are needed to bring the right to life message to as many legislators as we can. We will visit legislators' offices with others in our group. During previous lobby trips, we found that face-to-face meetings are important. No experience necessary. Instructions and information regarding legislative advocacy will be given on the bus. **Pre-registration is required.** No fee. To register or for information, contact the LICL at [info@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org) or 631.243.1435 (leave a clear message with name & phone number). You will be contacted regarding your reservation. Please sign up early to help us prepare for the trip.

### **Pro-Life Talking Points – LICL Website**

In Vitro Fertilization (IVF): A pressing issue for pro-lifers that has gained in prominence in the last decade is the use of in vitro fertilization, a form of assisted reproductive technology. In IVF, male sperm and female eggs are mixed in a dish in a lab by a technician. A resulting embryo is inserted in a woman's uterus with the intent of implantation to continue the pregnancy in utero. Children conceived through IVF have the same right to life and value as children conceived in any other way. Nonetheless, IVF commodifies children and leads to assaults on the right to life and human dignity of some of the IVF embryo-children. It is incumbent upon pro-lifers to understand IVF and to educate others before they start IVF. A helpful handout is available under Pro-Life Talking Points on the LICL website at <https://prolifeli.org/pro-life-talking-points>.

### **Take Action for Pro-Life Progress**

There are many ways pro-lifers can foster a pro-life mindset in their homes, schools, churches and communities. Rather than become overwhelmed with large projects, a smaller or a singular action is also an effective way to build a more pro-life future. The following idea is offered for April.

#### **APRIL**

- Participate in the LICL's Face the Truth event on Good Friday (April 3).
- Attend an event of a pro-life organization, or at your church, etc.

Follow us on Instagram



[licoalitionlife](https://www.instagram.com/licoalitionlife)

**Are you registered to vote?**  
**ELECTION DAY IS TUE., NOV. 3, 2026**  
**Early Voting Oct. 24 - Nov. 1**

If you have moved, need an absentee ballot, or need more information, see the Board of Election website. Nassau County: 516-571-8683 [www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/BOE/index.html](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/BOE/index.html) Suffolk County: 631-852-4500 [www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/BOE](http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/BOE)

**Soundview Annual Walk for Life**  
**May 16 9:30-11:30 AM**

3 locations: Bethpage State Park, Farmingdale  
Blydenburgh Park, Smithtown  
Indian Island Park, Riverhead

To register and for more info contact Soundview at 631-676-7990; [Julie@soundviewpregnancy.com](mailto:Julie@soundviewpregnancy.com)



## FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Correction and Updates: In March, this column incorrectly listed **S.3627** as Senate companion bill to **HR.2226**, the *Let Pregnancy Centers Serve Act of 2025*. **HR.2226** currently has no Senate companion bill.

**S.3627** is the Senate companion bill to **HR.6359**, the *Pregnant Students' Rights Act*. On January 27, **S.3627** failed to proceed to a vote in the Senate.

As of March 5, **HR.6945** *Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act* and **HR.1834** *Breaking the Gridlock Act* – regarding Obamacare subsidies - lack Senate companion bills.

**HR.7296** *Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act* pairs with **S.3752**.

A nationwide poll of GOP primary voters by *Cygnal* found that 80% want the FDA to end mail-order abortion pills and require in-person visits. 72% disagreed with the FDA green-lighting generic mifepristone before a safety review is done. 86% support banning federal taxpayer funding of abortion, 79% support the Hyde Amendment, and 75% support defunding Planned Parenthood. If the GOP dropped its pro-life stance, 32% would be 'less enthusiastic' about voting in 2026 mid-terms, and 34% less likely to volunteer. These last two stats rise a few points among the "most engaged" voters.

The Jan/Feb 2026 issue of the Population Research Institute's *Review* noted that the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP2025) held in November 2025 was "the public funeral for the now-defunct **USAID**, combined with the unveiling of its replacement: Family Planning 2030 (FP2030)." 150 attendees were former USAID employees who "bragged" that US taxpayers had funded many pro-abortion USAID programs. The goal of FP2030 is to expand abortion to every corner of the globe. FP2030 is the new USAID, but without US taxpayer funding, they are reaching out to 'private philanthropy' - foundations such as Ford, Gates, Rockefeller, etc.



## NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

NY Families Action listed the following bills as passed by the NYS Senate on Jan. 27, 2026:

**S.135-Cleare/A.2137-Gonzalez-Rojas**: to allow tax funds to pay low-income women (NYS residents as well as non-residents) for their costs (meals, lodging) when traveling to get an abortion.

**S.1438a-Krueger** (no Assembly companion bill yet), *NYS Abortion Clinical Training Program Act*: NYS Dept. of Health would create standards and curriculum for a clinical abortion training program, and link with at least 4 NY facilities to do abortion training for doctors, residents, PAs, NPs, and midwives.

*NYS Legislation continued*

**S.1633a-Fernandez** (no Assembly companion bill yet) boosts health-care provider record keeping burdens to 'protect' non-NYS residents who abort here.

**S.2058-Webb/A.9175-Gonzalez-Rojas**. *The Emergency Contraception Vending Machines Bill* would mandate emergency contraception dispensers on public college and university campuses.

**S.3155-Cooney/A.8349-Septimo** would bar medical Insurers from requiring women age 35 and up to use all the embryos they've created via *in vitro* fertilization before obtaining insurance coverage for new embryo cycles. It would likely mean the discarding of more unused embryos.

**S.5981-Fernandez/A.6571-Rozic**. This bill would establish a 'comprehensive sexual and reproductive health program' that would give funds to abortion providers across NYS.

**S.8656a-Mayer/A.10428-Reyes** would modify existing law by allowing the names and addresses of dispensers of abortion pills, and patients' names and addresses to be omitted from abortion pill prescription labels. This would aid in the illegal sending of abortion pills to states where pills are banned.

**S.8866-Salazar/A.885-Paulin**: the *Equity in Fertility Treatment Act*, would expand NYS's *in vitro* fertilization insurance coverage mandate. (Babies = consumer goods).

**S.8544-Hinchey/A.9217-Paulin** would make it lawful to prescribe and dispense abortion pills in NYS, even if the US FDA were to revoke its approval of such drugs. Passed by both the Senate & Assembly in 2026.

NYS Right to Life lists 2 Democrat sponsored bills: **S.11-Skoufis /A.44-Paulin** would mandate the disclosure of problems and false positives (up to 90%) regarding pre-natal genetic screening for chromosomal abnormalities.

**S.4583-Salazar/A.4879-Kelles** Relates to the health, safety and human rights of incarcerated "pregnant individuals," incarcerated birthing parents, and their children.

NYS mandated employee medical insurance to cover abortions. Religious opt outs were only given to organizations that didn't serve other denominations. Lawsuits ensued. *Diocese of Albany v Harris* has now been dropped by NYS, restoring some lost religious freedom in NYS.

**ACTION ITEM:** Contact your Assemblyperson and ask them to vote NO on A.10428.

**TAKE ACTION** – For contact info on legislators at all levels go to: [prolifeli.org/index.php/legislative](http://prolifeli.org/index.php/legislative) **OR** [usa.gov/elected-officials](http://usa.gov/elected-officials)

To discuss Federal & State Legislation, e-mail Charles Feldman at [cdefeldman@optonline.net](mailto:cdefeldman@optonline.net).

*NYS Legislation continued.....*



## HEALTH & SCIENCE: Pro-life Genetic Research -Trisomy 21

In 2018, monozygotic twin boys were born – they developed from the same fertilized egg and share nearly identical DNA. However, one boy carries an extra copy of chromosome 21 – the genetic condition that causes Down syndrome. The COLIBRI research project was created in 2022. It was funded by the Jerome Lejeune Foundation and launched through BRC-BioJel - the foundation’s biological resource center. The COLIBRI project “aims to advance medical research and care for individuals with genetic intellectual disabilities.” Because these brothers share the same genetic background, doctors “can isolate the specific effects of trisomy 21 without the confounding variables that typically complicate studies comparing unrelated individuals. The project combines ongoing clinical monitoring with laboratory analysis, including epigenetics research, which examines how genes are activated or silenced over time.” In the summer of 2025, researchers were able to reprogram skin cells from both boys into pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs). These stem cells “can be developed into multiple types of human tissue, including brain cells, which allows researchers to study how trisomy 21 affects development and gene expression without invasive procedures. Unlike embryonic stem cells, iPSCs do not require the destruction of human embryos. The foundation said that in 2025, five independent research teams requested BioJel resources to generate trisomy 21 iPSCs.”

The Jerome Lejeune Foundation was established in 1996 to continue the work of Dr. Jerome Lejeune, the geneticist who co-discovered the chromosomal cause of Down syndrome in 1958. The three primary goals of the foundation are: research on genetic intelligence disorders, medical care for individuals, especially those with Down syndrome, and advocacy for the life and dignity of those with disabilities from conception to natural death. (Source: Elise Winland, Zeale.co, 2/14/26) For more information on the Jerome Lejeune Foundation, see their website: [lejeunefoundation.org](http://lejeunefoundation.org)

### First-ever In-utero Stem Cell Therapy for Fetal Spina Bifida Repair

A research team at UC Davis Health announced on 2/26/26 that it “safely performed the world’s first spina bifida treatment combining fetal surgery with stem cells.” The study tested “whether adding a layer of human placenta-derived stem cells to standard fetal surgery could be done safely.” Principal investigator Diana Farmer said, “Putting stem cells into a growing fetus was a total unknown. We are excited to report great safety. It paves the way for new treatment options for children with birth defects. The future is exciting for cell and gene therapy before birth.” During the surgery, a small opening is made in the uterus, and the fetus is “floated up to that incision point so they can expose the back of the fetus and the spina bifida defect [spinal tissue fails to fuse properly].” A patch of living stem cells is placed over the exposed spinal cord, and the layers of the back are closed, “to allow the tissue to regenerate. The stem cells, taken from donated placentas, are designed to protect the developing spinal cord from further damage before birth.” The placenta-derived mesenchymal stem cells (PMSCs) used in the trial were sourced from the healthy, donated placentas of consenting patients who underwent full-term pregnancies and deliveries at UC Davis Medical Center. The first six babies in the trial had no safety concerns, no infections, no spinal fluid leaks or abnormal tissue growth or tumors. The wounds completely healed. MRI scans indicated the surgeries were successful. None of these babies required a shunt for hydrocephalus before discharge. The FDA approved moving forward to the next phase of the study. The trial is “exploring whether stem cells can add regenerative power to surgery, potentially improving mobility and quality of life.” Aijun Wang, co-inventor of the placental-derived stem cell treatment technology said, “This is a major step toward a new kind of fetal therapy, one that doesn’t just repair but potentially helps heal and protect the developing spinal cord.” The trial is now enrolling up to 35 patients in the next phase of the study. “Children will be followed up to age 6 to evaluate long-term safety and early signs of improved movement, bladder and bowel function.” (Source: [health.ucdavis.edu](http://health.ucdavis.edu), Children’s Health, Tricia Tomiyoshi, 2/26/26)

### Will Assisted Suicide Coupled with Organ Harvesting Come to the U.S.?

In the Winter 2026 issue of *Lifeline*, Wesley J. Smith reported that Ontario, Canada will soon allow patients approved for assisted suicide to be contacted by the organ procurement society. Belgium and the Netherlands already allow this. Currently no state in the U.S. allows this, as it requires a lethal injection, which is not permitted (yet) by any state. However, the assisted suicide movement is advocating for this. Patients would be required to die in a hospital so that the organs can be harvested. Ways around an injection are being explored. A woman in Australia recently swallowed a lethal overdose so that her organs could be harvested. Father Tad Pacholczyk, on the 2/24/26 *L.A. Catholic Morning Broadcast* said ethical issues arise concerning hospital staff cooperating in an organ donation surgery after a patient has committed physician-assisted suicide.

Smith stated, “Conjoining organ harvesting with assisted suicide [patient takes prescribed lethal pills] or euthanasia [doctor lethally injects patient] gives society a ‘stake’ in sick people being made dead. For advocates of this policy, it doesn’t matter that the donation choice could be the *precipitating* motive for sick suicidal persons to end their lives, or at least, could influence the timing. If that is what they want, it’s win-win.” Smith warns that once organ donation is allowed for the terminally ill, there will be no stopping it for others. “People who are not dying generally have ‘better organs’ and so the prospect of garnering *even more organs* could become a policy justification for expanding eligibility for suicide facilitation to people with chronic illnesses, disabilities, and mental illnesses, or the reason to switch from self-administration to lethal jabs...the question now on the table is whether this instrumental use of suicidal people is what we *really* want as a society, even if it is what they want. Because if we follow down the path we are currently on, I fear that is what we are going to get.”

*"Whenever Two or More are Gathered in My Name"*

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**

540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead

" " "

" " "

**Day/Time**

(W) Sa 8 AM-Noon

(W) Th 10:30-Noon

(W) Sa 10 AM-Noon

(W) Fr 11 AM - Noon

**Contact Phone**

917-544-0121

516-220-8273

516-220-8273

516-359-1298

**IMPORTANT:**

Peaceful assembly on public property near an abortion site is a lawful First Amendment right.

**Suffolk County - Location**

70 Maple Ave, Smithtown

877 E. Main St, Riverhead

450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue

**Day/Time**

(W) Mo. 10 AM

We, Fr. & Sa 7:30-10:30 AM

(W) We 2-4 PM

(M) 2nd We & Sa 10 AM-noon

**Contact Phone (631)**

259-1169

323-8001

615-1735



**Pro-Life Counseling Centers nearest to abortion sites:**

**Women First Pregnancy Options: (Four locations): Massapequa** 516-798-9100, 35 East Willow St, at East 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-4 PM. (Closed Sa),

**Smithtown** 631-656-0441, 91 Maple Ave., open Mo.-Fr. 8 AM-4 PM closed Saturdays.

**Local Pro-Life Viewing/Listening:**

**EWTN Pro-Life Weekly, Thurs. 10 PM, (Re-airs Sun, 10:30 AM and Tue. 1:30 PM)** Opt. Ch 135, Verizon Ch 285

**Pro-Life and Pro-Family** podcast & blog hosted by Rick Hinshaw: rickhinshaw.com

**Knights for Life Nassau Cnty.** - Pro-Life podcast hosted by Keith Wilson - Tues., 11 AM-noon; X, Facebook, Roku, iHeart Radio, YouTube & Rumble 516-633-1435

**Weekly Prayer Opportunities:**

**Rosary for Life:** Fri 3PM, Zoom, <https://us05web.zoom.us/jK/84180680547?pwd=zK6raKuutlvKjOIR49NzhwtaRRanlY.1>

Meeting ID: 841 8068 0547 Passcode: VPZAN4

**Holy Hour for Life:** Mon. 7 PM, St. Joseph RCC, 59 Church St., Kings Park; Also live-streamed. For more info call 631-269-6635.

**Right to Life Rosary:** Thurs. 7 PM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Chapel, 495 N. Ocean Ave., Patchogue For info call 631-475-4739.

***In Memoriam:* Father Joseph Habila**

**GUIDELINES for PRO-LIFE PRESENCE at PRO-LIFE EVENTS and ABORTIONIST'S SITE**

All public pro-life witnessing *MUST BE PEACEFUL*. This is legal nonviolent direct action.

Public pro-life outreach is a statement on behalf of all of the victims of abortion.

Your participation in a public pro-life awareness event or your presence at an abortion facility or abortionist's office is an important affirmation of LIFE, exercise of your Constitutional right to free speech and assembly, and a witness against the tragedy of abortion. You are the face of the unborn.

Babies are dying at the hands of abortionists and their staff. Treat the site appropriately. Eating, loud talking and laughter are out of place.

- Stay on sidewalks (public property). Do not go on the facility's property or parking lot.
- Do not impede cars to/from driveways or pedestrians to doors or along sidewalks.
- Stay with a partner. Carry a camera and cell phone.
- Hold signs so they can be read by vehicle and/or pedestrian traffic. Don't wave signs in front of traffic. Hold signs tightly; larger ones should have handles or string to loop over the neck.
- Carry a pro-life pamphlet/card with pro-life assistance contact info.
- Praying, singing, and Scripture reading should be done without disturbing other pro-lifers who aren't joining your group.
- Do Not Shout – at patients, workers, residents, those driving by, police, etc. Keep an arm's length away from them and step away from potential confrontations. Calling out to abortion-bound parents should be limited and done prudently; even though you're saying something positive, the stressed client may only "hear" negative screaming at her.
- Do not shadow (follow along closely) pedestrians.
- Respond to hecklers gently or not at all. Leave them with a positive life-affirming comment

*Your prolife witness is seen by those contemplating abortion, those who know or will know someone with an untimely pregnancy, and those hurt by a past abortion decision. Your presence is critical in keeping the plight of the unborn on the public conscience and saving lives.*

[This is not a legal document; distributor is not liable; it is provided for educational purposes only.]

# SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

They support the pro-life movement on Long Island by advertising in *Life News*.

<p>Dr. Joseph A. Femino Dr. Andrew J. Femino Dr. Claudine L. Hoffman</p> <p><b>VETERINARIANS</b></p> <p>171 West Main Street Smithtown, NY 11787 631-265-7170</p>	<p>James T. Murphy, Esq. <b>ATTORNEY AT LAW</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Personal Injury •Divorce-Family Law</li> <li>•Bankruptcy •Business-Commercial Law</li> <li>•Real Estate •General Litigation</li> <li>•Criminal Law &amp; DWI •Estate Probate</li> <li>•Employment Discrimination</li> </ul> <p>122 Plainfield Ave., Floral Park <b>516-775-7008</b></p>	<p>P. De Dora, CPA</p> <p><b>CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT</b></p> <p>Phone (631) <b>662-4519</b></p>	<p>M. Jennifer DeMarco, D.O. Board Certified <b>FAMILY PHYSICIAN</b> Drjenniferdemarco.com Rockville Centre/Amityville <b>516-594-5671</b></p> <p><i>Personalized HealthCare "Together to health—Naturally"</i></p>
<p>Dr. Mark F. Buthorn Jr.</p> <p><b>PODIATRIST</b></p> <p>Surgical &amp; General Foot Care</p> <p>925 Hempstead Tpk. Franklin Square, NY 11010 516-352-4454</p>	<p><b>For all your Electrical needs!</b> <b>Light Works Electric</b></p> <p>Senior Citizen Discount Licensed Insured</p>  <p><b>631-249-2440</b> <b>Dan Sherry</b> www.lightworkselectric.4t.com</p>	<p><i>I help people get well.</i> <i>Veronica Anderson RN IAC</i></p> <p><b>Holistic Wellness Consultant &amp; Certified Integrative Aromatherapist</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• holistic health guidance</li> <li>• computerized assessment of body's needs</li> <li>• therapeutic essential oils massage</li> <li>• pain management + <b>much more</b></li> <li>• client discovers and takes charge of his/her own health to regain and maintain wellness</li> </ul> <p>www.VeronicaHolisticHealth.com (516) 502-4643</p>	
 <p><b>LIVING WATERS</b> Therapeutic Catholic Counseling</p> <p><b>CAROL RUBANO, LCSW-R, ACSW</b> Founder and Director</p> <p>Clinical Phone: 631.754.3990 Business Phone: 631.271.0913 Email: carol@livingwaterstherapy.org</p> <p>Address: 29 Clay Pitts Road Greenlawn, NY 11740 Website: livingwaterstherapy.org</p>		<p><b>SEAGULL</b> MANAGEMENT CORP</p> <p>Truck Parking Space in Kings Park</p> <p>Roger@Skyview (631) <b>544-1038</b></p>	<p>We Buy Gold</p>  <p>(631) 666-4181 9 No. Windsor Ave. Brightwaters, N.Y. 11718 Vita Mazza</p>
<p><b>DEADLINE NOTICE:</b> May &amp; early June 2026 events to be considered for publication in the May 2026 issue of <i>Life News</i> MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 5, Send to: Life News, LICL, PO Box 223, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779 Or email LICoalition4Life@outlook.com</p>	<p><b>Janice Seaman Certified Life Coach/Spiritual Advisor</b> Specializing in spirituality, weight management, self-sabotage, worthiness and helping clients to achieve their full potential by becoming the architect of their own victorious destiny. (516) 353-8662 Janiceslifecoach@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>Tri-State Merchant Services, Inc.</b> Credit/Debit Card Processing &amp; Check Guarantee Services POS Hardware and Software • Remote Check Capture • Gift Cards</p> <p><b>John P. Carro, President</b> (631) 952-3600 sales@tmsmerchant.com www.tmsmerchant.com</p> <p>Tri-State Merchant Services Inc. is a registered ISO/MSP of Fifth Third Bank, Cincinnati, Ohio</p>	

## PLANNED PARENTHOOD CLAIMS DEFUNDING HURTS WOMEN

If Planned Parenthood was really concerned about medical care, they could keep their facilities open and just stop committing abortions. Instead, they have chosen to close many of their sites. As Life Issues Institute stated in their February 2026 issue of *The Shield*, Planned Parenthood “is married to abortion. If they believe their own claim, then by closing their facilities they are stranding helpless women, leaving them without medical care.” If abortion is “only a fraction of the services they offer,” then closing facilities due to the defunding of abortion doesn’t make sense, but we all know that abortion is their main business.

The Charlotte Lozier Institute reports that pro-life pregnancy resource centers (PRCs) outnumber brick-and-mortar abortion facilities 4:1. In 2024 PRCs served more than 1 million new clients, provided over \$452 million in total medical care, support, education services and material goods to women and families in need. Over 80% of PRCs offer free or low-cost medical services staffed by over 10,000 medical professionals. 77% offer post-abortion support.

In addition, there are almost 1500 Federally Funded Health Center Organizations (FQHCs) that operate over 17,000 service sites in the U.S., serving almost 34 million patients – 1 in 7 people nationwide. They provide care regardless of a patient’s ability to pay and offer primary, dental, behavioral and vision care.

On March 1, The *Wall Street Journal* reported that PP affiliates are turning to Botox injections, IV hydration drips, and other cosmetic services (cash payment required) to offset their losses due to the federal Medicaid reimbursement cuts. ‘Concierge-style’ telehealth appointments for hormone replacement therapy and GLP-1 prescriptions are also being introduced. Stacy Cross, CEO of PP Mar Monte stated, “...we have to face reality to keep our doors open. That’s where these new services come in. We’ll never fill this \$100 million gap. It’s impossible.” The *Wall Street Journal* noted, “Mar Monte’s experiment is being closely watched as a potential model for others navigating similar fiscal strain.”

**LONG ISLAND COALITION for LIFE, Inc.**

John O'Brien, Chairman  
 Robert McEntee, Presiding Vice-Chair  
 Celeste Broyles, Nassau Vice-Chair  
 Gerry Crosson, Suffolk Vice-Chair  
 Kathleen E. Feldman, Secretary Pro Tem  
 Frederick S. Peritore, Treasurer  
 George Frost, Immediate Past Chair  
 Daniel Sherry, Educational Trustee  
 Regina Carbonaro, Life News Editor  
 Ann Cook, Life News Asst.

**SUBSCRIPTION - DONATION - VOLUNTEER**

I am sending a gift of: \$500 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 I am subscribing to Life News [\$18/year]  
 Please mail Life News to my address shown below  
 Please e-mail Life News to me at \_\_\_\_\_  
 I cannot donate now but please mail Life News to address below or e-mail to: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I am enclosing \$18 for a gift subscription. Mail or e-mail to: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please discontinue sending Life News to me  
 I wish to volunteer, please call or e-mail me at:  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Credit card donations can be made through the LICL website PROLIFELI.org.

Please make checks payable to LI Coalition for Life. Mail to LICL PO Box 223 Ronkonkoma NY 11779 (Donations are not tax deductible. A copy of our latest annual report is available from us or the Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway NY, NY 10271).

**HELP NUMBERS NASSAU & SUFFOLK COUNTIES**

**L.I. COALITION FOR LIFE:** Info on pro-life activity, speakers, legislation 631-243-1435; ProLifeLI.org  
**HELP FOR EXPECTANT MOTHER AND HER CHILD**

**Pregnancy Care Center locations:**

Women First Pregnancy Options (aka Life Center of LI):  
 Deer Park 631-243-2373  
 Hempstead 516-408-6300  
 Massapequa 516-798-9100  
 Smithtown 631-656-0441  
**Hot Line** 631-243-0066  
**Baby Safe Haven-**Don't abandon - no questions 877-796-4673  
**Birthright:**  
 Wantagh 516-785-4070  
 Islip 631-277-3888  
 Rocky Point 631-821-9727  
 Hampton Bays 631-728-8900

**Birthright Int'l Hot Line:**

800-550-4900  
**Boro Preg Ctr** 718-281-HELP  
 Pathway Pregnancy Services & Breath of Life Maternity Home 631-738-8829  
 Bridge for Life 718-463-1810

Catholic Char. Regina Maternity Serv. 516-733-7071  
 CGS 800-592-4357  
**MOMMAS House:** Jericho, Glen Cove, Levittown & Hempstead 516-781-8637

**Mother of Good Counsel Home:**

Roosevelt 516-223-1013  
 Natal Hotline 800-712-4357  
**Soundview Preg. Res. Ctrs.:**  
 Centereach, East Meadow & Riverhead 888-709-3227

**Perinatal Hospice Prog. (Gabriel's Courage)**

631-465-6300  
**Abortion Pill Reversal 24/7**  
 Helpline 877-558-0333

**Adoption, Foster, Maternity Services**

Pregnant with child with disability? .....benotafraid.net  
**Post Abortion Counseling For Women/Men:** Project Rachel  
 Hotline. 888-456-4673

**Support After Abortion.....**

844-289-4673  
**Leave abortion Industry** ...ATTWN.org.

**Life Issues/Ethics**

Children of God cogforlife.org  
 Vaccines...vaccinebioethics.com



**Green Horizons Irrigation Co.**

Residential & Commercial

**Sprinkler Systems**

Servicing Nassau & Suffolk over 25 years

BOB McLAUGHLIN  
 OWNER

**(631) 361-6036**

Credit Cards Accepted

*In Loving Honor and Memory of A strong defender of the unborn:*



**Gregory Florentino, Esq.**  
 1933-2023

**PROMOTE THE PRO-LIFE MESSAGE BUMPER STRIPS \$3.00 each**

- I'm a Child Not a Choice
- Vote Pro-Life
- Adoption Not Abortion
- Abortion is Not Health Care
- Unborn Lives Matter (red w/white lettering)
- Get the Facts First, Abortion Hurts Women, Kills Children, Breaks Hearts
- CHOOSE LIFE



**PRECIOUS FEET PINS \$2.00 each**  
 Silver Finish  
 Gold Finish  
 8 pin maximum order

Buy 1 sticker; get another free!

**SELF-ADHESIVE STICKERS**

\_\_\_ 2 sheets \$3.00 \_\_\_ 4 sheets \$5.50

✉ Mail this form with payment (prices include postage & handling) to: L. I. COALITION FOR LIFE, MATERIALS ORDER, PO BOX 247 Old Bethpage, NY 11804-0247. Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.

Name & address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donations are not tax-deductible.

**In Loving Memory of**  
 a warrior for the USA and the unborn

**Andrew J. Duff**  
 1930-2009

**Kimberly Duff**

**In Loving Memory of Dr. Jerome (Jerry) Higgins, DVD**

**"The heart and soul of the Long Island Coalition for Life"**

Compliments of Judge John Andrew Kay

*In Loving Memory of John & Pat Gustaffsen*  
**Willow Graphics Inc.**

**In Loving Memory of Larry Cervellino**

For his prayerful presence at Planned Parenthood in Smithtown from 1993-2015

**Johanna Cervellino**

# Life News

of Long Island

## MISSION STATEMENT

To protect innocent human life from fertilization to natural death through education, legislative action, prayer and peaceful presence.

Long Island Coalition for Life  
Post Office Box 223  
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779-0223

ELECTRONIC RETURN SERVICE  
REQUESTED

**TIME SENSITIVE MAIL**  
**PLEASE EXPEDITE**



Our First Right  
**THE RIGHT TO LIFE!**  
April 2026  
*Happy Spring!*

NON PROFIT ORG.  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
HICKSVILLE, NY 11801  
PERMIT NO. 263

### Good Friday Vigil on Behalf of Preborn Children

April 3, 2026 10:30 AM - Noon

Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., East Meadow). Pro-life adults, teens and



children are invited to take part in this peaceful Face the Truth event as a visible reminder that abortion is not healthcare. As preborn human babies' lives

continue to be lost on Long Island through abortion, it is critical that this tragedy not be forgotten. Positive pro-life action can save lives! Your participation for even part of the time is important! Signs provided or bring your own (pro-life, no political signs). Information – contact the LICL at 631-243-1435 or [info@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org).

Inside: Page 4 - Health & Science:  
Pro-life Genetic Research -Trisomy 21

### United for Life Walk

Saturday, April 11

12:10 Mass followed by 1 PM Walk

St. Agnes Church, 143 E. 43rd St., NYC

2-5 PM Luncheon at

Connolly's 47th Pub & Restaurant, 14 E. 47th St.

Pre-registration required for luncheon

Guest speaker: **Abby Johnson**

\$70/pp General Admission

\$50/pp Seniors & 18-30 yr. olds

For more info: [www.unitedforlifeny.org](http://www.unitedforlifeny.org)

John of Ark Council of K of C is sponsoring a bus leaving from St. Gerard Majella in Port Jefferson Sta. with stops

on the way. For bus information

call 631-873-8950

### Protect the Unalienable Right to Life Face the Truth Event

Sunday July 5th, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Lake Grove - Route 347 (near Smith Haven Mall)

We are looking for **250 pro-lifers** to celebrate America's 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence which put Life as our first right.

Sponsored by: Long Island Coalition for Life

Will you stand for the freedom to be born?

Commit now for 7/5/26: Contact the LICL at

631-243-1435; [info@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org)