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"... if embryos can be *kept* alive, then embryos *are* alive. If an embryo is alive, then the life of that embryo has begun... the foundation for our laws ought to be the equal protection of all human beings. I was a single, round cell. And so were you. And so are other human beings now. If we believe in equal rights, then all human beings deserve to be "protected by law and welcomed in life."" Dr. Christopher Kaczor

2024 LICL and LICL Educational Trust Events

Thanks to the many who answer the call, the many who join LICL in presenting a constant, visible, pro-life message through Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Please join us in our 2025 activities as well. Events will be posted in future issues of *Life News*.





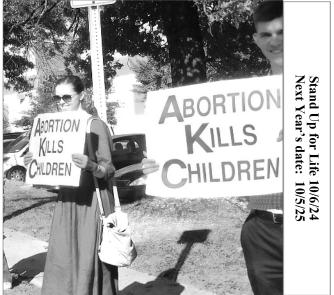
FYI

Jeanne Mancini will be stepping down as President of the March for Life as of 1/31/25. The President-elect is Jennie Bradley Lichter. A special thank you to Jeanne for her leadership during the past twelve years. We are grateful for all her contributions to the pro-life movement. And we welcome Jennie Bradley Lichter. For more info visit:

marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life

SAVE THE DATE! Fri., 1/24/25

Annual March for Life, Washington DC Additional info in Jan/Feb 2025 edition of *Life News* and *Marchforlife.org*. There are many State-sponsored March for Life events. Please check with your State Pro-Life organization for more info.



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Dear Defenders of Life,

There are many ways you can support the pro-life cause - by prayer, by peaceful witnessing at abortion mills, by writing letters to the editors, by political action and by financial support. As Chair of the Long Island Coalition for Life, I am asking for your financial support at this time. The LICL is a completely voluntary organization. Its Board of Directors and committee members receive no financial compensation. All of your contributions go directly for pro-life work.

Education is the first and foremost purpose of the LICL. We have provided pro-life speakers at Long Island high schools and colleges. We have pro-life displays at street fairs. We have a presence at abortion mills where we distribute business-size cards that provide crisis pregnancy help phone numbers and websites. Our biggest expense is the publication of Life News, an essential educational tool.

This past summer, our Educational Trust sponsored pro-life fly over banners seen on Long Island beaches with the message "Have Courage, Carry Hope, Say No to Abortion." The LICL has also sponsored lobbybus trips to Albany to stop anti-life legislation such as abortion and assisted suicide bills. Sadly, the Abortion on Demand Bill was passed in January 2019, and now the pro-abortion forces want to enshrine the abortion on demand law into our New York State Constitution with the so called "Equality Act." This will make it almost impossible to change. We are still fighting doctor-prescribed suicide bills, with the false, harmless sounding title, "Medical Aid in Dying." Like abortion, which was only supposed to be for the so called "hard cases," but has been expanded to abortion on demand through all nine months of pregnancy, so will it be for doctorprescribed suicide. First like the proposed NYS bill, it will be for patients with a terminal illness predicted to die within six months. However, like Belgium, the Netherlands, and Canada, it will be expanded to the mentally and physically disabled, who feel they have a "duty to die" in order to spare their family emotional and financial costs. The slippery slope is real.

The historian, Hannah Arendt, once described Nazism as "the banality of evil." By this, she meant that evil had been normalized in Nazi Germany. And of course, in our own country the evil of slavery had once been normalized. In the United States today, we average over 2,500 abortions a day, more than 60 million since the Supreme Court legalized abortion through all nine-months of pregnancy with its Roe v. Wade & Doe v. Bolton decisions in January 1973. Thank God, Roe was overturned by the Supreme Court, but nothing has changed in New York State. Its barbaric abortion on demand law is still in effect because the Supreme Court decision returned abortion law to the states.

We in the pro-life movement are fighting against this normalization of the killing of pre-born babies through abortion and the killing of the elderly, the depressed, and disabled through doctor-prescribed suicide which will turn doctors into killers.

Please help us to continue our educational efforts to end this killing by contributing whatever you can afford so that together we can win this fight for all those who cannot defend themselves.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

For His Innocents,

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George E. Frost

LICL Chairman

P.S. Please use the enclosed postage-paid envelope and the coupon on page 7 to volunteer and/or send your year-end donation. We want to keep Long Island moving in the pro-life direction. Gift subscriptions to Life News are another way you can spread the pro-life message. Just check off the gift subscription box in the page 7 coupon and return with your \$18.00 subscription donation. Photocopy the coupon if you are making several or go to our website ProLifeLI.org. Thank you!

You're Invited

The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. Our next monthly meeting will take place on Mon., Dec. 16 at 7:30 PM at Joseph Barry K of C, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville. We will have refreshments to celebrate Christmas and all our faithful participants. All are welcome! Please join us! For further info, call LICL at 631-243-1435.



FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Former President Trump defeated Vice President Kamala Harris, capturing both the Electoral College (312 – 226), and the popular vote (75.5 million –72.4 million). The Republicans have 53 seats in the Senate and the Democrats have 47 seats (including those who caucus with them).

As of this newsletter going to print, the Republicans had 216 seats in the House to the Democrats 207 seats. 218 seats are needed for the majority. The Republicans are projected to win a slim majority. The Long Island Congressional delegation now consists of Republicans Garbarino and LaLota, and Democrats Gillen and Suozzi.

In her concession speech, Harris stated, "I will continue to fight for a future where the women of America will have the freedom to make their own decisions about 'their body' and not have their government telling them what to do."

As stated in last month's newsletter, Trump said some state limits on abortion were "too tough," and would be "redone" at the state level. He said the Mexico City Policy (banning Federal funding of overseas elective abortions) would get "a very good serious look," and promised to "keep" his stance on religious liberty if elected. He also promised to reinstate the Faith Office that he created in his first term.

The Republican Party Platform did not contain the strong pro-life language of previous platforms. David Closson of Family Research Council noted that the platform "noticeably lacked specificity on the subject, a change that was reportedly directed by Trump himself...on the campaign trail, Trump repeatedly promised to veto what he described as a "national abortion ban." Closson continued, "Although the candidate ostensibly committed to protecting life won, Trump's relative reluctance to speak on the issue, coupled with the Republican Party's truncated platform, indicates that pro-life policies were considered a political liability by Trump and many Republican operatives." With a Republican majority in the Senate and a projected majority in the House, Closson said, "pro-lifers can expect to see a reprieve from the aggressive proabortion advocacy of the Biden-Harris administration. However, as the recent campaign demonstrated, there are those within the GOP who are not committed to the pro-life cause, and pro-lifers...need to use their political capital to hold pro-life officials accountable...the work of winning hearts and minds must continue in earnest, as it is evident that five decades of Roe coarsened the nation's conscience more than we realized. Clearly, much work remains to convince our fellow Americans that every unborn child is a gift from God...the lives of untold millions hang in the balance."

Major pro-life organizations have called on Trump to adopt pro-life policies and make critical pro-life appointments beginning with his first day in office. Marjorie Dannenfelser of Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life stated, "GOP pro-life resolve must be strengthened and centered on the unalienable right to life for unborn children that exists under the 14th Amendment. In America, where you live should never determine whether you live. Across the nation there are still hundreds of thousands of babies to save and moms to serve and we can't stop fighting for them now."

Trump nominated upstate NY Congresswoman Elise Stefanik to serve as US Ambassador to the UN and picked former LI Congressman Lee Zeldin for EPA administrator. If Supreme Court Justices Alito and Thomas retire in the next 2-3 years, Trump will have two more Supreme Court positions to fill.

California Governor Newsome called a special legislative session after the election to fund new lawsuits. His press release said freedoms are "under attack," and his office is preparing to go to court over expected policies on civil and reproductive rights. Other Democrats are calling for the Senate to confirm as many federal judicial vacancies as possible before January.

On October 9, twenty-two House members and four Senators signed a letter to the Office of Personnel Management Acting Director Rob Shriver stating his agency is violating Federal law, since "It is a clear violation of the Smith Amendment for (Congressional) health plans available to members and staff to offer elective abortion."

Pro-abortion activists in the 10 states (including NY) that had Abortion Ballot Initiatives outspent pro-lifers over \$280 million to less than \$20 million. Three states had "pro-life" outcomes.

The Biden Administration wants to withhold Federal funds from Tennessee, due to its six-week abortion limit. Tennessee, joined by several medical groups, is suing, and a three-judge panel ruled that Tennessee doctors can't be punished for performing an emergency abortion to protect a woman's life. The six-week limit does not have exceptions for rape, incest, or fetal abnormality.



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

NY PROPOSITION 1 (ERA/Equality Amendment) passed 62% to 38%. Fox News reported on Election Night that backers of

the ERA say it doesn't "explicitly enshrine the right to terminate a pregnancy; it would create a legal framework under which future restrictions on abortion would be interpreted by courts as ...unconstitutional ... discrimination." However, due to its nonspecific language, Judge David Weinstein said it will be the subject of future legal wrangling.

On the day after the election, NY Governor Kathy Hochul, in conjunction with the NY Attorney General's office announced the launch of the new Empire State Freedom Initiative. Hochul said the goal of her new reproductive rights task force was to "do whatever we have to do to identify any possible threats to these rights."

A NY Supreme Court justice ruled that the NYS *Even Year Election Law* (shifting odd-year county and local elections to even years) violated the NYS Constitution.

A US District Court judge has granted two more NY Pregnancy Help Centers a preliminary injunction that protects them from NYS Attorney General Letitia James' bid to punish them for promoting Abortion Pill Reversal information. This is a temporary action while the suit continues.

Supporters of Medical Aid in Dying (Assisted Suicide) have vowed to be back in Albany in January for the new legislative session to push for passage of the bill.

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



"If Babies Could Vote"

Human Life Review published an article by Jason Morgan entitled "*If Babies Could Vote*" on 11/7/24. Morgan noted that although Roe v. Wade was "an abhorrent Supreme Court decision," for decades it made us focus on the morality of abortion. But this year, according to Morgan, "abortion was largely absent from the conversation. It is as though most Americans have accepted that abortion is no longer an issue on which presidential politics must turn. How different things would be if babies could vote. In the womb they can hear us hashing out policy prescriptions and debating budgets and appointments to various posts. Much of that must be of no interest to their little ears. But when talk turns to abortion, they surely go stiff with dread. Abortion is not an abstract to the preborn. It is a matter of life and death. Those who speak casually about "expanding access" to abortion, or who dehumanize babies by categorizing them as inanimate "products of conception," no doubt fill the preborn with ice cold fear. Such talk is murder prefigured. Imagine if someone sitting next to you on a city bus were to say, in an offhand way, that everyone of a certain race should be subjected to death on demand, or that believers of a certain faith deserved to be exterminated en masse. Or that you, fellow passenger, were not living a life worth saving. You would be appalled, physically sickened."

But with the preborn, Morgan stated, everything is different. Many Americans see the preborn as "a burden to society." Others are just complacent – that's just the way it is now. Morgan said the preborn "disappear from political life because they have no say in the democratic process." The price of gas and groceries is more important to voters. "That thousands of the most defenseless among us will be dismembered today in the name of convenience or choice or personal autonomy is an afterthought, at best, for much of the American electorate. Babies don't vote, and very few people care enough to vote for them. But if the slip of paper going into the ballot box were the only thing standing between your safety and a violent death by vacuum tube or forceps or scalpel, you would vote for the candidate that stood up for human life. As things go, however, babies face that gruesome contingency, and fewer and fewer people in America vote to do anything to change it."

The author concluded that if babies could vote, promoting abortion would be as "unthinkable as advocating for terrorism or genocide. More broadly, a culture of life would unfold...Politicians couldn't get away with callous cynicism, because babies would vote them out of office – something we the jaded electorate have apparently forgotten how to do. Most important, if babies could vote, abortion would not be a political issue at all, but a human one. Babies can't vote, of course. But we can vote for them. And until we start doing so, American politics will likely continue descending into inhumane darkness."

"Ode to Peanut"

Judie Brown of American Life League, posted a commentary on November 8 entitled, "Ode to Peanut." Peanut was a squirrel who was 'adopted' by Mark Longo several years ago when its mother was hit by a car. Longo turned Peanut into an Instagram star. At the end of October, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation seized Peanut and Longo's pet racoon due to complaints. The animals were euthanized to test for rabies, causing a public outcry. Judie Brown reflected, "In a nation that can focus on an animal with all the compassion it can muster, one need not wonder why this same country shuns innocent human beings by the millions. There is something terribly wrong with such a scenario, yet we are living it in America."

The *International New York Times* reported just before Election Day that "Republicans shift message on abortion, sounding more like Democrats." Brown commented, "Such messaging is not only accurate, but it exposes the soft, dark underbelly of a political system that chooses to leave an entire class of human beings in their rhetorical trash heap. Unlike the favored animal status of Peanut the squirrel, the preborn – our own children – are increasingly unwelcome." We live in a world that "frowns on her children, condoning their deaths prior to birth, and often after birth or in old age. In many respects, this nation has become a people living callous lives without regard to the consequences. Such a condition is not healed by an election, a televised speech, or any event remotely considered in our day to be a national focal point. Quite the contrary, people have grown cold to the truth" – it has become unpopular.

Brown said it is essential for all to understand the dignity of the human person – to discover the truth. But it has become so difficult to do so in today's climate. She cited the example of a recent *Healthline* article which stated, "Abortion ends a pregnancy, while contraception prevents pregnancy from occurring in the first place. Contraception may work by preventing fertilization or preventing implantation." Brown noted, "In other words, according to one alleged healthcare website, ending the human being's life prior to implantation is not abortion! And so go the lies. There is never enough space or time, not to mention words, to delineate the multiple fabrications like this one that are spewed under the guise of reliable information. But one thing never fails to escape us: The truth never changes. Biology is real, and killing a human being is wrong. Armed with simple truths like these, we carry on knowing that while squirrels may still be mourned in public, the babies, created in the image of God, will never be far from His care, His sorrow, or our persistence. Never cease to defend all innocent and vulnerable human beings. Lives are depending on it."

"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 | Day/Time_ | Contact Phone | |
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| " " | (W) Fr 11 AM - Noon | 516-359-1298 | abortion site is a lawful |
| <u>Suffolk County - Location</u> | Day/Time_ | <u>Contact Phone (631)</u> | First Amendment right. |
| 70 Maple Ave, Smithtown | (W) Mo. 10 AM prayers w/Fr. Joe | | |
| | We, Fr. & Sa 7:30-10:30 AM | 813-3412 | |
| 42 First Ave, Brentwood | (W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM | 665-3630 | |
| 877 E. Main St, Riverhead | (W) We 2-4 PM | 323-8001 | 1 mar |
| 450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue | (M) 2nd We & Sa 10 AM-noon | 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 Live Stream: 7 PM Mondays marchforlifeny.org/events/march-for-life-ny-livestream **Pro-Life and Pro-Family blog**: rickhinshaw.com

In Memoriam: Michael T Golden

High School 2025 Scholarship Award

The LI Coalition for Life Educational Trust invites all high school seniors (including home schooled) in Nassau & Suffolk counties to take part in its 2025 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. Deadline is 4/15/25. For more info and an application, please visit ProlifeED.org/Events. Also, stay tuned for more info in *Life News*.

Annual Pro-Life Oratory Contest

The Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust will sponsor a Pro-Life Oratory Contest for High School Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors on Sat. 3/1/25. Participants have the opportunity to express in a logical and organized way, their respect for the life of every individual, no matter how small or incapacitated. Deadline is 2/3/25. For more info and application please visit ProlifeED.org/Events. Also, stay tuned for more info in *Life News*.

Weekly Prayer Opportunities:

• Rosary for Life every Fri. at 3 PM on Zoom, Https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84180680547? pwd=zK6raKuutIvKjOlR49NzhwtaRRanlY.1 Meeting ID: 841 8068 0547 Passcode: VPZAN4 Holy Hour for Life St. Joseph PCC 59 Church

• Holy Hour for Life - St. Joseph RCC, 59 Church St., Kings Park every Mon. at 7 PM. This is also live-streamed. For more info call 631-269-6635.

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

40 Days for Life

The Fall 40 Days for Life campaign ended on Sun., Nov. 3. Thank you to all those who led the campaigns throughout LI and for those who participated. Below is a photo from 40 Days for Life in Patchogue.



IVF Forum Educational Success

At its October 28, 2024 regular meeting, the Long Island Coalition for Life hosted an open forum on in vitro fertilization. A few short videos were shown to introduce the topic. Then attendees discussed possible ways to speak to someone who has gone through IVF and now has frozen embryos (children). Topics included explaining to others how IVF commodifies children; the eugenics involved in preimplantation genetic testing; and alternatives to IVF (such as adoption or restorative reproductive medicine for those dealing with infertility). The forum gave us an opportunity to learn and hear from each other how to navigate this issue in a thoughtful and knowledgeable way. If you would like information on the materials and resources from the forum, contact cbifnotnowwhen@rocketmail.com (Celeste).

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Roe v Wade Memorial Face the Truth

Pro-lifers are invited to help restore the right to life in New York state for preborn children by joining the Roe v. Wade Memorial Face the Truth pro-life event on Sunday, January 19, 2025, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM. This peaceful public outreach will be held on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (NuHealth, 2201



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Student-Sponsored Baby Shower

Recipients of the Maureen Nolan / St. Thomas Knights of Columbus scholarship held a shower for the Unborn Child on 10/20/24. Pictured below are some of the family and friends that attended. Donations will be given to Mommas House.



"Why is a single cell considered life on Mars, but a preborn child not considered life on Earth?" Live Action

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