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**You're
Invited**

The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. Our monthly meetings will take place on **Mon., July 28 at 7:30 PM** at St. Joseph RCC, in the Parish Center, 45 Church St., Ronkonkoma and on **THURSDAY, Aug. 28 at 7:30 PM** at Joseph Barry Council K of C Hall, 45 Heitz Pl., Hicksville.

All are welcome - please join us! For further info, call LICL at 631-243-1435.

Please note if you have ordered fliers/posters for **Stand Up for Life**, they will be available for pick up at the August meeting. Any packets not picked up will either be delivered personally (if local) or mailed via USPS.



Abortion Pill Reversal Presentation

Attendees at the Long Island Coalition for Life's meeting on May 19, 2025, heard a very informative presentation on Abortion Pill Reversal from Shantae Rodriguez, a licensed physician assistant and Director of Medical Services at Soundview Pregnancy Services. Rodriguez explained the 2-step process of chemical abortion, carefully explaining the drugs involved and what they do to the preborn child. We learned about the dangers of the abortion protocol which she said has been expanded for use well beyond the original FDA's approval limit of 7 weeks gestation. Some of the 'myths' about abortion pill reversal (APR) were debunked. There are only 14 APR providers in New York state and Rodriguez emphasized the need for more.

In her interactions with mothers who regret starting their chemical abortion and then consider APR, Rodriguez showed her passion to help save babies' lives (if possible) and care for mothers. Through administering the APR protocol, Soundview has had the joy of helping 10 mothers successfully carry their babies to term!

Bumper Stickers – Buy One Get Two

Help spread the pro-life message using bumper stickers! Take advantage of the LICL's offer of **buy one bumper sticker and get a second sticker at no cost**. Stickers can be put on many places (e.g., car, laptop, mailbox, school/church bulletin board). Please use the coupon on page 7 to **order your stickers today**, while supplies last. The stickers you select for this BOGO offer can be the same or different. Up to 5 no charge. If we run out of the sticker(s) you select, we'll fill your order with a sticker we choose.

The Long Island Coalition for Life sets up a booth at various street fairs and health fairs. It's an opportunity to reach the general public – some supportive of pro-life, others not, some happy, others hurting. Here are some anecdotes from conversations with booth visitors.

Father with sons: The pregnancy sonogram showed that our son had heart defects. My wife and I were offered to 'terminate' the pregnancy. We said No. Then, pointing to his young son, the father bragged, 'And here he is.' The boy had 2 heart surgeries the first month after he was born.

Woman, senior citizen: 'I believe children are a gift from God, but there are circumstances.' She gave the example of rape, but then expanded it to 'women can do what they want with their body.' LICL: We should help women because abortion is still killing whatever the circumstances. She shook her head but couldn't say much, so just wandered away.

Woman, middle age: The woman had an abortion and went on to say that it was hard to go to baby showers of her friends. In the beginning it was very hard, it's gotten better, but it's very hard.

Boy ~11 years old: He took a 10-12-week fetal model, then said, after checking out the table, 'This is the coolest one yet!'

If you're interested in spending a little time at the LICL booth, contact us at info@prolifeLI.org. Also follow the LICL on Instagram – [LIcoalitionlife](https://www.instagram.com/LIcoalitionlife). A photo at the fair is usually posted the morning of the event.





FEDERAL LEGISLATION

On May 22, the House passed the 'One Big, Beautiful (Reconciliation) Bill', **HR.1**, 215-214. L.I. representatives voted along party lines, except

Garbarino who, according to Speaker Johnson, was "asleep in the back." It has the Planned Parenthood defund, but as of June 7, awaits Senate action, and most likely changes. A reconciliation bill needs 51 votes to pass in the Senate – a simple majority. The administration is looking at a target date of July 1, 2025, for enactment.

The Bill could cost PP about \$2M per day, which will affect their services, including abortion. The latest annual PP report says they committed 402,230 abortions in 2024, earning them over \$2B dollars. PP also provided 560,000 'emergency contraceptive' kits. They have fifty six fewer 'clinics' than in 2020, yet ten more are committing abortions. PP did 76-79% fewer cancer screenings, and 77% less breast exams than in 2009. (The Charlotte Lozier Institute reports that the US abortion total was 1.1 million from July 2023 to June 2024.)

On June 5th, the US Supreme Court ruled 9-0 that Catholic Charities of Wisconsin qualifies for a religious exemption, despite the state law limiting exemptions to organizations that deal with their own religion. While reports say the issue was a 'state tax', it was an opt-out from the State Unemployment Insurance (that covered abortions) which motivated Catholic Charities.

The US Supreme Court, and the Florida Supreme Court have said there is no protected right to abortion. A Florida appeals court recently stated that it includes minors.

A US District Judge ruled the Biden era Equal Employment Opportunity Commission lacked authority to say employee abortions must be "accommodated" by employers, under the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.

Nine pro-life organizations asked interim US Attorney for Washington DC, Jeanine Pirro, to investigate the fetal remains known as "The DC 5."

The US Dept. of Agriculture ended funding for 11 of 13 Catholic Relief Services food programs. From 2013 to 2022, CRS received \$4.6B from USAID, more than any other organization. The funds ended relate to charges CRS worked with abortion-referring organizations.

On May 7, US Senator Katie Britt (R, AL) reintroduced the *More Opportunities for Moms to Succeed (MOMS) Act*, **HR.1104/S.230**. The bill would provide pre-and-post natal care and support, including funding for pregnancy help centers, pre-natal child support, and telehealth.

The Ethics & Public Policy Center's study of 865,727 women in a private medical database show the mifepristone abortion pill causing 22 times the

complications claimed by the FDA, with approximately 11% of women having a serious medical issue within 45 days of taking the pill. HHS Sec. RFK Jr. has ordered a full review of regulations. Leftist Huff Post calls the pill a "perfectly safe" medication, and notes the database wasn't made public. Dr. Mike New says the study is important, since it only uses data after the Obama Administration relaxed the regulations on mifepristone use.

The Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI) analyzed data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services - approximately 29,000 anonymized ER visits, from 2016 - 2021. They found that 83.5% of ER visits following chemical abortions were misclassified as miscarriages. Researchers found that this misclassification often stems from women concealing their abortion history. [They are often told to do so by the abortion pill provider.] This leads to potential delays in appropriate care. The study also notes these cases were 50% more likely to involve serious complications. The more serious the problem, the more likely it was 'miscoded'. The researchers stated, "... these miscodes represent a serious risk factor. Further, these miscodes mask and statistically deflate post-abortion complication rates and undermine both the science and medical management necessary to address these issues, representing a threat to effective surveillance."

Physician-Assisted Suicide (PAS) bills failed in Nevada and Illinois. Delaware legalized PAS. On June 5, Massachusetts delayed action for 30 days on a PAS bill. Oregon wants to reduce the waiting period for PAS from 14 days to 2 days.



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

The NYS Senate passed the Medical Aid in Dying bill [**A.136/S.138**] on June 9 by a vote of 35-27. The bill now goes to Gov. Hochul. The *Times Union* reported that Hochul "has not revealed her position on the measure."

Gov. Hochul announced 'NY State BABY benefit': Any NY resident on public assistance who welcomed a baby in FY 2025-26 will receive a one-time \$1,800 check.

ACTION ITEM: Contact Gov. Hochul and urge her to VETO the Medical Aid in Dying Bill, A136/S138. Phone: 518-474-8390. Email: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/content/governor-contact-form>

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

How serious are we about protecting *every* preborn child?

Carmel Richardson, in an article in *The American Conservative* (11/10/23) stated, “Winning is a skill that has eluded the pro-life movement from the beginning. The very existence of *Roe* was proof the movement had lost the rhetorical battle before it had begun. Its overturn in 2022 came far too late to matter in terms of public opinion, which was settled in favor of elective abortion many years prior...what has been done to take back the public square since 1973 has been insufficient.” Richardson noted J.D. Vance’s reaction to Ohio’s ballot initiative enshrining abortion in their state constitution: “We’ve spent so much time winning a legal argument on abortion that we’ve fallen behind on the moral argument.”

Richardson wrote, “Not only have we fallen behind on the moral argument, many have all but abandoned it. The pro-life movement has been rhetorically apologizing for *Dobbs* ever since it was handed down, trying to prove its moderation with compromise and side-stepping, as though suddenly ashamed of the belief that life begins at the moment of conception. To this end, a mere 15-week abortion ban has been touted as the winning measure in moderate precincts...the pro-life movement must first reflect on the causes of repeated failures...Then, it must regain confidence in the rightness of its own cause.”

Richardson cited the proposals of Ohio Governor Mike DeWine prior to Ohio’s November 2023 abortion ballot initiative, which permits abortion up to birth and only allows future limits based on viability (around 24 weeks gestation). “Rather than champion the moral case for protecting the most vulnerable children, DeWine offered something of a quid pro quo to voters. He promised to draft a new abortion law with exceptions for rape and incest if Issue I should fail...This type of maneuvering is typically motivated by issue-specific polling, but it broadcasts weakness to voters, not to mention a lack of conviction in one’s own cause. Nothing suggests ‘there is no real moral case against abortion’ like pro-life leaders continually moving the goalposts on when it is acceptable to kill an unborn child. The logic of moderation, which finds the middle point between two opposed ideas and sets up camp, is unconvincing always, but especially when life and death are involved.” The author noted that the pro-abortion movement is successful for exactly the opposite reason – no compromise or moderation.

Richardson concluded, “But if life does begin at conception, the argument is neither too complicated for voters to comprehend, nor too bitter a pill to swallow. There is nothing backwards about laws against murder. There is nothing anti-woman about saving women’s lives. There is nothing ‘draconian’ (it is always ‘draconian for the *Handmaid’s Tale* crowd) about providing health care to everyone. If the pro-life leaders were willing to stand up and make these arguments, the story in Ohio [and many other states] may have been an entirely different one. The pro-life movement would be in a very different place if its leaders spoke with the moral confidence of those who actually *believe* that life begins at conception, rather than harping on ‘15 weeks,’ ... as though heaven just handed down a ruling that a fetus becomes a human soul on Day 105. The problem, then, is business as usual: The arguments for life have not been tried and found unconvincing; they have been found hard and not seriously tried. But the cause is right, and the truth will prevail if given a chance.”

In an opinion piece in the *Wall Street Journal* (5/5/22), columnist Peggy Noonan wrote, “I am pro-life for the most essential reason: That’s a baby in there, a human child. We cannot accept as a society – we really can’t bear the weight of this fact, which is why we keep fighting - that we have decided we can extinguish the lives of our young...all of this has released a kind of poison into the air, that we breathed it in for 50 years and it damaged everything...if *Roe* is indeed overturned, God bless our country that can make such a terrible, coldhearted mistake and yet, half a century later, redress it, right it, turn it around. Only a thinking nation could do that. Only a feeling nation could do that. We’re not dead yet, there are still big things going on here.”

Judie Brown, president of American Life League stated, “One of the largest obstacles confronting me even in the 1980s was the argument that there should be no law that would end abortion. I found this everywhere including among those in the pro-life movement who argued that we had to allow exceptions for rape, incest, fetal deformity, and life of the mother if we ever wanted to achieve acceptance of a so-called pro-life agenda. I never understood this and consistently argued that such a position contradicted the truth that every preborn child is a human being who deserves protection.” (catholic365.com, 3/20/24) To truly right the wrong of *Roe*, we need to remain focused on the humanity of *every* preborn child from the moment of conception **without exceptions** of any kind.

"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

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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

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IMPORTANT:

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

Suffolk County - Location

70 Maple Ave, Smithtown

42 First Ave, Brentwood

877 E. Main St, Riverhead

450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue

Day/Time

(W) Mo. 10 AM prayers w/Fr. Joe
We, Fr. & Sa 7:30-10:30 AM

(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM

(W) We 2-4 PM

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

Contact Phone (631)

665-3630

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-airst 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

Weekly Prayer Opportunities:

Rosary for Life: Fri 3PM, Zoom, <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/K/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: Peter Cervellino

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Your Long Island Coalition for Life placed a pro-life message on the back cover of the 2025 season Pocket Schedule of the LI Ducks baseball team. Small but bright and noticeable, our ad reads: "Play Fair. Be Fair. Welcome All: even the littlest leaguers. CHOOSE LIFE," along with the LICL name, logo and website address. These handy schedules are distributed by the LI Ducks at its ball park and to retailers. We've heard of one 'sighting' this year at a pizzeria. With a print run of 100,000, we hope many thousands of our neighbors will take the pro-life message to heart and protect preborn babies. Thank you for your support that brings ads like this to fruition.



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

July 11 - 13, 2025

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Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats are a beautiful opportunity for anyone who has struggled with the emotional and/or spiritual pain of an abortion. Come receive God's mercy and healing. Sponsored by Living Waters Therapeutic Catholic Counseling. For more information contact: Donna Crean at 631-258-5062;

donna@livingwaterstherapy.org;

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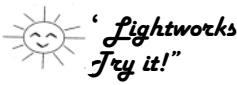

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To protect innocent human life from fertilization to natural death through education, legislative action, prayer and peaceful presence.

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Proclaim the Right to Life for Preborn Babies

Saturday, July 5 from 2 - 3:30 PM

Lake Grove: Rte. 347, public sidewalk near Staples (east of Smith Haven Mall). Long Island continues to turn its back on thousands of preborn babies every year through abortion. Pro-lifers are encouraged to participate in this peaceful outreach calling on the public to return the right to life for all preborn children. Signs provided at site (no political signs). Rain or shine. Sponsored by Long Island Coalition for Life 631-243-1435; info@prolifeli.org.



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TAKE ACTION FOR PRO-LIFE PROGRESS

July

Attend the LICL's Face the Truth event (see page 8)
Hold a garage sale and donate proceeds to a pro-life organization.

August

Educate candidates on pro-life issues and be involved in campaigns of pro-life candidates.
Put a pro-life sticker or message on letters you mail.

LICL Nomination Committee 2026 Slate

Anyone who wishes to be interviewed by the Nominating Committee should notify the Nominating Committee prior to the October General Meeting. The interview will take place with at least two committee members present. Email ProLifeLI.org or call 631-243-1435.

CORRECTION: March for Life New York

is partnering with Turning Point USA. It will be held in Times Square, NYC. There has been a change in date of Rally and LICL does not have that info at this time. <https://marchforlifeny.org/>

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly July 27

"Blessed are those who have not lost hope."

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