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"Today, more than ever, the fight is ours to win or lose. Abortion is still legal in the vast majority of states. Now, we need people to show up at their state capitols and lobby for life. We need effective state laws that will protect women and children from abortion." Jameson Taylor, AFA

March for Life 2023 held on 1/20/23 and although we don't have an exact count on how many attended, there were more than 200,000 participants from all over the Country. There were many speakers and clergy. Among them, Rep. Steve Scalise, NFL Coach Tony Dungy and his wife, Jonathan Roumie who portrays Jesus in "The Chosen," (a true inspiration for our youth today) and many more. As we've seen in the last 25 or so years, there were many young marchers marching for LIFE! Jeanne Mancini, the President of the National March for Life has encouraged people to also have state marches since the battle is now in the states. Visit marchforlife.org for more information. As we know NYS has extremely liberal abortion laws. While Roe v. Wade was a tremendous victory, we cannot forget the more than 64 million babies that were killed through abortion during this dark era in our history.

2024 National March for Life is Friday, January 19, 2024



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Face the Truth

On January 22, 2023, more than 100 pro-lifers participated in your LICL's Roe v Wade Memorial Face the Truth event in front of Nassau University Medical Center. This public outreach event reminded those traveling along the 1/4 mile of our pro-life messages that abortion kills babies and we are here to protect them. Thank you to all who came for some or all of the time.



Visibility Matters!

Pillars of "HELP CARE"

On January 23, 2023 Regina Napolitano from Breath of Life and Bob Williams from Waverly Ave. RL, gave a presentation of the **Pillars of "HELP Care."** Bob, Regina and Donna Crean are able to make the "Help Care" video and PowerPoint presentation available to interested groups in Suffolk County. For more info, call or text 631-615-1735 or email WaverlyAvenueRespectlife@gmail.com.



**You're
Invited**

The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. The next general meeting will be **March 27** at **7:45 PM** at St. Joseph RCC Parish Center, 45 Church Street, Ronkonkoma
All are welcome - please join us! For further info, call LICL at 631-243-1435.

Long Island Pro-life Youth Club

A pro-life youth group is starting on Long Island for pro-life high school and college age youth and young adults. The main goals of the Long Island Pro-life Youth Club are to strengthen the youths' pro-life foundational knowledge and speaking skills; and to encourage their pro-life activism (e.g., in school and with local pro-life events). The club is non-sectarian and not affiliated with any organization. The club is seeking participants! No experience necessary, just a good pro-life attitude. If you would like more information, please contact Celeste at FORTYDFLLI@gmail.com. Thank you.

Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust Information:

The Annual Oratory Contest

The Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust Pro Life Oratory Contest for High School Juniors and Seniors is **Saturday, March 25** at **1 PM** at the Joseph Barry Council, Knights of Columbus Hall in Hicksville. Thank you to all who sent in their applications, registration is now closed. If you have any questions, please call Robert McEntee, email MakeRoom4Him@Gmail.com or leave a message at 631-243-1435.

Pro Life Activity Scholarship Award

The Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust is sponsoring a **Pro Life Activity Scholarship Award** for High school Seniors. Prizes are awarded for demonstrating how a student has promoted respect for human life, or have otherwise encouraged and worked for pro-life values. Applications are due **April 15th**. You can find more info and the application for this, along with extensive information and links on various Pro-life topics on our organization's educational website www.ProLifeEd.org/Events.

Cell Phone Campaign

Optimum cell phone targeted ads for females 18-24 years old in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. This includes over 760,000 scrolling messages during February and March 2023. Scrolling banner ads take them to a short YouTube video "So You're Pregnant..."

Protecting EVERY Preborn Child: Judie Brown of American Life League wrote two Commentaries recently (1/24/23, 1/31/23) reflecting on our need to stay focused on protecting every single preborn child. She emphasized that we need to be very clear we march to "protect all mothers and every one of their little babies." Brown asked, "What exactly have pro-life Americans been doing for 50 years? Well, apparently anything but fighting for human personhood without exceptions from the moment the human being begins! That is really not complicated! But if it is, the question is why? What are we really doing? Maybe it's not politically correct, but who cares?" She goes on to note that Nellie Gray, the founder of the March for Life, knew what it meant to be pro-life, "and gave no apologies for her position, telling anyone who ever interviewed her one simple thing: **"No exceptions! No compromises!"** Judie Brown said the reason Nellie said that and meant it "with every bone in her body was simple... We are talking about the babies, and either we work to protect every innocent human being, or we are not pro-life!" In 1998 Nellie Gray said, "The battle will not be won until the entire anti-abortion community and every community of faith works relentlessly to establish personhood for the preborn children." Brown said, "...it is time to put the focus back where it should be. That is on the science that supports human personhood... No more moral relativism, please. Just the facts. That is all we need to succeed in teaching and legislating the simple truth that every single innocent human being matters. We will not leave one of them behind!" Brown acknowledged there's "nothing wrong with 'Building a Post-Roe Future', but we must keep our focus on ending the "killing of babies... We are anti child-killing people, not community organizers! And yet there it is, the lamest gobbledygook in a world somehow wedded to the idea that politics is where it's at, babies be damned! And I for one cannot abide any of this. There are thousands of little ones dying right now despite the *Dobbs ruling*, and everyone knows it. After all, Dobbs is a states' rights decision, not by any means a final victory for the innocents." Brown declared that we must complete the task of saving EVERY preborn child first, without accepting any "lame excuses... We strive to do amazing things by relying on God and defending every single one of His babies."



FEDERAL LEGISLATION

The House (re)introduced many pro-life bills in January, some with Senate companions:

HR.7/S.62 *No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion & Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act* (i.e: does policy cover it)
HR.128 & HR 371 *Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2023*. Identical bills; 371 has more cosponsors [NY- none]

HR.175 *Heartbeat Protection Act* ~6-week abortion ban
HR.279 *(Pharmacist) Conscience Protection Act*
HR.372 *Protecting Life and Taxpayers Act* No federal funds for any organization that performs or aids in an abortion.

HR.427/S.95 *SAVE Moms and Babies Act* to impose tighter FDA rules on current and future abortion drugs.

HR.461/S.18 *Protecting Individuals With Down Syndrome* to ban abortions based solely on a Down diagnosis.

The House passed **HR.26**, the *Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act* by 220-210 (Reps. D'Esposito, Santos, Garbarino, LaLota - Yea) on Jan. 11. The bill is now in the Senate. Radio host Larry O'Connor commented: "A 'botched abortion' is also known as 'childbirth'."

An attempt to replace **HR.26** with the anti-life *Women's Health Protection Act* failed.

Also passed was **H.Con.Res.3**, to condemn violence against pro-life facilities, organizations, and houses of worship. The House authorized a Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government. Their investigations will include the targeting of pro-lifers.

A 2019 rule barred funds to organizations which force healthcare workers to violate their conscience. Lawsuits and court cases kept the rule from taking effect, but the 5th and 8th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the rule. The HHS says it wants to end the rule and restore the old way they balanced the rights/needs of patient v. provider.

On Jan. 4 the US Dept. of Justice said the Post Office and other mail services can handle abortion drugs, despite state bans after the Biden administration allowed the drugs to be sold at pharmacies or sent by mail. Previously, only supervised medical facilities could dispense *mifepristone*. Rite-Aid, CVS and Walgreens announced plans to carry the drug where state law allows. A Walgreens shareholders meeting saw protests over the policy. On Feb. 4, pro-lifers were outside some of the 'big 3's' stores nationwide.

Jan. 14: US District Court (Oregon) Judge Ann Aiken found "one narrow exception" to Title IX, that permits religious universities to receive federal funding even if they follow religious beliefs that some have challenged in court as sex-based discrimination.

Florida may lower their abortion ban to 12 weeks. The governor stated if drug stores provide abortion pills as per new FDA rules, he will prosecute them under state law. A California judge tossed a state law that allowed people to sue gun manufacturers. CA will now use this ruling to go after Texas' SB8 law ('private right of action' against abortionists). Minnesota passed a state 'right to abortion' bill.

The Satanic Temple announced it will open a New Mexico abortuary (named after Samuel Alito's mother) to

do ritualistic abortions.

A recent study published in *Contraception* provides strong evidence that pregnancy help centers offer better and less expensive services than abortion facilities, including shorter wait times, same-day appointments, and free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds. (LifeNews.com 2/6/23)



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

CDC data reports 63,142 abortions in NYS in 2020, including 37,523 procedures in NYC.

The Democrats kept their supermajority in both the NY State Senate and Assembly.

The NY legislature passed the **Equality Amendment to the NY Constitution [S.108a/A.1283]** for the 2nd time. It bans discrimination, based on sexual issues, or against 'reproductive healthcare,' aka abortion. The last chance to block this amendment will be when it is on the ballot in **2024**, when they expect more voters due to the presidential election. Senators from Districts 4, 6, 7, & 9 voted YES, as did Assembly members from Districts 1, 6, 10, 11, 13, 16, 18 & 22. Dist. 14, 15 excused.

Governor Hochul's State of the State address called for shielding abortion seekers' internet searches/phone locations, having abortion pills at or near all SUNY/CUNY campuses, and letting pharmacists directly prescribe the abortion pill, stating it "is safer than Tylenol." (The FDA has linked the abortion pill to at least 28 women's deaths and 4,000 serious complications between the years 2000 and 2018. Under President Obama, the FDA stopped requiring that non-fatal complications be reported. Given that over 50% of all abortions are now chemical abortions, these numbers are certainly much higher. Studies indicate that as many as 1 in 17 women require hospital treatment after a chemical abortion.)

Albany bills of concern include:

S.348B *Reproductive Freedom & Equity Grant Program* to increase and expand abortuaries and aid 'abortion tourists.'
S.1043 *Facilitates Access of Self-Administered Birth Control* okays "non-patient specific" abortion pill prescriptions.
S.1066 *Protections for Health Care Providers* broader reproductive care protection, not just termination services. (abortionists+)
S.1003A *Healthcare Facility Transparency Act* Hospitals must inform you if they exclude the kind of "care" you seek.
A.117 to add "Embryo" to the definition of "tissue" for purposes of tissue storage.

The *Medical Aid in Dying Act* **A.995/S.2445** was reintroduced and is now in the Health Committees of both houses. LI members on Assembly Committee: Blumencranz, Gandolfo, McDonough, Mikulin, Solages ||| Senate Committee: Rhoads, Thomas, Martins. (Please consider contacting them) **To contact your legislators go to: <http://prolifeli.org/index.php/legislative> You will find links there to look up your representatives on the Federal, State and Local level.**

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

Doctor-Prescribed Assisted Suicide/
Medical Aid in Dying/Euthanasia



As reported on page 3 of this newsletter, the “Medical Aid in Dying Act” has been reintroduced in the NYS Legislature and is currently in the Assembly and Senate Health Committees. This bill would add a new section to the Public Health Law allowing physicians to prescribe lethal doses of medication specifically to end a patient’s life. Will this bill lead to a slippery slope as many have warned? We just need to look at Canada for an answer.

In 2015, Canada’s Medical Assistance in Dying bill (MAiD) was passed as a limited program for patients with an irreversible, terminal, and painful illness. It has now been expanded to include those with an “intolerable” condition. Advocates of MAiD want to further expand it for the mentally ill and “mature minors”. Last year, five Canadian veterans testified they had been offered euthanasia or assisted suicide (EAS) instead of the care they requested. Retired Corporal Christine Gauthier said a case worker offered to provide a euthanasia device when she asked for a stairlift for her home. Individuals applied for MAiD because they lacked housing. Family members were told there was a one-year wait for an appointment for psychiatric care (despite a serious psychiatric history). However, others can make an appointment for MAiD within two weeks. Teresa Lynch, who worked in oncology for years, stated that EAS legislation is a threat to the “vulnerable elderly and the disabled who are against a change in the law... It is naïve to imagine that [introducing EAS in the UK] would not be associated with pressure being applied to people to ‘save the NHS’, or even their impoverished relatives. Accounts of cost savings, together with the threats of hospice defunding in Canada if this “option” is not made available, are chilling. Many doctors and nurses would not agree to becoming agents of the state should the law change.”

Jeremy Appel, a Canadian journalist, supported MAiD. Now he has reservations. He wrote in *Jacobin* magazine, “...the cavalier way in which MAiD has been implemented in Canada serves as a form of eugenics, where only the able-bodied survive.” In December, three human rights experts wrote in *The Telegraph* that Canada’s MAiD law had a “discriminatory impact” on people with disabilities. Law professor Theresia Degener stated, “The implication of (Canada’s) law is that a

life with a disability is automatically less worth living and that in some cases, death is preferable.” Tim Stainton, director of the Canadian Institute for Inclusion and Citizenship at the University of British Columbia said MAiD was “probably the biggest existential threat to disabled people since the Nazis’ program in Germany in the 1930’s”.

In 2021, 10,064 people ended their lives in Canada by assisted suicide or euthanasia, an increase of 32% over the previous year. In the latest report on MAiD from Health Canada, 17.3% of the people cited “isolation or loneliness” as a reason for wanting to die. 35.7% believed they were a “burden on family, friends, or caregivers”. Madeleine Li, a psychiatrist who helped hundreds die, says Canada has gone too far: “Making death too ready a solution disadvantages the most vulnerable people, and actually lets society off the hook. I don’t think death should be society’s solution for its own failures.”

Michael Cook, editor of *Bioedge*, reported (11/15/22) on a paper by David Albert Jones of the UK’s Anscombe Bioethics Center. Jones reviewed several studies from Europe, Canada and the US in peer-reviewed journals, and his paper, “*Suicide Prevention: Does Legalizing Assisted Suicide Make Things Better Or Worse?*”, compared rates of EAS with rates of self-initiated deaths. The Swiss organization Dignitas argues that having “the option of an assisted/accompanied suicide without having to face the severe risks inherent in commonly known suicide attempts is one of the best methods of preventing suicide attempts and suicide.” Jones found non-assisted suicide rates also increased with the increased rates of EAS. Cook stated it is a controversial finding, but what can’t be denied is “...whatever ‘good’ legalizing EAS might do, it does more harm than good...The introduction of EAS into law and medical practice is therefore a threat to suicide prevention.”

Right to Life UK spokesperson Catherine Robinson stated, “Assisted suicide and euthanasia are not treatments. They are not an attempt to cure a disease, heal a patient or palliate symptoms. Death is not a treatment and medical professionals should have no role in administering or encouraging it. Canada’s lax laws in this regard are a shameful corruption of the medical profession. The expansion of this law to children is a further disgrace and great sadness. The legislation should not just be delayed but completely scrapped. As the data from Canada and Oregon show, many of the reasons that people provide for wanting to end their lives have nothing to do with medicine or physical ailments but ‘relate to psychological, social, and familial problems. Such people need support and assistance to live, not ‘assistance to die.’”

"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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Suffolk County - Location

70 Maple Ave, Smithtown

42 First Ave, Brentwood
877 E. Main St, Riverhead
450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue

Day/Time

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(W) Th 10:30-Noon
(W) Sa 10AM-Noon
(W) Fr 11 AM - Noon

Day/Time

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We, Fr. & Sa 7:30-10:30 AM
(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM
(W) We 2-4 PM
(M) 2nd & 4th We & Sa 10 AM-noon
& 2nd & 4th We 3-5 PM

Contact Phone

917-544-0121
516-270-3845
516-270-3845
516-359-1298

Contact Phone (631)

813-3412
665-3630
323-8001
615-1735

IMPORTANT:

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



Pro-Life Counseling Centers nearest to abortion sites:

Women First Pregnancy Options: (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-4 PM. (Closed Sa), **Smithtown** 631-656-0441, 91 Maple Ave.

Local Pro-Life Viewing/Listening:

Check EWTN Opt. Ch 135, Verizon Ch 285 for pro-life programming

Long Island Teen Freedom "Sexual Risk Avoidance Education" - Life Center of L.I. - Wed., 3 PM Altice Ch 155

AFA of NY Programs on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com); then in Search bar: **AFA New York**; then click on **AFA NY**; then select **VIDEOS**

Listen to pro-life radio on the Internet: blogtalkradio.com/march4lifeny-radio

Pro-Life and Pro-Family blog: rickhinshaw.com

Way of the Cross for Life - April 8 at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, Manorville

Sponsored by the K of C For more information 631-325-0661. All are invited to participate.

WEEKLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Rosary for Life** every Fri. at 3 PM on Zoom sponsored by DRVC OHLFB. Meeting ID: 856 4708 7922; Passcode: 677757; Call In #: 1 (646) 876-9923. For more info email Donna at dcrean@drvc.org
- **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 more info call 631-475-4739.

AFTERNOON OF PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

Sunday, March 5 at 1:30 PM, Church of St. Aidan, Msgr. Kirwin Hall, 505 Willis Avenue, Williston Park **Guest speaker:** Mr. Timothy Jaccard, President/Director & Founder of AMT Children of Hope Foundation Baby Safe Haven sponsored by: St. Aidan's Respect Life Group. RSVP to Anne Marie Egan, elamjoe@aol.com

Pro-life Educational Gift Packet Offer

To celebrate its 25 years of sponsoring the Stand Up For Life, the Long Island Coalition for Life distributed thank you gift bags to participants at the 10/2/22 event. We appreciate those who have taken the time over these many years to stand publicly on behalf of the preborn baby humans. We have extra gift bags and are offering them to you to continue spreading the pro-life message. The packet (plastic bag with a pro-life design) contains a pen, magnet, button, Stand Up For Life pin, bookmark, and flier with local pro-life resources. To receive a packet, please send your donation of \$4 to cover the postage (\$5 for 2 packets) to: LI Coalition for Life, PO Box 247, Old Bethpage NY 11804. Start sharing and displaying these items to help save lives!

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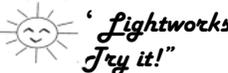
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Hot Line631-243-0066
Baby Safe Haven-Don't abandon - no questions877-796-4673

Bethany House:
 Roosevelt516-868-6866

Birthright:
 Wantagh516-785-4070
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 Hampton Bays631-728-8900

Birthright Int'l Hot Line:
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Breath of Life Preg. Ctr.

.....631-738-8829
 Bridge for Life718-463-1810
 Catholic Char. Regina Maternity Serv.516-733-7071

MOMMAS House: Jericho, Glen Cove & Hempstead...516-781-8637

Mother of Good Counsel Home:
 Roosevelt516-223-1013
 Nat'l Hotline800-712-4357

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 Centereach.....631-676-7990
 East Meadow.....516-430-7990

Perinatal Hospice Prog. (Gabriel's Courage)631-465-6300

Abortion Pill Reversal 24/7
 Helpline 877-558-0333

Adoption, Foster, Maternity Svs.
 CGS800-592-4357

Pregnant with child with disability?benotafraid.net

Post Abortion Counseling For Women/Men: Project Rachel Hotline.888-456-4673

Leave abortion IndustryATTWN.org.

Life Issues/Ethics
 Children of Godcogforlife.org
 Vaccines...vaccinebioethics.com

To place an AD

Call 631-243-1435 or
 Contact Ann Cook at
 LICoalition4Life@outlook.com

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LICL LOBBY BUS – March 7, 2023

The LICL is sponsoring a Lobby Bus trip to our Albany Capitol. We are lobbying against **Physician Assisted Suicide** or (Medical Aid in Dying). Please join us in letting our voices be heard in our State Capitol! Pre-registration is required and seats are limited. The bus will make a couple of stops on LI to pick up participants. For details call Pete **ASAP** at 631-289-2095.

Good Friday Silent Vigil on Behalf of the Preborn Children

The LI Coalition for Life is holding the Good Friday Silent Vigil on Behalf of Preborn Children on April 7 from 10:30 AM to Noon, on the sidewalk in front of NUMC 2201 Hempstead Tpke., East Meadow. Pro-life adults, teens, and children are invited to take part in this peaceful vigil for the protection of life in the womb. We stand as a reminder that abortion is not healthcare. Signs provided (east end of hospital).



Information: 631-243-1435, info@prolifeLI.org.

40 Days for Life

February 22 - April 2, 2023

Daily vigils on Long Island at following sites:

- Hempstead: 540 Fulton Avenue
40daysforlife.com/hempstead
- Massapequa: 35 Carmans Road
40daysforlife.com/massapequa
email paul.arena29@yahoo.com
- Patchogue: 450 Waverly Avenue.
40daysforlife.com/patchogue or call
631-219-3278
- Smithtown: 70 Maple Avenue
40daysforlife.com/smithtown,
email 40DFLsmithtown@gmail.com

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