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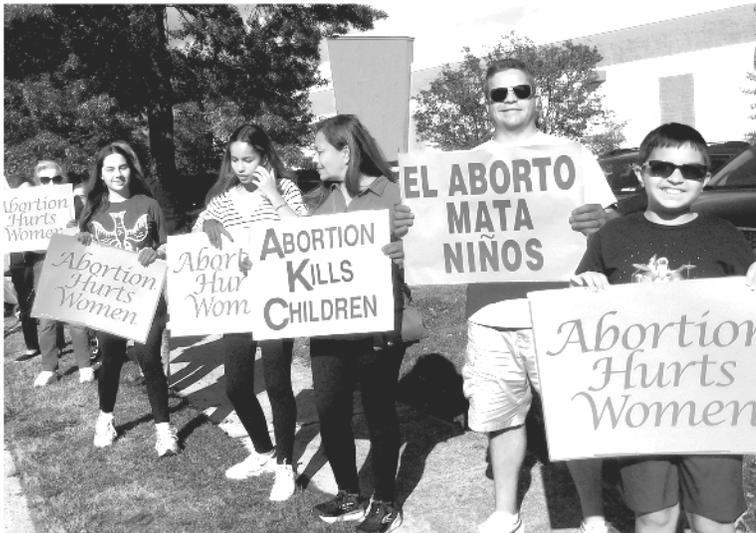
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“Everyone must be helped to become aware of the intrinsic evil of the crime of abortion. In attacking human life in its very first stages, it is also an aggression against society itself. Politicians and legislators, therefore, as servants of the common good, are duty bound to defend the fundamental right to life, the fruit of God’s love.” Pope Benedict XVI

Stand Up For Life Sun., 10/6 there were approximately 286 people in Huntington and 90 people in Manorville. Thank you to all those who attended. As you know, we have a long way to go to change the laws and hearts of people, especially in NYS. We will be faithful and remain VIGILANT and COMMITTED to defending LIFE! *“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Luke 10:2*

SAVE THE DATE!
STAND UP FOR LIFE OCTOBER 5, 2025



SUFL Huntington



SUFL Manorville

National Catholic Bioethics Center Youth Presentation

Dr. Jozef Zalot, Director of Education with the National Catholic Bioethics Center, spoke to Catholic teens on pro-life issues on October 12, 2024. About 45 students, as well as parents and other adults, learned how to dissect and address the falsehoods behind pro-abortion talking points. These inaccuracies included: the embryo is just a 'clump of cells;' 'my body, my choice' gives license for abortion; and the Catholic church always allows a pregnant woman with a life-threatening medical condition to die in favor of saving the fetus. The discussion elicited thoughtful questions from the youth and was well received. The event, held at St. Christopher's parish in Baldwin, was supported by various parish respect life committees. For further information: cbifnotnowwhen@gmail.com.



**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., Nov. 25** at **7:30 PM** at St. Joseph's Church, 45 Church St., Ronkonkoma.
All are welcome - please join us! For further info, call LICL at 631-243-1435.

Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust Oratory Contest 2025 **ATTENTION H.S. SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS & SENIORS**

High school students in 10th, 11th and 12th grades, including home schoolers, are invited to participate in our 21st annual Pro Life Oratory Contest. You have the voice, the enthusiasm, the spirit and the opportunity to speak up for the voiceless and marginalized members of the human family - the pre-born, the frail elderly and the disabled.

Please consider participating in the annual Oratory Contest sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust to be held at Joseph Barry Council Knights of Columbus, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville, NY on Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 1-4 PM.

You will have the opportunity to express in a logical and organized way your respect for the life of every individual no matter how small or incapacitated. The first, second and third place winners will receive \$1000, \$600 and \$400 respectively. You may focus your 5-7 minute speech on one of the following topics:

- Abortion
- Assisted Suicide
- Bioethics (as it relates to pro-life)
- Black Genocide (through abortion)
- Cloning/Stem Cell Research
- Ectogenesis
- Eugenics (as it relates to pro-life)
- Euthanasia
- Fetal Development (in the context of abortion)
- Infanticide
- Legal Points – Right to Life
- Men & Abortion
- Post Abortion
- Pro Life Apologetics
- Special Needs/Down Syndrome (as it relates to pro-life)

Contestants can refer to notes during speech but should not read it. Applications are available at www.ProlifeEd.org/Events. Please return the completed application along with your written speech by 2/20/25 to MakeRoom4Him@gmail.com

EQUALITY AMENDMENT – PROPOSITION 1 ON THE BALLOT THIS ELECTION DAY **VOTE NO!**

The proposed “Equality Amendment” will be on the ballot this Election Day. **THIS DANGEROUS PROPOSITION** will create a de facto state right to abortion in the state constitution. Please spread the word about the dangers of this so-called “Equality Amendment.” This amendment, if passed, will empower state judges and bureaucrats to:

- * Discriminate against the preborn, even those in the ninth month of pregnancy, by denying their right to life by endorsing their killing by abortion, including painful late-term abortion, and by infanticide through intentional neglect if the baby is born alive after an attempted abortion.
- * Discriminate against social workers, educators, and health care workers, including doctors and nurses, by denying them state licenses if they refuse to do abortion referrals.
- * Discriminate against parents by denying parents the right of consent to ‘health care’ for their minor children - denying parental rights to make medical decisions for their children. New York State will have more authority than parents in making medical decisions for their children. There is no minimum age – new classes and rights apply to all minors.
- * Allow abortionists to operate without the health and safety regulations that life-saving surgeons and pharmacists must adhere to.
- * Allows the state to regulate, harass, fine, and prosecute public pro-life witnessing and crisis pregnancy centers *out of existence* as violators of the “civil right” of “reproductive healthcare and autonomy.”
- * Vague, undefined language may erode current protections for church and organization’s beliefs that run contrary to these new “rights”.



FEDERAL LEGISLATION

(See Oct. *LifeNews* for additional voting information.) Neither major party has a solid, pro-life platform. The 2024 Republican Platform is less pro-life than it has been for the past 40 years, except for 2004. There is no Mexico City Policy, no Hyde Amendment, and no call for a Human Life Amendment. The Republican

Party Platform states that the US Constitution protects a “person’s” life, so States can pass protective laws. It states, “We will oppose late-term abortion, while supporting mothers and policies that advance prenatal care, access to birth control, and IVF (fertility treatments).” Many Republicans are also now waffling on a federal 15-week abortion limit.

The Democrat Platform states, “Democrats are fighting back to restore reproductive freedom for every woman in every state... The Administration is protecting access to abortion, including creating a new path for pharmacies to dispense FDA-approved medication abortion and defending access in court. It is expanding reproductive health care for service members, veterans, and their family members... we are ensuring access to accurate information and legal resources, including by launching [ReproductiveRights.gov](https://reproductiverights.gov) and convening more than 200 lawyers and advocates to support abortion-related legal defense services.”

More information on platforms and voter guides can be found on the Family Research Council, the USCCB and Priests for Life websites.

The Harris/Walz ticket says abortion is “nobody else’s business” and “a right.” Harris backs the *Women’s Health Protection Act* and wants the filibuster rule (requiring 60 votes to pass) set aside when the Senate debates ‘restoring *Roe*.’ Becket Adams, in a piece published in *The Hill* on 10/7/24, stated that “under the leadership of Kamala Harris’ running mate, Gov. Tim Walz (D), Minnesota’s laws regarding the care of born-alive infants have been repealed or re-written with vague language that no longer explicitly includes such a requirement.” The words “to preserve the life and health of the child” are no longer included in the law.

Democrats state that Republicans want a ‘national abortion ban.’ Trump has stated he would veto one. The Democrats also falsely blame state abortion limits for the tragic deaths of several women. OBGYN Dr. Christina Francis, CEO of AAPLOG, stated the “tragic death... was caused by side effects of legal abortion drugs and medical negligence, not pro-life laws.”

On Sept. 24, American Life League released a report entitled, *Beneath the Surface: Exposing the Abortion Pill Drug Cartel*. The report reveals foreign-made (India, China) abortion pills are being mailed into 28 US states by offshore organizations such as Las Libres (Mexico) and Medside24 (Kazakhstan) for a ‘suggested donation’ – no prescription or ID needed. It’s organized by the US-based Plan C website, from states that shield abortion providers. No parental notification is needed. The White House Office of Legal Counsel said in 2022 that abortion pills can be mailed, despite the Comstock Act, and the FDA (2023) relaxed the rules for dispensing the pills.

The *Society of Family Planning* (SFP) states that the US now has over 100,000 abortions monthly. This increase is most likely due to the increased use of the abortion pill.

On Sept. 17, **S.4445**, the Right to IVF Act, failed to get the 60 Senate votes needed to pass. This bill has even less restraints on “assisted reproductive tech” than the similar **HR.7056/S.3612**. **S.4445** allows cloning, 3-parent children, human-animal hybrids and more.

President Biden has proposed ‘reforms’ for the US Supreme Court, some of which would require a Constitutional Amendment. The ‘reforms’ include term limits and ethics rules. Kamala Harris is said to be “open” to expanding the number of Supreme Court Justices. These reforms could be used to remove pro-life justices and to ‘pack the court’ with pro-abortion justices.



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

On Aug. 23, a NY trial court turned down the Democrat request to add “abortion” and “LGBT” to the wording of the question of Proposition 1 (the Equality Amendment), which will appear on the back of the November ballot. (See pg. 2)

On Sept. 24, a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction on New York Attorney General Letitia James’ suit against two Pregnancy Help Centers. The suit charged the centers with spreading misinformation (regarding abortion pill reversal).

The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of New York, signed into law by Governor Hochul in 2022, contains a preclearance requirement that went into effect on Sept. 22, 2024 – 40 days before the presidential election. This new rule requires certain jurisdictions in NYS to request preclearance from the attorney general or a designated court to make election-related decisions which could range from changing early voting hours to removing deceased residents from the voter list. Election Attorney Joseph T. Burns stated this is “quite a power grab by the attorney general... [handing] unprecedented power over election processes in some of the most hotly contested congressional districts in the nation, including those on Long Island and in the Hudson Valley... The new rule upends the system of constitutionally mandated, bipartisan election administration which has served New York’s voters ably for generations.” The jurisdictions are determined by factors including arrest rates for “protected classes” and whether a jurisdiction committed a civil rights or voting violation (including minor issues) in the last 25 years. For example, if a county legislature in one of these jurisdictions didn’t agree on a redistricting plan, it would be put under preclearance, giving a partisan elected official veto power over the local bipartisan boards of election. If a polling site in one of these jurisdictions has a flood or a fire in the facility, local officials would need to file an application with the AG’s office, adding time and layers of paperwork. Burns said, “Our elections – and the public’s faith in them – will not be improved by the AG’s meddling.” This rule could affect some important races in Congressional Districts that could determine important pro-life votes in the House.

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

PRO-LIFE LAWS, MEDICAL SCHOOLS, AND HOSPITAL CLOSURES

The media and pro-abortion activists have been claiming that pro-life laws are leading to doctor shortages and hospital closures. Tessa Cox and Ingrid Skop, M.D., FACOG posted an article on the Charlotte Lozier website on 8/27/24 entitled, “*Dobbs and Medical Deserts: Will Pro-Life Laws Drive Away Doctors and Lead to Hospital Closures?*” The Executive Summary for the article reads:

*Post-*Dobbs*, pro-life states’ efforts to protect life have been met with pushback, including widespread claims that the laws are contributing to hospital closures and driving doctors away.

*A close look at the data shows that these claims are unjustified. Pro-life states continue to train medical students, recruit future doctors, and position themselves for further growth.

*Recent data from the Association of American Medical Colleges shows that across the country, total medical school enrollment has increased over the past five years – including in pro-life states.

*Pro-life states are still receiving many times more applications than they have spots available. While one study showed residency applications to pro-life states dropped slightly, it also showed that residency applicant rating of interest in programs in pro-life states was equal to that of other states. Additionally, when compared to the rest of the country, in the 2023 match cycle, 86.8% of all applicants still applied to residencies in pro-life states, and virtually all residency spots were filled.

*A review of press releases and media coverage around recent hospital closures shows that hospitals shut down due to factors like financial problems and declining patient volumes, not abortion policy.

For the full report see: <https://lozierinstitute.org/dobbs-and-medical-deserts-will-pro-life-laws-drive-away-doctors-and-lead-to-hospital-closures/>

ABORTION PILL DRUG CARTEL

American Life League (ALL) recently issued a report entitled, “*Beneath the Surface: Exposing the Abortion Drug Cartel.*” The report notes that since the *Dobbs* decision, abortions done by the abortion pill regimen (mifepristone and misoprostol) – medication abortion – have become the most prevalent abortion method in the United States. The (pro-abortion) Guttmacher Institute reported that in 2023, 63% of all abortions were done by pills. The CEO of Planned Parenthood stated that 70% of its abortion patients choose the abortion pill. ALL researched how so many people are accessing these pills and found that a pill network is funneling these drugs in from other countries to states with “abortion bans.” ALL noted, “To the casual observer, this pill network is modeled after the drug cartel, creating an abortion pill crisis similar to our nation’s narcotics crisis... [the ALL report] seeks to expose the abortion pill drug cartel and prove there is no such thing as an abortion-free state in the US. It also seeks to detail other more conventional methods of obtaining these pills. Finally, the report will shed light on the lack of action for this crisis, leaving us to ask: Why are state and local governments turning a blind eye to baby killing?” The “Key Takeaways” from this report are:

*The abortion pill regimen of mifepristone and misoprostol can be accessed in all 50 states and US territories due to the FDA’s 2023 removal of in-person regulations to obtain abortion pills.

*Networks of abortion providers and volunteers are working as drug dealers via the Internet and US postal system and are illegally sending these pills to customers.

*Abortion regulations have not and will not work to stop abortion pills from being sold.

*The United States Post Office, the FDA and other US government agencies have neglected to investigate these individual networks of volunteers that provide abortion pills illegally and consistently through the mailing system.

For the full report see: <https://all.org/pill-report>

“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.

<u>Nassau County - Location</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Contact Phone</u>
540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead	(W) Sa 8 AM-Noon	917-544-0121
" " "	(W) Th 10:30-Noon	516-220-8273
" " "	(W) Sa 10 AM-Noon	516-220-8273
" " "	(W) Fr 11 AM - Noon	516-359-1298
<u>Suffolk County - Location</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Contact Phone (631)</u>
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
450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue	(M) 2nd We & Sa 10 AM-noon	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 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:

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

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

Live Stream: 7 PM Mondays marchforlifeny.org/events/march-for-life-ny-livestream

In Memoriam: Pastor James Curry and Michael J. Nolan

PRO-LIFE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Kevin M. McQuade Memorial Endowed Scholarship at Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH, may be awarded to students entering or returning to college in September 2025. Applicants are to have demonstrated involvement in pro-life activities. Long Island pro-life students are especially encouraged to apply. Contact Info: Franciscan University of Steubenville, 1235 University Blvd. Steubenville, Ohio 43952. Main (740-283-3771) Admissions (800-783-6220). Kevin was Trustee of the LICL Educational Trust and an active member of the LICL. His wife Maryjane continues to participate with the LICL and in parish pro-life ministry.

Hope and Healing after Abortion

For more information contact Sisters of Life at hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org or 866-575-0075. **All information is confidential!**

Weekly Prayer Opportunities:

- **Rosary for Life** every Fri. at 3 PM on Zoom, [https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87304151696?](https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87304151696?pwd=2Y1cRerJM7mbqfzqvteUaUChNHWK6f.1) Meeting ID: 873 0415 1696 Passcode: K98mK4
- **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.

**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.

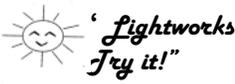
“Euthanasia Poisons People and Society,”

an article by Wesley J. Smith, was published in *The Human Life Review* (3/19/24). In 1993, he predicted “the descent to depravity...First suicide is promoted as a virtue. Vulnerable people...become early casualties. Then follows mercy killing of the terminally ill. From there it’s a hop, skip and a jump to killing people who don’t have a good “quality” of life, perhaps with the prospect of organ harvesting thrown in as a plum to society.” In the 3/19/24 article he wrote, “Now, more than 30 years later...the “slippery slope” is not only real but has become an avalanche of abuse and abandonment...People killed by euthanasia are increasingly being looked upon by doctors and society as splendid sources of organs...the phenomenon of conjoining euthanasia with organ harvesting...is becoming relatively common in the Netherlands, Belgium, and Canada.” Smith concluded, “Once medicalized killing becomes normalized, the death agenda spreads, objectifies those who want to die, and corrupts public morality in ways that should shock the human conscience.”

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