

# Life News

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*"There can never be a rest to our prayers so long as one innocent child in the womb is aborted."  
~ Bishop William Murphy*

## Annual Cocktail Party to benefit LONG ISLAND BIRTHRIGHT

*To be held at*

St. Elizabeth's RCC, Melville, NY

2 - 5 PM

Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2002

*"Helping Moms & Their Babies"*

Sponsored by:

10<sup>th</sup> District Knights of Columbus

- St. Joseph Council #4810
- St. Elizabeth Council #5753-Host
- Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen #7479
- Gate of Heaven Council #468

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**Tom Cook**

**FUN! FREE FOOD! OPEN BAR!  
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Henry Rainone 631-423-4784

Cash and/or newborn gift donations  
requested

## BIRTHRIGHT Inc. of Nassau & Suffolk ANNUAL COCKTAIL PARTY

*"Helping Moms & Their Babies"*

Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2002

3:00 - 6:00 PM

SPONSORED BY & HELD AT  
HOLY INNOCENTS  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
COUNCIL 3581  
Jeffries Rd., Levittown, NY

ADMISSION: \$17.50 per person  
Includes 2 free drinks,  
buffet & prizes!

**All Proceeds go to Birthright of  
Nassau-Suffolk Inc.**

For Tickets Please Call:

Marty O'Connor 516-735-7719

Jim McHale 516-796-0894

*To volunteer for Birthright Counseling or to work  
in the Birthright Thrift Shop (Mineola) please call  
Carolyn Sutch at 516-796-3257*

**YOU'RE INVITED**

**Jane Gilroy, PhD, President of Long Island Chapter of University Faculty For Life,** will speak at the 8 p.m.

General Meeting, of the L.I. Coalition For Life, Monday, February 25, 2002, held at the Joseph Barry Council Knights of Columbus Hall, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville.

Dr. Gilroy was recently honored by being inducted into the Pro-Life Hall of Fame for efforts in the past, which include the following. Coordinator: Women for Life (1969), Secretary and later President: Committee for Human Life (1969-75), Candidate: Governor, New York State Right to Life Party's Independent Nominating Petition (1970), and, Vice-Chairman for Ellen McCormack's Presidential Campaign (1976).

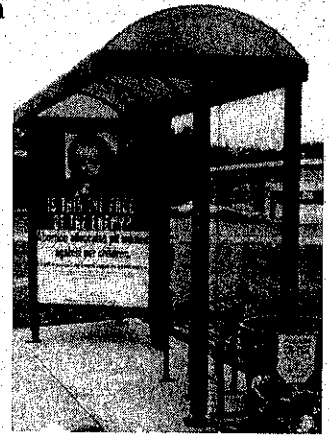
For information or directions call 631-243-1435. **All Welcome.**

## Bus Shelter Signs Ordered Down

Our bus shelter signs, which debuted last spring, were suddenly taken down in mid-November. We were told that the Nassau County Planning Commission had ordered them removed after someone complained about them.

With the help of Hempstead Town Councilman, **Tony Santino**, we learned that the signs had been ordered down by a low-level Planning Commission bureaucrat without the Commission Chairman's knowledge. At Tony's recommendation—citing First Amendment concerns—the Planning Commission reconsidered the removal order at its December meeting and reversed it, allowing the signs to be restored. Our thanks to Tony for his help and to the Nassau County Planning Commission for doing the right thing.

Though we have now assured our right to keep these effective signs in public view, **they will come down again when our funding for them runs out.** If you want to see the signs remain, please use the coupon on page 11 to contribute to our sign fund.



## SAFE HAVENS FOR NEWBORN BABIES

Sadly, many young women abandon their newborn babies because they're afraid or don't know what else to do. To help prevent this, many states, including New York, have passed laws creating "safe havens": places where babies born to desperate mothers can be taken and cared for. Under these laws, a mother who can't take care of her baby for whatever reason may bring the baby within five days of birth to an approved site. No questions are asked as long as the baby isn't harmed. The mother will not be prosecuted for abandonment.

New York's law took effect in July 2000. It allows a mother who can't get help for a pregnancy to place her newborn in a location where the baby will be kept safe. The mother or father can reclaim the child within 15 months, after social workers have ensured that either parent is capable of caring for the child. The baby can be released for adoption within six months, after the mother has given up her parental rights.

The number of havens on Long Island are increasing, says Timothy Jaccard, president of the AMT Children of Hope Foundation in Mineola, which pushed for the law in New York. Jaccard says all hos-

pitals in Nassau and Suffolk are taking part in the program. Many fire stations, churches, high schools and other institutions in the metropolitan area are publicizing the program.

There are safe haven emergency numbers for Nassau and the metropolitan area (877-796-4673) and for Suffolk (866-852-2229). For more information visit [www.amtchildrenofhope.com](http://www.amtchildrenofhope.com) or write to the foundation at 1490 Franklin Ave., Mineola, NY 11501.

The foundation received about 3,000 calls last year. Jaccard says 49 of the calls were for "crisis" situations, in which the foundation had to intervene. Twelve babies were brought to safe havens. The goal is always to get newborns to hospitals quickly to ensure they get proper care. "Many of the babies are born prematurely and need to get care immediately," Jaccard says.

Safe havens provide an alternative to abortion. Jaccard says three women who were planning to have abortions decided to have their babies after becoming aware of the program. He says the safe haven program is only a final safety net for babies. The hope is that mothers will keep and care for their babies.

Bob Violino

**LEGISLATIVE WATCH**

**FEDERAL**



**USE OF FEDERALLY CONTROLLED DRUGS IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE MUST BE OPPOSED.**

**Sample Letter:**

Dear....: We urge you to continue to support the Federally Controlled Drugs Act which opposes the use of controlled drugs for physician assisted suicide. We also support the provision of the Act that permits controlled drugs to be used to manage patients' pain by duly licensed physicians who are registered with the Drug Enforcement Agency.

**Action- Write to:**

U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft  
 Department of Justice  
 950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Wash. D. C. 20530

**PRO-LIFE INSIGHTS:**

Despite opposition from powerful and well funded sources, the pro-life movement continues to be one of the largest and most effective grassroots movements in the nation.

The number and rate of abortion steadily declined in the 1990's. More Americas identified themselves as pro-life while polls showed that Americans are far more opposed to abortion than our law reflects.

Our legal system can and must be continually reformed so that it will increasingly fulfill its proper task of protecting the weak and preserving the right to life of every human born and unborn.

Those of the Catholic faith will recall that Pope John Paul II in the Gospel of Life advises that one may support imperfect legislation- legislation that for example does not ban all abortions but puts some control on a current more permissive law by aiming to limit the number of abortions- if that is the best that can be achieved at a particular time. "This does not in fact represent an illicit cooperation with an unjust law but rather a legitimate and proper attempt to limit its evil effects."



**NEW YORK STATE**

Since this is the second year of the 2001-2002 Legislative Session, bill numbers remain the same. Use sample letters below or information/ letters from any 2001 Life News.

**Sample Letter:**

Dear....: According to the latest statistics (1999) 38.2% of the 132,681 abortions in our state were Medicaid funded. This is many times the number of "medically necessary"

abortions which qualify for Medicaid under N.Y.S. Social Service Law 365a. Even more disturbing is the fact that statistics indicate half of the 10,345 abortions performed on teenagers under 18 are Medicaid funded. Clearly, the state's unsupervised policy which violates our state law is unjust and illegal. Medicaid is a program intended to prevent illness and promote healing. Please vote to remove funding of abortion from the Medicaid Budget. Abortion is not health care. Thank you.

**Sample Letter:**

Dear....: The Family Protection Act (S.4836), which was introduced in the Senate on 4/17/01, requires Parental Consent before a girl under 18 is given an abortion and requires Informed Consent for women. The Family Protection Act is based on Pennsylvania legislation which was declared constitutional by the Supreme Court. In our state, girls as young as 12 are given an abortion without parental knowledge. Abortionists are not required to give information to the pregnant woman. Pro-abortionists worship "choice", ignoring the fact that the innocent baby has no choice. But neither does the woman have a choice if she is denied information concerning the nature of her choice. Based on the decline of rate of abortion in Pennsylvania it is estimated that passage of this bill would save approximately 66 lives every day in our state. Please help protect our unborn babies, our women and our families by becoming a sponsor of the Family Protection Act. Thank you.

**Action-Contact:** your N.Y. S. Senator

N.Y.S. Senate, Albany, N.Y. 12247  
 Senate Switchboard: 518-455-2800

And your N.Y.S. Assembly Member

N.Y. S. Assembly, Albany, N.Y. 12248  
 Assembly Switchboard: 518-455-4100

**Statewide Bill Status Hotline: 1-800-342-9860**

To determine the name of the persons who represent your area call the Board of Elections: Nassau 516-571-2411/ Suffolk 631-852-4500.

**NOTE:** The N.Y.S. Catholic Conference is offering, in bulk amounts, post cards in support of Religious Conscience Protection. These are addressed to N.Y.S. Majority Leader Joseph Bruno and Speaker Sheldon Silver. Call 518-434-6195.

**ON TUES. FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup> A SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN NASSAU'S 19<sup>TH</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT** which includes parts of Levittown, Bellmore, Merrick, etc. Please call the Nassau Board of Elections 516-571-2411 for names of candidates. Contact candidates to ask their position on the Life Issues. Every vote in our N.Y.S. Assembly is critical for Pro-Life.



## HEALTH & SCIENCE REPORT

### PRIMUM NON NOCERE-EUTHANASIA PART I

"The basic ethic of physicians down through the centuries has been consistent. Originated by a pagan physician, Hippocrates, 400 years before the time of Christ, that ethic was very clear. It was 'primum non nocere', meaning 'first do no harm'. That ethic passed into the Christian era and guided the medical profession until recent decades. It has been increasingly violated in these past years, as some physicians have returned to the pre-Hippocratic ethic which gave to physicians two roles—the one of curing but also the one of killing." (J.C. Willke, M.D., *Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia Past & Present*) The word euthanasia comes from the Greek 'eus' (good) and 'thanatos' (death). Who could honestly look at the way euthanasia is practiced and call it a "good death" or a death with dignity? Webster defines euthanasia as: "1. Dying easily, quietly, and painlessly. 2. The act of willfully ending life in individuals with an incurable disease."

Besides the fact that doctors (and sometimes nurses) get to "play God" in this death practice, we see it is not the patient in most cases who voluntarily wills his or her life ended, but the doctor or authorities who make that decision. Most euthanized patients do not have an incurable disease! Withholding nutrition (food) and hydration (water) has become the norm as the merciful solution for people in their last days or in a coma. Since when has starvation and dehydration been considered comforting and painless? Euthanasia is administered in many ways, but as Dr. & Mrs. Willke say in their book, *Why can't we love them both*: "Qualifying euthanasia by calling it active or passive, direct or indirect, voluntary, nonvoluntary, involuntary, or assisted suicide only confuses the picture. Euthanasia Is When the Doctor Kills the Patient." Assisted suicide certainly is euthanasia, just disguised to promote social acceptance and sold as a merciful ministry. For that reason we would like to present a little history of the development of euthanasia through the years, as a warning and hopefully as a wake-up call!

In Germany, as far back as 1895, a medical textbook, much in use, promoted the "right-to-death". "Dying help" was to be considered a merciful solution and was supported by the medical and legal profession in Germany that was touted as the most advanced medical community in the world. A publication, *Permitting the Destruction of Unworthy Life* by Professors Binding and Hoche, influenced the acceptance of euthanasia. This publication generated debates, and the concept of legal medical killing was rejected in 1921 at a German medical convention. Critics cited a 1914 book, written by Dr. M. Beers: "physician aid in dying might be the first step, but whether it would be the last appears to me to be very doubtful... Once respect for the sanctity of human life has been diminished by introducing voluntary mercy killing for the mentally-healthy incurably ill, and involuntary killing for the mentally ill, who is going to ensure that matters stop there." Euthanasia was accepted in Germany long before Hitler's reign and the infamous holocaust of World War II. "By 1945, 250,000 men, women and

children had been killed under the euphemisms of 'help for the dying' and 'mercy killing'... The hospital at Hadamar became perhaps the most notorious of the killing centers... cited... as a model of the ethical tragedy of German medicine... Hadamar drifted from a hospital to a human slaughterhouse... The stories of the medical experiments at Dachau, Auschwitz and the other centers of death are the stuff of nightmares... By the war's end, the death camp had become a monument to medicine without morals and without limits." (Charles J. Sykes, *Medical Nightmares: German Doctors/American Doctors*) The excuses were the same then as they are now with abortion and embryonic research, that all victims were to die anyway! Surely no one would ever want to repeat this historical medical travesty! Unfortunately, history tends to repeat itself.

Dr. & Mrs. Willke point out that in 1981, "Holland was the first modern nation to legalize euthanasia... 130,000 people die each year in Holland, and over 20,000 are killed, directly or indirectly, by doctors. As many as half did not ask to be killed... When asked whether they approved of euthanasia, senior citizens, healthy and living in the economy, agreed by 50%. When the same question was asked of residents of nursing homes, only 3% approved." A 1990 report states that 1,000 of the 25,306 euthanasia deaths were cases of active, involuntary euthanasia, usually by a single, lethal injection. 4,941 cases involved "morphine... gradually given in increasingly excessive doses with the intent to terminate life... done without the patient's consent... The report adds that there were also other cases, not listed, involving euthanasia of newborns with disabilities and children with life-threatening diseases." To protect seniors and others hospitalized, several groups have emerged to prevent doctors from killing. Courts have set up guidelines, but they are ignored, and doctors are not prosecuted for non-observance. Physicians are given complete authorization in euthanasia decisions. According to Brian Clowes, Ph.D. in *The Facts of Life*: "Eighty percent of Dutch doctors have killed people deliberately through direct, active (not passive) euthanasia. A 1991 government survey found that only one in ten Dutch doctors would refuse a request for euthanasia... Physicians often perform involuntary euthanasia on patients who have chronic diabetes, rheumatism, multiple sclerosis, AIDS or bronchitis, and upon older accident victims, regardless of the prognosis... Many Dutch citizens, in self-defense, now carry a 'Declaration of a Will to Live'... which states that they do not want to be euthanized without their knowledge. These documents are also called Life Passports or 'Don't Kill Me' cards... these Declarations carry very little weight with the same doctors who introduced—and then ignored—the so-called 'Living Wills' in Holland." Could the euthanasia movement have become so powerful without the commitment of doctors? We think not!

In 1995 the Northern Territory in Australia became the second modern nation to pass legislation to legalize euthanasia. Debates were held from 1995 to 1997 over this legislation, led by the Australian Medical Association and were efficacious in persuading the Parliament to reverse the law.

Next month, Part II: The Right to Privacy—A Death Grant  
Dolores Andreski—516-781-5274  
Regina Carbonaro—516-795-7568

## A Poll of the Polls Fr. Frank Pavone/Priests for Life

Professor Raymond J. Adamek (Department of Sociology, Kent State University) has done the pro-life movement a great service in his study "Abortion Polls 1965-1998: Designed to Measure or to Mold Public Opinion?" His analysis of major opinion polls on the abortion question during that time frame reveals that, given the way the questions are asked, what is being measured is *not* the public's opinion about the current abortion laws and practice. What is being measured is their opinion about *imaginary* abortion laws and practice. This is simply because so many of the questions misrepresent the facts.

Professor Adamek explains, "On 85 occasions from 1973 to 1998, 8 major pollsters described Roe v. Wade as permitting abortion during 'the first three months of pregnancy'... [T]his description is incomplete and misleading, since it gives the uninformed respondent the impression that the Court did not legalize abortion beyond the first trimester, and focuses the attention of the informed respondent on only part of the decision." A reading of Roe and subsequent abortion decisions, a study of the legislation and Court battles on partial-birth abortion, or a journey through the "A" section of the Yellow Pages of a major city is enough to dispel any doubts that abortion is legal throughout pregnancy. So why can't a poll that wants to measure what people think about that policy ask people what they think about that policy, instead of what they think about some different policy? The conclusion: *You simply can't believe a poll that tells you that most Americans agree with "Roe vs. Wade."* They still don't know what the decision said, and it is most likely that the pollster hasn't helped them find out.

Contact Priests for Life at PO Box 141172, Staten Island, NY 10314;

Tel: 888-PFL-3448, 718-980-4400; Fax 718-980-6515;

e-mail: pfl@priestsforlife.org; web: www.priestsforlife.org

## MOVIE TIME

"Stem Cell Research" will be the subject of a program sponsored by the Molloy College English Department and the Long Island Chapter of University Faculty for Life. The evening will begin with the fifteen-minute award-winning film, *The Committee*, which explores the implication of abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, and genetic engineering.

Dr. Maureen Sanz, professor of biology, will demonstrate the physical properties of stem cells with a slide presentation. Rev. Paul G. Driscoll, former Human Life Coordinator for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, will offer the Church's perspective on this controversial topic. The program is open to students, faculty, and the general public.

**Topic:** "Stem Cell Research"

**Date:** Tuesday, February 19, 2002

**Time:** 7:00-9:00 PM

**Place:** Reception Room (main corridor, first floor, Kellenberg Hall)

Molloy College

1000 Hempstead Avenue

Rockville Centre, NY

**Sponsors:** Molloy College English Department and Long Island Chapter of University Faculty for Life

For further information call Dr. Jane Gilroy at 516-678-5000 ext 6139 or e-mail jgilroy@molloy.edu.

## The Bridge To Life's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance

*Please Join Us for an Evening of  
Good Food, Cheers and Dancing  
to Honor*

### Bill Reel

Courageous Columnist



**Date:** Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 2002

**Time:** Six to Ten in the Evening

**Place:** The Swan Club, Shore Road,  
Glenwood Landing

**Admission:** \$75 per person; Includes  
Cocktail Hour, Dinner, Dancing  
& Valet Parking

Please make checks payable to:

The Bridge To Life, 75-01 Utopia Pkwy., Fresh  
Meadows, NY 11366 Tel. 718-591-7020

## Thank You NY-55 WLIG-TV

On two evenings in December of 2001 NY-55 aired the thirty-minute program: *Abortion: Have We Gone Too Far?* The station plans to rerun this excellent show on a Saturday or Sunday evening in the near future. Please check your TV listings and mention the program to persons who are undecided on the abortion issue. You may want to thank Michael Pascucci, the station's owner, for this effort and for the many times NY-55 has aired pro-life videos including *The Silent Scream*. Write to him at: WLIG NY-55, 270 S. Service Rd., Melville, N.Y. 11747.

## "PASTORAL PLAN FOR PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES: A Campaign in Support of Life."

Meeting 11/14/01 the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a revised Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities. The focus of the plan is the need to protect all innocent human life to the greatest degree possible. The plan calls abortion a priority issue of justice.

Source: NRTL News, Dec. 2001.

# FEBRUARY 2002 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*"Whenever Two or More  
Are Gathered in My Name..."*

## PRAYER VIGIL AT ABORTION PROVIDER/REFERRAL SITES

**IMPORTANT:** Call your local contact person before going to site. Come ONLY at "DATES & TIMES" Prescribed By Your Contact Person and NEVER REMAIN AT SITE ALONE. PLEASE JOIN US! PRAYER & WITNESS ARE IMPORTANT!

(W) - This event held weekly on dates noted.

### NASSAU

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DAY/TIME</u>
(W) MINEOLA	516-354-6749	156 Mineola Blvd.	Tu, Fr 10:30-11:30AM
(W) GARDEN CITY	516-354-6749	1103 Stewart Ave.	Tu, W, Fr 9-10:30AM, Sat 7-10:00AM
(W) HEMPSTEAD	516-741-3405	540 Hemp-Fulton Ave.	Sat 7:30AM - 1PM
(W) MASSAPEQUA	516-798-2151	35 Carmans Rd.	Sat 10:30AM-NOON
(W) MASSAPEQUA	516-781-5274	930 Broadway	Sat 9:30AM-NOON
(W) SYOSSET	516-334-2569	175 Jericho Tpke.	Sat 8-11AM, Mn 8-11AM, Tu 8-11AM,

Note: Volunteers need to fill expanded vigil at Syosset site. Please call to offer Th 8-11AM, Fr 3:30-7PM.  
an hour or two. Babies have been saved by quiet prayer.

(W) EA. ROCKAWAY	516-887-2458	123 Grant Ave.	*Time subject to change, please call ahead.
New MANHASSET	516-741-3405	444Community Dr.	*Time subject to change, please call ahead.

**NOTE: Peaceful assembly & prayer on public property near abortion site is LEGAL.**

### SUFFOLK

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DAY/TIME</u>
(W) SMITHTOWN VIL	631-979-7017	70 Maple Ave.	Fr NOON - 2PM, Sat 7AM - NOON
(W) STONY BROOK	631-751-8217	2500 Nesconset Hwy.	Sat 8-10AM
(W) SOUTHAMPTON	631-283-6829	595 Hampton Rd.	Fr 11:30AM
(W) BRENTWOOD	631-234-0933	42 First Ave.	Sat 8AM-10:00AM

### February

Wed 2/6 9PM Ch71 Nassau & Western Suffolk: Sex Ed in our Public Schools. Th 2/7 8PM Ch71 Great Neck: Partial Birth Abortion. Mon 2/11 10PM Ch70: Sex Ed issues in Public Schools. Tu 2/19 Ch 70 Central Suffolk (HAUP & BKHVN): Face the Truth. Mon 2/25 10PM Ch70 East Suffolk (RVHD): Face the Truth. Tu 2/26 10PM Ch70 Central Suffolk (HAUP & BKHVN): Your Crisis Pregnancy. **American Family Association** cable TV programming schedule, please call Frank Russo 516-944-3544. Website: www.afany.org  
Mark Crutcher's **LIFE DYNAMICS** tapes are shown as follows: Queens Ch. 67 & Brooklyn Ch. 34  
Mondays 10:00AM & 6:00PM; Riverhead Ch. 70 Fridays 1:30PM; Hauppauge Ch 70 Wednesdays 8PM ; Woodbury Ch 71 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 8:30PM; Brookhaven Ch 71 Tuesdays 8PM -

### February

- ♥**NO MASS & PROCESSION FOR LIFE THIS MONTH, WILL RESUME IN MARCH-See 'Looking Ahead'**
- (M) Noon-3PM & 6-9PM **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR LIFE** St. Andrews RCC, Sag Harbor. 631-725-5915
- Fr 2/1 3/1 (M) 7:30 PM **BENEDICTION FOR LIFE** St. Boniface RCC, Elmont.
- Fr 2/1 3/1 (M) 9:30PM-8AM **PRO-LIFE VIGIL FOR LIFE AND PEACE** St. Matthew RCC, Dix Hills 631-499-8520.
- Fr 2/1 3/1 (M) 9PM-5AM **ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL** St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh.
- Fr 2/1 3/1 (M) 8PM-9PM **PRAYER HOUR FOR LIFE** Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne.
- Fr 2/1 3/1 (W) 1:00PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** St. John Nepomucene Church, Bohemia, 631-589-0540.
- Fr 2/1 3/1 (M) 8-12PM **ADORATION FOR LIFE** St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn, NY.
- Fr 2/1 3/1 (M) 7-8 PM **PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** Our Lady of Victory RCC, Floral Park.
- Fr 2/1 3/1 (M) 3-7AM **PRO-LIFE VIGIL** at St. Aloysius RCC, Great Neck; Tu 2/12-7PM Way of the Cross for the Unborn. Call: 516-482-2770.
- Sa 2/2 3/2 (M) 6PM **RIGHT TO LIFE ROSARY** St. Margaret of Scotland RCC, 81 College Rd., Selden, NY.  
An outdoor Rosary at the statue of Our Lady. Call Dennis Borro 631-738-2380.
- Su 2/3 3/3 (W) 8-9PM **HOUR OF REPARATION TO STOP ABORTION** Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Lindenhurst.
- Su 2/3 ♥**2-5PM ANNUAL COCKTAIL PARTY TO BENEFIT LONG ISLAND BIRTHRIGHT** St. Elizabeth's RCC, Melville, NY. [Church auditorium]. Hosted by the 10<sup>th</sup> District Knights of Columbus. (see front cover)  
**Guest Speaker: Tom Cook. FREE FOOD, OPEN BAR, RAFFLES!** Cash or baby gifts for newborn requested as donation. For more information please call: Jim Cook at 631-754-9141.

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- Su 2/3 3/3 (M) 11:15AM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows Church; 258th & 80th Ave., North Floral Park 718-347-6070.
- Mn 2/4 3/4 (W) 7PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE AND NOVENA MASS** St. Catherine's, Franklin Square.
- Mn 2/4 3/4 ♥(M) 8PM **MASS FOR LIFE** St. Joseph's-Rectory Chapel, Garden City, NY. All Welcome.
- Th 2/7 3/7 (W) 7-8PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Our Lady of Mt. Carmel RCC, Patchogue (9AM-Midnight-Adoration)
- Th 2/7 3/7 (W) After 7PM Mass **ROSARY & NOVENA FOR LIFE** St. James Chapel, Seaford, NY 516-694-2938.
- Fr 2/8 3/8 ♥(M) 9AM **ROSARY FOR MOTHERS & THE UNBORN** Sts. Peter & Paul RCC, Manorville, NY. Call Ruth 631-369-7142.
- Su 2/10 3/10 (M) 1-4PM **SINGLE MOTHER'S SUPPORT GROUP** at "Bridge to Life" 41-23 Bell Blvd., 2nd Flr, Bayside, 718-225-2211. Queens pro-lifers may obtain the "Bridge to Life" newsletter - Call 718-225-2211.
- Su 2/10 3/10 (M) 1PM **PROJECT MERCY ROSARY TO END ABORTION** St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn.
- M 2/11 3/11 (M) 7:30PM **EASTERN LONG ISLAND CATHOLICS FOR LIFE MEETING** New members welcome! St. Rosalie K of C Council, Hampton Bays, NY. Call 1-800-253-5218 or 631-728-2311.
- Tu 2/12 3/12 (M) 9AM **MASS AND ADORATION FOR LIFE NOON** - Rosary; Vigil concludes with **BENEDICTION FOR LIFE** at 4PM. Sacred Heart Parish, Cutchogue.
- Th 2/14 ♥6-10PM **BRIDGE TO LIFE'S 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DINNER DANCE** Swan Club, Glenwood Landing. Bill Reel, columnist - Guest Speaker. \$75 per person. Proceeds to benefit Bridge to Life. Call 718-591-7020. (See page 5)
- Fr 2/15 3/15 (M) 9PM-6AM **ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL** Our Lady of Lourdes RCC-Chapel Massapequa Park. For details please call Anne Murphy: 631-234-6921. **PLEASE CALL FOR MASS SCHEDULE!**
- Tu 2/19 3/19 (M) 7:30-8:30PM **ADORATION, ROSARY, PRO-LIFE PRAYER** - St. Patrick's Church, Smithtown.
- Tu 2/19 ♥7-9PM **STEM CELL RESEARCH SEMINAR** Molloy College, Kellenberg Hall-Reception Room 1<sup>st</sup> floor, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre, NY. Program to explore implications of abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, and genetic engineering. Presented by Dr. Maureen Sanz-Prof. of biology & Rev. Paul Driscoll. Call Dr. Jane Gilroy at 516-678-5000 x6139. Sponsored by Molloy College & LI Chapter of University Faculty for Life.
- W 2/20 3/20 ♥(M) 7:30PM **STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LIFE** Maria Regina RCC, Chapel Pastoral Center, Seaford, NY. Call 516-781-5274.
- Fr 2/22 3/22 ♥(M) 8-9PM **PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** Our Lady of Lourdes RCC, Massapequa Park, NY. 516-541-3270
- Sa 2/23 9AM-Noon - Donate an hour or two & help prepare the March **LIFE NEWS** for mailing, St. Joseph's Old School Gym! 25 Church St., Ronkonkoma. Call: 631-588-4437. Confirmation service candidates welcome!
- Mn 2/25 (M) 7:45PM - **L.I.C.L. GENERAL MEETING** at Joseph Barry Council K of C, Hicksville, NY. Call 631-243-1435. Guest Speaker: Jane H. Gilroy PhD. President LI Chapter of University Faculty for Life
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**2002 RESPECT LIFE**  
**ORATORICAL CONTEST**

**Local Contest**

**Levels of Participation**

Category I—7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> graders  
Category II— 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders

**Location and Time**

St. Mary's Elementary School  
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Category I— April 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM  
Category II— April 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM

**Awards**

All participants will receive a gift. Contestants in both categories will be eligible to receive the following:

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$150  
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- *Only the highest scoring 11th or 12th grader is eligible to compete in the state contest.*

The Respect Life Oratorical Contest is an educational outreach project designed to encourage young people to investigate the life issues. Participants must research, write and deliver a five to seven minute speech on one of these topics:

- "The Tragedy of Abortion"
- "The Tragedy of Infanticide"
- "The Tragedy of Euthanasia"

Student may explore the themes of current interest and importance for the right-to-life movement, including but not limited to: fetal experimentation, abortion methods, post-abortion syndrome, RU-486, cloning, informed consent legislation, the "quality of life" ethic, and funding for abortion and assisted suicide in any national health care plan.

Resource material may be found in school and public libraries, local and state right-to-life groups, crisis pregnancy centers and the Office of Family Ministry.

Participants in the Oratorical Contest may use their material for their Essay Contest without prejudicing their status in this contest.

**For more information contact Maureen Russell 516-678-5800 x 234.**

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## **A.G. SPITZER ATTACKS CRISIS-PREGNANCY CENTERS**

During the first 10 days of the new year New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer served subpoenas on three downstate pregnancy assistance centers including the Life Center of Long Island. Subpoenas to other N.Y.S. centers are expected soon. These subpoenas demand the production—by February 1st—of all documents and materials used by these volunteer help centers for the last three years in an attempt to prove that they have engaged in "... false advertising and deceptive business practices ... practicing medicine without a license. ... and other fraudulent or illegal acts ..."

This is clearly a fishing expedition in which Spitzer is abusing the power and resources of his office to satisfy the agenda of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL) which wants these women-supportive and baby-saving centers out of business. NARAL recognizes that crisis pregnancy centers are effective in taking business away from abortionists, convincing mothers that life is clearly a better choice than death for them and their babies. Spitzer is serving as their taxpayer-paid thug to stamp out that competition. Even if he doesn't prove a thing against the centers, as is likely, he will tie them up in legal proceedings for years. Their meager resources will have to be spent defending their existence instead of helping women and babies.

Chris Slattery, of Expectant Mother Care in New York City, is organizing a legal and public relations response to Spitzer's subpoenas. Both he and the Life Center will need your prayers and support as they counter this latest attack by agents of the culture of death. You can contact Attorney General Spitzer's office at New York State Department of Law, 120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271 or at (212) 416-8000 to let him know what you think of his unwarranted actions against those who are truly compassionate and selfless helpers of pregnant women.



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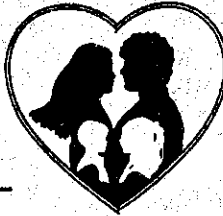
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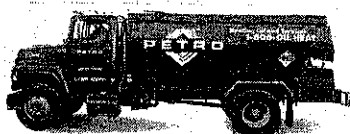
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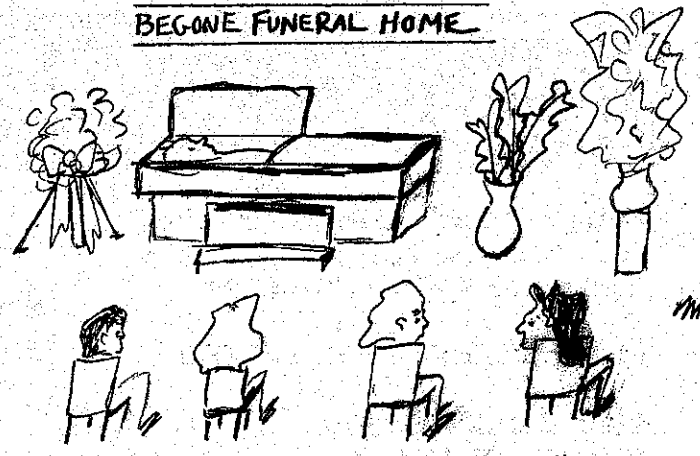
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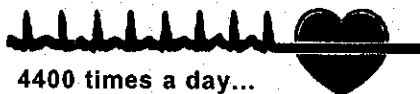
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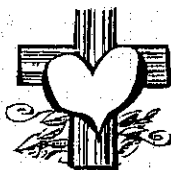
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## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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As of the late 1990's, the place to start is your pro-life pregnancy help center. They can either work with her themselves and/ or will know who can. Basically, there are five steps to the healing process: (1) Counter the denial. (2) She must grieve over her lost child—tears, mourning as for another loved one. (3) Seek Divine forgiveness. (4) Forgive others. (5) Forgive herself. Not many get this far, but those who do have real inner peace.

What is absolutely crucial at every step in the above is compassionate empathy, support and understanding from one or more persons around her.

*Adapted from J. Willke, P.A.S. Five Steps on How you Can Help, Life Issues Connector, Mar. 1996*