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MARCH FOR LIFE



RALLY & MARCH INFO

Our JANUARY-FEBRUARY issue will have the list of buses going from points in SW PA to the March for Life on Friday, January 27.

The date for our annual event is changed this year so that it does not conflict with the activity that accompanies the inauguration.

Many buses have already been chartered. Call Mary Lou 412-793-0807 for more information.

PRAYER BREAKFAST JAN 21



When Mary Lou Gartner heard Pastor Jamie Kendrew talk about the sanctity of life on a CD, she said, "We must ask him to be our speaker in January!" We listened. We called him. He said "yes." Now

we want everyone to meet this man of God and hear his message. Reservation form is on p. 8.

You may have read about "Pastor Jamie" in the fine article in the Steelers Preview Magazine. Therein you'll see a side of Ben Roethlisberger that you won't find in Monday's headlines.



Dave Gartner has blessed PCUC for many years by his service, patience and generosity. We honored him with our 2016 Founder's Award. Thanks, Dave!

(Dave's beloved wife is Mary Lou)

OUR WORK IS NOT FINISHED



Thank you! to everyone who voted PRO-LIFE! Those who distributed information on the candidates, or put up signs on every road, or made thousands of phone calls...you are the heroes and heroines in this drama.

We did our best to elect the candidates who are pro-life. Now we must remain determined, persistent, honest and prayerful. As PCUC President Beth Svirbel reminds us (see *LETTER FROM THE PREZ*), there are still a lot of people, many of them our family, friends and fellow church members, who still do not know or do not care enough about the LIFE issues to vote *for the babies*.

We need you more than ever to show our world that our concern for innocent life extends to their mothers and fathers, to the disabled, sick, elderly—all who are seen as burdens in our society.

BETRAYED BY REPUBLICAN LEADERS

Promises! Promises! Worthy of nothing! If they are not pro-life enough to pass bills that stop babies from being dismembered, why do we work so hard to elect them? We know this governor's fealty is to the abortion industry and he will veto any pro-life bills. We want to know who ALL the pro-abortion members of the PA House and Senate are—even those whose lip service says they are pro-life.

Who are the Republican candidates for Governor of PA? It's time to thin the flock. We don't need sheep in Harrisburg. We need REAL Leaders!

CELEBRATIONS AND MEMORIALS

Celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of
Hank & Judy Freedy from Joanne Sommer
“God bless the Children” from Mercedes Haubach
In honor of Fr. Adam Potter, ordained in June, 2016, as
Priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh from
Nick & Colleen Kuhn & Family
In honor of Doctors without Borders from
Sister Margaret Haring, RSM
In honor of Mary Jo Carothers
from Amy Beth Carothers
In honor of Our Lady of Joy H.P. Plan from
Mrs. Sandra K. Strong
In honor of Anne Mae Loebig from
Thomas G. Loebig
In honor of Alan Clair for his 80th Birthday
from Patricia Clair
In honor of the Karpinski, Pollack, Joyce and
Hansbury Families from
William and Anna Mary Karpinski
In honor of Elizabeth Nolan from
Arthur & Anne Green
In support of the Magee Project & in honor
of Meredith Parente from Vicky Armstrong
In honor of St. Thomas High School, Braddock,
Class of 1960, at their annual reunion.
In celebration of the Marriage of Patricia Clair
and Anthony DeGioia from Helen & Frank
Memory of the Unborn Child from Alice Regan
Memory of Glenys Waters from
Dorothy & Tom Gillen
Memory of Glenys Waters from
Keith A. & Dawn Chrestay
Memory of Glenys Waters from
David & Tami Bruni
Memory of Glenys Waters from Judith Carletto
Memory of Glenys Waters from
Mary Catherine Scanlon
Memory of Eugena Dougherty from
Dorothy & Tom Gillen
Memory of Frank Scurci from David F. Bellone
Loving memory of Leann Cramer from her
Mother, Teresa Schraeder
Memory of Rita Cunningham from
Nelson & Susan Caro
Memory of Don Krieger, 3 years deceased, from
Mary Krieger
Memory of Joseph E. Profozich from
his beloved wife, Rose Marie
Memory of Diane M. Slagle from John Slagle
Memory of Ann & Mirko Stankovix from
Rose Marie Profozich

Memory of Barbara & John Profozich from
Rose Marie Profozich
Memory of Riley Sarah Hough with love from
Kim & Bill Chester
Memory of Eleanor, David & Robert Volturmo
From their beloved sister, Donna
Memory of Laura Lancia from Jim & Donna Grab
Memory of Laura Lancia from Inga M. Earnest
Memory of Laura Lancia from Helen Cindrich
Memory of Matthew Cavanaugh from Mary Zaffino
Memory of Elma Jane Greco from Letitia Galletta
Memory of McKenna-Foley & Libell Families
from Joseph R. McKenna
Memory of Anne Klukaszewski from
Mr. Frank Klukaszewski
Memory of Mary Micco from Terri Tedeschi
Memory of Emma Jane Morin from
Friends at LifeLine of Southwest PA
Memory of her brother, Paul Martin,
from Roberta Ravasio
Memory of Matthew Cindrich from Frank & Helen
Memory of Matt Cindrich
from Mary Lou & Dave Gartner
Memory of Matt Cindrich from Donna Volturmo
Memory of Matt Cindrich from Victor Milko
Memory of Matt Cindrich from
Mario Oddis Family
Memory of Matt Cindrich from Philomena Meli
Memory of Matt Cindrich from
Rosemary & Chuck Horvat
Memory of Roy E. Hogue, home with the Lord,
9-29-13, from his dear wife, Sally
Memory of Robert C. Carothers
from Amy Beth Carothers
Memory of Mary M. Dolinar from
her dear sister, Margaret Mary Dolinar
Memory of Pro-Life & Unborn babies
from Mrs. Sandra K. Strong
Memory of Terrence G. Little
from Marjorie M. Little
Memory of Mary Lusnak from Dan Struthers
Memory of Jack Donahoe from his
Beloved wife, Joan
In memory of Father Eugene Dougherty,
a Great Priest, from Joan Fabiani
Memory of Martin & Virginia Geary
from Mark F. Geary, Esq.
Memory of her dear Mom, Ellen Fotheringham,
From Kathie Kovacic
Memory of Ed Huth from his dear wife, Cathy
Memory of Joe Petrich from Bob & Peggy Weet

CELEBRATIONS AND MEMORIALS

Memory of Sarah Fromme from William Fromme

Memory of John C. Downes from Pam Hammar

Memory of Kenneth Roos from Lois Roos

Memory of Paul F. D'Antonio, Sr., from
Mrs. Clara B. D'Antonio

Memory of Richard O'Toole from Mary O'Toole

Memory of Joseph & Elizabeth Burger
From Mary O'Toole

Memory of Irmo "Babe" Antonacci
from Ed Antonacci

Memory of Melzi Antonacci from Ed Antonacci

Memory of Fr. Joseph Sredzinski
from Ed Antonacci

Memory of Frank Scurci from Ed Antonacci

Memory of John & Marie Kriley from
Victor & Mary Carbin

Memory of deceased members of the
Rossi & LaCamera Families from
Alfred & Marsha LaCamera

Memory of Joseph McBarron from Helen & Frank

Memory of Harry Hochreiter from his wife, Anne

Memory of Sr. Virginia, RSM from Helen Cindrich

Memory of Cindy Socash
from Ron & Barbara Kimmich

Memory of Robert J. Hughes
from Ron & Barbara Kimmich

Memory of Rosemarie Gornick and
Billy Gornick

from Ron & Barbara Kimmich

Memory of Virginia, Margaret & Joseph Tracy
From Cathy Huth

LAURA LANCIA LOVED LIFE

In recent correspondence I asked friends to pray for this young mom who came to the PCUC office frequently to take pro-life literature and once in a while to visit. When we last saw her, Laura told us that the doctors said she did not have much time left. Laura died on September 12. Please say a prayer in memory of Laura and for her little girl, Kamara. Thank you for caring. (Helen)

"O! SAY! CAN YOU SEE?"



When everyone had gone home from the PCUC Luncheon on September 23, we found a pair of glasses. The brand name on the inside of the frame is Kay Unger NEW YORK. Call 412-531-9272 if they are yours.

CARDINAL DiNARDO ROOTED HERE



From St. Anne School to President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, we know this son of the Steel City will make the welfare of preborn babies a priority. We read "superior, creative, love of life, sense of humor, terrific job..." We send him our prayers that he will have the grace and strength to do God's work every day of his life.



LOOKIN' FOR A HOME

As you walk in the door at PCUC, you are met by Kathleen and an 8' (or thereabouts) potted plant. Kathleen is a permanent fixture, but we'd like to find a home for the potted plant. If you have a green thumb or a bright room with a high ceiling, call 412-531-9272.

MAGEE PROJECT



Thanks to Meredith Parente, we can now use **SignUp.com** to organize our prayer time at Magee! Here's how it works: (1) click <http://signup.com/go/K9Q8Dt>.

(2) Choose date(s) you want to volunteer to pray (3) Sign up! You will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on **SignUp.com**. You will be asked for your email address and asked to confirm it. It will say that I asked for your name, phone number and church affiliation. Name & phone are required by **SignUp.com**, but you can use 000-000-0000 for your phone #. I personally would like to know what church you attend, but it is not required. If you don't want emails for offers, uncheck them. NOTE: **SignUp.com** does not share your email address. Don't want to use your email address? Contact me. I can sign you up.

ACTION POINTS: *Sign up to pray at Magee for one hour this month and/or in Dec., Jan., Feb. *Invite someone to go with you to pray or receive these updates, *Invite me to speak to your pastor or pro-life group about The Magee Project.

To contact Meredith: TheMageeProject@comcast.net

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Our Sunday Visitor reports that Notre Dame will award the 2017 Evangelium Vitae Medal to the late French geneticist, Jerome Lejeune, one of the discoverers of the extra chromosome that causes Down syndrome.

2016 Christmas Card



“Wrapped in Swaddling Clothes”

Scripture Verse: “While they were there the days of her confinement were completed. She gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the place where travelers lodged.” Luke 2:6-7

Greeting: May the joy that filled heaven and earth on that holy night bring peace, happiness and love to you during this holy season and throughout the year ahead.

Color: Dark blue on white Size: 5” x 7” Envelopes: White
Cards are \$6/set of ten with envelopes. Postage for one set = \$2.25. For 2-5 sets = \$6.45
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LETTER FROM THE PREZ

Dear Pro-life friends,

Hold on just one minute. Put those dancing shoes back in the box and get the work boots back out of the closet. Of course we're glad the election turned out as it did: pro-life president, pro-life senate, pro-life House. And in Pennsylvania, we retained a lot of great pro-life representatives and senators.

But let's look a little closer at the vote and a little closer to home. PCUC is centered in the South Hills of Pittsburgh, in Allegheny County. And in Allegheny County, the pro-life candidate lost by 100,000 votes. Think about it. One hundred thousand of your co-workers, neighbors, church members, in-laws and out-laws voted for the most radical pro-abortion candidate this country has ever seen. This woman was comfortable with providing tax-payer money for abortions right before birth, for any reason or no reason at all. One hundred thousand people ignored or didn't know that and she got their vote.

So we pro-lifers have the biggest opportunity and the biggest challenge of recent times. How do we change minds, hearts, and voting of those who said "okay" to a political party that had planned (see Democratic Platform p. 37) to oppose and remove all restrictions on abortion? Basically, the Democratic Party which controls Pittsburgh and Allegheny County was quite open about backing institutions and non-profits like Planned Parenthood and Allegheny Reproductive who make obscene amounts of money by killing preborn children. We saw in the Post Gazette social scene column that not too long ago, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald went to the Planned Parenthood "War on Women" exhibit. And people voted for that.

What to do? Do what works. PCUC is the umbrella organization funding various movements within the pro-life arena and we back what works. We can see it happening during every 40 Days for Life campaign, through the weekly witness of Side Walk Advocates for Life standing outside Planned Parenthood, the March for Life, Life Chain and other groups that operate through colleges and beneficial organizations.

And what do they do that works? That's easy. Prayer, fasting, witnessing--to borrow from 40 Days for Life. Does anyone doubt the power of prayer now that the election results have arrived? Pro-lifers delivered an astonishing amount of votes with volunteers knocking on doors, little money and lots of prayer. How else can these victories be explained?

Fast from whatever makes you doubt our cause: mainstream media, local newspapers, Hollywood and its pro-death agenda, food we don't need or shouldn't eat. Fast to make you aware that it's time to pray. Witnessing is hard/easy. Just mention the humanity of a pre-born child when your co-worker shows a new sonogram picture. Take a vacation day for the March for Life and then tell your friends why it's important to do so. Stand in front of Planned Parenthood and quietly pray. Offer literature with help for any woman or man thinking that abortion IS THE ANSWER WHEN IT'S A SYMPTOM OF A BIGGER PROBLEM. If you need such literature, call us, we'll send it to you ASAP. Who knows? That pregnancy resource card that you leave in Eat N' Park just might make its way into the hands of a pregnant teenager. More people in America voted for a pro-abortion candidate. We have our work cut out for us. Let's just keep going.

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Beth Svirbel

Celebrate Life luncheon - Sunday, October 23rd





Thank you to everyone who came to our Celebrate Life luncheon on Sunday, October 23, at St. Thomas More Family Life Center. Your fellowship, enthusiasm and appreciation of pro-life programs are what make the Pittsburgh Pro-Life Family the best in the Nation. **BIG THANKS** to Evelyn Turocy (on right in 2nd row of this page) for her donation of *eleven* beautiful baskets. Thank you to Allegheny County Commissioner Bob Cranmer for his donation of two tickets for EXCELLENT seats at a Steelers game. Our speaker, Dr. Paul Kengor, widened our knowledge of LIFE issues. We'll be looking for publication of his book about the relationship between Ronald Reagan and Pope John Paul II. Finally, we thank Fr. Jim Farnan and the crew at STM for their hospitality.

**THE PENNSYLVANIA FOUNDATION FOR LIFE &
*People Concerned for the Unborn Child***

Invite you to our

PRAYER BREAKFAST FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 21, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Comfort Inn

699 Rodi Road, Penn Hills, PA 15235

We welcome as our Speaker



Rev. Jamie Kendrew

Family Life Pastor at Christ Church at Grove Farm, Sewickley

We invite our guests to bring donations of non-perishable food items, paper products and cleaning products. We will deliver them to a local food pantry. This year many more families are in need, and many of the pantries are struggling to serve their needy clients.

Directions to the Restaurant

From Pittsburgh: Follow 1-376 (Parkway East) towards Monroeville. Comfort Inn is located just off Exit 81 Penn Hills/Rodi Road. (Do not use Monroeville Business District). As you exit, the road to the Inn is your first right hand turn. Bear right up the hill.

From Turnpike: Exit at Monroeville/Pittsburgh interchange. Head west on Rt.376 toward Pittsburgh. Take Exit 81 Penn Hills/Rodi Road. As you exit take first right turn and bear right up the hill.

Make check payable to PA Foundation for Life. Mail to People Concerned for the Unborn Child, 3050 Pioneer Ave., Pittsburgh 15226

Name _____ *Phone* _____

Street _____ *City, State, Zip* _____

email _____

___ I have enclosed \$ ___ for ___ breakfasts @ \$20.00 each

___ I would like to reserve a table of ten (10) for \$200.00 deadline: January 16, 2017

___ I cannot come to the Breakfast, but I would like to make a donation. \$ _____

Are you coming with friends/family? Whose name will identify your table? _____