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YOU CAN MAKE OUR BANQUET THE BEST EVER! LET'S FILL THE ROOM



Kristen Hawkins, President of Students for Life will be our speaker on Sunday, October 20, at the Pittsburgh Plaza.

Let's welcome our new generation of men and women who are willing to take the time and make the sacrifices necessary to

save lives, offer hope and rebuild the dignity of motherhood. We want YOU to be there with us! We want Kristen to meet veteran pro-lifers who have spent the last 50 years laying the groundwork for our successful future.

INVITE STUDENTS

Ideally, we will have tables where veteran pro-lifers can talk of our history and younger activists can tell of their hopes and dreams for the year ahead. If your church or grouping has a youth group, please invite them. Invite your pastor or deacon to come as your guest. We keep reservation prices as low as possible so that more friends can enjoy the afternoon. *See Reservation Form on p. 8.*

GET INTO THE DIRECTORY

Advertise your group. Display the names of your children and grandchildren. Tell the world about your pro-life principles and goals. Thank the great Founders who saw abortion on the horizon and fought it with their hands, hearts and support of husbands, families, pastors and their heavenly Father. How about a photo of you and your group? This edition of the Pro-Life Directory will be a collector's item. PCUC's First 50 Years is super, but you can make it a page-turner by adding **your** story. Form is on p. 6. Call if you have questions.

DOWN SYNDROME BILL STILL WAITING

As the members of the PA Senate stand with one foot out the door, anticipating their summer recess, the bill to protect preborn babies given a diagnosis of possible Down syndrome waits in limbo. We know our pro-abortion, former clinic escort Governor has promised to veto the bill, but every member of the PA General Assembly should fight to protect these precious babies.

PLEASE CALL your PA Senator and urge him/her to vote YES on SB321 or agree with the House and vote YES on HB21.

VANDALISM IN NEW CASTLE



On May 10, our PCUC Chapter in New Castle placed this banner, along with luminaries, to honor aborted babies. On Tuesday or early Wednesday (May 14 or 15) someone defaced it with spray paint.

Susan Lee posted photos and a notice on Facebook for the vandal: *Because you disagree does not give you the right to destroy our property. This is childish and cowardly. I will have an adult discussion with anyone about this issue, but I would never consider destroying property because I disagree with someone's views. You are accomplishing nothing other than increasing my motivation to protect unborn children, women AND men who are victims of the abortion industry.*

I pray that one day the blinders will come off, and you will see the truth: murdering unborn child is as immoral as the holocaust and slavery were.

HONORS AND MEMORIALS

Memory of Fr. John Staab from Machiko Seto
Memory of John & Margaret Cirka
from George Cirka
Memory of Betty Gaudlip from Jean Earnest
Memory of McKenna & Libell Families
from Joesph R. McKenna
Memory of Carole DiGioia
from Tony and Pat DiGioia
Memory of Allen Clair
from Pat & Tony DiGioia
Memory of Robert Dorsch
from Gregg Senashko &
Breakneck Beagle Club
Memory of Robert Dorsch
from Joe & Gayle Sudol
Memory of Robert Dorsch
from the Rehm & Groves Family
Maureen & Geoff Groves
Arnold & Sis Rehm
Dr. Kenneth Rehm & his wife, Jacqui
Memory of Mrs. Mary Trageser
from Tom Trageser
Memory of Valerie Bartolozzi Bechtell
from Kathie Kovacik
Memory of Martin & Winifred McGrath Conroy
from Lawrence & Joan Conroy
Memory of Jack Donahoe from his wife, Joan
Memory of Frank Donohue from his wife, Kitty
Memory of Pat Collins from Catherine Huth
Memory of Roger Weaver from Catherine Huth
Memory of Marion Way from Thomas Way
Memory of Michael Tomko by his beloved
Wife, Dolores & his Family
Memory of Mary Anne Maimone
from Jim & Joan Maimone
Memory of Gabriella Connelly & Agnes Fisher
from Kathy Laird
Memory of Geraldine Pellegrino
from Daniel Struthers
Memory of Sean McSteen on July 7, the 20th
Anniversary since his death from his Mom and Dad
Memory of Michael O'Toole from Mary O'Toole
Memory of Richard O'Toole from Mary O'Toole
Memory of Bishop John McDowell
from Willis M. Miller, Jr., Esq.
Memory of her Mom, Edna Mock,
from Kathy Carilli
Memory of Henry Farrell from Joan Dlubak
Memory of Robert & Mary Lutes
from Amy Carothers

Memory of Michael Christopher Strathmann
from Mom & Dad. Bill and Maureen
Memory of James Donovan (died January 2012)
from the Donovan Family
Memory of Louis & Emma Rosner
from Joan Rosner
Memory of Margaret Perhats
from Helen & Frank Cindrich
Memory of Bernard R. O'Connor, father of
Kathy Laslow, from Helen & Frank Cindrich
Memory of Edward Penco from
John. W. Giltanin, Esq., P.C.
Memory of Edward Penco from Dot & Harry Lydic
Memory of Wallace Warner from his wife, Shirley
Memory of Roger Mark Weaver from his Family

ABORTIONIST ARRESTED



Stephen Chase Brigham, notorious late-term abortionist known for committing illegal abortions and butchering patients, has finally lost his license to practice medicine in New Jersey, according to Operation Rescue.

Brigham once tried to open shop in PA. He failed. Brigham was known to falsify patients' logs. To evade detection, he turned over ownership of his facilities to Vikram Kaji, a known sex offender. One woman died at Brigham's hands. He has now been arrested and charged with first and second degree murder, accused of committing five illegal late-term abortions on viable babies.

Source: Wyoming Valley PHL NL, 5-2019

SCOTUS UPHOLDS ONE PRO-LIFE LAW



On May 28, The U.S Supreme Court upheld an Indiana law that requires humane disposal of fetal remains. The Court refused to review a lower court ruling invalidating Indiana's ban on abortion motivated by the race, sex or potential disability of an unborn victim. *Life Advocacy Briefing 6-3-19*

CUOMO FURIOUS OVER SURROGACY

Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who laughed as he signed infanticide into New York law, is now upset that the bill to legalize *commercial surrogacy* was stopped by a loose coalition of feminists and religious groups. One opponent of the bill said it did not have sufficient protection for women "who do not appear to be considered as people in the arrangement, but rather as the donor and surrogate."

HHS AWARDS OBRIA GROUP \$5.1 MILLION

with NO provision of abortion or contraception

Finally, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded \$5.1 million to OBRIA GROUP, a non-profit affiliate network that operates 21 health clinics and 11 mobile clinics in five states with 78 licensed medical professionals providing health care services including: pregnancy testing and counseling, prenatal care through delivery, HIV/AIDS testing, pregnancy ultrasound, breast and cervical cancer testing, well-woman care and pap smears, STD testing and treatment, sexual risk avoidance education, adoption referral and post-abortion support. **OBRIA clinics do not provide contraceptives and do not do abortions, offering women healthy, life-affirming care.**

RACHEL'S VINEYARD MINISTRY

The suffering of abortion is a well kept secret. Many women and men struggle for decades to keep the secret. Unfortunately, there is also an associated unresolved grief and loss. Rachel's Vineyard is the weekend retreat to address all the painful issues associated with losing a child to abortion and find healing and peace. In an emotionally safe, confidential place, the retreatant can address all the ways they have been wounded by abortion, remember their lost child or children, and surrender them to the loving care of God. The retreat team includes a retreat facilitator, a licensed therapist, a Catholic priest, and others who have found healing from the retreat weekend. It is presented from the Catholic tradition but all are welcome regardless of faith tradition or absence of one. All that is needed is a desire for healing. God will do the rest.

Our next retreat is November 22-24, 2019 at The Ark and the Dove Retreat Center. If you have questions, please feel free to call. All calls are confidential. Let this be the time to find the healing that God has and always has desired for you.

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GET READY FOR LIFE CHAIN

Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 6. On that day we will be a strong, prayerful pro-life presence on sidewalks and roadsides across America. Now is the time to talk to people in your church and neighborhood. Invite all local pastors. PCUC will provide signs. The list of LIFE CHAINS for southwest PA will be in the September Newsletter. Call PCUC for signs and information.

CHALLENGE TO BRIAN SIMS



On May 7, Brian Sims, a state Representative from the Philadelphia area, verbally accosted an elderly woman who was praying the rosary outside a Planned Parenthood facility. For eight uninterrupted minutes, Sims badgered her. When she asked him to stop, he followed her around and threatened to make her home address public so that others could harass her.

On another occasion he attempted to intimidate three teenage girls, offering \$100 to anyone who would identify the girls, hoping to have protestors show up at their house to badger them.

Finally, Rep. Jerry Knowles (124th District in parts of Schuylkill, Berks and Carbon Counties) is circulating a co-sponsorship memo for a Resolution to censure Sims. He notes in the memo that in each of Sims' videos he identifies himself as a member of the State House, all the while attacking First Amendment rights and threatening peaceful "protestors" who are praying or handing out pro-life literature. The resolution asks that Sims be removed as a member of all standing committees and that he receives no appointments to any positions or committees that fall under the authority of the Speaker or House Leadership, for the remainder of this term. **Pro-lifers are urged to call their PA Rep to co-sponsor the Resolution to Censure Brian Sims.** Call PCUC for email or phone.

Source: Catholic League & AFA 6-5-19

JOAN IS NOW A GREAT GRANDMA



Welcome to Addison Josephine, born to Sydney Derrick on Feb. 5. Congratulations to Joan Derrick, our PCUC office manager. Altogether, Joan has seven children (1 girl, 6 boys), 14 Grand-children and ONE Great grandchild.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – FALL CAMPAIGN

September 25 – November 3

Our vigil will take place outside of Planned Parenthood in downtown Pittsburgh. Please contact Nikki Bruni at nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com. She will answer your questions, and you can sign up for a shift between 7 am & 7 pm when YOU will pray to end abortion.

Kick-off event featuring Melissa Coles

Sue David and Donna Goss are planning a kick-off event the second week of September with venue to be announced. It will feature national pro-life speaker Melissa Coles, the mother featured in the short film, “I Lived on Parker Avenue,” who gave her son up for adoption. We’ll have more information as soon as it’s available.

SEN. CASEY SPONSORS ‘EQUALITY ACT’

In the Senate, it’s S-788. In the House, HR-5. In both versions, the bill imposes twisted definitions of gender for purposes of laws on discrimination.

Tucked into this radical proposal are sections to repeal the Hyde Amendment and force American taxpayers to finance overseas abortions and abortion advocacy, as well as repealing conscience protections for medical personnel.

The Senate majority ought to bury this bill. We will see if they cave in to the political pressure they will surely face. It’s up to each of us to call PA Sen. Toomey to encourage his opposition to S-788. Capitol Switchboard: 1-202/224-3121.

PRES. TRUMP GETS OK TO DEFUND PP



On June 20, a federal appeals court ruled President Trump can partially defund Planned Parenthood while the abortion business’ lawsuit against his administration’s new rules moves forward. The decision will deprive PP of as much as \$60 million in taxpayer dollars.

The abortion chain receives about \$50 million to \$60 million in Title X funds annually, but that could change now that the new rules are being implemented. Planned Parenthood won’t like the changes, but now local pregnancy support centers, can compete with the abortion giant for the federal funds. Title X funds are meant to be used to help low-income women and men receive birth control, cancer screenings and other health care services. They will not pay for abortion.

CROATIAN 40 DAYS LEADER IN ‘BURGH

The national leader of 40 Days for Life in Croatia will visit the Pittsburgh 40 Days for Life family in July. Ante Caljkusic produced and directed “40 Days for Life,” a documentary on the impact of 40 Days for Life on Croatia. He will visit (1) St. Nicholas Croatian Church on July 27 @ 412-821-3438, (2) Holy Trinity Ukrainian Church on July 28 @ 412-279-4652, (3) Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh on July 30 @ 412-456-6999 and (4) Lincoln Place Church of the Nazarene on July 31 @ 412-977-4091.

Call any of these churches for time and other activities. We can all welcome this special visitor.

MARY’S PLACE PITTSBURGH

READY SOON

A HOME FOR LIFE COMING SOON

The South Hills of Pittsburgh, where the pro-life movement had its beginnings, will soon be blessed by **Mary’s Place**, a residence where single moms can await the birth of their babies.

We’ll keep you posted with news you can use to help to make **Mary’s Place** a blessing for mothers and babies and all of our community.

TRUMP VETOES U.N. PROPOSAL

“The U.N. Security Council has been debating updates to a resolution to combat use of sexual violence as a weapon of war. The U.S. objected to a reference calling for ‘health services, including sexual and reproductive health’ for ‘survivors of sexual violence,’ on grounds that ‘reproductive health’ is a long-standing term of art for abortion and related services.” European diplomats were NOT happy with the U.S. threat, which they called “an attack on the progressive...frame-work established over the past 25 years.”

The U.S. threat to veto the resolution succeeded. The finalized text “ended up in a place that is closer in line with White House priorities,” said an Administrative aide.

PP SPECULATES ON MORE BUSINESS

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (6-23) says local abortion providers expect more business because the Ohio “heartbeat bill” goes into effect on July 11. We know this means more prayer and more of a pro-life presence at local abortion mills. We urge everyone to be ready to volunteer when asked.

The Greatest Pretender

by Mark Bradley Morrow

Reviewed by Delaney Stull

This book tells the story of Mark Bradley Morrow's life and the challenges he faced from being involved in four abortions within two years in his twenties. It begins by highlighting some of the big events in his life, such as the death of his father and two uncles, which shaped his young adult life and ultimately, some major life decisions. He goes on to tell of the three girls who he dated and slept with who all aborted his unborn children. This book describes the hypocrisy of his actions and the façade he portrayed as a Christian leader while committing these sins and being involved in numerous abortions.

Although he maintained the appearance of being a good Christian, he gave into temptation and began leading a risqué lifestyle. His first abortion came while he was dating a serious girlfriend and possible future spouse. Because of his belief that he would be a terrible father, he refused to marry her and thus she decided to abort the baby. Mark accompanied her to the clinic and was with her after she had the abortion. This scene really struck me because of his clear knowledge that he was killing his own baby and her emptiness and pain after the procedure. Although the two cared deeply for each other, the abortion fractured their relationship and they broke up. The next two abortions were the result of short relationships and were done without Mark's knowledge. The fourth abortion was with the same girlfriend as his first after they reconnected and again conceived a child. At this point, Mark had fathered four children within two years **and none of the four had survived to birth.**

The book goes on to tell of his relationship with a good Christian woman who was a single mother and had refused to have an abortion when pregnant with her daughter in an unhealthy relationship. They eventually married, although Mark still had no desire to become a father and have more children. Throughout this entire relationship, Mark had never told her of his four unborn children who had been aborted. By this point, he was seen as a famous Christian in his town and had a job at a Christian radio station and was still a counselor. He lived in fear of the secret of his past and carried the guilt and shame of the four children and the pain of the three women who had aborted them.

Eventually, he felt an overpowering need to confess his wrongs and began the process of talking about his past. At this point, he and his wife had tried for a long time and had finally had a daughter and a son together. They had gone through a lot without her knowing of his past and the children he had willingly killed. Finally, he confessed his abortions to a counselor

and later told his wife, who reacted with shock and distrust. He began to tell many other friends and employers and ended up losing his job, putting his family in a difficult position. With his marriage on the rocks, he faced repercussions from the abortions in all aspects of his life and still suffered internally from the guilt and shame, as he had for the last 18 years.

Mark began to get involved in the pro-life movement by speaking about his mistakes and the pain and guilt that had plagued him since the abortions. He began working through his feelings and eventually reached a place of forgiveness and healing. His marriage was saved, although his secrets created a barrier between him and his wife which caused pain and misunderstanding in their relationship. Now, he continues to speak to the fathers of aborted children and serve as an example of the pain and shame that those fathers experience.

This book shows the grievous effect that abortions have not only on the mother but also on the fathers who choose to end their baby's life. His obvious knowledge of what he was choosing to do really stunned me and his willingness to desire to end the lives of his unborn children surprised me. The selfishness of his and his girlfriends' decisions to abort because of fractured relationships or their unwillingness to become parents really struck me. The casualness with which his girlfriends had abortions really made an impact on me and his reaction of sending money or a gift to make up for it stood out to me.

This book also serves as an example of the psychological effects of abortion and the lasting guilt of the choice to kill your own child that stays with both the father and mother for years. His selfishness to protect his own lifestyle and what he wanted his life to be like caused him and his girlfriends to end the lives of four innocent children. This story serves as an example of the lasting effects of these children and the questions that linger with the parent who choose to abort them. The added effect of Mark's secrecy shows the resentment and pain that abortion can cause in the lives of family members and spouses.

You can invite Mark to speak to your church's men's club, youth group or congregation. Call PCUC for a copy of his book, and we will put you in touch with Mark. He recently told his story to Tom McGough on CORNERSTONE, Pittsburgh's Christian TV Station

PEOPLE CONCERNED FOR THE UNBORN CHILD

Annual Celebrate Life Luncheon

2019-2020 Pro-Life Directory and Resource Guide



Don't I have a choice?

Deadline: October 9, 2019

Luncheon: October 20, 2019

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HALF PAGE AD 6.5 X 4.75	\$100.00
FOURTH PAGE AD 3.5 X 4.5	\$ 65.00
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GALLUP POLL: 60% ARE PRO-LIFE



Gallup just released new National polling data, and results show increasing pro-life sentiment across the U.S.

Gallup found that 60% of Americans take a pro-life position on abortion wanting all (21%) or almost all (39%) abortions made illegal. That 60% figure is the highest percentage of Americans espousing a pro-life position since 2009 and a dramatic rise in pro-life attitudes since the 53% figure **Gallup** found in its polling last year. The poll found that just 38% of Americans take a pro-abortion position wanting all (25%) or almost all (13%) abortions legal. *Source: LifeNews June 24, 2019*

JUDY BLUME IS STILL AT IT



Young adult author Judy Blume is known for her many books for an audience of 14-19 year-olds. Her works have been controversial because of the topics they cover and explain in detail. This is seen in her novel *Forever*, which details a sexual affair and advocates Planned Parenthood services. Her works promote premarital sex, birth control and other issues that are against the gift of life.

BRITISH JUDGE RULES FOR LIFE



A British judge's decision to allow doctors to perform an abortion on a mentally disabled woman against her will has been reversed. Doctors believe that performing an abortion on the mother, who is 22 weeks pregnant, is the best decision because of the mother's mental capacity, but the grandmother of the child opposes the abortion. She has offered to care for the child if her daughter is unable and states that the abortion is against her Roman Catholic beliefs. She also feels the abortion would be against her daughter's wishes.

The initial decision of the court was to allow the doctors to perform the abortion without the mother's consent. The decision was reversed after the woman's mother challenged the court.

NEWS FROM SEVERAL STATES

While Pennsylvanians wait for votes on bills that will protect women and babies, actions in other states indicate that abortion is high on many legislative calendars. Current action:

OHIO – Gov. Mike DeWine signed the Heartbeat Abortion law. He said, "...the practice of medicine has changed. Science has changed. Even the point of viability has changed. Only the law has lagged behind."

LOUISIANA – The House has voted to ask voters to ratify a state constitutional amendment to say there is no right to abortion or taxpayer funding of abortions in the state. Called the Love Life Amendment, it has bipartisan support. It was introduced by pro-life Democrat State Rep. Katrina Jackson. The amendment achieved a 78-10 roll call approval. It will be on the ballot on October 12, 2019.

VERMONT – A state Constitutional Amendment guaranteeing "abortion rights" has passed in the state Senate 28-2. If approved, it could be submitted to voters in 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA – Gov. Roy Cooper vetoed the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which would have required doctors, under penalty of the law, to act to preserve the life of a baby born alive, even in an attempted abortion. Perhaps the Governor should consult with Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam. His story is next.

VIRGINIA – Gov. Ralph Northam, a doctor, signed a bill toughening the state's animals against potential abusers. Just prior to that signing, he explained that if a baby is born alive during an abortion, routine practice is to decide if the baby should live or die in a post-birth consultation among medical providers and the baby's family.

NEW JERSEY – Gov. Phil Murphy signed the narrowly-passed doctor-abetted suicide law which puts NJ into a collection of eight states whose public policy supports suicide.

WARNING: In every new session of the General Assembly in PA, Sen. Daylin Leach introduces an assisted suicide proposal. These guys won't stop until they succeed or until they are thrown out of office.

PEOPLE CONCERNED FOR THE UNBORN CHILD

Invite you to our

50th Anniversary Banquet

Sunday, October 20, 2018 at 1:00 pm

(Doors open at noon. Lunch at 1:00 pm)

Pittsburgh Plaza (formerly Crown Plaza) Green Tree



Meet Kristen Hawkins, President, Students for Life

NAME _____ **PHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **CITY, ZIP** _____

Please make _____ reservations at \$35.00 each + \$ _____

Please reserve a table for 10 @ \$300.00

Names at your table _____

Please come and enjoy an afternoon with our pro-life Family. Invite your Family, friends and your Pastor. Call if you have special diet needs.

Checks: Pay to PCUC. Send to PCUC, 3050 Pioneer Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15226

Directions to Pittsburgh Plaza from Pgh. Intl. Airport: Merge onto I376E toward Pittsburgh. Take PA 121 Exit 67 to Green Tree-Mt. Lebanon. Keep left. Take ramp toward Crafton. Left to Green Tree Rd., left to Mansfield, right to Holiday Dr. Hotel is on left.

From East. Take I376W to Pittsburgh. Cross Fort Pitt Bridge. Merge to I376 W/US 22-30 toward Airport. Take PA 121N Exit 67 toward Crafton. Get in left lane. Left to Mansfield. Right to Holiday Drive. Hotel is on left.