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PRIMARY ELECTION: TUESDAY, JUNE 2 Jim Ludwig, LIFEPAC Director

Every election cycle is important and the Pennsylvania Primary which has been delayed until June 2nd is no exception. In 1980 PCUC formed LIFEPAC as a 501-C4 to engage politically in ways that PCUC couldn't legally. LIFEPAC's primary mission is to identify pro-life candidates in 11 counties in SW PA. When we have donated funds beyond the expenses necessary to identify and publicize pro-life candidates, we can give directly to the campaigns of important critical races. We are pleased that we can pay for our Voter Guide to be published in this PCUC newsletter. For many years we paid to have our Voter Guide printed in the Pittsburgh Catholic. We pay to print close to 100,000 flyers which have been distributed either through Direct mail or delivered in quantities to pro-life Churches. Some individuals would even pass them out at the polls on Election Day. Times are changing! Direct mail is expensive. Many prolife churches do not educate their congregation about candidates' positions. Now we are not even sure if they will be meeting physically as a congregation before June 2. Many voters will avoid going to the polling places and choose to vote early by mail. Please help LIFEPAC adapt its ways and become more efficient by helping pro-life candidates and saving the lives of unborn children.

Please go to <u>www.lifepac.net</u> and give us your e-mail address! Each election cycle from then on we will send you our LIFEPAC Voter Guide by email which you can easily forward to family, friends, and neighbors. Then we hope they will give us their e-mail information and they will then help spread the valuable information. You can even use your phone and text the word "Lifepac" to 22828. Thank you for all that you do. Vol. 49 No. 3 PROFESSIONAL NURSE QUESTIONS WOLF As a Registered Nurse I was always told

that Healthcare is efforts made to maintain or restore physical, mental, or emotional wellbeing especially by trained and licensed professionals. In this day and age, with a current medical crisis, Healthcare is an essential "business" to prevent and treat disease and restore people back to health!

To me, that would NOT include taking a life. Governor Wolf has stated that essential businesses must stay open. So, why does that include Planned Parenthood and other abortuaries? How can they be an essential healthcare when someone intentionally dies?

Planned Parenthood is doing abortions and providing Telemedicine Abortions by prescribing the Abortion Pill. This is very dangerous "medicine." PP is also asking for donations to fight a Supreme Court battle with Texas, who is trying to close abortuaries as a non-essential business.

What is going on is NOT Healthcare. I ask you to pray and contact Governor Wolf. Ask him to CLOSE this non-essential business in our great state of PA. That includes Planned Parenthood and other Abortuaries.

Please call 717-787-2500 and let your voice be heard.

Thank you for responding and God Bless you and yours.

There are fewer places to vote in every municipality. Check to see if the place you usually vote will be open. Be sure you know where to go. And don't forget to take your LIFEPAC flyer on June 2.

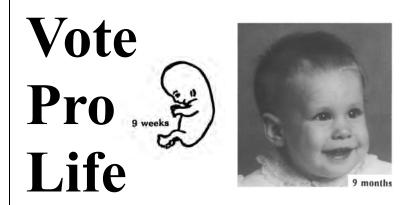
CELEBRATIONS AND MEMORIALS

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Birthday Blessings for Agnes (Aunt Aggie) Stewart from Bill & Kathy Kness Birthday Blessings for Ken Brophy from Bill & Kathy Kness In honor of Christiano-Theoharris-Werries with love and blessings from Pap-Pap Jer & Grandma Carole Werries In honor of Tessie Nowalk from Mary-Helen Rectenwald In honor of the Pro-Life Members of the PA Legislature from Deacon Frank Kenski In honor of all the 40 Days for Life Shift Managers and Volunteers from Doug & Angela Marvin In honor of Robert F. Newman from Darryl Smith In honor of my son, Rhett Schlegel, my caretaker, from Dorothy Schlegel, with love Memory of Julia Tarabrella from her beloved husband, Paul Memory of Louis & Emma Rosner from Joan Rosner Memory of Carole DiGioia from Pat & Tony DiGioia Memory of Allen Clair from Pat & Tony DiGioia Memory of their beloved son, Don, from Don & Mary Krieger Memory of JoAnn Merhaut from Margaret & Kevin Lacek Memory of Baby Anna O'Connell from Corrine & Joe Balena Memory of JoAnn Merhaut from Mrs. Susan Fev In memory and honor of JoAnn Merhaut From Michelina Peters Memory of JoAnn Merhaut From Jim & Viv Messina Memory of JoAnn Merhaut from Monica & Dan DeMeno Memory of JoAnn Merhaut from her dear friend, Marilyn Henry Memory of JoAnn Merhaut from Mary Sansonetti Memory of JoAnn Merhaut from Bob & Dee Moore Memory of JoAnn Merhaut from James & Nancy Amarose Memory of Robert Sober from Frank & Betty Nemchick Memory of Jeannie Rings from Winifred and John Ritter Memory of Michelle Poydence from Winifred and John Ritter Memory of Bro. Leo Monahan, O.S.B., from a Friend Memory of Catherine & Anthony Jablonowski from Cyndee Jablonowski Memory of Marion Way from Thomas Way

Memory of Joseph, Virginia, Margaret and Tracy from Cathy Huth Memory of his wife, Margaret, from John Soboslay Memory of Jim Rectenwald from Mary Helen Rectenwald Memory of Emeric James Gruber from Thomas and Mildred Gruber Memory of Sally Brunn from Chris DelSignore Memory of Joan Conroy from Lawrence V. Conroy Memory of Jean Bossart from Clay Bossart Memory of Rita Bossart from Clay Bossart Memory of William E. Coyle, Jr., from William E. and Kathleen G. Covle Memory of Mary Grace & Charles Lubic from Teresa Gerv Memory of Julia A. Tarabrella from Paul Tarabrella Memory of Mary Anne Maimone from Jim and Joan Maimone Memory of Dr. Kenneth Garver from BettyLee Garver Memory of Rose Norman from the Stull Family Memory of Grace Eckhardt from Marilyn Schwab Memory of Maura Grace Schwab from Marilyn Schwab Memory of Sister Rosemary Laboon from Suzanne Wehrli Memory of the deceased members of the DiGioia Family from A. M. DiGioia Memory of Ray Lucente, husband of Dolores Lucente from Christopher & Theresa Dixon Memory of John & Violet Verzella from Judy Verzella Memory of Mrs. Martha Blotzer from Patricia Feranchak Memory of Richard & Michael O'Toole from Mary O'Toole Memory of Jack Donahoe from his beloved Wife, Joan Memory of Violet & John Robson from Mary P. Robson Memory of Carl Murawski, Sr. by his dear wife, Barbara Memory of Joan, Precious Mom, from John & Kathleen Krchmar Memory of Fr. John O'Shea from Gerard "Clan (20)" Donovan Memory of Frank Nemchik from his beloved wife, Betty Memory of Frank Nemchik, husband of Betty Nemchik, from PCUC Board of Directors Memory of Dr. Robert Blume, husband of Liz, From PCUC Board of Directors Memory of George Trach and Diane from Veronica Trach Memory of Howard Burchill, from his wife Kathy, to help with expenses for the March for Life Memory of Tania Willforth from John & Irma Willforth Memory of Michael S. VanSickle from Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Armstrong Memory of Michael Christoph Strathmann from mom & dad, Bill & Maureen Strathmann Memory of their nephew, Jimmy Krieger, From John & Mary Krieger

Take this flyer into the voting booth for the PA Primary Election



*Indicates an incumbent

Only Pro-life Candidates from southwestern PA are listed When there is no Pro-life candidate, district is not mentioned You can vote only in your registered political party

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP and VICE PRESIDENT MIKE PENCE

≪Cut Planned Parenthood's tax funding by up to \$60 million ≪Permitted states to defund Planned Parenthood of Title X funding ≪Allowed states to defund Planned Parenthood of Medicaid funds ✓Defunded the pro-abortion UNFPA

Stopped tax dollars funding abortion overseas ≪Required health insurance companies to disclose if plans cover abortion New Office for Conscience Protection at HHS

Strong pro-life appointments to the White House and federal judges

Cancelled a huge contract for taxpayer-funded experimentation with body parts of aborted babies

ATTORNEY GENERAL Heather **Heidelbaugh** (**R**)

AUDITOR GENERAL Tim **DeFoor R**)...Scott Conklin (D)

TREASURER Stacy Garrity (R)

District 15

*Glenn **Thompson(R)**

UNITED STATES CONGRESS

District 14

*Guy Reschenthaler(R)

District 16 *Mike Kelly(R)

District 13

*John Joyce (R)

District 17 Sean Parnell (R)

District 18 Luke Negron (R)

Jeff Neff (R)... Devlin Robinson (R)

PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATE

Only odd numbered Senate Districts are open for election this year District 37

District 21 *Scott Hutchinson (R)

District 39 *Kim Ward (R)

*Joe Pittman (R)

District 44

District 41

District 45 Nicole Ziccarelli (R)

District 47 *Elder Vogel (R)

PENNSYLVANIA STATE HOUSE

Allegheny County District 25

District 16 Rico Elmore (R)...*Bob Matzie(D)

John Ritter (R)...*Brandon Markosek (D)

District 30 *Lori Mizgorski (R)

District 28 District 32 District 33 Rob Mecuri (R)... Libby Blackburn (R)...Mike Heckmann (R) *Tony **DeLuca** (**D**) Carrie **DelRosso** (**R**)

District 40 District 36 District 39 A J Doyle (R)...Heather Kass (D) *Mike Puskaric(R)...Tom Kirsch (R) *Natalie Mihalek (R)

District 42 WRITE IN *Valerie Gaydos (R)...Bob Doddato (R) Mike Embrescia (R)

> District 46 *Jason Ortitay (R)

District 54 *Bob Brooks (R)

District 45

*Anita Kulik(D)...Danny DeVito (R)

*Joseph Petrarca (D)...Jason Silvis (R) *Jeff Pyle(R) *Donna **Oberlander** (**R**) **Beaver County** District 10 District 14 District 15 District 16 *Aaron **Bernstine** (**R**) *James Marshall (R) *Joshua Kail (R) *Bob Matzie (D)...Rico Elmore (R) **Butler County** District 8 District 10 District 11 District 12 *Tim **Bonner** (**R**) *Aaron **Bernstine** (**R**) Marci Mustello (R) *Daryl Metcalfe (R) District 14 District 60 District 64 *Jim Marshall (R) *Jeff Pyle (R) *Lee James (R) **Fayette County** District 49 District 50 District 51 District 52 *Bud Cook (R)..Tony Bottino (R) * Pam Snyder (D)..Larry Yost (R) *Matthew **Dowling** (**R**) *Ryan Warner (R) **Greene County** District 50 *Pam Snyder (D)...Larry Yost (R) **Indiana County** District 55 District 60 District 62 *Jeff Pyle (R) *Joseph Petrarca (D)...Jason Silvis (R) *Jim Struzzi (R) Lawrence County District 9 District 10 District 17 *Aaron **Bernstein(R)** *Chris Sainato (D)...Lynne Ryan (R) *Parke Wentling (R) **Mercer County** District 7 District 8 District 17 *Mark Longietti (D) *Tim **Bonner (R)** *Parke Wentling (R) Washington County District 15 District 40 District 39 District 46 * Joshua Kail (R) *Natalie Mihalek (R) *Mike Puskaric (R)...Tom Kirsh (R) *Jason Ortitay (R) District 48 District 49 District 50 *Tim O'Neal (R)... Harlan Shober (D) *Bud Cook (R)...Tony Bottino(R) *Pam **Snyder (D)**...Larry **Yost (R)** Westmoreland County District 33 District 54 District 52 District 55 Carrie **DelRosso** (**R**) *Ryan Warner (R) *Bob Brooks (R) *Joe Petrarca (D)...Jason Silvis (R) District 57 District 56 District 58 District 59 *Eric Davanzo (R) * George **Dunbar (R)** *Eric Nelson (R) *Mike Reese (R) Text LIFEPAC to 22828 to receive future voter guides automatically via email or Visit our web site at www.lifepac.net and subscribe to our e-mail list If you would like to support LIFEPAC, send your contribution to: LIFEPAC, 307 North Monroe St., Butler PA 16001 For additional information or more LIFEPAC voter guides call: Anita 412-728-3647 Jim 412-251-2873 Marlene 724-416-3891

Armstrong County

District 60

District 63

District 55

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SCOTUS HEARS LITTLE SISTERS



On May 7, the Supreme Court conducted arguments via telephone conference. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg participated from her hospital room where she is fighting an infection caused by a gallstone.

For six years, the Catholic nuns have been forced to fight in court to be exempted from an **Obamacare** contraception mandate that requires employers to pay for sterilizations and all FDA-approved contraception methods, including types that may end the life of a baby in its mother's womb.

In 2017, <u>Trump</u> administration announced a new rule to protect religious non-profits. Several pro-abortion states, **including Pennsylvania**, sued to remove the protection.

This is the second time before the Court on this issue for the Sisters who have given their lives to care for the elderly poor. On the other side, PA Attorney General Josh Shapiro insists that "Contraception is medicine. Pure and simple."

In Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Trump, state Attorney General Josh Shapiro threatened the Little Sisters' ministry by challenging their religious exemption and forcing them to continue to defend themselves in court. After a loss in the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, the sisters are asking the U.S. Supreme Court to end their legal battle and let them focus on serving the elderly poor.

The Supreme Court decision will be announced later in the year.

SHAPIRO RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION

Let us remember when we go to vote on June 2 that Attorney General Josh Shapiro is running for re-election. The LIFEPAC flyer in this newsletter is your best bet for choosing prolife candidates for local, state and federal offices.

PP WASHES THE STREET



A few hours after an agile pro-lifer put a pro-life message **on the street** in front of the doors of Planned Parenthood, their fear that a customer headed for an abortion might read it and change her mind led them to send their security guard to the site with a broom and a bucket of water. His job was to erase the words of hope and encouragement. It helps us to see how fearful PP must be if they can't bear a few lines of truth—in chalk!

PRAYER AT PP ON GOOD FRIDAY



Since Pittsburgh's abortion business opened on Good Friday in 1973, pro-lifers have prayed at the doors of the abortion business on Good Friday. This year the rules for "staying at home"

because of the corona virus made us fear that no prayer would be offered at Planned Parenthood on Liberty Avenue.

Meredith Parente reports that what we feared did not happen. She went to PP to pray, and while she was there, a lady who had moved to Ohio, but who was now back in Pittsburgh, came to pray. Then Barbara and Richard, powerful prayer partners, came to pray. Barbara scattered rose petals on the sidewalk and then knelt to pray in the blowing, cold snow. Surely God was pleased!

BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS OUR HELP

Regina Ranalli assures everyone that Birthright is still serving the needs of pregnant women and their babies, but this year they do not have the benefit of the funds raised by many churches through the "Rose Days" that many churches sponsor every year on Mother's Day.

More than ever the current national crisis means that we must send help directly to Birthright so that they can fulfill their mission. Please send your donations to: Birthright, 160 N. Craig St., Suite 200, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

LONG-TIME PRO-LIFERS READY TO LEAD



It's a joy and a blessing when a strong, long-time pro-lifer who is a leader in the community decides to run for public office.

Heather Heidelbaugh, strong, experienced, nononsense attorney is on our ballot as the best candidate for Attorney General of PA.

PRO-LIFE PIONEERS 1969-2020



It's not often that the earliest members of Pittsburgh's pro-life Family get together, but we were blessed that three of our earliest leaders were with us for our Prayer Breakfast in January. Donna Grab, Mary Winter and Joan Derrick have long been on the abortion battlefield with skills learned early in the war for LIFE.

JOAN ANDREWS BELL – PLANS FOR LIFE!



THE HUMAN LIFE REVIEW issue for Winter 2020 has an article about Joan Andrews and Chris Bell that will interest anyone who was in the rescue movement. Their lives, their seven children and even Joan's current form of "rescue" are described. She also has a plan for future actions that would be the work of a very special group of people truly called to rescue.

Call the PCUC office for a copy of the article.

GET LOVING WILL FROM ALL

We know that a "living will" provides instructions regarding your medical treatment and care when you are unable to communicate your informed consent because of illness or injury. You sign it in the presence of two witnesses and you acknowledge it in the presence of a notary public.

With a "Loving Will" you provide a number of basic, but not detailed guidelines for those who will be making medical decisions for you. You ask for necessary medical treatment and care. You ask for oxygen, food and water. You ask for maximum efforts to relieve pain (even if shortening your life is an unintended side effect). If pregnant, you ask that the maximum effort be made to save your child's life. You forbid medical decisions based on the intent to cause your death. Any ambiguity is to be resolved in favor of continuing your life.

Call the PCUC office, and we will send you all the information from American Life League.

TOOMEY VOTED PRO-LIFE SEVEN TIMES

During these days when the only service PP offers is abortion, keep in mind that U.S. Senator Pat Toomey voted SEVEN TIMES to DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD. We owe him THANKS!

"THE PRICE IS RIGHT" RAISES \$\$\$\$ FOR PLANNED PARENTHOOD

On May 6 we learned that the popular game show, "The Price is Right," planned to air a show on May 11 with drag queen RuPaul playing to raise money for Planned Parenthood.

Plans were for an evening show with RuPaul, an abortion activist, raising money for PP while other contestants compete for prizes. The show was prerecorded before the coronavirus shutdown.

LifeNews got the word out early to ask people to CONTACT THE PRICE IS RIGHT to complain about raising funds for America's biggest abortion business.

For as much as the program was promoted, do we know if anyone watched the show?

CORONAVIRUS EXPOSES PP's BIG LIE

Thousands of businesses have been forced to close due to the the coronavirus pandemic. Businesses deemed "essential" are granted an exception. In most states, that exception includes Planned Parenthood. Liberal states have argued that PP is a health care provider. Wrong! The abortion giant has closed all centers for family planning. Instead, the ONLY "business" they provide is (you guessed right) ABORTION!!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE...



Will resume in the fall. During the summer, let us pray for all the women who head for Planned Parenthood, thinking all their problems will be solved if they kill their baby.

Invite your family & friends to join you.

CALL YOUR CONGRESSMAN

"No Federal \$\$ for vaccines from aborted babies!"

Remember: today the U.S. House of Representatives (Congress) is controlled by men and women who believe abortion is OK. Don't forget: Nancy Pelosi is Speaker of the House. It's up to people of faith who will stand by their conscience first. Pro-Lifers are in the front on this battle.

There are several companies racing to be first to produce a coronavirus vaccine. It could be up to two years before any vaccine is ready for use.

Call PCUC if you need a phone number for your U.S. Representative in Washington, DC, or for his local office. 412-531-9272

DAN LIPINSKI = WALL STREET JOURNAL



"The morning after I narrowly lost my Congressional seat in Illinois' Democratic Primary I decided to make a public statement and answer questions from the press. I defended my pro-life position, which is rooted in both my Catholic faith and science. "I could never give up protecting the most

vulnerable human beings in the world, simply to win an election. My faith teaches, and the Democratic Party preaches, that we should serve everyone, especially the most vulnerable. To stand in solidarity with the vulnerable is to become vulnerable. But there is no higher calling for anyone." *Life Advocacy Briefing 3-30-20*

NOTE: How many of our local public officials could/should read Dan Lipinski's words and evaluate their voting records in PA and DC?

IDAHO ENACTS 'TRIGGER'



In late March Gov. Brad Little of Idaho signed "trigger" legislation which would outlaw abortion upon a U.S. Supreme Court reversal of *Roe v. Wade* without having to adopt new legislation in the anticipated post-*Roe* era.

Sponsor Sen. Todd Lakey (*photo*) said, "Some of you may ask why now. We don't know when the Supreme Court will change...But it may happen...when we are not in session...If this bill can save the life of one unborn child, then it is worth it. It becomes effective without a need for future legislative action." *Life Advocacy Briefing 4-20*

Do you have pro-life brochures or cards in your pocket or purse? Call the office 412-531-9272. You never know when a few words will save a life. You'll be glad you were ready.

HOPE & HELP IN CRISIS

The Abortion Pill Rescue Network is busy with a record number of phone calls for abortion pill reversals. The pill reversal method is available to mothers who begin the abortion pill regimen and regret their decision. Chemical abortion is a twostep procedure. With intervention, the procedure may be reversed and the baby's life saved.

There are doctors and support centers in the Pittsburgh area who can help.

SIDEWALK ADVOCATES SAVE LIVES



The streets of downtown Pittsburgh look deserted during the day, but on Liberty Avenue, the abortions continue. Planned Parenthood still makes money as they slaughter the innocent and exploit women who think abortion is their only answer.

Thank God for the Sidewalk Advocates who offer assistance to women and anyone who accompanies them as they head for PP.

Local pregnancy support centers offer free ultrasound so that a mother can see her baby and know she is carrying precious human cargo. Unlike the "one-stop, pay the fee, and you're out" PP process, pregnancy support centers stay with mom and baby for as long as they need assistance.

Call PCUC for information about the next Sidewalk Advocates training day. Also, we'll be glad to send you a list of the local pregnancy support centers to keep close at hand.

MAGEE PROJECT BUSY AS EVER

In spite of the pandemic, The Magee Project has been busier than ever! Because of the stay at home order, we opened up the opportunity to pray from home. Many people have joined us that way, while a few continue to go to Magee to pray. Contact TheMageeProject@gmail.com, for more information, or to sign up to pray.

The Life Project, of which The Magee Project is now a part, is hosting virtual networking meetings on an almost weekly basis to meet the increased needs of the pro-life community since the pandemic started. Pregnancy care centers on the frontlines in the battle for life have seen a dramatic increase in calls and The Life Project encourages networking to meet those needs.

We had to postpone indefinitely our Pastors' Luncheon for this year because of the pandemic, but the pro-life community in Pittsburgh is working on a video presentation that we'll make available to priests and pastors, churches and groups, along with a resource guide with contact information and descriptions of all of the pro-life resources available in the Pittsburgh area. Pastors will have a directory in hand to know where to turn for help and descriptions of opportunities where their members can serve.

NOTE FOR PASTORS

LoveLife.org/NOW is looking for pastors willing to go to the abortion facilities to pray during the pandemic and beyond. Check it out!

A NEW ANGLE ON THE PANDEMIC

Mike McMonagle of the Pro-life Development Project sent a chart to Life Advocacy Briefing which puts a fresh light on the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic. In no way does it diminish the pain experienced by many families worldwide at this time. Mike and Life Advocacy suggest we choose faith and societal repentance over fear:

Worldwide Deaths from Jan. 1 to March 25, 2020

21,297 – Deaths by Coronavirus (official count, not actual) 113,034 – Deaths by Seasonal Flu 228,095 – Deaths by Malaria 249,904 – Deaths by Suicide 313,903 – Deaths by Traffic Fatalities 390,908-- Deaths by HIV-AIDS 581,599-- Deaths by Alcohol 1,162,481- Deaths by Smoking 1,909,804-Deaths by Cancer 2,382,324-Deaths by Hunger 9,913,702-Deaths by Abortion

Let us pray for all who have died during this time—and all of their families. Let us pray that we will soon see a world where people truly care about those innocent victims who are seen as impediments to wealth, employment, social standing and freedom to do whatever the world shows them as pleasure.

ONLY FOUR, BUT A GOOD START

We can be glad that in at least four states, there are NO SURGICAL ABORTIONS: Alaska, Indiana, Mississippi and South Dakota.

Let's do a little research and find out how these states accomplished this standard. And pray!

PRAY FOR PAUL BROWN

Judy and Paul Brown, founders of American Life League and pro-life leaders since the 1970s are asking for our prayers for Paul. About two years ago he battled and survived a ruptured aortic aneurysm. At the same time his chronic back pain persists. It is, to say the least, horrible and debilitating for him.

At age 82, none of this is easy for him. Judy spends as much as possible of her time caring for her husband of 52 years. Jim Sedlak, a long-time pro-life warrior, and Judy & Paul's son. Hugh, are at the helm. Let us pray for these beloved friends as they suffer during this most difficult time for all.