

# People Concerned for the Unborn Child

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**OUR 54th YEAR**

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**SAVE THE DATE –  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022  
STATE CAPITOL BUILDING –HARRISBURG, PA  
RALLY @ 11:00 A.M.  
MARCH @ 12:00 P.M.**

*Join us for the Second Annual Pennsylvania March for Life on Monday, September 19, 2022 in Harrisburg, PA on the steps of the State Capitol Building. Hear from pro-life leaders about the most pressing issues of today and how YOU can build a culture of LIFE in the great Keystone State. See BUS LIST on p. 6*

**KICK-OFF MASS & EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION  
TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD**

**Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 6:30 pm**

**Fr. Chris Donley, Main Celebrant**

*Many priests will be participating! Come and join us as we bring the light of Christ to the darkest place in our city.*

*Let us thank God and praise Him for the over-turning of Roe vs. Wade and ask Him to protect us as we continue the battle to end abortion in Pennsylvania!*

For more information go to [40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh](http://40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh)  
[nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com](mailto:nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com) or call 412-926-9413

**NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN EVENT  
CALVARY CEMETERY**

**718 Hazelwood Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, AT 10:30 A.M.**

**SERVICE BY: Rachel's Vineyard**

**People Concerned for the Unborn Child (PCUC)**

Sponsor of 40 Days for Life, Sidewalk Advocates, The Magee Project

Life Chain, and the March for Life Pittsburgh

Invite you to join us for the

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE BANQUET**

on Sunday, October 30, 2022, at 1 p.m. at the

LeMont Restaurant,  
1114 Grandview Avenue, 15211

Doors open at 12:30 p.m. with all the usual fun. Luncheon at 1 p.m.

**In a year when the judiciary has played such a vital role, we are honored to have as our guest speaker, Judge Cheryl Allen, ermerita, Pennsylvania Superior Court. Now member of the Pennsylvania Family Institute, Judge Allen's insight into the present and future of the pro-life movement in our state and country will be invaluable.**

**Please join us for a wonderful afternoon.**

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Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée selection (check one) \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Bruschetta or \_\_\_\_\_ Lemon Sole

Please list the people that will be sitting with you \_\_\_\_\_

**Price: \$60 which includes full course meal, taxes and gartuity. (Parking on street or with valet service \$9)**

**Any inquiries, please call Beth at 412-885-4410 or email at [bsvirbel@hotmail.com](mailto:bsvirbel@hotmail.com)**

**Checks may be sent to PCUC, 3050 Pioneer Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15226**

**Please mark the envelope "Banquet."**

**Come and enjoy the first "Roe" free celebration with your pro-life friends, and get ready for the next era in a pro-life world. Together, we can win this fight and save our children and future.**

## ***BUS LIST FOR SECOND ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE***

***September 19, 2022 Harrisburg, PA***

*For additional Information: Anita Theiss 412-728-3647*

### ***ALLEGHENY COUNTY***

***BETHEL PARK St Thomas More***

***Carolyn Sopher Martin 412- 860-9980***

***BETHEL PARK/JEFFERSON HILLS***

***Triumph of the Cross Mary Pat 412-885-4429***

***BRIDGEVILLE Calvary Full Gospel***

***Church Tim Cameron 412-983-1846***

***BRIDGEVILLE Corpus Christi***

***Lavone Franjione 412-498-1404***

***CASTLE SHANNON St. Annes/St Paul  
of the Cross Kathy Raimondi 344-9690***

***FRANKLIN PARK Sts John & Paul  
Marie Pfau 724-816-7627***

***MONROEVILLE Greater Works***

***Pastors Jay and Tiffany 716-378-9281 or Meredith 412-795-9281***

***PITTSBURGH/NORTHSIDE Most  
Precious Blood of Jesus Rectory 412-761-1508 Will stop at Walmart in Irwin***

***WEST MIFFLIN Walnut Grove Margie  
McQueen 412-779-5615***

***Munhall Details for pick up and drop  
off TBA Deacon Ron Demblowski 412-244-1828***

### ***BUTLER COUNTY***

***BUTLER All Saints Parish / Holy Sepulcher***

***Gretchen Cararie 724-316-1185***

***CRANBERRY Divine Grace Parish***

***Bill Slusser 724-772-7962***

### ***FAYETTE COUNTY***

***DONEGAL Christian and Children 1076***

***Kings Way Possibly 2 buses Dr. Merle***

***Skinner info@champion.org 724-593-9200***

### ***LAWRENCE COUNTY***

***NEW CASTLE PCUC Lawrence***

***County Joanne Mellott 724-667-9510***

***Chris at 724-552-2581***

### ***WESTMORELAND COUNTY***

***Chris at 724-552-2581 or***

***ccerilli@dioceseofgreensburg.org***

***Leaving the morning of the 19th  
returning same day early evening.***

***The Knights of Columbus will be  
collecting and donating to offset  
the cost of the Bus.***

***Also, free-will offering will be  
accepted. (See bus stops below)***

***Bus 1: Christ the King, Leechburg,  
St. Margaret Mary, Lower Burrell***

***Bus 2: Mother of Sorrows, Murrys ville  
St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City &  
St. Agnes Parish, N. Huntingdon***

***Bus 3: St. Vincent Basilica Parish,  
Latrobe, Christ Our Shepherd Center,  
Greensburg & Holy Cross, Youngwood***

***Bus 4: St. Joseph Parish, Uniontown,  
St. Rita Parish, Connellsville, &  
St. Pius X Parish, Mount Pleasant***

***Bus 5: Church of the Resurrection,  
Parish, Clymer, St. Bernard of Clairvaux  
Parish, Indiana & SS. Simon & Jude  
Parish, Blairsville***

## ***PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT FINDS ALLIES IN SECULAR ORGANIZATIONS***

***By Mary FioRito Complete article in Our Sunday Visitor***

Today's modern effort to reinstate legal protection for unborn children includes secular humanists, atheists, agnostics and otherwise non-religious people. To the surprise of much of the media, non-religious pro-life advocates have claimed an increasing presence in the pro-life movement despite being met with skepticism or being told they don't exist.

When powerful national newspapers such as the *New York Times* assert that the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision was based on "religious doctrine," and that religious people have imposed their belief system on the entire country, they ignore the voices and views of many Americans who have no "belief system" other than science.

Pigeonholing abortion as a religious question was even apparent during oral arguments in *Dobbs*, the Mississippi case that overturned *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor pressed Solicitor General Scott Stuart: "The issue of when life begins has been hotly debated by philosophers since the beginning of time. It's still debated in religions. So when you say this is the only right that takes away from the state the ability to protect a life, that's a religious view, isn't it? It assumes that a fetus is life at...when?"

Yet, religious leaders including Pope Francis, who studied chemistry following his graduation from high school, disagree. "For me the deformation in the understanding of abortion is born mainly in considering it a religious issue.

"The issue of abortion is not essentially religious. It is a human problem prior to any religious option. The abortion issue must be addressed scientifically," he noted (even under-lining the word "scientifically.").

"You absolutely do not need to believe in a God to oppose the intentional taking of human life," insists Herb Geraghty, executive director of Rehumanize. "Many athiests, like myself, who embrace a consistent life ethic, oppose abortion for the same reasons we oppose things like the death penalty, war and police brutality. Abortion is a human rights violation, and everyone should be working to end it."

"As an athiest, I believe the life we have now is the only one we get," said Monica Snyder, executive director of Secular Pro-Life. "I'm against abortion because it destroys humans. This is not a religious belief; it is a fact of biology. As organisms, we begin as zygotes. You, me, and every person we know was once an embryo, once a fetus. It is those who defend elective abortion who want to make this debate about religion, because biology doesn't support the pro-choice position at all."

Even after 50 years as "settled law," *Roe v. Wade* never really settled into the hearts and minds of the American people. It may be easier to dismiss pro-life advocacy as belonging to the pages of Scripture or the stuff of Sunday sermons than to engage the scientific or human rights questions, but the growing presence of non-believers who worked (but didn't pray) to see *Roe* overturned speaks to one of the principal tenets of our country's founding: that every human being has natural rights, present by virtue of his or her very humanity.

Mary FioRito is an attorney and fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center and the deNicola Center for Ethics and Culture at the University of Notre Dame.

## **HONORS AND MEMORIALS**

In honor of Mary Catherine Scanlon on her 90<sup>th</sup>  
    Birthday from Raissa Federline  
In honor of all who pray for and promote LIFE  
    in all forms from Raissa Federline  
In honor of Cheryl Allen's willingness to stand  
    strong from Bill & Wendy Bowes  
Memory of Mary Myron, advocate for LIFE,  
    from Lillian and Thomas Bailey  
Memory of Ruth C. Then from her son,  
    Paul M. Then  
Memory of John Mihm  
    from Margaret Molgne  
Memory of John Mihm  
    from Joan & Bob Newman  
Memory of Jack Mihm from Mary Jo Swain  
Memory of deceased  
    members of the Kaiser Family  
Memory of Adam DiSabato from his  
    Mom & Dad, Beverly and William  
Memory of Vic Vandewater from  
    his beloved wife, Mary Ann  
Memor of Christopher Bialecki, our beloved  
    Son, from Chester & Diane Bialecki  
Memory of Sue Murray from  
    William J. & Diane E. Bloss

## **PP SAYS IT WILL SPEND \$50 MILLION IN MIDTERM ELECTIONS**

As many states tighten regulations on abortion, PP executives are seeking to change the outcome of state and federal elections on behalf of "pregnant people."

"This is an election about power and control," said PP Votes Executive Director, Jenny Lawson. "Should these out-of-touch politicians gain or stay in power, they will continue doing everything they can to ban all abortion, throw health care providers and pregnant people in jail, and endanger the health and lives of pregnant people across the country." Pennsylvania is among the 14 states where PP will bankroll elections.

*Source: Daily Wire by Zeisloft, 8-17-22*

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PLACED MORE THAN 1,000 LIFE-SAVING MACHINES**

After reading the article about the \$50 million Planned Parenthood plans to spend on the upcoming election, let's thank the wonderful men of the Knights of Columbus who have placed ultrasound equipment in more than 1000 pro-life pregnancy centers. They did it in a period that added up to ten years. The Ultrasound Initiative placed machines that cost an average of about \$30,000 each.

Most of these machines have already made a difference in the lives of hundreds, if not thousands of women and their babies. The women come from diverse places and circumstances, but they share one thing in common. When they saw their baby, they couldn't say "no" to continuing their pregnancy.

These are lives that were saved both by the pictures on the ultrasound machines paid for by the Knights AND by the men and women who volunteer for hours at a time outside the abortion mills in cities around the country. **THANK YOU FOR THE COMBINED EFFORT!**

*Source: COLUMBIA MAGAZINE – January 2019*

### **IT MAY NOT BE TOO LATE TO SAVE YOUR BABY**

**ABORTION PILL REVERSAL:** If you have taken the **first dose** of the abortion pill and have changed your mind, it may not be too late. **Please call the Abortion Pill Reversal Nursing Team Immediately.**

**1-877-558-0333**

**[abortionpillreversal.com](http://abortionpillreversal.com)**

### **LAMANARIA/DILAPAN REMOVAL**

*Have you had laminaria or Dilapan inserted in preparation for a D&E abortion? Despite what you may have been told, you CAN have lamanaria removed and continue your pregnancy. **SEEK HELP WITH REMOVAL AT YOUR NEAREST HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM IMMEDIATELY.***

## ***BIRTHRIGHT CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF SAVING BABIES AND HELPING MOTHERS***

Not long after Rita Cunningham was one of the earliest members of Women Concerned for the Unborn Child (PCUC's original name), she saw the need for practical assistance to women facing difficulties in pregnancy, from being unplanned or unwanted, to being in financial difficulties, to being a student—whatever the problem, Rita and her colleagues at Birthright, as well as pro-lifers from many corners of life in the Pittsburgh area, they all pitched in to save lives of mom and baby.

Today the volunteers at Birthright can look back with pride and thanksgiving to God for the work He allowed them to do for His children.

### **IN MEMORY OF JACK MIHM**

If you've been to any pro-life activity in our fair city in the past several decades, you have probably seen Jack Mihm. Maybe you have met this tall, white-haired, gentle man. Blessed to be the brother of Carolyn Sopher-Martin and first cousin to Fr. Scot Seethaler, OFM, Cap., Jack made time to pray at the doors of Planned Parenthood; he joined Bob Newman at Face the Truth tours, and he never missed a pro-life banquet or breakfast.

On July 22, Jack went home to his Father in heaven and to meet all the babies his life and prayers worked to save. May he rest in peace.

### **PA PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTERS ARE UNDER ATTACK**

Not only do our centers assist mothers who choose LIFE, they also counsel women who have had abortions at a time when they feel "They had no choice." While the pro-abortion crowd tells lies about LIFE centers, we must pray daily for these nearly 200 sites where "first responders" save at least one baby every day. How blest is the mother who took the abortion pill, then changed her mind, got the pill reversal meds and today is enjoying the love and joy of a baby who is now two years old. Miracles happen. We must help.

## **PRO-ABORTS ARE TRYING TO REVIVE THE E.R.A. TO PROTECT ABORTION**

Spurning the established procedure for making Constitutional amendments, the National Organization for Women and other pro-abortion feminist groups are trying to have the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) added as the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution – 40 years after the deadline for passing it had expired.

In 2020, Virginia became the 38<sup>th</sup> and final state needed to ratify the ERA, but it is 40 years past the deadline set by Congress. Nevada and Illinois also ratified the ERA past the deadline. Furthermore, several states (e.g., South Dakota) which initially ratified the ERA, later rescinded their ratification—within the legal deadline—after learning that the ERA would be used to protect abortion as a Constitutional right.

Do not be deceived by the innocent-sounding name. Pro-life leaders are certain that the ERA will be worded so as to permanently enshrine abortion as a Constitutional "right". They warn that passage of the ERA would nullify even laws against partial-birth abortion and parental consent laws.

Contact your U.S. Representative and our two U.S. Senators and ask them to oppose the passage of the ERA. In practice, enough laws already exist to protect women against unjust discrimination. The illegal passage of the ERA would not only enshrine abortion "rights" but set a dangerous precedent for ignoring Constitutional politically-correct areas. (LifeNews.com)

Editor's Note: We can expect more flouting of established legal and Constitutional procedure from the Party of Death and their supporters.

*Source: PHL Wyoming Valley Chapter, Newsletter*

## ***DARK DEEDS UNCOVERED IN PITTSBURGH***

*Excerpts as presented by  
The Magee Project*

“Hidden History” describes past events covered up by those with an interest in keeping the public from discovering their deeds. Such is the case with the University of Pittsburgh, UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital and Planned Parenthood of Western PA. The unveiling of their dark deeds is long overdue.

For more details and to learn what YOU can do to bring an end to the atrocities going on with this trio of horror, go to [themageeproject@gmail.com](mailto:themageeproject@gmail.com) or [paprolifecoalition.org](http://paprolifecoalition.org).

## **56 COMPANIES TO PAY FOR ABORTIONS AND TRAVEL**

CEOs of big companies raced to announce updated “health care” policies for employees who are shopping for an abortion. They promise help that includes thousands of dollars in abortion stipends and travel expenses.

The list includes some well-known companies like Amazon, Apple, Disney, DoorDash, Johnson & Johnson and Macy’s, but later additions to the list are local, and we think our readers might want to think twice about where they shop. Giant Eagle and WalMart are in many Pittsburgh neighborhoods, but we know there are alternatives nearby who are not in the business of paying for abortions.

## **ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?**

**October 24 is the last day to register to vote before the November 8 election. Call PCUC (412-531-9272) for the Elections Office in your county. They can also send you an absentee form to vote if you cannot get to the polls.**

## ***THE WALLS ARE TALKING***

*By Abby Johnson  
With Kristin Detrow*

It’s hard to put this one down after you’ve read the first, or the second, or the tenth story in the book. It’s a real page-turner as you hear from former abortion mill employees about the twists and turns in the lives of women who start out wanting to “help” mothers with unplanned or unwanted pregnancies. Too soon the lies, the sham for profit and the uncaring attitude that lies behind clinic doors becomes so obvious that if you want to keep your job, you have to become as shallow and deceitful as everyone else at your agency.

By the end of the book, I think you will find yourself praying for the pitiful women that we see entering and exiting the doors of the killing centers in our city and around our country.

Published by Ignatius Press. Sold by Focus on the Family, The Catholic Co., Thrift Books.com

## **PP SAYS THEY WILL SPEND \$50 MILLION AHEAD OF FALL ELECTIONS**

The news that Planned Parenthood will spend \$50 million to promote their deadly business is a sign to pro-lifers that we must work more than ever to defeat the death-dealing industry that has taken the lives of so many millions of innocent babies.

In 2020, PP set another spending record when they put \$45 million into that race. The “investment” will be waged by PP’s political and advocacy arms and will focus on governor’s offices, U.S. Senate seats and legislative offices in nine states where abortion could be restricted or expanded, depending on the outcome at the ballot.

If you have been watching the BIG races in Pennsylvania, you know the candidates for the highest offices in PA are total opposites, according to whether they have a “D” or an “R” after their names.

Election day is November 8. It’s up to each one of us to speak up, speak out and VOTE PRO-LIFE.

## **THE BIDEN ABORTION OBSESSION**

NOW the PRESIDENT has issued an executive order unconstitutionally (without appropriation by Congress) setting up a system of taxpayer subsidy for interstate travel expenses aiding mothers in killing of their own developing babies in states allowing abortion. In doing so, he vowed he would never go back. Apparently, that remark was meant to say he will persist in doing all in his power—even beyond HIS power—to stymie the God-given right to Life on which our American government is based. Bring on the lawyers! *Source: Life Advocacy Briefing Aug.8, 2022*

### ***BREAKPOINT COMMENTARY WE ALL SHOULD READ AND RE-READ***

Call the PCUC office and we will send you a **BreakPoint** commentary based on a **National Review** story. We recommend it to all readers, especially to those who face contention from abortion advocates, whether in conversation or debate.

After you read it, you can send it to **your** pro-life candidate or officeholder who is facing unfair “extremist” charges from the organized abortion political cartel in the coming months. The full **National Review** story is on the Internet at [nationalreview.com/2022/07/how-every-state-pro-life-law-handles-ectopic-pregnancy-and-miscarriage](https://nationalreview.com/2022/07/how-every-state-pro-life-law-handles-ectopic-pregnancy-and-miscarriage). *Source: Life Advocacy Briefing 8-8-22*

### ***PA MUST ELECT A GOVERNOR WHO WILL ABOLISH ABORTION***

.....That begins with election of a pro-life PA governor in 2022. The Democratic candidate, Josh Shapiro, supports the Women’s Health Protection Act. It legalizes abortion and eliminates parental consent laws for those under 18.

Another challenge is the current case before the state Supreme Court, brought by the operators of 16 PA abortion facilities, that essentially asks the court to invent a “right to abortion” in the PA Constitution. We know no such right exists, but These plaintiffs claim the PA Constitution has “evolved” and that such a right now exists.

*Source: Letter from M. McMonagle*

## ***THE PENTAGON IS ABETTING THE ABORTION CARTEL***

A Pentagon spokesman told the *Military Times* that the decision was made in early June...to change a policy that blocked abortion-related content from showing on its servers, lifting a ban that had been in place since 2010.

“We are working our way through all Dept. of Defense networks now to ensure that restriction is lifted uniformly,” said Lt. Cmdr. Timothy Gordan. Further, we are updating our broader policy to ensure consistency and access to appropriate information for the DoD workforce.”

Servicewomen have previously spoken out about the pressure they often feel to have abortions in the military. The current policy at military academies is that students cannot have dependents; this means that women who get pregnant (and men who father a child) must either abort their child or drop out.

The unspoken code is that a good soldier will have an abortion, continue the mission and get sympathy because she chose duty over motherhood. For the woman who chooses motherhood over duty, she must have been trying to get out of deployment.”

*Source: Life Advocacy Briefing 8-22-22*



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