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MARCH TO HARRISBURG OCT. 16

Mark Monday, October 16 on your calendar, and check with your church office, your Respect Life leaders or your local Knights of Columbus. We had a wonderful day last September when the steps of the Capitol were filled with cheering, enthusiastic pro-life men, women and children. VERY IMPORTANT! Call Anita Theiss 412-728-3647 and tell her your group plans to go to Harrisburg!

We have a big job in PA, and YOU are needed to get that job done. We have a new pro-abortion Governor. Pregnancy centers have faced unprecedented attacks. And there are examples of the Department of Justice being weaponized against pro-life advocates like Mark Houck and his family.

PA Family Council asks us to be up to date so that we can answer questions from family, friends and neighbors. You can read these answers at <https://pafamily.org/2023/06/02/June-marks-one-year-since-the-overturn-of-roe-and-casey-how-it-has-impacted-Pennsylvania/>

We are delighted to tell you that Pastor Jay Gilbert, who will be our speaker at the Annual Pro-life Prayer Breakfast in January will be the Master of Ceremonies at the Pro-life Rally in Harrisburg.

Let us pray that our rallying presence in Harrisburg on October will be the start of a new era in promoting LIFE for babies and support for mothers and families. Let it be the day we mark as our "impact day" on the practice and funding of abortion and the day we resolve to elect only pro-life, pro-motherhood, pro-family candidates from local officials to commonwealth lawmakers, judges at every level of our courts, looking ahead to a pro-life Governor of PA, and by all means, a pro-life President of the United States.

LIFE CHAIN

We started with a long line of pro-lifers that wound eastward along Fifth Avenue from beyond St. Paul's almost to downtown. Now there are **LIFE CHAINS** along city streets and rural roads all over western PA. The usual time is the afternoon of the first Sunday in October. This year that's Sunday, October 1. Are YOU planning a CHAIN? Please call the PCUC office (412) 531-9272 and let us know so we can get the word to all the pro-lifers in your area.

SIGN UP FOR 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

We need YOU to come and pray on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Avenue. Our fall schedule is from Wednesday, September 27 – Sunday, November 5. Go to www.40daysforlifePgh.com. Choose a date and time for your church, high school or college group. There are always shift managers present to help you and security to keep you from being annoyed by some of the characters who show up from time to time. You can come for an hour or two, or if you have a larger group, you might want to sign up for part or all of a special day.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Unless you are registered to VOTE AND YOU VOTE! on election day, anything you say, any opinion you voice, any signs you erect on behalf of a candidate—it's all a waste of time and energy—unless you vote!

Go to page 5 and get the phone number of your county elections office. AND VOTE! Then you can campaign for your favorite candidates!

HONORS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of Rev. Jerome McKenna, C.P. as he celebrates his 93rd Birthday on 4-13-23 and his Ordination of 65 years on 4-25-23 from his brother, Joe McKenna

In honor of Rev. John Sweeney on the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination from Margaret A. & Martin W. Schneider

In honor of John R. & Jo A. Holoman

In honor of Sylvia Zebrat from Justine Conwell
For strengthening the Truth Message
from Carl and Regina Liermann

In appreciation for all the Staff & Volunteers.
God bless you. Congratulations on your Grand Opening from Angela & Doug Marvin

In honor of the Pro-Life Community
from Mrs. Theresa M. Hammond

In honor of Charlie Hogan from Mom & Dad

In honor of Irene Puhala from Mary L. Cook

In honor of Pre-Born Babies
from Dorothy Schlegel with love

In honor of the Blessed Trinity from the Christian Mothers of the Parish

In honor of Bob & Joan Newman as they Celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary
from Hank & Judy Freedy

In honor of Andrew McMullin
from his father, David McMullin

Memory of Jeanne Fischer
from Marlene & Dave Wohleber

Memory of Al Brunn
from Marlene & Dave Wohleber

Memory of Al & Sally Brunn
from Jim and Donna Grab

Memory of Al Brunn from Joseph & Sheila Krill

Memory of Al & Sally Brunn
from Chris DelSignore

Memory of Lillian Rausch
from Jim & Donna Grab

Memory of Kim Stolfer
from Marlene & Dave Wohleber

Memory of Betty Lawson from Marge Lawson

Memory of Adam DiSabato from his beloved parents, Beverly and Bill

Memory of Fr. Rob Fleckenstein
from Mary K. Fleckenstein

Memory of Raymond W. Hock
from Mary K. Fleckenstein

Memory of Patricia DiPasquale from her Brother-in-law, Joseph DiPasquale

Memory of Patricia DiPasquale
from Mary Eileen Brown

Memory of Patricia A. DiPasquale
from the Lamm Family

Memory of Patricia A. DiPasquale
from Anne Conn

Memory of Pat DiPasquale, who passed on 4-3-23. Lovingly, Karen, Mike, Sarah & Jake Upchurch

Memory of Patricia DiPasquale from her friend and neighbor, Ginny Haiges

Memory of Patricia DiPasquale
from Sandra J & Ronald S. Bondo

In loving Memory of Patricia A. DiPasquale
from Alan & Leslie Dinkfelt

Memory of Patricia A. DiPasquale
from Patricia Rafferty

Memory of Francis J. Thompson from Helen, Fran, John, Laura & Tommy

Memory of Dave Smith, husband of Paula,
from Helen Cindrich

Memory of Debra Ann Mirt
from her loving husband, Joseph

Memory of Joseph L. Gazarik
from his beloved wife, Renee

Memory of Ed Huth from his dear wife, Cathy
Memory of Bill Seidel

from Frank & Maria McSteen

Memory of Carol & Charles Putnam
from Cheryl Kassak

Memory of John E. Kassak from Cheryl Kassak

Memory of Edward & Helen Kassak
from Cheryl Kassak

Memory of Linda Stabenou from Cheryl Kassak

Memory of Mary Jane Oster
from Teresa Ann Schraeder

Memory of Father James W. Dolan
From Chris DelSignore

Memory of Donald C. Thomson from his beloved Wife, Carolyn

Memory of Eddy Navish
from Dennis M. & Mary Ann Navish

Memory of John Mark Erdely
from John & Mary Ann Erdely

Memory of Loretta F. Hanek
from Joe & Mary Lou McKenna

Memory of Rosemary Flaherty
from Mr. & Mrs. Regis Flaherty

Memory of Mark Lansinger from Jean Lansinger

Memory of Ruthann Makronin
from Evelyn & Bill Turocy

Memory of Ruthann Makronin
from Helen Cindrich

HONORS AND MEMORIALS

Memory of Ruthann Makronin & Bernie Garbin,
Sisters of Evelyn Turocy,

from Marita & Seamus Maloney

Memory of Cecilia Marie Hugo

from Rosemary Hugo Fielding

Memory of Robert P. Blume, MD, from his
beloved wife, Elizabeth

Memory of Dolores Lucente

from Christopher & Theresa Dixon

Memory of Joan Derrick from Judith Croxton

Memory of Frank Cindrich from Judith Croxton

Memory of David W. Croxton (died July 29, 2021)
from his beloved wife, Judith Croxton

Memory of Michael Shantz

from Catherine S. & James R. Shantz

Memory of Betty Herron

from Joan & Robert Dristas

Memory of Dave Smith

from Patrick & Frances Fulkerson

Memory of Ken & Eileen Baldauff

from Susan Birringer

Memory of Fr. John O'Shea

from Mary Clare Radcliffe

Memory of Mary Adele Duffy

from Jack W. Hartman

Memory of May Ann Kasofsky

from Jack Hartman

Memory of Eileen Heidenreich Smith
from Jack Hartman

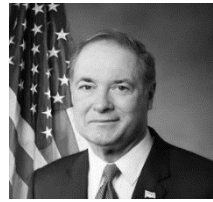
FLORIDA VOTERS: TAKE WARNING

Just weeks ago, Gov. Ron DeSantis signed legislation banning abortions after a baby's heartbeat can be detected, a measure which national news media are trying to characterize as "a step too far" but one which appeals to the common sense of the American people---who are drawn to the detectable heartbeat as a bridge which may not be crossed by the would-be executioners of developing boys and girls.

Of course, true-blue pro-lifers will fight until there are no exceptions, no excuses, no reason in the world to kill a baby prior to its day of birth.

Life Advocacy Briefing w/o 5-15-23

LIFE-SAVING INFORMATION



Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO) has filed a bill requiring chemical abortionists to inform their customers about the possibility of reversal of the abortion pill's effects once a customer has ingested it. HR-983, the "Second Chance at Life Act," has 35 sponsors. It has been assigned to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

The only PA Rep. who is a co-sponsor is Dr. John Joyce (PA's 13th District.) We encourage readers to call their home-district lawmakers and ask them to add their names as co-sponsors and to vote for HR-983 to give babies and their mothers a second chance. You can call the Capitol switchboard:

1-202-224-3121. *Source: Life Advocacy Briefing 4-17-23*

NEWS FROM PREZ & CEO OF 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The Bad

+Blue states will never become abortion-free through legislation. California, New York, Illinois, Michigan and dozens of others have made abortion their sacrament

***+Mail-order abortions are crossing state lines
+CVS and Walgreens are becoming the largest dispensers of abortion in America***

The Good

+After years of disappointing Supreme Court decisions and weak pro-life politicians, abortion is now going to where the pro-life movement is the strongest---the grassroots.

+Abortion is now market-driven, which means hearts and minds determine the future of abortion.

+Planned Parenthood workers say the no-show rate for abortion appointments goes as high as 75% on days when 40 Days for Life is present.

+We can close an abortion facility ANYWHERE: 45% of 136 abortion facilities we've closed were in blue, pro-abortion states where abortion will remain legal and is often celebrated.

+40 Days for Life is built for a post-Roe America, with 1 million volunteers in 1500 cities, 40 Days for Life University, and in-person training for thousands of local leaders.

PRO-LIFE DOCTORS BANNED FROM NAT'L MEDICAL CONFERENCES



The American Association of Pro-Life OB-GYNs (AAPLOG) was banned from the annual CREOG OB/GYN medical education conference in February, 2023, in Maryland. This Pro-Life group has had an exhibit at this particular conference for the past 15 years; however, this year they were told that their exhibit was banned. Upon asking for an explanation, they were told that the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists disagreed with the Pro-Life OB-GYNs.

*Source: PHL/Butler Newsletter*Thanks!*

CROSSROADS PREGNANCY CENTER

It's helpful to know what pregnancy support centers outside our area are doing to improve the numbers of mothers and babies they can help. **Crossroads Pregnancy Center** did some online marketing specifically to women who are Abortion Vulnerable or Abortion Determined. Statistics show that 2,963 people clicked on their ads and they answered around 332 calls and texts directly from those ads.

When Crossroads saw the results of their online marketing, they prayed for God's wisdom and with God's help they opened a new office in Altoona.

As they saw growth coming, they added new staff, including a second nurse. They feel they are now equipped and ready for even more growth.

By July of 2022, they had done 60 ultrasounds in their four offices. This was three times as many as they had between January and July of the previous year. With the new office, they anticipate that next year's numbers will be even higher.

Please pray that women will be helped and babies' lives saved in the days ahead.

VERMONT WILL KILL OUTSIDERS

In May, Vermont became the first state to remove its euthanasia residency requirement—allowing terminally ill patients from out of state to travel there to receive medical assistance to end their life. Vermont requires they be in a “good mental state” and be told by a doctor they have less than six months to live. *Source: Minneapolis Star Tribune, May 4, 2023*

THE MAGEE PROJECT

Meredith Parente, director of The Magee Project, is focusing on signing up volunteers to write letters and emails to the Board of Directors at Magee Womens Hospital.

If you have not signed up already, your letters are needed for **August, September and October**. Faithful letter writers have done so well contacting the Board of Magee every week since April, and we don't want to back down now. Meredith sends out instructions three weeks in advance of the week YOU choose.

You can reply to Meredith with an email to: TheMageeProject@gmail.com. Or you can sign up to write YOUR letter at: <https://signup.com/go/mQaLUgV>

Also, volunteers are now sending copies of our **Dark Deeds brochure** to their legislators.

If you would like Meredith to send you copies of the brochure so that you can add your personal note and send it to your representatives, just respond to this email (see above).

ACTION POINTS:

+Sign up to pray once a month for Magee, praying for the abortionists, researchers, Magee, Pitt and UPMC leadership.

+Next meeting of **The Church at Magee, Sunday, July 23, 4-5:30 pm.**

+**Sign up to write a letter to the Board of Directors at Magee**

+**Send a copy of the Dark Deeds brochure to your representatives.**

Please pray as you feel led. The guide includes the names of local abortionists.

If this is your first time going to pray at Magee, please contact Meredith for a starter kit with important information for you.



THE ABORTION PILL

The Supreme Court is allowing continued sales of the dangerous abortion pill that kills babies and has killed and injured women.

The vote was 7-2, with Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito dissenting.

The nation's highest court ruled in an unsigned order that the abortion drug mifepristone can continue being sold as is nationwide—turning back an effort by doctors to block sales or at least stop mail-order abortions that put women's health at risk. It granted the request made by the Biden administration and Danco, the maker of the dangerous pill. *Source: PHL Wyoming Valley NL*

ANGELS' PLACE DINNER OCT. 19

We are always invited to the Halo Award Dinner presented by Angels' Place and this year honoring Knights of Columbus "Our Lady of the Olives Council 3907" for their years of dedication and service to the children and families of Angels' Place. PCUC Founder Mary Winter was also the Founder and Director of Angels' Place for many years. This year marks 39 years since Angels' Place has been serving parents and babies.

ONLY 26 STATES HAVE PROTECTIONS

Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America commissioned a report on how individual states make some effort to protect the lives of preborn babies. We can send you a copy of the report as it appears on a map of the states, but we have a long way to go if we want to say we are winning the battle for the lives of our brothers and sisters.

- 17 states have 9-month protections
- 4 states have a heartbeat bill in effect
- 2 states have 12 week protection in effect
- 1 state has 15 week pain capable protection
- Arizona has strong protections stalled in state courts
- All other states (26) have few or no life-saving protections. PA is in this group.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Unless you are registered to vote, anything you say, all of your opinions, and no matter how you feel about the candidates is just hot air.

Every county in Pennsylvania has an Elections Department. You can register in person, or on-line or the department will send you an application, and your application must be received by the end of the day 15 days before election day.

Your best bet is to call the Elections Department in your county. You know your area code. For southwestern PA, the county elections departments are:

Allegheny – 350-4500 or 4510	
Armstrong – 548-3222	Indiana – 465-3852
Beaver – 728-5700	Lawrence – 658-2541
Butler – 284-5308	Mercer – 662-3800
Fayette – 430-1289	Washington – 228-6750
Greene – 852-5230	Westmoreland – 830-3150

MARK HOUCK AND SON SHARE EXPERIENCE ON THE SIDEWALK

It's another story of a pro-lifer being assaulted and the person who defends him being arrested and taken to jail.

Mark Houck and his son, Mark Jr. went to do a four-hour vigil at PP in Philadelphia. As they prayed, the younger Houck was accosted by a deathscort on a street corner. After the elder Houck insisted that the deathscort stop harassing his son, the deathscort still remained in the boy's personal space, so the father protected his son by pushing away the boy's verbal assailant.

The back and forth of the case wherein the deathscort pressed charges against Houck continued for almost a year. The next chapter in the case ended on September 21, 2022, when storm troopers descended on the Houck residence, announcing that they were FBI. There were eight agents, dressed in body armor with state troopers behind them with weapons pointed at them.

The case is still not over. The Houcks intend to testify before Congress to seek justice for the way they were treated. They will sue PP.

We shall keep you posted. We ask you to keep the Houcks in your prayers.

USCCB REBUKES LAWMAKERS WHO DEFEND ABORTION



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has denounced the thirty-one Democratic members of Congress who claimed on June 24, the one-year anniversary of the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, that their religious beliefs compel them to defend abortion.

"Members of Congress who recently invoked teachings of the Catholic faith itself as justifying abortion or supporting a supposed right to abortion grievously distort the faith. It is wrong and incoherent to claim that the taking of innocent human life at its most vulnerable state can ever be consistent with the values of supporting the dignity and wellbeing of those in need."

The statement was issued by USCCB President Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, Arlington Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, Chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-life Activities, and Bishop Daniel E. Flores, Chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Doctrine.

Among the lawmakers who added their name to the "Renewed Statement of Principles" include former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Michigan Representative Debbie Dingell, Texas Representative Joaquin Castro and ultra-progressive Connecticut Representative Rosa L. DeLauro, who played a leading role in drafting the document. DeLauro was widely panned by conservatives for invoking her Catholic beliefs to justify her heretical views.

SIDEWALK ADVOCATES NEEDS YOU!

Keep your eyes and ears open for the next opportunity to be trained as a Sidewalk Advocate. The training is thorough, the teachers are experienced, and you will meet the "cream of the crop" of pro-life activists. Stay tuned. We'll keep you posted in the next issue.

WHY CAN'T WE LOVE THEM BOTH?

It's not just "hot off the press," but we have about a dozen copies of the book that many pro-lifers used as their "training manual" when they first got started in the pro-life movement.

Written by Dr. & Mrs. J. C. Willke, were internationally renowned experts in the field of human sexuality and abortion. They wrote ten books and extensive literature that has been translated into 28 languages. Together they have proved to be the greatest single resource of educational information on abortion.

The book sold for \$4.95 when it was published. If you'd like to have a copy, just stop at the office and ask. Or call, and we can send you one for the price of postage. 412-531-9272

KIDNEY REMOVAL FROM CHINESE INFANTS RINGS ALARM FOR THE WORLD

In Western countries, recipients of neonatal kidney transplants are usually very young infant, but one of the recipients was 34 years old and another was 25, said Zain Khalpey, associate professor of Surgery, Medical Imaging, Physiological Sciences, and Biomedical Engineering at the University of Arizona.

"It is untested, unethical. If it's going into another child, sure. If it's going into an adult, I'm questioning it. So, the practice of using a newborn baby is difficult to accept because they don't have a say," Khalpey told the Epoch Times on March 4.

Khalpey questions whether doctors at Shanghai's Renji Hospital can complete matching tests within 3-5 days of a baby's birth. He said it can be assumed that testing was carried out using amniotic fluid extracted while the baby was still in the mother's womb. It can take weeks to crossmatch a donor after blood and tissue typing and find a compatible recipient.

Let us pray for the babies, mothers and all the people of China as they endure a party of rulers who have no regard for the sanctity of the lives of the people they control.

