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40 DAYS FOR LIFE LENTEN CAMPAIGN NOW IN FULL SWING!



*Now is the perfect opportunity to counter the current "culture of death", by joining the peaceful prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood! We began our vigil on Feb. 14th and will continue **EVERY DAY until March 24th!** Your presence is very much needed, and could save a life and a soul! We especially need more prayer volunteers on Mondays from 9-11am and Thursdays from 9-11am, 11am-1pm AND 1-3pm. ***If you are able to help out during those times...or ANY TIME... please contact Jen McDevitt at pghsaland365@gmail.com.*** Check out the daily happenings on our blog site at 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com.*

AMAZING KICK-OFF MASS & EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION!



Much gratitude and thanks to His Excellency, Bishop William Waltersheid for offering our Kick-off Mass and for carrying Our Lord to Planned Parenthood in our opening Eucharist Procession! We are grateful for him, and for the other priests who made it a priority in their busy schedules to make sure that our 40 Days for Life is built on the solid rock of Jesus Christ!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CLOSING EVENTS **ON SUNDAY, MARCH 24!**

Mark your calendars now, to attend our **CLOSING MASS & EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION on Sunday, March 24th!** *Meet at PP at 4:30pm to pray with Bishop Waltersheid and the Blessed Sacrament as we officially end our 40-day prayer vigil, before processing with Jesus to Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church to close our 40 days with a Mass of praise and Thanksgiving.*

Pastors Joseph & Adam Stump will lead a Jericho March around PP at 3:30pm, prior to the closing prayers and Procession! Hope to see you there!

TWO IMPORTANT PRO-LIFE EVENTS

IN MARCH!

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND
IN THE SOUTH HILLS!



Bethel Park Recreation Building Area/Room C
5151 Park Avenue Bethel Park, Pa. 15102

Bloom **Where You Are** **Planted**

Help Advocate for Life in Pennsylvania



Judge Cheryl Allen
Of Counsel for the Pennsylvania
Family Institute
Will be speaking about current PA
abortion legislation.

Regina Ranelli
Executive Director, Birthright Pittsburgh
Pam Irizarry
Director, DeeperStill Ministries

Nikki Bruni
Director, People Concerned for
the Unborn Child
Director, 40 Days for Life Pittsburgh

Meet and Greet
Time with attendees to follow which
will include:
• A chance to meet other area Pro Life
people and learn about local pro life
organizations.
• Light snacks and beverages
will be provided

Dr. Audrey Gusky
Adjunct Professor, Duquesne University
Faculty Advisor for Students for Life
and The Young Republicans

Saturday March 2, 2024 at 11:00-3:00pm

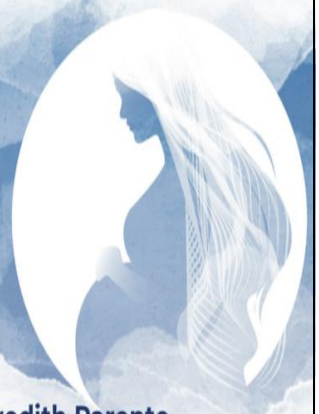
For more information or to RSVP contact
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North Park Old FireHouse Building
Lake Shore Drive, Wexford, Pa. 15090

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Sarah M. Bowden
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Promise of Life Network
Regina Renalli
Director, Birthright Pittsburgh
Nikki Bruni
Director, People Concerned
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Meredith Parente
Director, The Magee Project
Pam Irizarry
Director, Deeper Still Ministries
Fabiola Gergerich
Chair, Respect Life Group of
His Most Precious Blood Parish
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Saturday March 16th, 2024 at 11:00-3:00pm

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Train to be a Sidewalk Advocate and allow God to use YOU to save lives!
Next Training is March 16th!



IS GOD CALLING YOU?

MAYBE HE'S ASKING YOU TO HELP SAVE HIS LITTLE GIFTS OF LIFE?

Do you feel a calling to help change a mother's life, and save her family?

Is God calling you to do more, to do his work with the TALENTS he's given you?

JOIN THE SIDEWALK ADVOCATES of PITTSBURGH AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Next Training Session – March 16, 2023, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Where – TBD - Contact Greg Engelmeyer, 412-720-4075, grege@cmhec.com

Registration Fee of \$20 (Student fee \$10) includes workbook, continental breakfast and lunch

Come join us and hear live testimonials of babies saved on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood. Arm yourself with the truth – facts and information and real-life stories for you to use, when you join us on the Sidewalk.

WE STAND IN FRONT OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD ON LIBERTY AVE IN PITTSBURGH ON THEIR 5 ABORTION DAYS EVERY WEEK OF THE YEAR. BUT SADLY, WE DO NOT HAVE ALL THE ABORTION HOURS COVERED. WE NEED YOUR HELP! GET TRAINED AND JOIN THE SIDEWALK ADVOCATES IN OUR BATTLE TO SAVE GOD'S LITTLE GIFTS OF LIFE. ❤️

To register – email Greg Engelmeyer at grege@cmhec.com or phone 412-720-4075 - RSVP requested



DOZENS ATTENDED MAGEE PROJECT'S NETWORKING EVENT!



Michael Siyufy represented PCUC at a networking event for pro-life groups in Western Pennsylvania in early February, sponsored by The Magee Project. 29 groups were represented. Meredith reports:

"We sponsor these occasional workshops knowing that we serve our community better together. It's an encouraging time for leaders who are on the front lines in the battle for Life."



Jennifer D'Souza shared great resources available from Couple to Couple League on Fertility Awareness and Natural Family Planning and a local neonatologist shared her expertise on prenatal diagnoses and pregnancy outcomes.

We continue to hold monthly prayer walks at Magee, on the 4th Sunday of the month, at 4pm. On April 28th, we'll hold a very special prayer walk based on Pope St. John Paul II's Stations of the Cross for Life.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/stations-cross-life>

Contact Meredith at The MageeProject@gmail.com for more info.

LIVING AMIDST INJUSTICE

Taken from Nikki's Jan. 16th blog at 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com



He who is not angry when there is just cause for anger is immoral. Because anger looks to the good of justice. And if you can live in amidst injustice without anger, you are immoral as well as unjust.

St. Thomas Aquinas

This quote by St. Thomas Aquinas really hits home, doesn't it? Especially when you look at this photo of these beautiful, selfless prayer warriors, standing in the snow in front of Planned Parenthood in 15 degree weather! Tracy comes all the way from Steubenville, OH...and Jackie comes from Butler! They braved the terrible road conditions this morning to make sure that no baby died without an offer of help and prayers. *And don't forget our brother in Christ, Anthony...who is in a wheelchair!* I am so humbled and inspired to know such people. May God bless them!

So, back to the quote from St. Thomas Aquinas;

I confessed to those in attendance at the PCUC Prayer Breakfast last Saturday, that, since I took on the added responsibility of taking over for Helen Cindrich at PCUC, I have been grumbling to God about always being too busy.

It seems I do everything at a ferocious pace...trying to keep up with this new job, in addition to preparing for the Lenten 40 Days for Life campaign, and still doing my other job as well. Not to mention elderly parents who need help and grandkids who need watched. And my poor husband who likes to get some attention sometimes. *Luckily, prior to the prayer breakfast, I had prayed over that day's gospel from Mark.*

It was the calling of Matthew from his tax collector's booth. It went on to describe Jesus eating with sinners as well. *I thought about Matthew getting up and leaving his affluent position as a tax collector to follow Jesus...and I thought about all those "sinners" who were flocking to Jesus and leaving their old lives behind. It occurred to me that they must have seen something amazing in Christ...to convert so radically!* What was it? Whatever it was that they saw in Jesus and His disciples, it must have been something very different from everyone else! That got me to thinking about my busy life...and my longing to have time to slow down. *What if Jesus had been living a slow-paced, relaxing life? What if His disciples had time to lounge around and do nothing? Would Matthew have left his tax booth? Would the prostitutes and sinners have changed their lives to follow someone who was living a normal paced life?*

The quote from Thomas Aquinas reminds us that when we are living amidst injustice, we cannot live normally, as we would if times were good. We must push ourselves beyond our comfort zones and allow ourselves to feel the burden. We just cannot live comfortably and think that our example will convert those who think abortion is okay. If we follow Christ, we must be different from the world. That is what will convert the world!

To sign up for 40 Days for Life blog reflections in your email, go to 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com and click "Get Email Updates".

PCUC PRAYER BREAKFAST WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!



Pro-lifers are great at rallying when they are needed! Just 2 weeks prior to the Jan. 13th Annual Prayer Breakfast at The Chadwick, we had only 40 people registered! But, after we put out the plea for help, we quickly sold out the 120 person limit! It was a wonderful time of pro-life, Christian unity!



Deacon Bill Strathmann and his musicians helped us to lift our minds and hearts to the Lord with their beautiful and soulful music.



Pastor Jay Gilbert

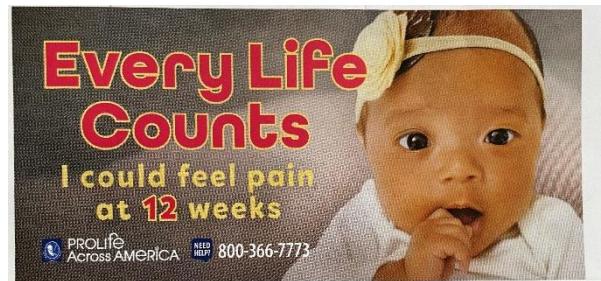
inspired us with a passionate message about the need for Churches to preach about the importance of standing up...and VOTING...for pro-life!

Many people told me that Pastor Jay's talk was the best they have ever heard! His message was filmed by Bill Depner, and is posted on YouTube. You can watch it at:

www.40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh (Scroll to the bottom of the page for the link)

PRO-LIFE BILLBOARD PROJECT IN THE WORKS AT PCUC!

As PCUC strives to reorganize while remaining faithful to it's original mission to educate the public about the sanctity of human life, we are excited to announce a new Pro-life billboard project! Coming to a busy intersection or highway near you! *If you would like to help us to realize this goal, please use the attached envelope to make a donation.* Any amount is appreciated! Thank you!



PCUC SPEAKER'S BUREAU OFFERS PRO-LIFE SPEAKERS FOR YOUR EVENT!



To help educate, equip and advocate about the pro-life message, PCUC will go to high-schools, colleges, respect-life groups or any pro-life event that invites us!

To book one of our speakers, contact us at 412-531-9272.

ABORTIONS IN U.S. HAVE INCREASED SINCE ROE OVERTURN IN 2022

Despite the overturn of *Roe v. Wade* in June 2022, the number of abortions in the U.S. has increased. Abortion bans in some states have been counteracted by the increased attention and resources given to help women travel to other states, and the ease of obtaining abortion pills online. WeCount, a pro-abortion data project, reported there were 183 more monthly abortions on average in the year following the *Roe* overturn. However, the actual number could be higher as the data did not include those who order abortion pills online from overseas, which is becoming more common.

The top states with increases in abortions were **California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina and Virginia**. Other states have seen smaller increases, such as Montana, Wyoming and Ohio. *Source: Guttmacher Institute*

POPE FRANCIS URGES BAN ON SURROGATE MOTHERHOOD, CALLING IT ‘DESPICABLE’

In his annual foreign policy address to ambassadors accredited to the Holy See, he called for a ban on the practice of surrogacy, referring to it as a “despicable” practice and emphasizing the “commercialization” of pregnancy. He stated that the practice of surrogate motherhood exploits women in vulnerable situations and violates the dignity of both the woman and the child.

Francis called for a ban on surrogacy, emphasizing that a child should be seen as a gift and not as the basis for a commercial contract.

While the Catholic Church opposes surrogacy, the Vatican’s doctrine office has allowed the baptism of children born through surrogacy to same-sex parents.

Commercial surrogacy contracts are banned in parts of Europe, while Ukraine has become a popular destination for surrogacy for foreigners. Supporters believe it provides childless couples with the opportunity to have children and protects surrogates and parents.

TWO PRO-LIFE LAWS BLOCKED

A state district judge in Kansas has blocked two pro-life laws—a waiting period law effective since 1997 and a recently enacted law requiring abortionists to inform women about the option of abortion pill reversal.

The temporary injunction is expected to be in place until a trial next June before District Judge Krishnan Christopher Jayaram.

The judge claimed that the pro-abortion groups challenging the law had exhibited ‘credible evidence’ disproving the reliability of the abortion pill reversal. While abortion supporters belittle the effectiveness and safety of naturally reversing the chemical abortion process before the unborn child dies, research has shown that it has saved thousands of preborn lives without harming the mother. A recently published academic study found that the use of progesterone soon after a woman takes mifepristone reversed the abortion process more than 80% of the time. That, no doubt, is the problem. It deprives the abortionist of \$\$\$\$.

Source: Life Advocacy Briefing 11-6-2023

BABY DIES AFTER COURT-ORDERED REMOVAL OF LIFE SUPPORT, AGAINST PARENTS’ WISHES

Indi Gregory, a little girl born in February 2023 with a rare degenerative mitochondrial disease, was being kept on a ventilator, at the explicit request of her parents, Dean and Claire, who are citizens of the United Kingdom. However, in early November, the highest British court ordered baby Indi to be removed from the ventilator in a U.K. hospital. After learning of the court’s decision, the Italian government (led by its pro-life President, Giorgia Meloni) held an emergency meeting to confer Italian citizenship on the baby and they promised to cover all costs of keeping her on life support. The Vatican pediatric hospital, the Gesu Bambino, committed itself to keeping her on life support. Despite this offer of the Italian government and the Vatican and appeals by Indi’s parents, the second-highest court of the United Kingdom ordered on November 10 that Indi be removed from life support. Baby Indi died in her mother’s arms the next morning.

HONORS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of Helen Cindrich
From Leonard & Donna Elias

In honor of Helen Cindrich
From Peggy & Jerry Wrabley

In honor of Helen Cindrich
From Elaine & Jim Chapman

In honor of Helen Cindrich
From Joseph & Sheila Krill

In honor of Helen Cindrich
From Fr. Vincent Velas

In honor of Helen Cindrich
From Bill & Anna Marie Roche

In honor of Helen Cindrich on her retirement
From Mary Anne Ferris

In honor of Helen Cindrich, congrats
From Christina Venturini

In honor of Helen Cindrich
From Joan Varacalli

In honor of Rose & Milan Liptak
From Bob & Lisa Good

In honor of Mrs. Rose Porter
From Mr. Michael Porter

In honor of Wilma Tussey
From Coleman & Carole Joyce

In Memory of Marilyn Barton
From Theresa Sabatina & Erin Sharbaugh

In Memory of Christopher Bialecki
From his mom & dad

In Memory of Victor Carbin
From Mary Carbin

In Memory of Mia & John Clark
From Richard & Kathleen Drury

In Memory of Richard Cortez
From Gerry Cortez

In Memory of Richard Cortez
From Marlene Sontheimer & Gerry Cortez

In Memory of Joan Derick
From Theresa Saupe

In Memory of Joan Derick
From Mr. Joshua Abijian

In Memory of Joe & Kathyne De Villo
From Nancy Doyle

In Memory of Fr. James Dolan
From Chris Delsignore

In Memory of Frank Donohue
From Kitty Donohue

In Memory of James Donovan
From Karen Donovan

In Memory of Peggy Gallagher
From her loving sister, Patricia Reed

In Memory of Edward A. Gromek
From Mimi Gromek

In Memory of Fred Gumina
From Lorraine Gumina

In Memory of Raymond & Agnes Henry
From Monica Henry

In Memory of Valerie & John R. Laylock
From Thomas & Brenda Laylock

In Memory of Kayla Lutz
From James Lutz

In Memory of Dr. Lawrence Lyons
From Patricia Lyons

In Memory of Mary Ann Maimone
From James & Joan Ellen Maimone

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ernesto Martinez
From Marie Mankos

In Memory of Virginia West
From Juanita Bollinger & Mrs. Libby Fillar

In Memory of Patricia Wolbert McDermott
From Peggy & Jerry Wrabley

In Memory of Lorraine Kasten & Caroline Wilhelm
From Ronald Cerminara

In Memory of Barbara McKenna
From Joseph McKenna

In Memory of Debbie Mirt
From her loving husband, Joe Mirt

In Memory of Mary Ann O'Neil
From Thomas O'Neil & Jetta Svaranowic

In Memory of Fr. John O'Shea
From Mary Clare & David Radcliffe

In Memory of Kathy Park
From her sister, Mrs. Ruth Murtha

In Memory of Michael Lance Pascuzzi
From Elizabeth J. Pascuzzi

In Memory of Mary Quint
From Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Foley

In Memory of Bill Randall
From Helen Shantz

In Memory of Frank, Lucille & Teri Scurci
From Chris & Reno Vitale

In Memory of Diane M. Slagle
From John Slagle

In Memory of Susan & Clurin Storeffeo
From Paul & Ann Francis

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Tarabrella
From Paulette Tarabrella

In Memory of John P. Thompson Jr.
From Ms. Lisa Thompson

In Memory of Albert C. Tussey
From Coleman & Carole Joyce

In Memory of Shawn Walsh
From Mr. & Mrs. James Maimone