



## **PCUC PRO-LIFE BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF IN THREE LOCATIONS!**

Thanks to Lamar Advertising in Pittsburgh, *three large digital billboards showed the beauty of LIFE throughout the 40 Days for Life campaign!*

Maybe you saw them? One was on Ohio River Blvd, one on Rt. 28 near Etna and the other was on Rt. 376 near the Greentree exit. Billboards are a great way to reach thousands of people with the pro-life message.

*We hope to keep these billboards going, but we need your help!* Please consider donating whatever you are able to help us to purchase more pro-life billboards to be placed all around the Pittsburgh area and beyond! Use the enclosed envelope, or donate online at [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com) (Link found at [www.PCUC.org](http://www.PCUC.org))

## **40 DAYS FOR LIFE ENDED WITH A JERICHO MARCH, EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION & MASS!**

Thanks to His Excellency, Bishop William Waltersheid for bringing Our Lord in the Monstrance to the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood to close out the final minutes of our Lenten 40 Days for Life campaign! *Just as we began our vigil on February 13<sup>th</sup> with Jesus present with us...so we ended in the same way on March 24.* Jesus Christ is truly our beginning and our end....and everything in between!

There were 27 church groups that adopted time slots and hundreds of individuals that took part in the daily prayers on the sidewalk! *We believe that at least 8 babies were spared from abortion* that we know of, and



Bishop Waltersheid brings Jesus to end our 40 Days for Life in front of Planned Parenthood!

that many more were saved that we don't know about, as well as many seeds of conversion planted! Thanks to all who participated in the prayer vigil, and those who prayed from home!

**Next campaign runs from Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> through Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## GOOD FRIDAY PRAYERS IN FRONT OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD!

PCUC's annual tradition of praying the Stations of the Cross in front of PP on Good Friday drew approximately 60 faithful Christians this year! The sun was shining on us as we prayed, with the beautiful blue sky above, and our dear Bishop Waltersheid leading the prayers. God was smiling on us as we honored His Passion, and prayed for the little ones who were going through their own suffering right behind those walls, as their parents brought them there to be killed. We pray that many seeds of conversion were planted through our prayerful witness!



As part of PCUC's mission to speak about the message of life in schools and churches, to help educate about the sanctity of human life and the harm that abortion causes, *Nikki Bruni gave a pro-life presentation to a group of teens as part of the LNI (Leadership Now International), which meets at St. Emma's Monastery in Greensburg. The girls had many comments and questions, and hopefully were encouraged in their pro-life beliefs!*



Young LNI members learned about the dangers of abortion, to strengthen their pro-life beliefs!

## SIDEWALK ADVOCATES TRAINING ON MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!



Greg congratulates brand-new advocate Megan, who, with her big smile and friendly demeanor is sure to be a natural on the sidewalk!

Greg was thrilled to welcome 10 new Sidewalk Advocate Trainees, plus one re-trainee to the PCUC office on March 16<sup>th</sup>! After a long day of training, all ten received their SA Lanyards, along with congratulations from everyone present, including Conrad and Bonnie, who helped with the training session. Everyone left in great spirits! Conrad states that it was the best training session yet!



Congratulations to Chris, Peter, Maricia, Walt, Zoe, Megan, Carolyn, Brasilia, Rosalee, Joe and Andrew for successfully completing the Sidewalk Advocate Training! Thank you for your willingness to be the Hands and feet of Jesus on the sidewalk!

## SBA LIST EVENT FEATURED MANY LOCAL PRO-LIFE SPEAKERS!

With one event in the South Hills on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and another one in the North Hills on March 16<sup>th</sup>, the pro-life community was encouraged and inspired by many speakers, and equipped to continue the battle for life! We are blessed to have so many dedicated and talented people in our pro-life community!

Thanks to Maggie Kelty and Karen Hatfield at SBA Pro-Life America for putting these events together!



Maggie Kelty from SBA Pro-Life America was one of the organizers

Retired Judge, Cheryl Allen spoke about current legislation in PA

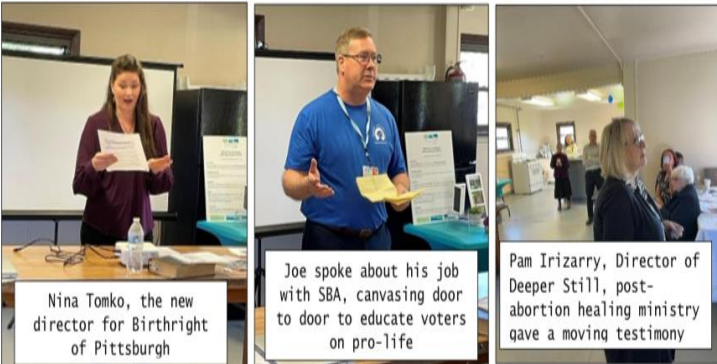
Meredith Parente from the Magee Project



Fabiola Gergerich from Most Precious Blood of Jesus Respect Life Group

Bill Slusser from St. Ferdinand spoke about Walking With Mom's in Need

Marlene, Regional Director for SBA gave a moving testimony



Nina Tomko, the new director for Birthright of Pittsburgh

Joe spoke about his job with SBA, canvassing door to door to educate voters on pro-life

Pam Irizarry, Director of Deeper Still, post-abortion healing ministry gave a moving testimony



Donna spoke about her volunteer work at East Liberty Women's Center

Diane spoke about the Life Pac Voters Guides

Nikki spoke about the response to abortion from a spiritual perspective

## PCUC IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR VARIOUS "WORKING COMMITTEES"!

*Do you have an hour or two each month to volunteer on one of PCUC's committees? We meet either at the office in Brookline, or virtually, either phone or Zoom. Part of the re-organization that is taking place at PCUC is the formation of various "committees" who can do the different pro-life projects that are important to help us to realize our primary mission of educating, equipping and advocating for the respect of all human life. Here are the committees that could use a few more members:*

**Pro-Life Billboard Campaign** – Seeking to reach out to respect life groups and pro-life organizations to pool our resources to have a greater impact through pro-life billboards! PCUC seeks to be a "hub" for pro-life billboards by partnering with like-minded organizations. Contact Greg at 412-720-4075

**Communications Committee** – Seeking individuals who like to write, to send letters to newspapers and online publications to keep the pro-life issues in the public sphere. Contact Meredith at 412-795-3924

**Fundraising** – Who likes to come up with creative ways to fundraise? We need YOU on this committee! Contact Nikki at 412-926-9413

**Networking Committee** – PCUC seeks to reach out to other pro-life groups via networking events, to help grow the unity among our pro-life community in Pittsburgh and surrounding areas. If you enjoy networking events, we need YOU on this committee! Contact Meredith at 412-795-3924

Help is also needed for the Life Pac, March for Life bus captains and January Prayer Breakfast event. Contact Anita at 412-728-3647



## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR PCUC FUNDRAISING PROJECT!

Wrapping Paper, Gift Boxes & Bags, Bows & New or "almost new" gift items needed! May be dropped off at PCUC's office. Call Nikki at 412-926-9413 to arrange!

**THE MAGEE PROJECT IS  
SPONSORING A STATIONS OF THE  
CROSS PRAYER WALK AROUND  
MAGEE HOSPITAL!**

***Stations of the Cross  
Prayer Walk***

Magee-Womens Hospital  
300 Halket Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Sunday, April 28, 2024  
4-6 pm

Space is limited  
to just 100  
people, so  
register now!



Go to <https://signup.com/go/XTUPbng>  
to sign up or to sign up your group

Contact The Magee Project for more information  
[themageeproject@gmail.com](mailto:themageeproject@gmail.com)



## **IS GOD CALLING YOU?**

### **MAYBE HE'S ASKING YOU TO HELP SAVE A LIFE!**

Do you feel a calling to help change a mother's life, and save her family? Maybe save the soul of an abortion worker by drawing them away from Planned Parenthood? Or maybe stand as God's sentinel with your prayers praying for a mother to change her mind. 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 – June 1st, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM (location TBD)**

Contact Andrew McCauley at 412-403-1809, or  
[andrewSAFLPGH@protonmail.com](mailto:andrewSAFLPGH@protonmail.com) to register.

\$20 fee (\$10 for students), includes workbook,  
breakfast and lunch.

## **ASK YOUR PASTOR TO PUBLISH “WHY I AM PRO-LIFE” BY HIS EXCELLENCY, BISHOP WILLIAM WALTERSHEID!**

You may download the document as a pdf by going to [www.40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh](http://www.40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh) (scroll down to the very bottom) or go to: [Why I Am Pro-Life by Bishop William J. Waltersheid - print two-sided%2c one page.pdf](#) if reading the electronic version of the newsletter. Here are a few choice excerpts from the letter, to inspire you to read it and share it:

- The truth is that abortion is the killing of a human child. The child not yet born, is absolutely a son or daughter created in the image and likeness of God.
- Scientific research has provided ample evidence that the unborn child is a separate person from the moment of conception.
- Abortion degrades women, treating their fertility as a defect or a disease. Abortion enables men to objectify, use and then leave women with no support or true love when they need it the most.
- All people have the right to live, not just those who are already born. Just because a person is tiny and hidden, that person must not be denied this most fundamental right to live.
- Abortion strikes also at the heart of the nuclear family, betraying the fruit of marital love, a child that gives hope and life for the future.
- We may cry out God, “Why do you not send, O Lord, someone to find the answer to cure, cancer or to prevent the next pandemic? Why do you not send someone who can solve the problem of violence in the Middle East or in Ukraine?” The answer from heaven may be, “I did, but you aborted them.”
- I believe that just as Jesus Christ laid down His life for all of us, I am called as a Catholic, as a priest and as a bishop, to lay down my life for my unborn brothers and sisters and for their mothers. I will never stop advocating for them until God calls me at the end of my earthly life. For in the end, it is love that is victorious, not violence and killing of the most vulnerable.

**MANY YOUNG PEOPLE WITNESSED AT PP AS PART OF 40 DAYS FOR LIFE LENTEN CAMPAIGN!**



An entire BUS-LOAD of teens came all the way from Jefferson County Christian School to pray and witness for life in front of Planned Parenthood! What a beautiful witness it was, and what hope it gives us to see the pro-life generation IN ACTION!



**40 Days for Life draws people from far and wide!**

These wonderful ladies come all the way from Elk County to pray during 40 Days! That is a 3-hour drive each way!

**PRAYERS NEEDED FOR UP-COMING SUPREME COURT DECISION ON THE CHALLENGE TO THE FDA'S APPROVAL OF THE DANGEROUS ABORTION DRUG MIFEPRISTONE!**

Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities announced a nationwide invitation to prayer.

As the Supreme Court of the United States hears oral argument in *Food and Drug Administration v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine*, Bishop Burbidge, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities is asking everyone to unite in prayer with the following prayer:

**PLEASE PRAY THIS PRAYER DAILY FROM NOW UNTIL A DECISION IS ANNOUNCED:**

*Dearest St Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life – especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen*



Judge Cheryl Allen and many others rallied outside of the Supreme Court on March 26<sup>th</sup> as Justices heard the arguments for the case FDA vs. AHM



## JOY IN THE MIDST OF GARBAGE!

From the March 28<sup>th</sup> 40 Days for Life blog, by Nikki Bruni

I just want to share a story about a funny thing that happened to me on Sunday, as I was leaving to attend our 40 Days for Life closing events. *It was one of those things that wasn't funny at the time, if you know what I mean.*

I jumped in my car at 3pm, in order to get to the Jericho March around PP by 3:30. I pushed the start button on my car...*and nothing happened.* "Oh no! What is wrong?"

I checked inside my purse where I always keep my car key. *Nothing there! What could have happened? I ALWAYS keep my car key in my purse! Where in the world could it be? I don't have a spare key!!!* My mind starts racing about what to do. How do I get downtown in time, and how will I drive my car for the rest of the week? What will it cost to get another key and how long will it take?

*I run back into the house and immediately begin to search inside all of my coat pockets. I race upstairs and get on my hands and knees, searching under the bed and under desks and in corners...in the laundry room...everywhere I could think of.* Now it is too late to make the Jericho March, but I have to be there for the Eucharistic Procession! I tell my husband he needs to drop what he is doing and drive me in his truck. As we head down our street in his truck, he remembers he left his phone at home, so we turn around and head back. **As we are headed back home, I have an idea.** *I wonder if I could have accidentally thrown my keys in the trash?* I had emptied the kitchen trash and put the bag outside earlier that day. The thought of sorting through all the gross-ness was not appealing to me, especially since I really didn't think there was much chance of

my keys being in there...*but then another idea came to me: "Just grab the whole garbage bag and put it in the car!"* I sat in the driver's seat and pushed the button. *It started! Joy!!!* My husband and I were suddenly all smiles, as we sorted through the gross coffee grounds, bits of slimy vegetables and other disgusting things. We were able to have joy while doing this because we knew that the keys were definitely in there!

After washing my hands, and washing off my keys, I finally got in my car and headed to Pittsburgh in time for the closing. As I was driving, still with a smile on my face (*and thanking St. Anthony!*)...I had a funny realization come to me. *If I hadn't already known that my keys were in that trash bag, I would have not had any joy while sorting through the contents. Quite the opposite. I can imagine that I would have felt a sort of desperate hopelessness...a last-ditch effort that I would have been doing in desperation. But because I KNEW WITHOUT A DOUBT that my keys were there, it didn't matter how nasty the job was, or even how long it would take to find them. I was assured of victory!*

And it occurred to me as I was driving, that that same principal applies to the dirty, nasty, seemingly hopeless work that we do on the sidewalk. People who see us there must think we are crazy to think that our prayerful presence will make a difference...as couple after couple walk right by us to go in and have their children killed. *But we know better. We KNOW WITHOUT A DOUBT that Christ has already won the victory for us!* It doesn't matter how dark and hopeless it seems in the moment, and it sure does look dark and hopeless right now, doesn't it???

Tomorrow is Maundy Thursday, where our Lord is betrayed and captured. Friday He will be tortured mercilessly and crucified. He will suffer and die for us. However, in just a few short days, He will rise victorious! And for those of us who love Him...we will get to share in that victory! So don't ever give up hope!

We march on to victory in Christ!

To read the 40 Days for Life blog, go to [www.40daysforlifepittsburgh.com](http://www.40daysforlifepittsburgh.com)

**Westmoreland County**

*District 55*  
\*Jill Cooper(R) Jamie Lingg(R)

*District 57* \*Eric Nelson(R) *District 58* \*Eric Davanzo(R)

*District 56*  
Brian Rasel(R)

*District 59* \*Leslie Rossi (R) *District 60* \*Abby Major(R)

"We need to build a culture of life in Pennsylvania and extend protection for more unborn children of the same right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" that our forefathers recognized in our Declaration of Independence."

*Abortion is an intrinsic evil!*

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**Vote Pro-Life**



You can only vote your registered party. When there is no pro-life candidate, the district is not mentioned. \* indicates an incumbent.

**PRESIDENT**  
Donald J. Trump(R)

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE TREASURER**  
\*Stacy Garrity(R)

**UNITED STATES SENATE**  
Dave McCormick(R)

**UNITED STATES CONGRESS**

*District 12* James Hayes(R) *District 14* \*Guy Reschenthaler(R)  
*District 15* \*Glenn Thompson(R) *District 16* \*Mike Kelly(R) *District 17* Rob Mercuri(R)

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATE**

Only *odd* numbered Senate Districts are open for election this year

*District 21* \*Scott Hutchinson(R) *District 37* \*Devlin Robinson(R)  
*District 39* \*Kim Ward(R) *District 41* \*Joe Pittman(R) *District 47* \*Elder Vogel Jr(R)

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE HOUSE**

**Allegheny County**

*District 20* Matt Kruth(R) *District 25* John Ritter(R)  
*District 28* Jeremy Shaffer(R) *District 39* \*Andrew Kuzma(R)  
*District 40* \*Natalie Mihalek(R) *District 45* \*Anita Astorino Kulik(D)

**Armstrong County**

*District 60* \*Abby Major(R)  
*District 63* Lisa Kerle(R) Joshua Bashline(R) Darlene Smail(R)

**Beaver County**

*District 14* Roman Kozak(R) *District 15* \*Joshua Kail(R)

**Butler County**

*District 8* \*Aaron Bernstine(R) *District 11* \*Marci Mustello(R) Ryan Covert(R)  
*District 12* \*Stephanie Scialabba(R) *District 17* \*Tim Bonner(R)

**Fayette County**

*District 51* \*Charity Grimm Krupa(R) *District 52* \*Ryan Warner(R)

**Greene County**

*District 50* \*Bud Cook(R) Stephanie Waggett(R)

**Indiana County**

*District 62* \*Jim Struzzi(R) *District 66* \*Brian Smith(R)

**Lawrence County**

*District 8* \*Aaron Bernstine(R) *District 9* \*Marla Brown(R) Bill Messner(R)

**Mercer County**

*District 7* \*Parke Wentling(R) *District 17* \*Tim Bonner(R)

**Washington County**

*District 15* \*Joshua Kail(R) *District 39* \*Andrew Kuzma(R) *District 40* \*Natalie Mihalek(R)  
*District 48* \*Tim O'Neal(R) *District 50* \*Bud Cook(R) Stephanie Waggett(R)

## HONORS & MEMORIALS

Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Aunt Aggie  
From the Brophy Family!

In Memory of Mark Lansinger  
from Jean Lansinger

In Honor of Joe and Linda Krol's new grandbaby  
From Helen Cindrich

In Memory of Anthony & Mary Luisi  
From Fr. Joe Luisi

In Honor of Helen Cindrich  
From Richard & Shirley Gottschalk

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

In Honor of Helen Cindrich  
From Jim Maochi

In Memory of Janice "Jan" Molinaro  
From Joe & MaryLou McKenna

In Honor of Helen Cindrich  
From Hank & Judy Freedy

In Memory of Mary Lou Murray  
From Dolores Osman

In Honor of Helen Cindrich  
From Al & Patricia Lindsay

In Memory of Mary Lou Murray  
From Ronald & Susan Dorski

In Memory of Eileen Bollibon  
From Mr. & Mrs. James Maimone

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

In Memory of Frank Cindrich  
From Linda & Joe Krol

In Memory of Mary Quint  
from Evelyn Turocy

In Memory of Michael Dailey  
From Spirit Creations

In Memory of Maura Grace Schwab  
From Marilyn E. Schwab

In Memory of Bill & Adam DiSabato  
From Beverly DeSabato

In Memory of Dave Smith  
From Paula Smith

In Memory of Grace Eckhardt  
From Marilyn E. Schwab

In Memory of Diane M. Slagle  
From John Slagle

In Memory of Mrs. Lynn Essek  
From Keith & Elsie Rothfus

In Memory of Paul & Julia Tarabrella  
From Paulette Tarabrella

In Memory of Charlotte Graham  
From Mr. & Mrs. Richard Graham

In Memory of Suzanne Turba  
From Frederick Turba

In Memory of Emeric Gruber  
From Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Gruber

In Memory of Unborn Babies  
from Martha Westerlund

In Memory of Mary & John Krupinski & George  
Duessel, from Mrs. Theresa M. Hammond

In Memory of Vic Vandewater  
From Mary Ann Vandewater

In Memory of Douglas Lawson  
From his wife, Arlene

Memory of Joann (Gigliotti) Welsh  
from Joe & Marylou McKenna

In Memory of Kayla Lutz from  
a thoughtful friend and donor

In Honor of Agnes Stewart