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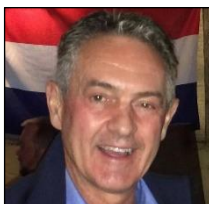
PRO-LIFE LEGEND BOB NEWMAN IS LAID TO REST

“Well done, Good and Faithful Servant.” I imagine that Bob heard those words from Our Lord on April 2nd, after his earthly struggle ended. He will be sadly missed by all of our pro-life family in Pittsburgh, but especially by his dear wife Joan and their many kids and grandkids. Bob was an inspiration to me and an example of dedication, self-sacrifice and fortitude in his unwavering witness to the sanctity of human life. For many decades, he witnessed in front of PP with his large signs, every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 7am-10am. I can still see him standing there, always ready to crack a joke and bring a little light into the despairing work on the sidewalk. Even well into his 80’s, when his eyesight was failing and he could no longer drive, his family would drive him to PP to continue his pro-life witness. He truly fought the good fight. He finished the course. And now there surely must be a crown waiting for him...along with his beloved partners in crime, Sally and Al Brunn. What a reunion that must have been! May He rest in Peace.



NEW PRESIDENT AT PCUC!

Thanks to Greg Engelmeyer for taking on the role of President! We are grateful for his talent and zeal for the pro-life cause and are excited to see how God will use him to do great things for PCUC!



STUDENTS HEAR THE PRO-LIFE MESSAGE IN ELK COUNTY



Thanks to Elk County Catholic High School for inviting PCUC to share the truth about the sanctity of life and to warn of the dangers of abortion at a special assembly that included all students from 9th through 12th grade! It was truly an honor to be given the privilege of allowing God to use me to plant seeds in young minds and hearts, and to give them information to help guard them against the dangers of the culture! Hopefully the lessons that I learned the hard way will serve to warn young people that there is a better way, (God’s way)...to live a life of peace, joy and fulfillment.



Mary Bea & Laurey from Elk County Right to Life also invited Nikki to speak to adults at an evening event in this beautiful chapel near the high school.

PCUC ALSO SPOKE TO HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS AT DUBOIS CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH



The auditorium at Dubois Catholic High was filled to capacity, as students from 7th – 12th grade listened to a pro-life presentation by PCUC and others. These young hearts and minds heard the truth about the importance of guarding the purity of our hearts, minds and bodies from the prevailing culture, which seeks to turn young people away from God’s love and truth, and instead focus on ambitious materialism and self-gratification. I pray that many seeds were planted in these young hearts and minds, which will go on to bear fruit in the future!

I look forward to being invited to share the truth about the pro-life message in more schools! Please contact me at nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com to schedule a pro-life presentation at your local high school!

Thanks to “PJ”, who heads up the Students for Life group at Dubois Central Catholic for inviting me! Here is a note that he sent following my talk:

Nikki,

Thank you and your husband for travelling to DuBois today. I loved your message, which gave the kids a different way to view the moral conundrums the prochoice side backs us into. I think the religious education classes should spend more time helping kids understand the ethical issues, as you did. You made us all think.

None of us will forget the message in the story of the child pointing at the preborn baby and knowing exactly what he or she was, or the tale of the seamstress mother, or the grain of sand in the ocean. Very nice. You really know your material. Your confidence speaks to the truth of what you deliver. And it was important for the students to hear from someone outside their orbit.

Be assured that you reached people today with a message that will benefit them and our world down the road.

Thanks again, PJ



Hundreds of students heard the truth about the sanctity of human life in Dubois!

PRO-LIFE SYMPOSIUM EDUCATED MANY ON THE CURRENT STATE OF ABORTION IN FAYETTE COUNTY



Meredith stands behind our information tables at the Fayette County Pro-Life Symposium

40 Days for Life Pittsburgh, PCUC & The Magee Project were there to let attendees in Fayette County know about the wonderful ministries of these three organizations. Speakers included: Lacey Kryszak of Alternatives.Yes, Jeremy Samek of PA Family Institute and Judge Cheryl Allen of the PA Superior Court (retired).

Lacey educated everyone on the sad fact that abortions increased by 30% last year in Fayette County. The reason she believes, is that the maternity hospital in Fayette County closed last year. This means that pregnant women have to travel all the way to Morgantown for the closest maternity hospital. In addition to losing the maternity hospital, many of the local OBGYN's have left the area. This makes it very difficult for low-income women to choose life, when they do not have the means to drive for pre-natal care, thus making it more likely for a woman in a crisis pregnancy to choose abortion.

It is more necessary than ever before to support the good works of crisis pregnancy centers such as Alternatives.Yes, which serves those who are most vulnerable in areas such as Fayette County.

PCUC FUNDRAISING PROJECT IN NEED OF DONATED WRAPPING PAPER, BOWS, GIFT BAGS & BOXES!

We are also in need of donated items that can be wrapped as gifts. These should be new or "almost new" items. Please drop off donations to the PCUC porch, or call Nikki at 412-926-9413 to arrange.



Donations of any amount are appreciated, and can be made online at: [Donate – People Concerned for the Unborn Child \(pcuc.org\)](https://www.pcuc.org)

PITTSBURGH PRIEST'S PLAY BENEFITS ULTRASOUND PROJECT, MAY 3RD, 4TH & 5TH!

Looking for a fun night of entertainment?



Then come to "An Italian Sampler" on May 3, 4, and 5 at Vincentian Hall (St. Thomas à Becket campus) 139 Gill Hall Road, Jefferson Hills, with shows at 7:00 PM nightly. The opening act features a medley of Italian songs, an intermission, and then a one-act play written by Fr. Joe Luisi entitled "Friendly Fire". It is about a recently widowed grandfather forced to live with his daughter, son-in-law, and grandson. Sparks fly when they interact with each other with false assumptions and begin to see each other in a new light. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be reserved in one of two ways. If calling on **Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays**, reserve tickets with Nick (412) 525-2855 or Jean (412) 215-6433. If calling on **Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, or Sundays**, call Renee (301) 335-4941 or Al (301) 335-4962. After expenses, all proceeds will be split between St. Vincent de Paul Society of Triumph of the Holy Cross Parish to help the poor, and The Ultrasound Initiative to buy an ultrasound machine for a Pro-life clinic within the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

You don't have to be Italian to enjoy the show! *Ciao!*

Longtime friend of the pro-life movement in Pittsburgh, Fr. Joe Luisi, has written a play that will be performed this weekend at Vincentian Hall in Jefferson Hills. All proceeds will be split evenly between St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Ultrasound Project. Friday night is already sold out, so reserve your tickets now for either Saturday or Sunday's show!

LEGISLATION UPDATE...FROM ANITA



PA STATE: House Bill 2219 has been introduced in the PA state legislature entitled: “*An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, repealing provisions relating to compliance with Federal health care legislation.*”

It is introduced and primary sponsored by PA State Representative Melissa Shusterman. It is co-sponsored by Pielli, Kinkead, Powell, Siegel, Hohenstein, Sanchez, Bizzarro, D. Williams, Boyd, Dellosso, Schlossberg, Green, Conklin, Dailey and Kinsey.

The Memo: Coverage for Abortions through Pennsylvania’s Health Insurance Exchange: *Under current Pennsylvania law, health insurance plans purchased through the Pennsylvania Health Insurance Exchange Authority (Pennie) are prohibited from providing coverage for the cost of an abortion, except in cases where the abortion is performed in order to prevent the death of the mother or if the pregnancy is a result of a rape or incest. Abortion is healthcare, therefore Pennsylvanians should not be prevented from receiving abortion services due to a lack of coverage in their health insurance plan. To address this situation, I plan to introduce legislation that would repeal provisions in Pennsylvania law that would prevent coverage for abortions through health insurance plans purchased through Pennie. This legislation would not require health insurance plans to include coverage for abortion services, but rather allow health insurance plans to provide our residents with additional healthcare options.*

It was first introduced on March 15, 2024 and was referred to the Insurance Committee on April 16, 2024. This bill is an act to mend title 40 (Insurance).

ACTION: Of course, first action is to pray. And second action is to speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves. Although the primary Representative is not in our district and we may not be her constituents, by paying state tax, we contribute to her salary. *You can contact Rep. Melissa Shusterman at the following addresses:*

42 East Lancaster Avenue, Suite A
Paoli, PA 19301 (484) 200-8260

114 Irvis Office Building, P.O. Box 202157,
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2157 (717) 787-7524.

There are two Representatives that are co-sponsors that are in our area. Please contact them also:

Representative Lindsay Powell:

5154 Butler Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201-2607,
(412) 781-2750 & 106 East Wing, P.O. Box 202021,
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2021, (717) 783-9114)

Representative Emily Kinkead 658 Lincoln Avenue,
Bellevue, PA 15202, (412) 321-5523 or 116B East
Wing P.O. Box 202020, Harrisburg, PA 17120-
2020.

On the Federal side: A federal appellate court threw out Biden's lawsuit against a state abortion ban, and a federal court struck down the Biden FDA's expansion of abortion pills. Biden and the abortion industry frantically filed numerous appeals. The other day, the Supreme Court heard oral argument on the abortion ban case – in what could be the biggest abortion case since Dobbs. Please pray for conversion and a change of heart for all involved. And please call or write stating your objection to such legislation.

Anita Theiss, PCUC Board Member

RESOURCES: PA.GOV Website and ACLJ

SIDEWALK NEWS *From Pittsburgh's 40 Days for Life 365 & Sidewalk Advocates:*

Even though the 40 Days for Life Lenten campaign has ended, our year-round 40 Days for Life 365 program continues, along with the Pittsburgh Sidewalk Advocates for Life program. **Jen reports that we have had 17 hopeful reports** (women who either told us that they changed their minds about aborting, or seemed to change their minds) **so far this year!** In fact, recently, in just a nine-day time frame, there were SIX hopeful turnarounds from PP!!! God is using our prayerful presence to touch hearts and to save lives! Contact Jen at pghsaland365@gmail.com to find out how you can get involved, either as a prayer-support person (*teamed up with a trained advocate*)...or as a trained sidewalk advocate yourself! See below for information about the next training session:

Sidewalk Advocate Training

Is God calling you to stand up for innocent life? Each week, dozens of babies are killed in downtown Pittsburgh. Become a Sidewalk Advocate and help end this grave injustice in our city!

Learn how to:


- Counsel an abortion minded woman
- Address "hard cases"
- Provide life-affirming options to those in difficult circumstances

Saturday, June 1
8:30AM-3:30PM
Location: TBA

\$20 registration fee. Workbook, continental breakfast, and lunch provided.

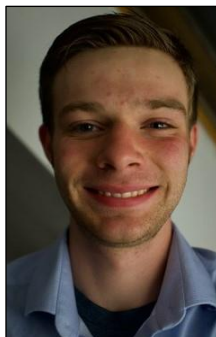
Contact Andrew at andrewSAFLPGH@protonmail.com to register.

WE STAND IN FRONT OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD ON LIBERTY AVE IN PITTSBURGH 5 DAYS A WEEK, BUT SADLY, WE DO NOT HAVE ALL THE ABORTION HOURS COVERED. WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Pittsburgh, PA
Downtown

Thanks to Andrew McCauley for taking over the leadership of the Pittsburgh Chapter of Sidewalk Advocates, as Greg steps into his new role as President of PCUC! We are grateful to both of these very talented and godly men for stepping into these leadership roles!



DIAPER DRIVE IN HONOR OF MOTHER'S DAY!

...for families being served by Catholic Charities...

- **OPTION #1 - In person Drop-off:**

Drop off diapers and wipes at the vigil in front of Planned Parenthood on **Saturday, May 11th from 9 AM-noon**. Email Charlene at cmentplin@hotmail.com with any questions.

- **OPTION #2 - Order diapers from a pro-life company and have them delivered!**

Order from EveryLife Diapers at <https://everylife.com/> and ship to: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Pittsburgh
212 Ninth Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

- **OPTION #3 - Order from the Catholic Charities "wish list" on Amazon and it will be automatically shipped to them!**

<https://www.ccpgh.org/ways-to-give/kind-donations/amazon-wish-list/amazon-pregnancy-and-parenting-needs>

******(Sizes 4-5-6 are particularly helpful!)***

Your generosity eases the burden on families in difficult situations and proves that help is available for women who choose life for their children. THANKS AND GOD BLESS YOU!!!

WRITE A LETTER TO THE JUDGE THAT WILL SENTENCE PRO-LIFE RESCUERS!

Do this before May 13! Details at the link below:

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/pro-lifers-worldwide-urged-to-write-to-judge-who-will-sentence-face-act-prisoners/>

HONORS & MEMORIALS

(Correction from May-June Newsletter): Memorial for Charlotte Graham given by Nita Fragomeni Bollinger

In Honor of Helen Cindrich
From Fr. John Sweeney

In Honor of Carolyn & Terry Martin
From Milan, Rose & Mark Liptak

In Honor of the Martinez Family
From Marie Mankos

In Honor of the Pittsburgh 40 Days for Life family
From Jim Maochi

In Honor of Scott & Heidi Potter
From Milan, Rose & Mark Liptak

In Memory of Catherine Bollibon
From James & Joan Maimone

In Memory of Harvey Bower
From George Ann Bower

In Memory of Al & Sally Brunn
From David Poliziani

In Memory of Margaret Christman
From Jerry & Peggy Wrabley & Family

In Memory of Joan Conroy
From Lawrence Conroy

In Memory of Peg Gallagher
From her sisters, Kathy Ryan & Patty Reed

In Memory of Charlie Hogan
From Don & Claire Hogan

In Memory of Margaret Just
From Maureen Lucas

In Memory of my God Child, Kathy Kness
From Aunt Aggie

In Memory of Stephen Mackin
From Jerry & Peggy Wrabley & Family

In Memory of Diane Marcella
From Mary Beth Langdon & Masotti Family

In Memory of Diane Marcella
From Fr. Benedetto Vaghetto

In Memory of Fr. Jerome McKenna
From Joseph & Mary Lou McKenna

In Memory of John Mihm
From David Poliziani

In Memory of Bob Newman
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In Memory of Bob Newman
From Jackie Fetchko

In Memory of Bob Newman
From Hank & Judy Freedy

In Memory of Robert F. Newman
From Frank & Pam Arianna

In Memory of Bob Newman
From Becky McGann

In Memory of Bob Newman
From Diane & Thomas Hahn

In Memory of Bob Newman
From Stacy Rosello

In Memory of Bob Newman
From Susan & Nelson Caro

In Memory of Bob Newman
From David & Marlene Wohleber

In Memory of Bob Newman
From John & Judy Dick

In Memory of Robert "Bob" Newman
From Angela & Douglas Marvin

In Memory of Bob Newman
From Suzan Firment

In Memory of Bob Newman
From Jim & Linda Ludwig

In Memory of Bob Newman
From Terry & Carolyn Martin

In Memory of Bob Newman
From St. Aloysius Catholic Church

In Memory of Bob Newman
From Joseph & Sheila Krill

In Memory of William Premozic
From Regina Lea Premozic

In Memory of Sr. Mary Thomas Rodgers, SC
From Jerry & Peggy Wrabley & Family

In Loving Memory of Diane Slagle
From John Slagle

In Memory of Michael Christopher Strathman
From William & Maureen Strathmann

In Memory of George & Gary Stoka
From Margaret Stoker

In Memory of Unborn Babies
From Martha Westerlund

In Loving Memory of Carl Valeri
From John Slagle

In Memory of Eileen Waldo
From her sisters Kathy Ryan & Patty Reed

Honor your loved one by sending a donation of any amount to:

PCUC, 3050 Pioneer Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15226

Be sure to include the name of the person to honor or memorialize, who it is from and to whom the acknowledgment is to be sent.