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E-Newsletter
Monthly Update for November 2024

DON'T MISS THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CLOSING EVENT WITH BISHOP WALTERSHEID THIS SUNDAY!



Join us on Sunday, November 3rd at 4:30pm, as His Excellency brings the Blessed Sacrament to the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood to close the final moments of our 40 day prayer vigil! We will gather in prayer for a few minutes, and then will have a Eucharistic Procession to Epiphany Church for a closing Mass, in thanksgiving for all the blessings that God has given us during this fall 40 Days for Life! We hope to see you there! Contact Nikki Bruni with any questions at nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com

There will also be a Jericho March around PP just prior to this event, happening at 3:30! Come and help us end these 40 days by prayer-walking seven times around the block that includes Planned Parenthood! Pastor Dan Hendley will be leading prayer.



A WORD FROM GREG

By Greg Engelmeyer, President, PCUC

Dear Friends of Life;

As we approach this very pivotal day next week, Tuesday, November 5th, I urge all of you to please cast your vote, if you haven't done so already.

I've recently seen some very effective ads by a very Pro-Life candidate, Randal Terry. Did you know that his only reason to run for President, was so that he could force the TV networks to air his very graphic and hard-hitting ads about abortion? Because of laws written to give all political candidates equal opportunity to campaign, they had to put his ads on primetime national TV! 'Very clever of him!

Through these ads, though, he is actually campaigning against the Pro-Abortion candidate. He **WANTS** you to vote for the other obvious candidate who, while not perfect, does not favor abortion. Mr. Terry's own commercials clearly state this. I implore you to vote to make an impact and influence this election in a direct way that gives us the best chance of defeating unlimited abortion in this country.

May God bless America,

Greg

FROM OUR DIRECTOR

By Nikki Bruni



Whew! We made it through the flurry of pro-life activities that kept us hopping all through the months of September and October! Now, in November we can slow down a bit, as we enter into this solemn season of Advent...which I only recently came to learn, is actually supposed to be a “mini-Lent”. It is a penitential season, where we prepare our hearts to receive our Lord when He arrives on December 25th. During November, we remember the poor souls who are being purified in Purgatory, and we pray for them as they pray for us.

We also remember that the killing of unborn children continues to happen year-round at Planned Parenthood, Allegheny Reproductive and Magee Hospital. The sobering fact is that, although the fall 40 Days for Life campaign has ended, the killing continues. Therefore, we need to continue to pray and intercede for these little ones whose lives are being snuffed out by abortion. ***Our 40 Days for Life 365 program goes on year-round in Pittsburgh, thanks to our wonderful Jen McDevitt, who handles the schedule!*** If you would like to make the weekly (or bi-weekly, or monthly) sacrifice of praying at Planned Parenthood as part of your penitential preparation during Advent, please contact Jen at pghsaland365@gmail.com.

**THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED
OUR FALL LUNCHEON!**

From Beth’s fun “*Mystery Gift Table*”, to the Hockey Raffle, along with much pro-life fellowship and a wonderful meal, our fall Celebrate Life Luncheon was an enjoyable time for all!

Much thanks to Fr. Joe Freedy for inspiring us with his message of hope. He reminded us, that God, like the good Father that He is...is PROUD of us for the work that we are doing to help save His little ones. *He also encouraged us by telling us how much God cares about life and the family, which is the reason that Satan is so focused on destroying it, through contraception and abortion.* The truth is, it is the greatest privilege and honor to participate in God’s pro-life movement. It is a movement of grace and blessings, and we are all grateful that He has called us into His little rag-tag pro-life army!

Although we fight the battle to end abortion all year round, it is good to take a break, put on some nice clothes and get together for some fun and fellowship at events like this. Thanks to all who came, and for those who donated to support it. **Enjoy these photos, taken by Michael Siyufy:**



Meredith & Helen, two veteran pro-life heroes



Santos Hernandez, Fr. Al Zapf, Joseph Anthony and others from Catholic Men’s Fellowship



Greg, Fr. Joe & Nikki



PCUC Veterans Helen Cindrich (left) and Mary Lou Gartner (in purple)





NEWS FROM THE SIDEWALK

By Andrew McCauley, Director of Sidewalk Advocates for Life Pittsburgh



We were happy to welcome Susan O'Neill from the Sidewalk Advocates national team to Pittsburgh on October 18th. Susan spent time on the sidewalk at Planned Parenthood and attended

our potluck social that evening. She was very impressed by our group in Pittsburgh, both for our advocacy and community. She made a few recommendations and suggestions during her visit with an eye toward bolstering our effectiveness in outreach. ***There are good things brewing for our Sidewalk Advocates team! If you would like to be a part of it, consider attending our next training on November 16th.***

Email me at AndrewSAFLPGH@protonmail.com to register. Hope to see you there!

PITTSBURGH RECEIVES VISIT FROM NATIONAL SIDEWALK ADVOCATES FOR LIFE!



Fr. Jason Charron generously opened up his parish hall for this wonderful event, and he spoke to us about the need for the repentance and healing of our nation from the sin of abortion, which his new shrine project seeks to do. Go to his website to learn more at: [Holy Protection Shrine](#) | [Donate](#)



Susan O'Neill Senior Regional Project Manager for Sidewalk Advocates for Life, encouraged our Pittsburgh team by telling us that she was very impressed with our local program...calling us a "well-oiled machine! She gave us some good suggestions, such as making "gift bags" to give to women and men entering PP, to show them we care.



Dozens of Pittsburgh Sidewalk Advocates came out for the October 18th event at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church to meet National Manager, Susan O'Neill. Thanks to Fr. Jason Charron for hosting!

NEW STUDENTS FOR LIFE LEADER, KYRA KISHORE GETS THE WORD OUT AROUND CAMPUS ABOUT THE SANCTITY OF LIFE!



Kyra Kishore, a sophomore at Pitt, has an amazing story, that includes her conversion from Hinduism to Catholicism, and she is on-fire for the pro-life cause! She recently hosted a pro-life resource table on campus, complete with a looping video of "Baby Olivia", which shows the beauty of a developing child in the womb. We set up in the lobby of Litchfield towers, which is a very busy place at lunchtime, with hundreds of students passing by. Kyra and I (Nikki) got the chance to have some interesting conversations with students who wanted to know how to get more involved. **Kyra wrote:**

"I am so glad Nikki got to come to the school and table with us to bring awareness for 40 Days for Life. As a student leader, seeing other students who understand the importance of the pro-life movement and how we need to be active is really encouraging to me and I hope our club continues to see this importance and grow. "

REST IN PEACE, DOROTHY GILLEN

On October 6th, PCUC lost one of our most faithful, prayerful and generous members. Dorothy Gillen was the wife of Tom Gillen who was our wonderful treasurer for 20 years. She participated in nearly every Face The Tour we sponsored. She also was on every March for Life until her health became an issue. She was a Alzheimer patient at the end. Please remember her in your prayers.



CHRISTMAS CARDS FUNDRAISER!

Help to support the work of PCUC, while spreading the joy of Christmas with your loved ones! Call Nikki to order your PCUC Christmas cards.

Sidewalk Advocate Training

Saturday, November 16th

8:30AM-3:30PM

Location: TBA



Is God calling you to stand up for innocent life? Each week, dozens of babies are killed through abortion 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



Contact Andrew at andrewSAFLPGH@protonmail.com to register.

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

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! ONCE TRAINED, COMMITMENT IS NOT OBLIGATORY. COME AS YOU ARE ABLE!

Can't counsel? Contact us to become a trained advocate's prayer partner!





From Anita...

I am voting Pro Life and here is why:

None of the Candidates are perfect but I am choosing to support the one that does not support murder. Yes, there are more issues than that, but in the hierarchy, abortion is at the top.

I was in college when Roe V Wade became law. Many of my friends had abortions then some had multiple abortions. It caused a lot of heartache later and nervous breakdowns for these now women. I was almost one of them. I was going to abort when I became pregnant but I did not after my guardian angel spoke to my heart. I heard a voice (not audible) saying "10years later, would you have any regrets"? I knew I would have at least one regret, but I did not know what it was at that time. I never got pregnant again. I would have aborted my only child and would have never had grandchildren either. What big blessings I have because of that one decision.

I have bared my soul to you all. This subject is near and dear to my heart. I feel we have to speak for those 65 million plus who cannot speak for themselves. Please pray for the election and God's will be done.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

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**See Life Pac Voters
Guide on the last page of
this newsletter!**



THE MAGEE PROJECT

Monthly update by Meredith

The Board of Directors of Magee-Womens hospital met Monday, October 14, for its virtual annual public meeting. 23 board members "attended." We had five volunteers speak for Life.



Dr. Joseph Meaney, from the National Catholic Bioethics Center spoke about how it is unethical for a mother to sign a consent form for her baby's body to be used for experimentation and research since she clearly doesn't have the child's best interest in mind having already agreed to terminate its life.

Cecily Routman, founder of the Jewish Pro-life Foundation spoke powerfully and prophetically from a Jewish perspective.

Also speaking, were retired professor Ray Weaver, and our beloved Kathy Laslow, who challenged the board in their thinking about abortion.

A prayer walk and rally, organized by Kyra Kishore, from Choose Life at Pitt, followed at Magee. (See photos on next page)...

Magee Project, continued from page 7:



Speakers included Sarah Bowen, Executive Director of Promise of Life Network, and author of *Courageously Pro-life*, who shared some of her personal testimony of the challenge of giving birth to twins at Magee.

Tina Whittington, Executive Vice President of Students for Life of America tossed out her speech to encourage us in our faith, and Pa State Representatives Aaron Bernstine encouraged us to keep standing for life, knowing that we have an enemy who wants us to give up.



I shared a scripture that stood out to me that *morning from Deuteronomy 1:17*

"You shall not be intimidated by anyone, for the judgment is God's."

Occasionally when people hear what we're working on, encouraging Magee to stop committing abortions, they'll indicate that ours is a David vs Goliath sized task. I reminded us of who won that battle!

Our next 4th Sunday of the month prayer walk will be November 24, at 4pm.

Contact Meredith at themageeproject@gmail.com for more info



HONORS & MEMORIALS

For those in need of God's immeasurable Grace after abortion,
From Warren Stoffer

In Honor of Anna May Conroy

From Anthony Joseph

In Honor of our Holy Father, Pope Francis

From Robert & Maria Mankos

In Honor of David Fennessy

From Knights of Columbus Council 4925

In Honor of Michael Joseph Thompson

From Gary Young

In Honor of Alex, Mindy, Luke, Noah, Chloe & Elijah Siyufy,
from Michael Siyufy

In Honor of Richard & Linda Werner, 40th Wedding Anniver-
say, From Jerry & Peggy Wrabley family

In Memory of Clyde Baker

From Jerry & Peggy Wrabley & Family

In Memory of Patricia Brown

From Carol Nypaver

In Memory of Frank Cindrich

From his daughter, Laura Marie Meli

In Memory of Patricia Colonna

From Beverly Abijian

In Memory of Joan Derrick

From Michael Siyufy

In Memory of Nancy Dugan

From Thomas Dugan

In Memory of Grace Eckhardt

From Marilyn Schwab

In Memory of Dr. Lawrence Ferlan

From Virginia Ferlan

In Memory of David Frank Fielding

From Rosemary Fielding

In Memory of Dorothy Gillen

From Dave & Marlene Wohleber

In Memory of Rosalie Grasha

From Mary Grasha

In Memory of Charlie Hogan

From Dr. Donald & Mary Claire Hogan

In Memory of Dr. John McCarthy

From Mrs. John McCarthy

In Memory of Margaret McNemar

From Kate & Tony James

In Memory of Richard Mulcahey

From Jerry & Peggy Wrabley & family

In Memory of Margaret Nist

From Patricia Callahan

In Memory of Anthony Piermani

From Jerry & Peggy Wrabley & Family

In Memory of Matt Radinovic

From Patricia Reed

In Memory of my deceased husband,

From Catherine Rhad

In Memory of Maura Grace Schwab

From Marilyn Schwab

In Memory of Barbara Siyufy

From Michael Siyufy

In Memory of Souls of the Unborn

From Alice Regan

In Memory of Strong, Putnam, Kassah

From Sandy Strong

In Memory of Fr. Colman Studeney, OFM CAP

From Mrs. Joseph McKenna

In Memory of Marion Way

From Thomas Way

In Memory of Mary-Connie Weiss

From Mr. Norm Weiss

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*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.*

PA General Election Tuesday, Nov 5, 2024. Use for early voting by mail or take to vote in person.

All Candidates listed are Pro Life.

Life PAC
SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

**Vote
Pro-
Life**



* indicates an incumbent.

^ indicates the candidate voted YES for House Bill 613 allowing extra funds for State Universities. The Univ. of Pitt has partnered with Planned Parenthood and the gruesome unethical fetal experimentation, including harvesting live baby organs for sale and transferring scalps of unborn babies to rats.

Abortion is not healthcare. It takes the life of a child.

PRESIDENT

Donald J. Trump

VICE PRESIDENT

JD Vance

Former President Trump:

Nominated 3 Conservative Judges to the Supreme Court
Was the only President to attend the March for Life in DC
Is responsible for the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*

His Opponent:

Plans to stack the court with additional liberal/abortion minded judges
Is the only VP to ever visit and speak at Planned Parenthood
Plans to codify law allowing abortion at any stage for any reason covered by health care or Medicaid and paid for by your tax dollars

Mercer County

District 7
*Parke Wentling

District 17
*Tim Bonner

Washington County

District 15
*Joshua Kail^ Ashlee Caul

District 39
*Andrew Kuzma

District 40
*Natalie Mihalek^

District 46
*Jason Ortityay^

District 48
*Tim O'Neal^

District 50
*Bud Cook

Westmoreland County

District 57
*Eric Nelson

District 53
*Jill Cooper

District 58
*Eric Davanzo^

District 56
Brian Rasel

District 59
*Leslie Rossi

District 60
*Abby Major

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*Stacy Garrity

UNITED STATES SENATE

Dave McCormick

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District 12
James Hayes

District 14
*Guy Reschenthaler

District 15
*Glenn Thompson

District 16
*Mike Kelly

District 17
Rob Mercuri^

PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATE

Only odd numbered Senate Districts are open for election this year

District 21
*Scott Hutchinson

District 37
*Devlin Robinson^

District 39
*Kim Ward^

District 41
*Joe Pittman^

District 47
*Elder Vogel Jr.^

PENNSYLVANIA STATE HOUSE

Allegheny County

District 20
Matt Kruth

District 25
John Ritter

District 28
Jeremy Shaffer

District 39
*Andrew Kuzma

District 40
*Natalie Mihalek^

District 42
Joe Leckenby

District 44
*Valerie Gaydos^

District 45
*Anita Astorino Kulik^

District 46
*Jason Ortityay^

Armstrong County

District 60
*Abby Major

District 63
Joshua Bashline

Beaver County

District 14
Roman Kozak

District 15
*Joshua Kail^ Ashlee Caul

Butler County

District 8
*Aaron Bernstine

District 11
*Marci Mustello

District 12
*Stephanie Scialabba

District 17
*Tim Bonner

Fayette County

District 51
*Charity Grimm Krupa

District 52
*Ryan Warner

Greene County

District 50
*Bud Cook

Indiana County

District 62
*Jim Struzzi^

District 66
*Brian Smith

Lawrence County

District 8
*Aaron Bernstine

District 9
*Marla Brown