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.....According to The New York Times, in the two months following the reversal of Roe v. Wade, there were 10,000 fewer abortions nationwide than would have been expected pre-reversal over that period. If the price of saving 10,000 lives is Republicans underperforming the midterms, it is, in my opinion, a small price to pay..." Larry Elder

50th Annual MARCH FOR LIFE

Friday, January 20, 2023 - Washington, D.C.

March for Life Expo:-1/18, 6-8 PM; 1/19 - 9 AM-8 PM; and 1/20 - 9-11 AM & 4 - 7 PM

Thurs., 1/19, Capitol Hill 101: Seminar 11 AM - noon, in person or virtual (marchforlife.org/capitol-hill-101)

at Renaissance Wash., DC Downtown Hotel, 999 Ninth Street NW & K Street, Wash., D.C., 20001

Thurs., 1/19, Law of Life Summit: 9 AM-6 PM: at the Renaissance for info 10times.com/law-life-summit Thurs., 1/19-Sat., 1/21, Anglicans for Life Summit, for info: anglicansforlife.org/summit-2022

Thurs., 1/19-Sat., 1/21, Y4Life: Lutherans for

Life - Youth Conference, Arlington, VA. For info michelle@y4life.org; www.y4life.org

Fri., 1/20: MARCH FOR LIFE:

Pre-Concert - 11 AM - noon Rally - noon - 1 PM March - 1 - 4 PM

Fri., 1/20, Priests for Life National Prayer

Service: 7:30 AM Mass DAR Constitution Hall,

1776 D St., N (National prayers ervice.com)

Fri., 1/20, Silent No More testimonies 2:30 PM outside U.S. Supreme Court

Fri., 1/20, Rose Dinner Gala: 6-9 PM with guest speakers - Renaissance (address above)

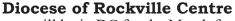
Sat., 1/21, Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life Georgetown U, 8 AM - 4:15 PM (oconnorconference.com)

NOTE: The March for Life will march to the Capitol building as the Supreme Court has overturned Roe v. Wade and the decisions lie in the hands of the people/States.

Annual Respect Life Mass

Sun., Jan. 22 at 2 PM St. Patrick's Cathedral NYC For info: sr.mary.margaret.hope@archny.org Sponsored by Sisters of Life

This is the quote that was in the January/February 2022 issue of Life News: "We will be here until we overturn Roe v. Wade, and believe me, we are going to overturn Roe v. Wade" from Nellie Gray, Founder of the Annual March for Life in Washington D.C. As you know, the Dobbs vs. Jackson Supreme Court decision did just that on June 24, 2022 - Nellie Gray's birthday! Now let's work on the hearts and laws in our states.



Bishop Barres will be in DC for the March for Life and welcomes anyone to St. Joseph on the Hill for refreshments and a blessing for the return trip. If you, your church or organization is not going to DC and are planning events on LI, please let DRVC Office of Human Life, Family & Bioethics know respectlife@drvc.org. so they can publish on their website: www.drvcmarchforlife.com

Our Lady of Guadalupe Memorial Mass Tues., Dec. 27 - 7:30 PM

Msgr. Delaney K of C Council Hall 110 Merritts Rd., Farmingdale. Keith Wilson 516-633-1435 All welcome.





The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. Upcoming meetings are Mondays,

Jan. 23 at 7:45 PM at St. Joseph RCC Parish Center, 45 Church Street, Ronkonkoma and

Feb. 27 at 7:30 PM at Joseph Barry Council K of C Hall, 45 Heitz Pl., Hicksville.

All are welcome - please join us! For further info, call LICL at 631-243-1435.

Long Island Pro-life Youth Club

A pro-life youth group is starting on Long Island for pro-life high school and college age youth and young adults. The main goals of the Long Island Pro-life Youth Club are to strengthen the youths' pro-life foundational knowledge and speaking skills; and to encourage their pro-life activism (e.g., in school and with local pro-life events). The club is non-sectarian and not affiliated with any organization. The club is seeking participants! No experience necessary, just a good pro-life attitude. If you would like more information, please contact Celeste at FORTYDFLLI@gmail.com. Thank you.

2023 Oratory Contest

Sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust

What:	Pro-life speech (5-7 minutes in length) on a topic listed below.	
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Eligibility: 11th and 12th graders, including home-schooled students

When: Saturday, March 25, 2023

516-672-3957

Where: Joseph Barry Council Knights of Columbus, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville, NY

Topics: Abortion, Assisted Suicide, Bioethics (as it relates to pro-life), Black Genocide (through abortion),

Cloning/Embryonic Stem Cell Research, Ectogenesis, Eugenics (as it relates to pro-life), Euthanasia, Fetal Development (in the context of abortion), Infanticide, Legal Points - Right to Life, Men &

Abortion, Post Abortion, Pro-Life Apologetics, Special Needs/Down Syndrome (as it relates to pro-life)

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FEDERAL LEGISLATION

On Jan. 20, 2023, the first National March for Life since the *Dobbs* decision will take place. It is uncertain if this will be one of the biggest MFL's ever, or attendance will drop noticeably. Few buses are being chartered here on LI, apparently for two reasons: The cost has almost doubled since

pre-COVID days, and among those less directly involved in Pro-Life, we've mistakenly heard it said "Hey, we won. *Roe* (and *Doe* and *Casey*) are gone. Why go to Washington?" (Cardinal Gregory canceled the Youth Rally for Life in DC, *not* the March for Life.)

The House will have a slim Republican majority in January, while the Democrats will keep control of the Senate.

Pro-life ballot measures lost in Montana and Kentucky. In addition, Vermont, California, and Michigan voted broad 'abortion rights' into their State Constitutions. Yet all twelve Governors who signed abortion-restricting laws were reelected.

Following *Dobbs*, as the election loomed, most polls showed the economy (inflation) and crime led abortion as chief issues. But many exit polls showed abortion second ahead of crime. In one Pennsylvania exit poll, 36% of voters said abortion was their top issue.

The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (HR.1065/S.4431) is likely to pass before the end of the year. Despite some good points, the bill is not covered by the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and could be read as requiring an employer to cover abortions. All five LI Representatives voted Yea back in May.

Although the *Dobbs* ruling shifts some of the abortion battle to the states, Federal laws are still needed to counter the many ways Washington facilitates abortions.

A **November HHS memo** says the Biden Administration will now fund abortions for "migrant youth," including travel to states with less restrictive abortion laws.

Various studies show 4,000-10,000 fewer US abortions in the 2 months after *Dobbs*. This counts data for interstate travel, and a 120% boost in overseas abortion pill orders thru *Aid Access*, whereby European doctors (illegally) prescribe, and Indian pharmacies mail, the pills to the US.

Kentucky's Supreme Court will rule on the constitutionality of the state's recently passed ban on abortions. On Nov. 8, voters rejected a ballot measure for a similar ban. Oregon voters approved a ballot **amendment** stating health care is a constitutional right. The effect this will have on abortion is unclear. On Nov. 15, a local Georgia judge said the state's 6-week abortion ban is unconstitutional, since Roe stood when it was passed. Georgia's Supreme Court nixed that ruling Nov. 23, saying the 'right to privacy' is about government monitoring of citizens, not abortion. Prolifers noted the Nov. 15 ruling did not enjoin (i.e., let stand) the part of the '6 week' law that recognizes personhood at conception. In September an Indiana court ruled the state's law requiring aborted fetal remains be **buried or cremated** violated the religious freedom of

people who don't believe the remains should be treated like those of dead people. The 7th Circuit Court has reinstated the law, saying it applies to hospitals and 'clinics', not individuals. Another Indiana judge said the State AG can continue probing the Indianapolis doctor who touted she did an **abortion on a pregnant Ohio 10-year-old.** (See LN Dec 2022. Pg 3)

The Dec .1 **Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center** annual banquet was interrupted when 7 pro-aborts rose, one by one, to curse and yell about "blood on your hands" as the executive director was speaking about increased security.



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

As of Jan. 1, 2023, all of Nassau and Suffolk are covered by *four* Congressional

Districts, and all four representatives are Republicans. Senator Schumer, Governor Hochul, and her top officials were reelected. Democrats retain their supermajority in the Assembly, and perhaps the NYS Senate, pending the recount in District 50. On LI, State Senate seats are now 7 Republican, 2 Democrat. Assembly seats are 14 Republican, 7 Democrat.

Rep. Zeldin had a very strong showing in the race for governor. However, many pro-lifers were upset when he stated he realistically couldn't *and wouldn't try*, to change NY State abortion laws.

The Physician Assisted Suicide bill is in committee. State Senators and Assemblypersons should be contacted and asked to vote NO on this bill.

As reported last month, earlier this year the NYS Legislature passed S51002/A41002, the NYS Equality Amendment, to revise the NYS Constitution which states that no person shall be subject to discrimination in their civil rights based on listed attributes/conditions (e.g., race, religion). The expanded list would include based on "pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy." The amendment must be passed in the Legislature again this upcoming session, and then be put on the ballot and approved by NYS voters before it can take effect. We urge all readers to contact their NYS Senator and Assemblyperson and tell them to vote NO on this amendment. Discrimination based on pregnancy outcome is just another euphemism for unrestricted abortion on demand in all nine months of pregnancy. In addition, the proposed amendment will 'empower the State to violate the religious liberties' of many New Yorkers. It is an updated version of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment that was defeated by New Yorkers in 1975.

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HEALTH & SCIENCE

"Defending the Dignity of those with Dementia"



Father Tad Pacholczyk noted that "Most of us probably fear ever getting a diagnosis of dementia for ourselves or for those we love. We worry about 'surrendering our core' or 'losing our true self' to the disease. Many of us wonder how our loved ones might treat us under such circumstances." Father Tad cited Steven Sabat, who wrote in *The Journal of Clinical Ethics*, "Is [the patient's] personhood recognized and supported, or neglected in favor of the assumption that it barely, if at all, exists...do we assume that the afflicted rarely if ever recognizes the need for company, for stimulation, for the same sort of treatment he or she would seek and be given as a matter of course in earlier, healthier days?"

Physicians Bernard Lo and Laurie Dombrand stated, "Family members and health professionals sometimes project their own feelings onto the patient. Life situations that would be intolerable to young healthy people may be [made] acceptable to older debilitated patients." Sabat noted, "The dementia sufferer is not treated as a person, that is, as one who is an autonomous center of life. Instead, he or she is treated in some respects as a lump of dead matter..."

Father Tad stated the "medical profession in particular faces a unique responsibility towards each individual...to approach each life, especially in its most fragile (and uncooperative) moments, with compassion, patience, and attention. When our ability to think rationally or choose freely becomes clouded or even eliminated by dementia, we still remain at root the kind of creature who is rational and free, and the bearer of inalienable human dignity. We never change from one kind of being into another. Parents who have children born with a serious birth defect or behavioral problem would never suggest that the defect or impediment transforms them into another kind of being...It never renders them 'subhuman' even though their behaviors...may at times be frustrating and very hard to bear..."

We must always respond in love to those who are suffering in any way. Father Tad concluded, "Those suffering from dementia challenge us in a particular way towards the beautiful, and at times heroic, response of love, perceiving in the face of every person a call to encounter, dialogue and solidarity." ("Making Sense of Bioethics" Oct 2010)

Canada's Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)

More and more Canadians are being killed through Canada's ever-expanding Assisted Suicide program. Recently, a major Canadian clothing retailer aired a 3-minute pro-assisted suicide video entitled "The Most Beautiful Exit" to market their products. Christine

Gauthier, a retired corporal, and Paralympian, fought for five years for a home wheelchair ramp. Instead, the Department of Veterans Affairs offered her, in writing, "the opportunity for a medically assisted death, and even offered to provide the equipment." Others were also "offered" this "option".

In October of this year, Dr. Louis Roy, speaking on behalf of the Quebec College of Physicians to the Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying, recommended euthanasia for babies with "severe deformations" and "very grave...medical syndromes." He referred to the Netherlands where euthanasia is permitted for babies under the age of 1 if they are 'suffering unbearably' and have the consent of the parents. A press release issued in December 2021 pushed for euthanasia for children aged 0-1 and 14-17.

A document was recently produced by the Canadian Association of MAiD Assessors and Providers suggesting that if the patient qualifies, doctors must bring up the subject of euthanasia. Canadian religious leaders are concerned with new policies that allow those suffering with mental illness to be euthanized 90 days after 2 doctors approve the request for assisted suicide.

In March 2021, the Canadian Government amended the MAiD law to remove the requirement that death be "reasonably foreseeable", after it was successfully challenged to allow for assisted suicide in cases of non-terminal illness.

The number of people who ended their lives by assisted suicide and euthanasia in Canada increased by 32% from 2020 to 2021. 17.3% of people cited "isolation or loneliness" as a reason for wanting to die. 35.7% of patients believed they were a "burden on family, friends, or caregivers."

Dave Andrusko, editor of National Right to Life News, reflected, "Once upon a time, not so long ago, assisted suicide was restricted to terminally ill patients older than 18. Since then, the rules have been bent, folded, and mutilated. The latest pool of victims are children. Assisted suicide is on the verge of being normalized and no one is safe."

Assisted Suicide in the United States

The Oregon Health Authority report for 2021 stated that 54.2% of patients were concerned with being a "burden on family, friends/caregivers." 92% of patients were concerned with being "Less able to engage in activities making life enjoyable." 93.3% were concerned with "losing autonomy". 68.1% were concerned with "loss of dignity". 27.5% of all those who have died since the law went into effect in 1997 listed "inadequate pain control, or concern about it" as one of their concerns.

Right to Life UK spokesperson Catherine Robinson stated, "As macabre as it is, once we start thinking that the solution to suffering is to end the life of the sufferer, there is no good reason to limit euthanasia and assisted suicide to only adults... this is precisely what has happened in the Netherlands. Unless there is a profound change in the medical culture in Canada so that patients are seen as people to be healed, rather than have their lives ended, it seems likely that Canada will go the same way and start euthanizing their own children." Is the US far behind?

Key: (M) = MONTHLY(W) = WEEKLY

PRO-LIFE PRAYERFUL PRESENCE. Scheduled times at local abortion provider/referral sites are listed below. To volunteer, speak with the contact person before going to a site. Never witness alone. Your presence, if even for 30 min. a month, is **important.** Note: Vigils & Witnesses are NOT sponsored by the LICL and are provided for informational purposes.

Nassau County - Location	<u>Day/Time</u>	Contact Phone	IMPORTANT :
540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead	(W) Sa 8 AM-Noon	917-544-0121	Peaceful assembly on
" "	(W) Th 10:30-Noon	516-270-3845	public property near an
	(W) Sa 10AM-Noon	516-270-3845	abortion site is a lawful
" "	(W) Fr 11 AM - Noon	516-359-1298	First Amendment right.
Suffolk County - Location	Day/Time_	Contact Phone (631)	
70 Maple Ave, Smithtown	(W) Mo. 10 AM prayers w/Fr. J		
	We, Fr. & Sa 7:30-10:30 AM	813-3412	
42 First Ave, Brentwood	(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM	665-3630	8
877 E. Main St, Riverhead	(W) We 2-4 PM	323-8001	Welcome 2023!
450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue	(M) 2nd & 4th We & Sa 10 AM	[-noon	Welcome 2023!
	& 2nd & 4th We 3-5 PM	615-1735	

Pro-Life Counseling Centers nearest to abortion sites:

Women First Pregnancy Options: (Four locations): Massapequa 516-798-9100, 35 East Willow St, at E end of Sunrise Mall behind White Castle, (bilingual) open Mo-Fr, 10 AM-4 PM, Sa 9 AM-Noon (by appt. only); Hempstead 516-408-6300, 474 Fulton Av (Rt 24) (bilingual) open Mo-Fr 10 AM-4:30 PM & Sa 9AM-1PM; **Deer Park** 631-243-0066, 1767 Deer Park Ave, (bilingual) open Mo 10 AM-8 PM, Tu-Fr 10 AM-4 PM. (Closed Sa), Smithtown 631-656-0441, 91 Maple Ave.

Local Pro-Life Viewing/Listening:

EWTN Opt. Ch 135, Verizon Ch 285: Defending Life hosted by Priests for Life: Sun. 11 PM; Pro-Life Weekly: Thurs. 10 PM Long Island Teen Freedom "Sexual Risk Avoidance Education" - Life Center of L.I. - Wed., 3 PM Altice Ch 155 AFA of NY Programs on YouTube.com; then in Search bar: AFA New York; then click on AFA NY; then select VIDEOS **Listen to pro-life radio on the Internet:** blogtalkradio.com/march4lifeny-radio Pro-Life and Pro-Family blog: rickhinshaw.com

In Memoriam: Kevin McQuade & Joe Gregg

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To celebrate its 25 years of sponsoring the Stand Up For Life, the Long Island Coalition for Life distributed thank you gift bags to participants at the October 2, 2022 event. We appreciate those who have taken the time over these many years to stand publicly on behalf of the preborn baby humans. We have extra gift bags and are offering them to you to continue spreading the pro-life message. The packet (plastic bag with a pro-life design) contains a pen, magnet, button, Stand Up For Life pin, bookmark, and flier with local pro-life resources. To receive a packet, please send your donation of \$4 to cover the postage (\$5 for 2 packets) to: LI Coalition for Life, PO Box 247, Old Bethpage NY 11804. Start sharing and displaying these items to help save lives!

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National Public Radio (NPR)

In early November, taxpayer-funded **National Public Radio** aired audio of the actual abortion of an 11-week-old preborn child at an abortion facility in Michigan. The reporter noted the dim lights and soft music playing and described the scene as "a lot like childbirth." However, the sound of the vacuum turning on as well as cries and moans from the mother can be heard. Many listeners were disgusted and horrified. When called out for her proabortion bias, the reporter stated abortion was on the ballot, and "getting to see what is actually happening in clinics right now isn't biased, it's factual."

WEEKLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Rosary for Life every Fri. at 3 PM on Zoom sponsored by DRVC OHLFB. Meeting ID: 856 4708 7922; Passcode: 677757; Call In #: 1 (646) 876-9923. For more info email Donna at dcrean@drvc.org
- Holy Hour for Life St. Joseph RCC, 59 Church St., Kings Park every Mon. at 7 PM. This is also live-streamed. For more info call 631-269-6635.
- **Right to Life Rosary** Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Chapel, 495 N. Ocean Ave., Patchogue every Thurs. at 7 PM. For more info call 631-475-4739.

Face the Truth - Jan. 22, 2023

While we celebrate the overturning of Roe v Wade, tiny children in the womb are still being aborted throughout Long Island, as abortion on demand through all 9 months is legal in NYS. Please join the Long Island Coalition for Life for the Roe v. Wade Memorial Face the



Truth event on Sunday, January 22, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow). This peaceful event is held as a public witness against the tragedy of abortion. Be a positive sign for LIFE! Signs available. Sponsored by LICL: (631) 243-1435, info@prolifeLI.org.

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