

"This is a new phase. It's not the end, it's the beginning of a national debate on abortion, and for the first time ever, the child will be paramount... This is the time to demonstrate our courage, our commitment, and frankly our willingness to protect the weakest and most vulnerable among us — and that includes the woman who is the co-victim in these abortions." (U.S. Rep. Chris Smith)

**You're
Invited**

The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. Our monthly meetings will take place on **Mon., July 25** at **8:00 PM** at the St. Regis K of C Hall, 2850 Pond Rd., Ronkonkoma and on **Mon., Aug. 22** at **7:30 PM** at Joseph Barry Council K of C Hall, 45 Heitz Pl., Hicksville. At our Hicksville meeting on **Aug. 22**, the guest speaker will be Rick Hinshaw and he will speak about the formation of the L.I. Coalition for Life in the 1970's.

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

Please note if you have ordered fliers/posters for Stand Up for Life, they will be available for pick up at the August meeting. Any packets not picked up will either be delivered personally (if local) or mailed via USPS.

Genetic Testing

In many countries around the world, it is standard procedure to do a heelprick blood test on newborns. This test can identify nine rare, serious conditions. Babies who test positive can be treated early, which can sometimes prevent severe disability or death. The National Health Services in the U.K. wants to expand the testing to include sequencing the whole genome of newborns to identify more rare diseases. A pilot project is to start this year. The rationale is to improve health through early diagnosis. But universal whole genome sequencing raises ethical issues. A feature article in The Economist on May 14th warns, "Widespread screening for thousands of potentially harmful genes may be counterproductive: some results may worry parents unnecessarily because some genetic variations though occasionally indicative of disease, are not strongly so. Parents may not want to unlock all the secrets that their newborn's genome might reveal. Some may indeed prefer not to know about conditions that cannot be treated. Adult-onset illnesses pose a different dilemma – a reasonable position is that it should be up to the children themselves, once grown, to decide whether they want to look at their genomic information. A further concern is that data will not be kept secure and may be leaked or otherwise misused at some point in the future." Michael Cook at Bioedge.org reported on May 22nd that Genomics English is conducting the pilot and is "surveying people about which principles should guide the choice of conditions for which children will be screened. There are an estimated 7,000 rare diseases, most of them genetic." Steven Mosher of Population Research Institute stated, "The Whole Genome Sequencing project is ethically fraught, reducing human persons to their genetic material with additional risks of privacy breaches and increased discrimination on the basis of disability."

ACOG's preferred abortion language aims to avoid bias - a lesson in obfuscation

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (www.acog.org) has continued its march toward normalization of abortion and marginalization of pro-life Ob/Gyns with its March 2022 document "ACOG Guide to Language and Abortion."

According to ACOG, "Much of the language that is colloquially used to describe abortion or discuss health policies that impact abortion has a basis in anti-choice rhetoric and is inherently biased and inaccurate..." So ACOG's guide sets the record straight with "language that is medically appropriate, clinically accurate, and without bias." That is, avoid saying 'baby' during the pregnancy because "centering the language on a future state of a pregnancy is medically inaccurate." Embryo or fetus are the words to use. (Doctor to patient: Your 26-week fetus is doing fine.) And don't use 'fetal heartbeat' - that's just the "ultrasound machine translating electronic impulses that signify fetal cardiac activity..."

An informative look at ACOG's new guide with abortion doublespeak is provided in two episodes (90 and 91) of "Bioethics on Air" by the National Catholic Bioethics Center (www.ncbcenter.org/bioethics-on-air-podcast-cms).

During the podcasts, "ACOG's Orwellian Language on Abortion," Dr. Chris Stroud (a practicing Ob/Gyn) dissects ACOG's preferable language, explaining how the end game is a dehumanizing of pregnancy and an effort to take the emotion out of abortion.

In contrast to ACOG's pro-abortion position, the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (<https://aaplog.org>) formed to "encourage and equip medical practitioners to provide an evidence-based rationale for defending the lives of both the pregnant mother and her unborn child.



FEDERAL LEGISLATION

On May 2, *Politico* released an **alleged draft of the Supreme Court's majority opinion in the *Dobbs v Jackson* case.**

Dated Feb. 10 and written by Justice Alito, it holds that: "*Roe* was egregiously wrong from the start...*Roe* and *Casey* must be overruled...It is time to heed the Constitution

and return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives." (i.e., each state's laws) *Doe v Bolton*'s expansive 'health exception' would end.

Politico says Justices Thomas, Gorsuch, Kavanaugh and Coney Barrett joined Alito, while Breyer, Sotomayor and Kagan dissented. Chief Justice Roberts waits. *Politico* notes that changes could still occur before the ruling is released. SCOTUS acknowledged the draft was authentic on May 3. A 'firestorm' erupted. Leaking of a SCOTUS draft was said to be 'very rare' or 'a first'.

Pro-abortion forces claimed an end to *Roe* would mean GOP losses in November, and the overthrow of other landmark rulings on marriage, contraception, and school desegregation. Anticipating this, Alito wrote on page 62: "*And to ensure that our decision is not misunderstood or mis-characterized, we emphasize that our decision concerns the constitutional right to abortion and NO OTHER RIGHT. Nothing in this opinion should be understood to cast doubt on precedents that do not concern abortion.*"

When Mississippi Solicitor General Scott Stewart argued *Dobbs* at SCOTUS he said, "*Roe*...and... *Casey* (have) damaged the democratic process...poisoned the law...choked off compromise. For fifty years they've kept this Court at the center of a political battle that it can never resolve..."

Although banned by Federal and Virginia law, abortion activists picketed at some Justices' homes. Alito and his family moved to a secure location. The SCOTUS building was fenced off and pregnancy resource centers and churches have been vandalized. As CNN warned of 'far-right' violence, a *Rewire* reporter called for violence against pro-lifers. More "Roe Rage" is promised upon release of the final ruling (June or early July). Some pro-life pundits responded: "a ruling based on 'privacy' has ended SCOTUS privacy," "no way *Roe* was going to go quietly," "willing to destroy every US civic institution to save abortion," "yet another insurrection attempt."

By mid-May, polls showed 77% of voters wrongly think nixing *Roe* would ban all abortions, but the economy was the top voter concern. Prosecutors in several states have already declared they will not enforce abortion bans if their state enacts them. If *Roe* is reversed, 26 states will no longer be training medical practitioners to do abortions.

The Women's Health Protection Act (S.4132, formerly S.1975), which would end most pro-life laws, failed in the Senate.

Companies such as Amazon, Apple, CitiGroup, Disney, Levi, and Uber will soon pay employees who travel out-of-state for abortion. A bill **S.4131 - No Tax Breaks for Radical Corporate Activism Act** has been introduced to prevent companies from deducting these abortion costs as part of their employer-provided Medical Plan.

Other introduced bills: **HR.7715** would require the CDC to count abortions in their annual US death statistics.

HR.7604 would set a minimum 5-year sentence for any physician who performs a partial birth abortion.

The House passed - on mostly party lines - **HR.350, the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act.** Offices of Domestic Terrorism would be set up at the FBI and the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security to prevent terrorism due to neo-Nazis and white supremacists. However, the bill doesn't define those two terms. Concerns are that 'conservative' issues would be included, leading to politically motivated harassment. Companion bill **S.4255** went to committee May 18.

Forty eight GOP Senators wrote to Schumer, saying they'll vote to **block any bill harming Hyde or other pro-life amendments.**



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

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Primary elections for NY State Senators and US House of Reps will be August 23.

Primaries for NY Governor, Lt. Governor, Comptroller, Attorney General & State Assembly seats were held on June 28.

The NY State Legislature passed, and Governor Hochul will sign, the following bills: **A.5499/S.470**, which lets the State Health Commissioner order a **study of "limited resource pregnancy centers"**. The real purpose is to harass Pregnancy Help Centers. **A.10094a/ S.9039a**, will let a woman traveling to NY for an abortion and prosecuted under her home state's pro-life laws to counter-sue her home state in NY courts. **A.10372/ S.9077a**, will legally protect NY abortionists who provide abortion pills to women in states with laws prohibiting the abortion pill.

Assisted Suicide legislation did not get a vote in the Health Committees of either the Assembly or NYS Senate during the legislative session. Both committees were short by one or two votes.

Two bills to increase access to **palliative and hospice care**, and to create a public awareness campaign passed both houses.

The **proposed "Equality Amendment"** which would have added additional protections for abortion rights in the NYS Constitution was defeated. It did not include "creed and religion" among the new listing of protected classes, leading to concerns that religious discrimination would be held to a lesser standard of scrutiny.

Suffolk Legislator B. Fleming wants to **ban mention of "religious issues" (abortion)** during the Legislature's Opening Prayer.

Human Composting: A bill authorizing the process of composting human remains - converting the human body to soil in an accelerated fashion to be used as fertilizer - passed both houses. This process fails to protect and preserve the dignity and respect due to the remains of the deceased.

To discuss Federal Legislation, e-mail Charles Feldman at cdefeldman@optonline.net. To discuss State Legislation, e-mail Jim Miller at jimmiller9@aol.com.

HEALTH & SCIENCE

The United States - Post Roe



What does a reversal of *Roe* really mean? Will all abortions be banned in the United States? Will women be prosecuted for miscarriages and denied care for an ectopic pregnancy? Will women be prosecuted for having an abortion? The news and social media are constantly promoting mis/disinformation on these issues, fanning the flames for a summer of “Roe Rage.” If the Supreme Court overturns *Roe* in the *Dobbs* decision, abortion policy reverts to individual states. The pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute reported that 22 states have laws limiting abortion that would become active as soon as *Roe* is overturned. Five states have laws restricting ‘most’ abortions. Twelve other states have six-or eight-week laws on the books. Many laws have exceptions for rape, incest, life of the mother, and fetal abnormalities. Most abortions are done in the first trimester, not covered by a 15-week ban.

New York’s liberal abortion law will ensure that it’s ‘business as usual’ for abortion providers in NYS. The governor is working to make NY an abortion destination state. The recently passed Pregnancy Centers ‘Study’ bill will attempt to intimidate, silence, and shut down pro-life pregnancy centers, leaving women with abortion as their only choice. It requires pregnancy centers to provide the state with enormous amounts of data, including funding sources, services, staffing, operational guidelines, client demographics, etc. Centers that receive no state funding (the majority) will also be required to provide the data.

On June 6th, David Leonhardt wrote in the *New York Times* that if *Roe* is overturned, “the number of abortions performed in the U.S. would fall by much less than half... One widely cited analysis, from Caitlin Myers of Middlebury College, estimates that the decline in legal abortions will be about 13%. The number of all abortions – including illegal abortions, like those using medications sent by mail to places with bans – will probably decline even less.” NY Times reporter Margo Sanger-Katz noted, “A lot of these states that will ban abortion have very restricted access already... The clinic closures there just wouldn’t lead to a lot of change, relative to current conditions.” Leonhardt went on to note the shift in abortions from surgical to medication. The share of medication abortions (abortion pill) was 54% in 2020, “and it has almost certainly continued to grow in the past two years.” Enforcing abortion pill bans will be difficult. Times reporter Kate Zernike wrote, “The pills are pretty easily accessible online, and the laws are very hard to enforce because they are sent privately via mail.”

The Times article promoted the work of Aid Access, run by Rebecca Gomperts, which “is committed to keeping abortion accessible even in places where it is illegal. Aid Access often connects Americans with European doctors, and people can order pills even if they are not pregnant, to have them on hand if they want them later.” Basically, a woman can obtain the

abortion pill without any medical history or physical exam to determine how old the pre-born child is, or if she is even pregnant. The abortion pill can cause sepsis, severe hemorrhaging, clotting and even death. From 2000 - 2018, 26 women died in the U.S. alone. 4,000 serious complications were reported. The FDA stopped reporting these statistics under President Obama. Since the abortion pill accounts for at least 54% of all abortions, these numbers are going to skyrocket. The Charlotte Lozier

Institute reported a 500% increase in ER visits from 2002 - 2015 following a chemical abortion. Abusers and traffickers will force these pills on their victims. The abortion pill can be deadly for women with an ectopic pregnancy and those with a family medical history that could lead to dangerous or deadly complications.

Abortion activists are threatening that women will be prosecuted for abortions and miscarriages and denied life-saving care for an ectopic pregnancy. Micaiah Bilger noted at LifeNews.com on 5/17/22, “The pro-life movement is working to pass laws that protect unborn babies and increase support for pregnant and parenting families... it also has been clear that pro-lifers oppose punishing women... 70 pro-life leaders released a joint letter saying the pro-life movement never has and never will support punishing mothers.” Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life stated, “There are two victims in every abortion: the unborn child who loses her life, and her mother who is left abandoned by the abortion industry to deal with any physical complications, as well as the emotional and psychological pain of the abortion trauma for months or even years to come. This joint letter recognizes that women who have abortions require our compassion and support, not criminalization.” The abortionist should be punished, and past and present pro-life laws reflect that. Dr. Christina Francis, chairman of the board of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists said that no one wants to deny mothers care for miscarriages or ectopic pregnancies. She labeled pro-abortionists’ claims “fearmongering” and noted that abortion bans do not limit a doctor’s ability to care for mothers in these situations. “There is no language in any law that would criminalize this, nor evidence that anyone supports it.” Bilger noted that abortion activists and the media neglect to acknowledge intent. In an abortion, the intent is to kill the unborn baby. With miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies, the intent is to provide necessary medical treatment to save the mother’s life. Bilger concluded, “Women’s lives matter to the pro-life movement too. Many pro-life leaders have had miscarriages or abortions themselves and know the heartache of losing a child. It is not a movement that seeks to control or manipulate or kill; that is the pro-abortion movement. The pro-life movement is based on the fundamental belief that every human life is valuable and deserving of human rights...”

Judy Brown of American Life League stated, “We are standing at the great divide once again. Pollsters tell us that Americans are divided on the legality of abortion, but that is really not what matters here. Taking polls that never use words like fetal development, baby, or preborn child produce skewed results. They are consciously designed to avoid the ugly truth that babies die when abortions are committed... But regardless of what the court decides, our work continues. We will affirm motherhood, defend and protect the innocent, pray for the enemies of life, and trust in the mercy of God.”

"Whenever Two or More are Gathered in My Name"

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

540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead

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Suffolk County - Location

70 Maple Ave, Smithtown

42 First Ave, Brentwood
877 E. Main St, Riverhead
450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue

Day/Time

(W) Sa 8 AM-Noon
(W) Th 10:30-Noon
(W) Sa 10AM-Noon
(W) Fr 11 AM - Noon

Day/Time

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We, Fr. & Sa 7:30-10:30 AM
(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM
(W) We 2-4 PM
(M) 2nd Sa 10:30-11:30 AM

Contact Phone

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516-270-3845
516-270-3845
516-359-1298

Contact Phone (631)

813-3412
665-3630
323-8001
472-4314

IMPORTANT:

Peaceful assembly on public property near an abortion site is a lawful First Amendment right.



Pro-Life Counseling Centers nearest to abortion sites:

Women First Pregnancy Options: (Three 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)

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](https://www.youtube.com); then in Search bar: **AFA New York**; then click on **AFA NY**; then select **VIDEOS**

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Pro-Life and Pro-Family blog: rickhinshaw.com

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CRISPR Technology

Vasopressin is the hormone that boosts aggression. Georgia State University scientists used CRISPR technology to edit out the receptor for Vasopressin in hamsters, assuming they would become more peaceful. However, the opposite occurred. They became hyper-aggressive. The Chinese scientist He Jiankui, who created the first genetically edited babies using CRISPR technology, was just released after spending three years in jail. His research is considered unethical and dangerous. The result of the Vasopressin experiment further illustrates how unpredictable and dangerous this technology can be.

SUMMER PROJECT

Unfortunately, the pro-death movement does not take a vacation. This summer contact and/or visit your state & federal representatives in their home offices. Promote the pro-life issues. Call for an appointment.

National Pro-Life Bridges Day

Friday, July 8

Waverly Ave./Sunrise Hwy. overpass during morning and afternoon rush hours. Volunteers are needed. Leave message at 631-472-4314. Fifth Annual National Pro-life Bridges Day coast to coast. Pro-lifers station themselves on highway overpasses holding banners with message, "Abortion Takes a Human Life." Sponsored by Pro-Life Action League. See: prolifeaction.org/events

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Sunday, July 24

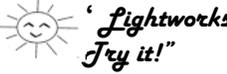
"In old age they will still bear fruit." (Ps. 92:15)
Grandparents and the elderly are a gift to society. Consider writing cards for the elderly and/or creating small gift bags to be distributed at nursing homes or through Outreach Programs.

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Proclaim the Right to Life for Preborn Infants Face the Truth Pro-Life Event

Sunday, July 3
2:00 to 3:30 PM.

LAKE GROVE

Route 347 (near Smith Haven Mall)

Pro-lifers are invited to join this peaceful public outreach.

Signs available (Staples S/E, lot near road).

Rain or shine. **Sponsored by Long Island Coalition**

for Life: 631-243-1435; info@prolifeLI.org



Rosary Walk for Life Mon., Aug. 22

Pro-Life Mass (call for time)

St. William the Abbot RCC

2000 Jackson Ave., Seaford, 11783

Followed by Rosary Procession on church grounds ending with Benediction.

A witness to protect life from the moment of conception to natural death. All Welcome!

For information: Irene Cassillo 516-541-8056



Novena for Life

Oct. 13 to Oct. 21

11:30 AM Mass followed by the novena prayer. The novena will conclude on Oct. 21 with a candlelight Rosary. Sponsored by K of C. For more information and prayer opportunities, please contact the *Shrine of Our Lady of the Island*

258 Eastport Manor Road, Manorville at
631-325-0661

March For Life N.Y. Banquet

Mon., Aug. 8 7 PM

Villa Lombardi's, 877 Main Street, Holbrook

Tickets: \$100.00 pp

To purchase tickets: MarchForLifeNY.org

For any inquiries: Nancy at 631-885-3783

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