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As you know the Long Island Coalition for Life is the largest pro-life organization on Long Island. Please view our Mission Statement and consider joining us in our efforts to save lives.

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Pro-Life Activity High School Scholarship Award

What have you done to help Respect Human Life this year? Action is required! Have you:

- Posted anything pro-life on any social media platform?
- Volunteered at a pregnancy resource center?
- Talked to your friends about pro-life issues?
- Helped a confused friend?
- Helped at your church or with another organization?
- Etc., etc. so many other actions you may have taken, let us know.

You may qualify for a scholarship! Go to our website; www.prolifeed.org for more information and an application. Events under Menu, LICLED HS Scholarship Award - 2022 and print a copy of the application and follow directions to submit. Applications are due by June 15, 2022. If you have any questions, call 631-243-1435 or email makeroom4him@gmail.com.

The Greatest Story Never Told by Kathryn Ghecas (Oratory Contest Winner)

Everyone loves a great story. The feeling of suspense when you first pick up the book, meeting the main character, forming a special bond as you seem to experience their life and struggles, and finally closing the book, sad that's its over but sure that the story will always be there. In a way, every human life is a story, which begins at the moment of conception. Our Chapter one starts on the first day, when a unique human life begins. Chapter 2 begins on day 22, when the child's heart begins to beat with its own blood. Chapter 3, the eyes, legs, and hands develop during week 5. By week 8, the baby can hear sound. That is the third chapter. By week 12, the baby has all nerves present, and can also suck its thumb. Chapter 5 begins on week 17 when the baby can have its first dreams. At week 20, the baby can recognize its mother's voice and this baby can now feel pain. Finally, the child emerges into the world to start a new story, the history of its life on earth. The end of one story marks the beginning of another. (Oratory Contest Speech continued on Page 4).

**You're
Invited**

The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. The next General Meeting will be **Monday, June 27 7:30 PM** at Joseph Barry K of C, 45 Heitz Pl., Hicksville. Our guest speaker will be **Theresa McGiff**, a recent graduate of SUNY Stony Brook. Theresa will share her experiences as a pro-life student on campus. All are encouraged to join us in support of young adults holding a pro-life worldview and to learn how we might help pro-life students navigate the often unwelcoming college campus. For further info, call LICL at 631-243-1435.

Dear Fellow Defender of Life,

As you can readily see by the cover of this issue, we are making our annual appeal for your support of *Life News*. Many of you are long-time supporters and we appreciate your continuing support. Please keep it up. Some of you are readers we have recently added to our mailing list due to past or current involvement in pro-life activities. We especially hope that those of you who have recently been added appreciate the wealth of pro-life information, especially that concerning activities here on Long Island, contained in *Life News*. Please give us a try for a year by subscribing so we can continue to keep you informed. Long Island Coalition for Life continues to be an all volunteer organization.

Life News is the most expensive continuing project of your Long Island Coalition for Life, bringing the pro-life message to thousands of Long Islanders each month. It is our vehicle for informing not only active pro-lifers but also those who have influence in our society and can use that influence to promote protection for innocent human life. Media persons, educators, clergy of all denominations, legislators and political figures at all levels of government receive free copies of *Life News*. We also distribute over nine hundred copies of *Life News* each month, upon request, to numerous groups and churches.

Thanks to our loyal advertisers and subscribers, much of the cost of *Life News* is offset but the remainder must be made up out of general funds. Those same general funds are also needed to pay for our bus trips to Albany where we lobby for the pro-life cause.

We are dependent on you, our loyal readers and contributors, to keep up our life-affirming work, key to which is *Life News*. But far more importantly, the defenseless innocent preborn babies in the womb are dependent on you. The fight for the unborn is the greatest human rights struggle of our time.

In the New York State Legislature, we are presently fighting so called, medical-aid in dying bills which is really doctor-prescribed suicide (DPS). Remember the slippery slope we have gone down with abortion legislation. At first we were told abortion would only be necessary for the hard cases when a mother's health and life was at serious risk. However, abortion is now legal for any reason through all nine-months of pregnancy. The same outcome will likely occur with DPS. At first the law will apply only to the terminally ill which will be defined by some arbitrary time-limit like six months, but as time goes on DPS will eventually be expanded to include the mentally ill, physically disabled and the elderly. It is vital that we understand that support for Doctor Prescribed Suicide will lead to acceptance of euthanasia. These two topics are inextricably linked. Once you declare the purpose of DPS is to end suffering, there is no limiting principle because suffering is part of the human condition and comes in many different forms and degrees. This outcome is exactly what has happened in Belgium, the Netherlands and Canada. For further information on end-of-life issues, contact Patients Rights Council at www.patientsrightscouncil.org.

Will depressed patients feel they have a real choice given the emotional and financial costs they are imposing on their families? They will feel they have a duty to die and are being selfish by choosing to live. We need your support to stop such anti-life laws.

Please make the \$18.00 subscription donation. If possible, send a bit more to help us close the funding gap. If you are a business person or professional, please advertise in *Life News*. That way you can support pro-life activity on Long Island with a legitimately deductible business expense. If you've been thinking of subscribing or taking an ad, now's the time.....Please don't wait any longer.

Thank you for your support of pro-life work on Long Island and for your prayers which are just as important.

For His innocents,



George E. Frost, Chairman



LICL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

To better inform our readers where candidates stand on Life Issues, the LICL sent Candidate Questionnaires to all* known candidates for Federal or State seats that would be contested in the **June 28 Primary**. Those seats, and the numbers of candidates in each category, were as follows:

US Senator (9), US House of Reps. (Districts 1 - 5 inclusive - 38), NY State Senate (2) & Assembly (5), NY State Gov. (16), Lt. Gov. (6), Comptroller (3), and Attorney General (5).

{*Except for 6 candidates who lacked both a Postal address and eMail address}

On April 27, New York’s highest Court ruled the State’s newly re-drawn voting districts gave an unfair advantage to Democrats, and must be re-drawn again. Thus, as of May 5, it is likely the Primary elections for House of Reps and State Senate (and possibly others) will be delayed to around **August 23**.

Candidate Questionnaire (CQ):

1. Would you vote for legislation to protect innocent human life from conception to natural death?
2. Would you vote against use of taxpayer money to fund abortion?
3. Would you vote for Parental Consent for a minor seeking an abortion?
4. Would you vote for legislation requiring Informed Consent for a woman seeking an abortion?
5. Would you vote for legislation to prevent the legalization of euthanasia and assisted suicide?
6. Would you vote to ban all human cloning and research that destroys a human embryo for his/her stem cells?
7. Would you vote to deny taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood?

NAME	Party(s)	Level	Office	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Tyrrell Lev Sharif Ben Avi	R,W, I	Fed.	Senator	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Moses Mugulusi	D	Fed.	Senator	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	n/a
Khaled Salem	D	Fed	Senator	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mark Szuskiewicz*	R	Fed.	Senator	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Andrew Garbarino (i)	R, C	Fed.	CD - 2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
George Devolder - Santos	R	Fed.	CD - 3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Paul King	R, C	Fed.	CD - 5	n/a	Y	Y	Y	n/a	Y	Y
Alison A. Esposito	R, C	State	Lt. Gov	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Thomas Wiermann	R, C	State	AD - 4	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Candidates Comments on CQ’s:

- Moses Mugulusi - Q7 - Yes/No left blank, wrote “It depends are the funds to educate”? (The word ‘to’ might be ‘for’).
- Mark Szuskiewicz* - General - “I did not qualify for the Republican primary...will run for State Assembly (AD46) instead of US Senate.”

Editor’s Notes:

- George Devolder-Santos wrote “Republican” on CQ. NYS Bd. Of Elections lists both Republican and Conservative.
- Thomas Wiermann is on April 11 list of candidates for the June 28 Primary, sent by Suffolk Bd. Of Elections.
- Alison A. Esposito is Lee Zeldin’s Lt. Gov. running mate

Legend:

R = Republican
 Level = Fed. or State C = Conservative
 AD = Assembly Dis. D = Democratic
 CD = Congressional Dist. I = Independent
 (i) = Incumbent W = Working Families
 n/a = No Answer

The NYS Budget, passed April 5, included Part R, requiring all medical insurance policies that cover maternity care to also cover abortions. This provision is expected to be challenged in Court. **S.2129** (Senate version of the Liv Act), lost a Women’s Issues Committee vote on May 4. The NY Health Act, **S.5474/A.6058** and the Medical Aid in Dying Act **S.6471/ A.4321a** both sit in Committee. **S.470**, an effort to limit the ability of Pregnancy Resource Centers to provide alternatives to abortion, is in Committee- the Assembly Companion Bill **A.5499** already passed. [See LN- 5/22, p3 3/22, p3]

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

The Greatest Story Never Told by Kathryn Ghecas

Every one of us once lived that story. We all had a week 1, a first moment of life, chapters that continued on. We all took that first “breath” and heard our mother’s voice for the first time. That is our greatest story. Now, imagine if you were given an incredible book and just as you reached the best part, it was taken away from you. Even worse, imagine if you were never given a chance to live your own story. If your life was silenced before it could begin. That is the fate of every child who is the victim of abortion. They have a beginning, they have a few chapters, just as we had. But suddenly, through no choice of their own, their story is ended, and they are powerless to stop it. That is the most tragic fate of all. These babies have the greatest story never told.

If this scientific timeline is correct, then how could mankind make the decision to legalize abortion, since a human life is obviously being taken in the process? Well, let’s discuss the definition and history of abortion in the United States. An abortion is the termination of a pregnancy by removal or expulsion of the fetus. Abortion was first legalized in the United States on January 22, 1973, in the *Roe v. Wade* supreme court case. In a 7-2 decision, the judges proclaimed that women deserve a choice. They declared abortion legal in the first and second trimester, although still illegal in the third. Referring back to our timeline, this would be approximately chapters 1 through 20, during which a baby can already recognize its mother’s voice and feel pain. Since that day, the annual numbers for abortions have skyrocketed, and in 1990, there were more than 1.6 million abortions in the United States alone. Due to an ever evolving, heartless world, the laws concerning abortion have been several times altered, allowing women to have an abortion only days before the birth and, until the year 2003, doctors were allowed to perform partial birth abortions. Humanity took into its own hands the power to destroy a life, to end a story. However, they never stopped to think, what if it was their life that had been ended? What if their story was the one silenced?

Fortunately, these inhumane laws have finally been challenged and denounced for what they truly are. The Texas Heartbeat Act, effective September 1, 2021, prohibits a physician from performing an abortion if a fetal heartbeat for the unborn child is detected. By this law, babies are given a fighting chance to continue their story, because a fetal heartbeat can be detectable by 3 weeks. Just a few months ago in New Hampshire, Pro-life advocates obtained another victory. The New Hampshire fetal Life Protection Act, effective January 1st, 2022, states that an abortion is banned after 24 weeks of pregnancy, doctors who perform late term abortions can face criminal charges, and ultrasounds are mandatory prior to abortion. These laws prove that there are many people in the world who refuse to stand silent while the helpless are killed. They see through the “revolutionary” and cold-hearted mindset of the world today. They realize that a human life is not a burden, but a gift.

But while these laws bring hope that America is not a heartless country, they do not erase the numbers of abortions still happening in the United States of America and all around the world. In order to fix the problems of abortion, we must first understand why women are deciding to have abortions. The three most common reasons that women decide to have abortions are: potential medical risk for the mother, the cost of raising a child, or an unplanned pregnancy. However, research into these justifications has proven that they are either no longer a true problem, or that there is a solution. In the year 2019, there were approximately 3,745,000 successful births in the United States reported by the Center for Disease Control, or the CDC. There were 759 maternal deaths during pregnancy or shortly thereafter during that same year. But the shocking fact is that there were over 629,500 abortions. That computes to 195 abortions per every 1000 live births, approximately 20%. It is true that there are many dangers related to pregnancy. However, the revolutionary technology and the advanced prenatal care have greatly lessened these dangers. So why are there still so many abortions each year? The second reason that a mother would choose to end the life of her child is the cost of feeding, clothing, and raising a baby. But who said she must do it alone? According to [statista.com](https://www.statista.com) Americans spend more than 200 billion on fast food in a year. In a country that has been blessed to be able to afford these luxuries, perhaps we can find it in our hearts to reach out and financially support mothers and babies, giving them a better chance of raising their child with stability. Lastly, some mothers cannot handle the added burden in their lives. But the antidote for inconvenience is options. Over (stat of how many adoption centers there are right now in US) located in the United States can provide a safe and loving home even if the biological mother cannot. Anonymous adoption centers resolve the problems of shame, scandal, or other trials the mother may face. Many years ago, when medicine was still an uncharted ocean and people were not blessed with such financial stability, the reasons for having an abortion might have held more weight. In our day and age, the solutions we can present are a proof of how far we have come. Abortion can be the next obstacle we overcome, a tragic blot in history that we can leave behind us.

Everyone has their own story. Your hand was once smaller than a thumbnail, I heard my first sounds at about week 8, we all had a first dream. The creation of a baby is the most beautiful miracle ever given to man, and we are blessed enough to be able to learn about and see with our own eyes this miracle of life on a daily basis. However, the story of life has one characteristic that no other story can lay claim to. The Author of all life not only created it, but He Himself became a man to show us the sacred importance. “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,” (...). Our Lady responded by fiat, saying “let it be done unto me” (...) and Our Lord was born on the first Christmas night. The Source of all life became a helpless baby to prove to us that each life in the eyes of God is infinite and sacred. His birth was and is the greatest story. But each life that He creates is just as sacred, just as beautiful, just as perfect. And every human being has a right to their own story, which no man should have the power or desire to take away. Each life is the greatest story ever told.

"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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Day/Time

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

Contact Phone

917-544-0121
516-270-3845
516-270-3845
516-359-1298

Suffolk County - Location

70 Maple Ave, Smithtown

42 First Ave, Brentwood

877 E. Main St, Riverhead

450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue

Day/Time

(W) We & 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 (631)

979-8541
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

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In Memoriam: Carol Ann Mailloux

Bob Viscovich, leader of the Nassau County chapter of **Life Runners**, gave an informative presentation to attendees at the April 25, 2022 meeting of the Long Island Coalition for Life. Bob explained the Life Runners slogan of "God first, Life always, Teammates forever!" He encouraged us to join the 'world's largest pro-life team' where, despite its name, running is optional! The local chapter has a monthly 'huddle' which is prayer time before or after a run or walk. Life Runners is organizing the 2022 A-Cross America Relay, with teams starting on July 4th from NY (the Brooklyn Bridge), CA, ND, and TX to meet in Kansas City. You can sign up to do a 5K leg of the course virtually. Get your high school track team involved.

Don't want to run or walk ... everyone can still be part of Life Runners by wearing "Remember the Unborn" gear - to school, to the grocery store, to the gym. Be a sign for Life! To learn more about Life Runners, to register to be on the local Life Runners team (select NY-Long Island) or to buy 'Remember the Unborn' gear, visit www.liferunners.org. The local team is on Facebook at Long Island NY LIFE Runners.



Good Friday Face the Truth

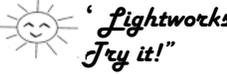
Despite the efforts of abortion apologists to shut down pro-life messaging, about 100 pro-lifers lined the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow on Good Friday (April 23, 2022) for the Face the Truth event sponsored by your Long Island Coalition for Life.

In a calm but strong manner, we reminded hundreds of those driving by that abortion is NOT healthcare. We thank those who participated - many for the first time and others who have come for many years. Visibility matters!

Independence Day Memorial Face the Truth - July 3, 2022 - see page 8.

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