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"The culture of death is a framework in which every person is objectified while nobody is appreciated for the intrinsic value God has placed in the creation of each and every human being." Judie Brown, American Life League

2025 LICL and LICL Educational Trust Events

Thanks to the many who answer the call, the many who join LICL in presenting a constant, visible, pro-life message through Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Please join us in our 2026 activities as well. Events will be posted in future issues of *Life News*.



Face the Truth at Nassau University Medical Center
1/19/25 Next year's date: 1/25/26



Stand Up for Life 10/5/25
Next year's date: 10/4/26



Oratory Contest 3/1/25 Next year's date: 3/7/26 (see page 5)

TAKE ACTION FOR PRO-LIFE PROGRESS

There are many ways pro-lifers can foster a pro-life mindset in their homes, schools, churches and communities. Rather than become overwhelmed with large projects, a smaller or a singular action is also an effective way to build a more pro-life future. The following idea(s) are offered for this month.

Distribute precious feet pins to your pro-life group, outside your church, or to other groups/clubs (e.g., social justice, youth club, Bible study).

Display / distribute pro-life resources to assist those with an untimely / unwanted pregnancy and those involved with an abortion experience. Possible outlets include posting the information on school bulletin boards, social media, in church bulletins, through email, etc.

Dear Defenders of Life,

There are many ways you can support the pro-life cause - by prayer, by peaceful witnessing at abortion mills, by writing letters to the editors, by political action and by financial support.

As Chair of the Long Island Coalition for Life, as the year closes, I write to ask for your financial support. The LICL is a completely voluntary organization. Our Board of Directors and committee members receive no financial compensation. In this way all your contributions go directly for pro-life work.

Education is the first and foremost purpose of the LICL. We offer to come speak to your church or organization on pro-life issues such as abortion, assisted suicide, etc. (see the November 2025 issue of *Life News* for more information on this). We have pro-life displays at street fairs and distribute business-size cards that provide crisis pregnancy help phone numbers and websites. We have a presence at abortion clinics. Our biggest expense is the publication of *Life News*, an essential educational tool.

This past summer, our Educational Trust sponsored pro-life fly over banners seen on Long Island beaches with the message “**Have Courage, Carry Hope, Say No to Abortion.**” The LICL has also sponsored lobby-bus trips to Albany to stop anti-life legislation such as abortion and assisted suicide bills. We are still fighting doctor-prescribed suicide bill, with the false, harmless sounding title, “Medical Aid in Dying.” Like abortion, which was only supposed to be for the so called “hard cases,” but has been expanded to abortion on demand through all nine months of pregnancy, so will it be for doctor-prescribed suicide. First, like the proposed NYS bill, it will be for patients with a terminal illness predicted to die within six months. However, just as in Belgium, the Netherlands, and Canada, the law will be expanded to the mentally and physically disabled, who may feel they have a “duty to die” to spare their family emotional and financial costs. The slippery slope is real.

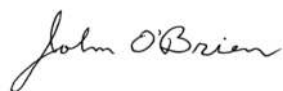
The historian, Hannah Arendt, once described Nazism as “the banality of evil.” By this, she meant that evil had been normalized in Nazi Germany. And of course, in our own country the evil of slavery had once been normalized. In the United States today, we average over 2,500 abortions a day, more than sixty-five million since the Supreme Court legalized abortion through all nine-months of pregnancy with its *Roe v. Wade & Doe v. Bolton* decisions in January, 1973. Thankfully, the Supreme Court overturned *Roe*, but without impact as nothing has changed in New York State. Its barbaric abortion on demand law is still in effect because the Supreme Court decision returned abortion laws to each of the states to have the voters decide.

We in the pro-life movement are fighting against this normalization of the killing of pre-born babies through abortion and the killing of the elderly, the depressed, and disabled through doctor-prescribed suicide which turns doctors into killers.

Please help us to continue our educational efforts to end this killing by contributing whatever you can afford so that together we can win this fight for all those who cannot defend themselves.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

Sincerely,



Jack O'Brien, Chairman
Long Island Coalition for Life

**You're
Invited**

The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. Our next monthly meeting will take place on **Mon., Dec. 22 at 7:30 PM** at Joseph Barry K of C, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville.

We will have refreshments to celebrate Christmas and all our faithful participants.
All are welcome! Please join us! For further info, call LICL at 631-243-1435.



FEDERAL LEGISLATION

On October 16, as a follow-up to President Trump's February 18 Executive Order, WhiteHouse.gov

released its "Actions to Lower Costs and Expand Access to IVF and High-Quality Fertility Care." Under a new Benefit Option, employers will be able to offer employees a stand-alone fertility benefit, as with coverage for dental or vision. The "benefit packages can address the continuum of fertility-related services, from those that address the root causes of infertility to IVF." The Departments of Labor, HHS and Treasury intend to "undertake rulemaking...to further expand the ability of employers to offer fertility benefits (policies) to their employees."

Ryan Anderson of the Ethics and Public Policy Center called the policy "perhaps the least bad that we could have hoped for...but...still bad...IVF is not pro-life... Far more lives are lost than survive in current IVF practice. The lower cost will likely mean more IVF, if rules aren't tightened." Anderson stated the 'good' things in the 'fertility policy' are that there is no employer/insurer mandate to cover IVF, it's not paid with taxes, conscience rights are protected, and fertility benefits are customizable to cover only restorative reproductive medicine, not IVF or similar treatments.

In *Human Life Review* (Summer 2025), Grace Emily Stark wrote: "We must stop calling IVF 'Infertility Treatment'. While IVF can, indeed, help couples overcome infertility, it does not so much treat infertility, as circumvent it. For many couples, infertility is often not a disease in itself, but a symptom...of an underlying pathology. Ex.: women with endometriosis often struggle to get and stay pregnant... only restorative reproductive medicine can do that." (See page 4 for more on IVF.)

Lifenews.com reported (10/24/25) that one of the lesser-known reasons for the federal government "shutdown" has to do with the ACA (Obamacare) and abortion. COVID subsidies added to the ACA during the pandemic will expire at year end. The subsidies bypass the usual ban on tax-funded abortions. Democrats want the subsidies extended.

On October 15, Sen. Hawley introduced **S.3011** (*Prohibiting Abortion & Transgender Procedures on the Exchanges Act* - aka *No More Loopholes Act*). The bill targets "state-level workarounds and separate billing schemes that skirt the Hyde Amendment," to thus ban ACA funds covering abortion. It contains the usual 3 exceptions of rape, incest, and life of the mother. Currently, there is no House companion.

An October 12 Family Research Council (FRC) email noted that *Dobbs* said states can regulate abortion, but *not solely* states: *Dobbs* said Legislatures. Through "appropriations, regulations, and executive action" the federal government still rules much of abortion policy. In the wake of *Dobbs*, the Biden Administration created the Reproductive Rights Task Force, which removed most of the safety rules on the abortion pill, ignored the Comstock Act and permitted the mailing of the abortion

pill to all 50 states. Federal policy is helping the abortion industry morph from 'brick & mortar' to mail order.

Louisiana has sued the FDA claiming federal policy is neutering its properly enacted state ban on most abortions. FRC also noted the "ACA COVID subsidies" (see above) use Red State voters' taxes to fund abortions.

Carlos Polo of Population Research Institute reported on November 3 that DKT, "the world's largest distributor of abortion pills, uses "sophisticated social marketing networks" that are designed to evade pharmaceutical regulations." DKT announced on September 2 that it was pledging \$2 billion by 2030 – essentially replacing the funds the US has withdrawn under Trump since the Mexico City Policy was reinstated, which prohibits the use of US funds to finance organizations that promote or perform abortions. Polo explained that DKT targets the youth and uses deceptive labels like "safe options" and "reproductive rights" to promote self-managed home abortions, even in countries where abortion is illegal.

HHS is moving to purge Biden-era regulations that don't align with the Hyde Amendment. It wants "to roll back a Biden- era regulation that allows taxpayer dollars to pay for unaccompanied illegal alien children in the U.S. to travel to get abortions" reports the *Daily Signal* (Oct 24).

The FBI has severed all ties with the Southern Poverty Law Center, an activist group that puts conservative and religious organizations on a "hate map" along with KKK chapters.

The Trump Administration rejoined the Geneva Consensus Declaration, which Biden withdrew from on his first day in office. Stefano Gennarini of C-Fam calls it "a powerful tool to convene governments around the protection of life."



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

Under Article IV, Sec. 7, of the NYS Constitution, if the Legislature is in session, the governor has 10 days, excluding

Sundays, to sign or veto a bill 'officially delivered' to their desk. The Legislature is currently recessed, not adjourned, so it is "in session." The Medical Aid in Dying (Assisted Suicide) bill has not yet been delivered to Governor Hochul's desk. Expect her to do what she thinks is best for the Democrats and her re-election. Will the bill arrive on her desk on or near Thanksgiving or Christmas, when folks are busy and may not be following the news?

On October 31, Governor Hochul announced that the state will redirect more than \$35 million in taxpayer funds to Planned Parenthood to offset federal Medicaid cuts. The funding will be allocated to 5 Planned Parenthood affiliates operating 47 facilities across the state. Hochul stated, "I will always stand up for reproductive rights..."

ACTION ITEM: Phone the Governor at: 1-518-474-8390; 9 AM - 5PM and tell the Governor to Veto the Medical Aid in Dying Bill to stop it from becoming law in NYS if it is sent to her desk.

TAKE ACTION – For contact info on legislators at all levels go to: prolifeli.org/index.php/legislative **OR** usa.gov/elected-officials



HEALTH & SCIENCE

IVF Testing “Misjudges” Embryo Health

On October 23, Harriet Heywood wrote at BBC.com that “researchers have raised concerns about the reliability of a widely used IVF screening method which checks for chromosomal abnormalities. Scientists at the Loke Centre for Trophoblast Research, University of Cambridge, said the test...was likely to overestimate the number of embryos with abnormalities... scientists believed the test could be picking up errors in cells that would form in the placenta, rather than those that had developed in the embryos. The test, known as pre-implantation genetic testing for aneuploidy (PGT-A), is designed to screen embryos before implantation.”

Embryos that are identified as “abnormal” are usually considered “inviabile” and are discarded – destroyed. Heywood explained that the “research suggested that some of the abnormalities detected by the tests may not be relevant to the embryo’s viability” because the abnormalities were in the outer layer of the blastocyst, which develops into the placenta. Biopsies for pre-implantation genetic testing are taken from this outer layer. The embryos used in the study were “donated” by families who had used IVF and had “excess” embryos. The team is now studying the cells in the inner cell layer, which forms the fetus. The eugenic nature of these tests is alarming, as well as the fact that the “donated” embryos are tiny humans being used for research and then destroyed. [Pre-natal tests indicate possible health issues in 2-3% of pregnancies. *The New York Times* reported (1/1/22) that up to 85% of those results are false, and almost 90% of those pregnancies end in abortion.]

John Stonestreet recently wrote at Breakpoint.com, “IVF is not pro-life...IVF is not even pro-fertility. Yes, born children do result from IVF, but the way it is overwhelmingly and almost universally practiced means that far more lives are lost in the process than survive.” Kristin Hawkins, president of Students for Life stated, “The IVF industry kills more preborn babies than the abortion industry, doesn’t cure infertility, and practices eugenics.” Stonestreet continued, “Advocates of IVF can call this widely accepted and practiced step [screening embryos] whatever they want, but the best word for it is eugenics. After the screening process, “viable” embryos are prioritized for implantation. If pregnancy is achieved, the remaining embryos are considered “excess,” a population that numbers in the millions and exceeds the number of embryos born.” The “excess” embryos are either frozen, destroyed or donated to science for research and destroyed. A small number are “given a chance at life through embryo adoption (snowflake adoption).” Stonestreet explained that the embryos created through IVF are considered “property” and are “therefore without rights.” He also noted that “making IVF cheaper and more accessible, while expanding insurance coverage for the practice, will increase the number of children that are discarded, frozen and orphaned...IVF in America is not, in fact, about fertility. It’s an industry, a radically under-regulated selling of goods and services. In the vast majority of cases, what is being sold as goods and services are people. The good intentions of some who participate cannot change what this under-regulated, unethical, and dehumanizing industry has become.”

Madeline Fry Schultz wrote an article in the *Washington Examiner* on October 16 entitled, “RRM – The Surprisingly Controversial IVF Alternative Dividing Washington.” She asked, “Who’s afraid of RRM (Restorative Reproductive Medicine)?” In a recent briefing on Capitol Hill, the American Society for Reproductive Medicine [their affiliate group accredits IVF clinics] “expressed concern that framing RRM as an IVF alternative could steer resources away from IVF or give insurers an excuse to exclude coverage for IVF in the future.” It’s all about the money. A mother who used RRM and successfully gave birth testified, “Like so many women, I was swept into the IVF establishment because I had no symptoms.” She credited RRM with her successful pregnancy, and said, “If IVF is seen as the best option, it very quickly becomes the only option. But women deserve better.” Fry Schultz concluded, “The wholesale rejection of RRM by the mainstream medical establishment is representative of how incurious it can be...This discussion also illuminates how little concern the average medical practice has for those with conscience concerns regarding technological reproductive interventions...many of us believe that even a human embryo outside the womb deserves personhood protection.”

Grace Emily Stark reported on RRM in the *Human Life Review*, Summer 2025 edition. She noted that IVF is not without risks to mothers or those babies lucky enough to implant and be born. She explained that egg retrieval is risky and invasive. IVF pregnancies also “present significantly more risk to mothers...perhaps due to the IVF procedure itself, or to the underlying causes of fertility, or to a combination of the two. Children conceived through IVF have an “increased risk of low birthweight and preterm birth (and the complications associated with those conditions), as well as an increased risk of birth defects and childhood cancer.” Stark acknowledged that RRM also carries risk, but “RRM procedures are primarily therapeutic.” And of course, no children are created and then destroyed in the RRM process. Stark concluded, “where IVF seeks to create more babies in labs, RRM aims to help more couples experience baby-making in the most healthy and natural way possible.”

Submitted by Regina Carbonaro 631-243-1435

"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 10 AM-Noon

(W) Fr 11 AM - Noon

Contact Phone

917-544-0121

516-220-8273

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516-359-1298

IMPORTANT:

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

Suffolk County - Location

70 Maple Ave, Smithtown

42 First Ave, Brentwood

877 E. Main St, Riverhead

450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue

Day/Time

(W) Mo. 10 AM prayers w/Fr. Joe

We, Fr. & Sa 7:30-10:30 AM

(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM

(W) We 2-4 PM

(M) 2nd We & Sa 10 AM-noon

Contact Phone (631)

259-1169

665-3630

323-8001

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 East end of Sunrise Mall behind White Castle, (bilingual) open Mo-Fr, 10 AM-4 PM, Sa 9 AM-Noon (by appt. only);

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Local Pro-Life Viewing/Listening:

EWTN Pro-Life Weekly, Thurs. 10 PM, (Re-airst Sun, 10:30 AM and Tue. 1:30 PM) Opt. Ch 135, Verizon Ch 285

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

Weekly Prayer Opportunities:

Rosary for Life: Fri 3PM, Zoom, <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/K/84180680547?pwd=zK6raKuutlvKjOlR49NzhwtaRRanlY.1>

Meeting ID: 841 8068 0547 Passcode: VPZAN4

Holy Hour for Life: Mon. 7 PM, St. Joseph RCC, 59 Church St., Kings Park; Also live-streamed. For more info call 631-269-6635.

Right to Life Rosary: Thurs. 7 PM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Chapel, 495 N. Ocean Ave., Patchogue For info call 631-475-4739.

In Memoriam: Patricia Gustaffsen & Rosalie Joannou

High School 2026 Scholarship Award

The LI Coalition for Life Educational Trust invites all high school seniors (including home schooled) in Nassau & Suffolk counties to take part in its 2026 High School Scholarship Award. Applicants are to participate in and engage their peers in respect for human life activities.

Students will be evaluated on their level of involvement, creative advocacy and dedication in supporting respect for human life.

Deadline is 4/15/26. For more info and an application, please visit ProlifeED.org/Events.

Annual Pro-Life Oratory Contest

The Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust will sponsor a Pro-Life Oratory Contest for High School Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors on Sat. 3/7/26.

Participants have the opportunity to express in a logical and organized way, their respect for the life of every individual, no matter how small or incapacitated. Deadline is 2/2/26. For more info and application please visit ProlifeED.org/Events.

Also, for the above stay tuned for more info in *Life News*.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Memorial Mass
Tues., Dec. 23 - 7:30 PM**



To honor aborted, preborn and born babies. St. James RCC, Chapel, 80 Hicksville Rd., Seaford. Parking adjacent to Chapel & school facility. For more info call Keith Wilson at 516-633-1435 **All welcome.**

Hope and Healing after Abortion

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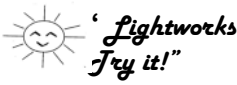
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Abortion and Mental Health: The Journal of Psychiatric Research (July 2025) published a peer-reviewed, long-term study which tracked 1.2 million pregnancies in Canadian hospitals over a period of up to 17 years. The research found a significant association between induced abortion and an increased risk of mental health issues requiring hospitalizations. Key findings included:

- * Women who had an abortion were more likely to be hospitalized for conditions such as depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and substance abuse disorders, compared to women who gave birth.
- * The risk of mental health-related hospitalization was greatest within 5 years of the abortion.
- * The findings remained statistically significant even after accounting for factors such as socioeconomic status and pre-existing mental illness, suggesting a strong link between the abortion experience and the subsequent development of painful symptoms.

Theresa and Kevin Burke, founders of Rachel's Vineyard Ministries, hope "this evidence will open the hearts and minds of medical and mental health professionals, as well as clergy and ministers, to understand the proven connection between complicated grief after abortion and the painful symptoms that can be associated with that loss." (LifeNews.com, 11/4/25)

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To protect innocent human life from fertilization to natural death through education, legislative action, prayer and peaceful presence.

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Roe v Wade Memorial Face the Truth

Pro-lifers are invited to help restore the right to life in New York state for pre-born children by joining the Roe v. Wade Memorial Face the Truth pro-life event on Sunday, January 25, 2026 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM. This peaceful public outreach will be held on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (NuHealth, 2201 Hempstead Tpke., E. Meadow). Signs provided. Rain or shine. Sponsored by Long Island Coalition for Life: 631-243-1435, info@prolifeLI.org.



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Student-Sponsored Baby Shower

Recipients of the Annual Maureen Nolan St. Thomas Knights of Columbus scholarship held a shower for the Unborn Child on 10/19/25 at Kellenberg Memorial High School. Donations will be given to Mommas House.

36th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life

Mon., Dec. 8 - 9 PM to Tues., Dec. 9 - 1 AM

To register your Church or find nearest location contact Miriam 631-252-8258 or Evelyn 631-368-0118; e-mail: evcampfield@hotmail.com.
Website: Nationalnightofprayerforlife.org



SAVE THE DATE! Fri., 1/23/26

Theme: Life is a Gift

Annual March for Life, Washington DC

Additional info in Jan/Feb 2026 edition of *Life News* and Marchforlife.org.

There are many State-sponsored March for Life events that can be found at National March for Life website.

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