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2017 LICL and LICL Educational Trust Events - 2018 Dates!

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.



Good Friday Face the Truth at NUCM
3/25/16 2018 date: 3/30/18



Pre-Independence Day Face the Truth
Manorsville 7/1/17 2018 date: TBA



Love Them Both 2/18/17
Glen Cove PP



LICL Oratory Contest 4/9/17 2018 date: TBA



Unmasking Planned Parenthood
Bethpage 11/1/17

CHOOSE LIFE!



LICL Ed Trust 2017 Mobile Billboard



Stand Up For Life, Huntington 10/1/17
2018 date: 10/7/17

VISIBILITY MATTERS!

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, I am asking for your financial support at this time.

The LICL is a completely voluntary organization. Its Board of Directors and committee members receive no financial compensation. All of your contributions go directly for pro-life work.

Education is the first and foremost purpose of the LICL. We provide pro-life speakers at Long Island high schools and colleges. We have displays at street fairs. We have a presence at abortion mills where we distribute business-size cards in English and Spanish that provide crisis pregnancy help phone numbers and websites. Our Educational Trust in the past year sponsored two major well-attended seminars; one entitled "Persuasive Pro-Life Apologetics," the other entitled, "Words that Work; Effectively Opposing Physician-Assisted Suicide." Both were presented by nationally recognized speakers. Additionally, the Educational Trust supported a "special needs" postcard campaign, five pro-life fly-overs over Long Island beaches this past summer, the mobile truck billboard campaign for the past six months with the message "Peace Begins in the Womb," and in October a 3-week radio ad campaign. All of this costs money. Our biggest expense is the publication of *Life News*, a most essential educational tool.

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 3,000 abortions a day, more than 58 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. We in the pro-life movement are fighting against this normalization of the killing of pre-born babies through abortion. We know with certainty through the 3D and 4D ultrasound that a human being resides in a mother's womb. Our founding political document, *The Declaration of Independence*, says that every human being has an unalienable right to life. Abortion is a fundamental human rights issue. It is the old, old story down through the ages of those with power killing those without it. Slavery, genocide, abortion all spring from the same poisoned well: the end justifies any means; might makes right; the weak can be destroyed by the strong.

The preborn baby is the most innocent and defenseless of human beings. Please help us to continue our educational efforts to end the slaughter by contributing whatever you can afford so that together we can win this fight for all those little ones who cannot defend themselves and whose silent screams from abortion fill the universe.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

For His Innocents,



George E. Frost
LICL Chairman



P.S. Please use the enclosed postage-paid envelope and the coupon on page 7 to volunteer and/or send your year-end donation as soon as possible. We want to keep Long Island moving in the pro-life direction. Thank you.

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You're Invited!

The Long Island Coalition for Life will hold our general meeting and elections on **Mon., Dec. 11** at **7:45 PM** at the Joseph Barry K of C, 45 Heitz Pl., Hicksville, 11801. Please join us for the meeting as well as refreshments to thank our member groups and celebrate Christmas.

ALL ARE WELCOME ! Info call LICL: 631-243-1435 between 9 AM - 7 PM.

Federal Legislation continued.....



FEDERAL LEGISLATION

As of Nov. 13 we are still awaiting Senate action on two bills passed by the House. **HR.3354** provides funds for many Federal Depts., plus, it contains the *Conscience Protection Act* (see LN Nov. 2017, p3). The federal government is currently funded through Dec. 8, so expect parts of the bill to be negotiated out, or in, around early December. Senate leader McConnell has promised a vote on **S.1922/HR.36** (*Pain-Capable /20-week abortion ban*) but has not set a time. Note: this bill has the 'usual exceptions'.

On Oct. 6, HHS released a revised abortifacient/contraceptive/sterilization Mandate, expanding conscience protection for employers with moral or religious objections. (see LN Nov. 2017, p3) On Oct. 13, the Dept. of Justice settled 74 lawsuits it had brought against plaintiffs fighting the mandate, such as Thomas Aquinas College, the Washington, DC Diocese, and the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Reacting to the revised HHS Mandate, pro-abortion House members introduced **HR.4082**, the *Protect Access to Birth Control Act*, to reinstate the 'old' HHS Mandate. Kathleen Rice is the only L.I. cosponsor. **S.1985** is the Senate companion bill.

Also in mid-October, HHS released a draft *Strategic Plan*. Under the heading 'Organizational Structure', the sentence ending, "... serving Americans at every stage of life," is changed to "...serving and protecting Americans at every stage of life, beginning at conception." Even if finalized, this change will not affect current abortion law.

On Oct. 25, an undocumented 17-year-old (16 wks. pregnant) obtained permission for an abortion through the courts. Her name & home country are not known due to her age. She is called Jane Doe, and is held in Texas at a Federally-funded shelter for unaccompanied minors. When she asked for an abortion, the shelter refused. Due to the new Office of Refugee Resettlement policy, they can only offer "life affirming support," and took her to a crisis pregnancy center. Slate.com stated "she was *compelled* to undergo an ultrasound and *forced* to listen as counselors tried to talk her out of an abortion. Doe did not change her mind...she scheduled a counseling appointment at a *real* health center, which Texas requires at least 24 hours before a woman receives an abortion." The shelter refused to take her, and the ACLU (Jane's lawyers) sued the federal government. The suit went up the chain of courts. The full D.C. US Court of Appeals ruled in Doe's favor on Oct. 24. The Dept. of Justice says the ACLU told them Doe still needed 'informed consent counseling', due to Texas' 24-hr. waiting period law, and her abortion would be on Oct. 26. However, Doe had the abortion the next morning (Oct. 25), before the DOJ filed an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. The DOJ has now asked SCOTUS to "vacate" the ruling for Doe, and punish the ACLU lawyers for deception. Editors note: I'm still not clear if Jane ever had the 'informed consent' session. [see *lifeneews.com*, 11/3] And realize, a Federal Appeals court ruled 6-3 that an alien, with no legal ties to the US, still has a "constitutional right" to an abortion under the Due Process Clause of the 5th Amendment. Dissent-

Federal Legislation continued in next column...

ing judge Karen Henderson said that by the same logic, Jane Doe can possess firearms or donate to politicians, despite our laws to the contrary. (Even the DOJ fought the case by claiming the government should not provide abortions, and not on Constitutional grounds).

News briefs:

- *The US Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in the *Masterpiece Cakeshop* case on Dec. 5, from 10-11 AM. Please be in prayer for this religious liberty decision.
- *The Senate has confirmed Prof. Amy C. Barrett as a Judge on the US 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, 55-43. During Barrett's hearings, Sen. Feinstein criticized her, because 'the Catholic faith' "lives loudly in you."
- *PP of Delaware said some of their facilities will provide pre-natal care, in addition to abortions.
- *The Ohio legislature took a step toward passing a law to ban the abortion of unborn children diagnosed with Down Syndrome. An Indiana Judge recently struck down a similar law.
- *The UN Human Rights Committee excludes the preborn from the right to life in international law. (*C-fam*, 11/3)
- *Amalgamated Bank of NYC announced a savings account with a pink ATM card bearing the PP logo. The bank will match half the interest on each account and donate it to PP's NYC affiliate. (*lifeneews.com* 10/27)
- *Does your Health Care Plan cover elective abortions? See: <http://www.obamacareabortion.com/newyork>
- *As self-driving vehicles and other 'robots' become more common, Estonia is thinking of granting them a status of "robot agent," mid-way between Personhood or Property.

ACTION ITEM - Urge your Senators to vote Yes on **S.1922**, and keep conscience protection in **HR.3354**.



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

Locally, the election resulted in victories for the party that stands opposed to our pro-life values. What that means remains to be seen. However, the vote for a New York State Constitutional Convention was soundly defeated, a measure that was opposed by prominent pro-life organizations. While we can take solace in that, we are reminded that the battle continues and we must remain vigilant about the actions taken in our legislative bodies.

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

See page 1 for LICL events and:

- ◆ Stay tuned to *Life News* & LICL E-Blasts for Lobby to Albany trips in 2018 and for complete information on all events.
- ◆ Mark your calendar now to join us in some of our upcoming events.
- ◆ Get Involved.
- ◆ Visit the LICL website at www.ProLifeLI.org

HEALTH & SCIENCE ECTOGENESIS



Ectogenesis is the gestation of a fetus in an artificial environment. Georgi Boorman reported at the *Federalist* (10/26/17) that researchers project that in less than 10 years we should be able “to improve the survival rates of extremely premature babies by letting them develop inside “extracorporeal devices,” or artificial wombs. It has been successfully tested on 8 lambs from what equates to 22-24 weeks’ human gestation.” The lambs remained in the Biobags for 28 days, but the researchers stated that the lambs could have stayed in the Biobags longer. The study, published in *Nature Communications*, was led by fetal surgeon Alan Flake at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. He stated, “The whole idea is to support normal development; to re-create everything that the mother does in every way that we can to support normal fetal development and maturation.” According to Boorman, Flake “hopes to test the device on premature infants within the next 3-5 years, but they don’t plan on pushing viability back any farther than about five months’ gestation.”

Xavier Symons wrote at *Bioedge.org* (10/28/17), “the possibility of ectogenesis raises significant ethical questions, such as: “will ectogenesis allow us to reconcile pro-choice and pro-life positions on abortion?”” Some ethicists feel that this new technology will remove the physical burden that a child poses during the duration of fetal development. University of Toronto bioethicists Eric Mathison and Jeremy Davis argue that women have a right to abortion – having the fetus removed from their bodies – but not a right to kill the fetus; by removing the fetus and placing it in ectogenesis the rights of both the mother and the fetus are respected. Mathison and Davis call this solution ‘ectogenesis abortion’. Symons stated that other ethicists “are suspicious of this view.” Joonas Rasanen wrote in the journal *Bioethics*, “...if ectogenesis abortions become reality, some women (and men) will have genetic children... who carry their genetic material without their consent... their right to genetic privacy has been violated, and the only way to avoid this is if they have a right to the death of the fetus...the genetic parents own the fetus, and because of that, their property rights are violated if the fetus is gestated in an artificial womb without their consent.”

Boorman warns, “While this technology holds much promise for premature babies, we should...think through the potential ramifications...explore the ways in which artificial wombs could impact reproduction and our society...we must consider these potential outcomes with care. Technology is not to be feared, but the vast capacity of humans to use it for evil is important to guard against...as man’s power over nature increases, his ability to love and care for his fellow man is bound up with the ability to abuse and exploit him.”

Boorman refers to bioethicist Dena Davis of Lehigh University, who said that Biobags would ‘blur the line’ between a fetus and a baby, requiring an ‘overhaul of abortion law’. Clarke Forsythe of Americans United for Life explained that “according to the court’s formulation of abortion doctrine, ‘being born’ means ‘term’, but according to laws regarding fetal homicide, unlawful death, and fetal injury, ‘being born’ means ‘outside’ [the womb] without

regard to gestational age.” Boorman reflects that “artificial wombs would force the law to line up with itself”. The legal definition of viability varies from state to state, and the artificial womb has the potential to push viability back much earlier than five months. Forsythe asked, “If you have an available artificial womb...can the law treat the child as viable?”

Another question raised by Boorman was if the “mere fact that artificial womb technology (AWT) *can* save an extremely premature baby [does that mean] that all babies of AWT-viable age should be protected from abortion? Complicating matters is that not just the artificial womb must exist, but the technology to evacuate the baby in a manner that is relatively safe for the mother.” Law professor Stephen G. Gilles argues that the “concept of viability is in question, not just the gestational age at which it is set.” The *Roe v Wade* and *Casey* decisions defined viability as when the fetus can survive outside any womb – not simply outside the mother’s womb. Gilles admits “the literal language about ‘artificial aid’ could be stretched to cover artificial wombs.”

The authors of the lamb study are aiming to help save human preemies between 22-24 weeks gestation. However, Boorman acknowledges that as technology advances, viability outside the womb could be pushed much earlier. Currently, “roughly 90% of all abortions are done in the first trimester, which is well beyond AWT’s supposed capability ten years out.”

Boorman points out several other questions that will be raised with AWT. Gilles argues that “the right to elective abortion will continue to apply to fetuses that are not yet developmentally viable-even though these fetuses can be rescued [with AWT].” Does a woman have a right to a ‘terminative abortion’ or an ‘evacuative abortion’? AWT forces abortion extremists to admit that abortion is not about bodily autonomy, but the right to beget a child. Should courts order the removal of preborn babies from damaging circumstances? Does the welfare of the child compel the government to override ‘my body, my choice?’ Will AWT require ‘womb orphanages’ or ‘preborn care centers’ that are government-run or subsidized? Could the number of abandoned babies surpass the current number of abortions? The surrogate industry will be impacted by AWT. Matthew Eppinette of the Center for Bioethics and Culture warns that we would “still be faced with pregnancy contracts and the commodification of human life...[AWT] brings the specter of the manufacture of children to reality in a whole new way.” Will AWT lead to the growth of “fetus farms” for research and tissue harvesting? Will AWT lead to the degrading of the organic family? Eppinette asks, “What is the line between shaping and forming children on the one hand, and designing and manufacturing them on the other? Where is the space to have this conversation, when the overriding factor is cost vs. benefits? The argument typically begins with, ‘this will relieve so much suffering.’ But it doesn’t end there. Soon it becomes, ‘We can control this rather than leaving it to chance. We can improve this. We should improve this. We must improve this.’ And so on.” Submitted by Regina Carbonaro 631-243-1435

Editor’s Note: The Good Samaritan Family Resource Center affiliated with Planned Parenthood, referenced in the Nov. 2017 H & S column, is in San Francisco, CA.

"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.

<u>Nassau County - Location</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Contact Phone (516)</u>
540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead	(W) Sa 8 AM-Noon	741-3405
" " "	(M) 1st. Sa 10 AM Liturgy/Clergy	741-3405
" " "	(W) Th 10:30-Noon	516-270-3845
35 Carmans Rd., Massapequa	(W) Sa 10:30-Noon	541-8056
<u>Suffolk County - Location</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Contact Phone (631)</u>
70 Maple Ave, Smithtown	(W) We & Sa 7:30-10:30AM	979-8541
" " "	(M) 1st Sa 9:30 AM Prayer/Clergy	979-8541
42 First Ave, Brentwood	(W) We 10-10:30 AM	667-2532
" " "	(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM	665-3630
540 E. Main St, Riverhead	(W) We 2-4 PM	722-3111
498 Rt. 111, Smithtown	(W) Sa 7-9 AM	751-7894
450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue	(M) 2nd Sa 10:30-11:30 AM	472-4314
595 Hampton Rd. S. Hampton OB/GYN	(W) Fr 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	807-6001

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



Pro-Life Counseling Centers nearest to abortion sites:

Life Center of L.I. (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); **Riverhead** 631-591-9017, 524 E. Main St., Ste. 200, open Mo-Fr 10 AM-4 PM

Local Pro-Life Viewing – All programs weekly on Altice (formally CableV) Ch 20 (except where noted) through March 31, 2018:

Life Issues – hosted by LICL - Thurs., 1:30 PM Life Talk - Mark Crutcher's Life Dynamics – Wed., 10:30 PM
 EWTN CableV Ch 135, Verizon Ch 285: Defending Life hosted by Priests for Life: Wed. 3 AM & Fri. 11 PM
 Pro-Life Weekly: Sun., 10 AM, Mon., 3:30 AM & Thurs., 10 PM
 Long Island Teen Freedom Sexual Integrity and Risk Avoidance-a product of Life Center of L.I. - Mon. 3 PM
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 Contemporary Social Issues: Mo 9 PM Ver. Ch 40; Tu 10:30 PM Altice Ch 20

Listen to pro-life radio on the Internet: blogtalkradio.com/march4lifefeny-radio

Upcoming Events:

Sat., 12/16 - **Helpers of God's Precious Infants** pray at abortion site following **7:30 AM** Mass at St. James Cathedral 250 Cathedral Place, Brooklyn, celebrant Bishop Cisneros; info 718-282-7162.

A Baby Shower for the Unborn Child to support mothers at MOMMAS House was recently held by high school students who are awardees of the Maureen Nolan/ Knights of Columbus scholarship program at St. Thomas the Apostle parish (West Hempstead).



Knights for Life 2018 Meetings 7:30 PM

Msgr. Delaney K of C Hall, 110 Merrits Road, Farmingdale 11725
 1/23, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24, 5/22, 6/26, 7/24, 8/28, 9/25*, 10/23*, 11/27 12/28 (Our Lady of Guadalupe Annual Memorial Mass) *meetings will be at Our Lady of the Island Council, 2 E. Gate Rd., Massapequa Pk. For info: Keith Wilson 516-633-1435. **All welcome**

March For Life 2018

Participants - Provide Your Own Press Coverage: Tired of just complaining about no March For Life coverage in the major local newspapers? Bring March For Life coverage to your home town through your local weekly newspaper. Weeklies like to cover what local residents are doing - just a picture and a short caption is all it takes.

Suggestion: Take a photo of your pro-life group against the MFL crowd. Write a brief caption, such as: Pictured are members of ABC parish/youth group at the March For Life in Washington D.C. on January 19, 2018. These pro-life advocates joined hundreds of thousands at this event calling for an end to abortion and return to respect for the life of unborn babies. Mail or e-mail your photo/caption to a local paper (e.g. LI Herald or Anton Community Newspapers). Bring pro-life news to your neighbors!

Youth Attending March for Life - Feedback Wanted! If you are 10-16 years old and attend the 2018 March for Life in D.C., the LI Coalition for Life wants to hear about your experience. Please tell us in about 25 words what you thought of the March for Life. We hope to publish some of your feedback in Life News. Please e-mail or mail your feedback to us at: info@prolifeLI.org or LICL, PO Box 247, Old Bethpage NY 11804 - to be received no later than 2/4/18. Include your Name, Age, Town, and who you went to the MFL with (e.g. school, parish, family). Thank you for attending the MFL and sharing your thoughts with us.

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- Hempstead 516-408-6300
- Massapequa..... 516-798-9100
- Riverhead..... 631-591-9017
- Hot Line** 631-243-0066

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SAVE THE DATE! Fri., Jan. 19, 2018 Annual March for Life in Washington DC

See pg. 5 for suggestions for participants in the March for Life. More to come in our January February 2018 *Life News*.

Annual National Night of Prayer for Life

Fri., Dec. 8, - 9 PM to Sat., Dec. 9 - 1 AM

To register your Church or find nearest location contact Mrs. Frank 631-422-3055 or Mary 717-533-4846; e-mail: evcampfield@hotmail.com.
Website: Nationalnightofprayerforlife.org



Our Lady of Guadalupe Memorial Mass

Tues., Dec. 26 - 7:30 PM

Con-celebrants: Msgr. Robert Batule,
Fr. Paul Driscoll and Fr. Aaron
(replaces regular meeting).

Msgr. Delaney K of C Council Hall, 110 Merritts Rd., Farmingdale. Keith Wilson 516-633-1435 or Ed Farrell 516-593-7805 All welcome.



Annual NYS K of C Council Respect Life Mass

Sun., Jan. 21, 2018 St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC

Msgr. Delaney K of C Council Hall (address above)
8 AM Continental Breakfast; 8:30 AM bus departs
11:30 AM return to Council for complimentary brunch from Chapey Funeral Home - \$20/pp to defray bus cost.
Reservations: Keith 516-633-1435; Chick 516-349-6244

Face the Truth
Abortion Kills

Roe v Wade Memorial Face the Truth

Sun., Jan. 21 1:30-3 PM

In front of NUMC, 2201 Hempstead Tpke, (Rt. 24)
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631-243-1435 Email: info@prolifeLI.org
Pro-lifers are asked to join the vigil on behalf of the hundreds of unborn children tragically aborted at NUMC.

Hibernians Bus to the March for Life

The Ancient Order of Hibernians are organizing buses in both Suffolk and Nassau to the 2018 MARCH FOR LIFE. Bus will leave Nassau County 5:15 AM from Massapequa & Suffolk County 4:45 AM from Port Jefferson. Donations are welcome to offset the cost. All are welcome to spend the ride time with their members and friends as room allows. For more information email Jack at AOH11@Live.com.

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