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More Than 8,000 Babies Lost to Abortion on Long Island in 2008

Reported by the NY State Department of Health Source: www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/vital_statistics/2008

According to the NY State Department of Health, reported induced abortions for 2008 in Nassau and Suffolk totaled just under 8,300. That's nearly one baby "terminated" by abortion each hour every day all year long. Many people know

	Nassau	Suffolk	Total
2005	3,491	4,108	7,599
2006	3,671	4,832	8,503
2007	3,684	4,827	8,511
2008	3,621	4,677	8,298

someone who had an abortion and most people know that "lots" of teenagers are getting pregnant. But not many people are aware of the enormity of the abortion carnage right here on Long Island, in their communities. Please help make others aware. Use the stats in church bulletins; pass them on to prayer and youth groups; use them when writing letters to the editor. And please help defend life so we can save babies and lower the number of abortions.

Induced Abortions Reported for Nassau and Suffolk Counties (2008)

Mother's Age							
<15		15417		18-19		20-24	
37	0.4%	540	6.5%	986	11.9%	2582	31.1%
25-29		30-39	+ 7 (min + 12 min) - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1	40+		Not Stated	
1848	22.3%	1909	23.0%	369	4.4%	27	0.3%

Financial Coverage					
Self-Pay		Other Insurance		Medicaid	
4733	57.0%	1499	18.1%	1258	15.2%
нмо		Multiple Payer+		Not Stated	
288	3.5%	35	0.4%	485	5.8%

Procedure*							
Suction &		Dilation & Evacuation		Medical		Dilation & Curettage	
5475	66.0%	1503	18.1%	1029	12.4%	371	4.5%
Prostaglandin :		Other		Not Stated			
2	0.0%	52	0.6%	131	1.6%	٠	

*Each procedure is counted separately, therefore total is greater than the total of induced abortions.

	Nun	iber of Ab	ortions pe	r 1000 Liv	e Births (I	Ratio)	
	Total Ratio	White#	White Ratio	Black#	Black Ratio	Hispanic	Hispanie Ratio
Nassau	240.8	1,722	167.2	1,435	761.7	854	225.2
Suffolk	260.1	2,949	208.8	1,057	712.7	824	158.5

This shows that about 25% of the pregnancies in Nassau & Suffolk end in abortion. The ratio accounts for pregnancies that end in miscarriage and other fetal deaths other than abortion.

You're Invited! Lisa Honkanen, M.D., M.A. a physician of Geriatric Medicine will be the guest speaker on Man Ang 22 of 7145 the guest speaker on Mon., Aug. 23 at 7:45 p.m. prior to the general meeting of the Long Island Coalition for Life. The title of her talk will

be "Advanced Directives: Potential Hazards to Your Health." Dr. Honkanen did her residency at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center and her fellowship in Geriatrics at Weill Medical College of Cornell University. She remained at Cornell to pursue research and

clinical interests in long-term care, home care and hospital environments. She began her private practice with a dual focus on delivery of care to the most frail geriatric population and fulfilling the mission to uphold the dignity of all human life as created by God in His image through clinical, education and advocacy efforts.

The meeting will be held at Joseph Barry K of C Council Hall, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville. For information call 631-243-1435 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Light refreshments! All are welcome for all or part of the evening!

Stand Up For Life Sunday, October 3, 2010 2:00-3:30 p.m. (rain or shine)

Locations: Rtes. 110 & 25, Huntington & LIE, Exit 70S, Cty. Rd., 111, Manorville, Signs provided at both sites. For info, call (Huntington) Ann Cook at 631-754-9141 or (Manorville) Bill Matthews at 631-288-3263. For an assigned location (Huntington

> site only) call Ken Reilly at 516-367-3724.

Please note:

Packets of posters and fliers you ordered will be available for pick up at the LICL General Meeting on Mon. evening, Aug.

23. at the Joseph Barry K of C, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville.



Fall 2010 National 40 Days for Life Wed. September 22 through Sun., October 31

The Long Island Coalition for Life will sponsor 40 Days for Life -Long Island. 40 Days for Life is comprised of Prayer, Public Witness. and Community Outreach. The public witness is planned for Planned Parenthood of Nassau County's Hempstead facility from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

WE NEED YOU! People who will help end abortion, who believe in 40DFL, who will pray and who will join the public witness in defense of life. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! Please pick at least TWO DAYS from September 22nd to October 31st when you will spend at least QNE HOUR outside PPNC Hempstead.

For additional information go to www.40daysforlife.com/LongIsland or call 631-243-1435 (between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.)

Amnesty International partners with pro-abortion ACLU...Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute(C-Fam) reports on their United Nations Blog of May 6, 2010, "Amnesty International and the American Civil Liberties Union are teaming up with the "Human Rights At Home Campaign" in calling for an executive order from President Obama that "holds the U.S. accountable for it's domestic human rights commitments." This would among other things require the U.S. to implement domestically and into foreign policy, "...recommendations made by human rights bodies such as...the U.N. Human Rights Council..."As C-fam states, "...many of the human rights treaty bodies have grossly reinterpreted human rights treaties to include obligations to legalize abortion..."Amnesty International has in the past been highly critical of many international pro-life laws. Al officially abandoned it's neutrality concerning abortion back in 2007. This move alienated many long time religious supporters of the organization who have now withdrawn their support, such as Scottish Cardinal Keith O'Brien, Bishop Michael Evans (member of 30 years standing) and long time activist priest Daniel Berrigan, S.J.! For info see www.c-fam.org

Time for Redecision by Kevin Cirronella

Kevin won second place in the L.I. Coalition for Life Oratory Contest in March 2010.

"We need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins. When those trained in the respective disciplines of medicine, philosophy, and theology are unable to arrive at any consensus, the judiciary, at this point in the development of man's knowledge, is not in a position to speculate as to the answer." These words marked a landmark pro-abortion victory on January 22nd, 1973, in the case of Roe v. Wade. It is because of these words, written by Supreme Court Justice Blackmun, representing

the majority decision, by the court's own admission that abortion in today's society ought to be outlawed for good. Through advancements in technology and science, we are able

to answer these speculations posed by the court. It's because of the court's own logic that it is time to end abortion in America once and for all. The time for redecision is now. (Cont'd on Page 8)





FEDERAL LEGISLATION

seating Elena Kagan on the Supreme Court.
She could not answer a quick, reflexive "No" to the question, "Can the government order you

to eat three vegetables and three fruits each day?" So does she see any limits to Federal power? Based on her history of being an abortion apologist and concerns that she would be an "activist" judge, we worry how she might rule on forced abortions, or a national "one-child" policy.

PRESIDENT OBAMA MAKE RECESS

APPOINTMENT: Dr. Donald Berwick to head the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services. National Right to Life calls Berwick a "one-man death panel." Michael Tanner of Cato Institute quotes Dr. Berwick, "I am romantic about the [British] National Health Service. I love it." Yet, 50,000 surgeries are cancelled each year as Britons on waiting lists become too sick to proceed.

H.R.5111: The LICL supports passage of the Pitts (R-PA) & Lipinski (D-IL) Protect Life Act (HR 5111), designed to add Hyde Amendment language (limited federal funding of abortion) and conscience protection to ObamaCare. We consider this a prudent step in consideration of the fact that no federal entitlement program has ever been eliminated. BUT, the LICL has serious reservations about the ObamaCare bill's effect on all Life issues, and supports attempts to repeal, de-fund or overturn ObamaCare, even if H.R. 5111 were added to it. [FYI: Rep. King (R-NY) is now a cosponsor of HR5111].

ACTION-SAMPLE MESSAGE (to House of Reps):

Please co-sponsor the Pitts Protect Life Act, HR 5111. It applies Hyde Amendment language to the ObamaCare bill, and adds conscience protection for healthcare workers and private insurers.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

U.S. House of Representatives, Wash. D.C. 20515

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E-mail: http://www.house.gov/writerep

DISCLOSE ACT: 6/24/10 LifeSiteNews.com reports the House passed the DISCLOSE Act (H.R.5175), condemned by family & pro-life groups, as well as the ACLU, as a threat to free speech and political participation. The Act now moves to the Senate as (S 3295). If passed, most 501(c)4, (c)5, (c)6, and 527 organizations would have to list the names of all donors of more than \$600 in a publicly searchable database.

There are onerous requirements for the listing of donors and sponsors in any advertising, which would leave little time for the intended message and have a chilling effect on donors. Some powerful lobby groups (Unions, Sierra Club, NRA) have managed to get themselves exempted from these free speech limitations.

Constitutional lawyer Cleta Mitchell describes this bill as "Congress handing out 'free-speech licenses' to its buddies, and those willing to play ball." If enacted, it almost certainly could not face a Supreme Court challenge until after the Nov 2010 elections.

ACTION-SAMPLE MESSAGE (to Senate):

Do not pass the DISCLOSE Act, S 3295.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

U.S. Senate, Wash. D.C. 20510

Schumer 202-224-6542

http://schumer.senate.gov/new_website/contact.cfm Gillibrand 202-224-4451

http://gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/index.cfm
Please monitor the news for updates. Suggested sites:
NRLC.org USCCB.org NCHLA.org lifenews.com.

To discuss Federal Legislation, e-mail Charles Feldman at cdefeldman@optonline.net



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

<u>Some Good News</u>: No action to date, 7/12, on the dangerous Reproductive

Health Act S.5808. Keep up the pressure. If you have not done so, please contact your NYS Senator to vote no (see 6/2010 *Life News*). Representatives can be called back at anytime to vote on existing legislation as bills are good through 12/31/10.

CANDIDATES CORNER. Be ready on Tues. 11/2/10 you will be voting on 2 U S Senators from NY, the NYS Governor, & Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, all NYS Senators and Assembly Members, many judges, and some local races.

Many candidates will face a primary challenge on Primary Day, Tues. 9/14. Are you registered to vote?

Where do candidates stand on the Life issues? The following have, as of 7/10/2010 submitted a LICL Candidate Questionnaire answering all six questions "pro-life": Randy Altschuler 1st CD; Chris Cox 1st CD; John Gomez 2nd CD; Frank Scaturro 4th CD; Francis Becker 4th CD; Robert Unger 5th CD, James Milano 5th CD, Don Galiano 5th CD; Carl Paladino for NYS Governor; and, Lee Zeldin 3rd SD. Note: Any candidate may obtain & submit the questionnaire. Contact mariemawn@yahoo.com or by FAX at 631-737-6850.

Candidates will be very visible over the next 14 weeks. Just walk up and ask their position (you must get the answer directly from the candidate) on the Life Issues. Pass their answer on. Helping in a campaign is always important. Remember to refuse photo ops with pro-abortion candidates.

HEALTH & SCIENCE "Sterilize the Human Race and Party into Extinction!"



South African philosopher David Benatar authored a book entitled "Better Never to Have Been: The Harm of Coming into Existence." Peter Singer, the Princeton philosopher infamous for advocating infanticide, recently discussed Benatar's position on a blog post for the New York Times entitled "Should this be the last generation?" Singer's explanation of Benatar's position included, "To bring into existence someone who will suffer is to harm that person, but to bring into existence someone who will have a good life is not to benefit him or her. Few of us would think it right to inflict severe suffering on an innocent child, even if that were the only way in which we could bring many other children into the world. Yet everyone will suffer to some extent, and if our species continues to reproduce, we can be sure that some future children will suffer severely. Hence continued reproduction will harm some children severely, and benefit none...We spend most of our lives with unfulfilled desires, and the occasional satisfactions that are all most of us can achieve are insufficient to outweigh these prolonged negative states. If we think that this is a tolerable state of affairs it is because we are, in Benatar's view, victims of the illusion of Pollyannaism. This illusion may have evolved because it helped our ancestors survive, but it is an illusion nonetheless. If we could see our lives objectively, we would see that they are not something we should inflict on anyone."

Peter Smith of *LifeSiteNews.com* writes, "Both Singer and Benatar both believe that human beings do not have inherent dignity. Singer, the Princeton Chair of Bioethics, has gained notoriety for asserting that infanticide is justifiable, especially for disabled infants, because they lack self-awareness, which he asserts is a requirement for personhood." Smith continues, "A key difference, however, between Singer and Benatar, an existential nihilist who chairs the Department of Philosophy at the University of Cape Town in South Africa, is that Singer believes life could be worth living in cer-

tain conditions. But Benatar flat out rejects existence as good, and the still-living author discusses that view in his controversial book...Singer invites readers to engage in a thought experiment: 'So why don't we make ourselves the last generation on earth? If we would all agree to have ourselves sterilized then no sacrifices would be required - we could party our way to extinction!' Even if we take a less pessimistic view of human existence than Benatar, we could still defend this scenario because it makes us better off - for one thing, we can get rid of all the guilt about what we are doing to future generations - and it doesn't make anyone worse off, because there won't be anyone else to be worse off...Is life worth living? Are the interests of a future child a reason for bringing that child into existence? And is the continuance of our species justifiable in the face of our knowledge that it will certainly bring suffering to innocent human beings?" (LifeSiteNews.com 8 June 2010)

Bioethicist Wesley J. Smith responded to Singer on his blog at First Things. He stated that often the decision to not have children is a result of a value system promoted by the popular culture that has led to the practices of eugenic abortion and infanticide. "Reducing childbearing to crass utilitarian measurements and projections of suffering, thus, leads to justifying killing as an answer thereto, illustrating the oppression unleashed by the 'avoid suffering at all costs' attitudes so prevalent today...This is nihilism on stilts and it is polluting the West's self confidence and belief in universal human equality like the BP oil well is polluting the Caribbean. Only the resulting mess isn't measured in polluted beaches and dead birds, but existential despair that destroys human lives...We have to 'justify' continuing the species? Good grief. Under the influence of anti-human advocates like Peter Singer, we have gone in the West from seeking to 'secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity,' to seriously questioning whether there should be any posterity at all. This is not healthy. But it is the natural consequence of rejecting human exceptionalism." (First Things, Second Hand Smoke, 7 June 2010)

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Voting Record of NY Senators - 111th Congress

- 1. Funding of overseas pro-abortion groups ("Mexico City Policy"). 01/28/2009
- 2. Health coverage for "unborn child" (SCHIP). 01/29/2009
- 3. Funding of the U. N. Population Fund (Kemp-Kasten anti-coercion law). 03/05/2009
- 4. Nelson/Hatch Amendment (to remove abortion subsidies from health care bill). 12/08/2009
- 5. Health care restructuring Reid "manager's amendment". 12/21/2009
- 6. Health care restructuring. Ending debate on Reid bill. 12/23/2009

NY Senators	1	2	3	4	5	6
Charles Schumer (D)	0	0	О	О	0	О
Kirsten Gillibrand (D)	O	О	О	0	О	О

Voting Record of Suffolk/Nassau House Members - 111th Congress

- 1. Foreign Relations Authorization Act. 06/10/2009
- 2. District of Columbia funding bill (public funding of elective abortion). 07/16/2009
- 3. Deny certain federal funds to Planned Parenthood (Title X). 07/24/2009
- 4. Stupak-Pitts Amendment (to prohibit federal funding of abortion and federal subsidies for insurance coverage of abortion). 11/08/2009
- 5. Obama health care bill: abortion and rationing. 03/21/2010
- 6. Disclosure Act (restrictions on free speech about federal politicians). 06/24/2010

NY Representatives	1	2	3	4	5	6
Tim Bishop (D-1)	0	О	0	0	О	0
Steve Israel (D-2)	О	О	0	0	О	0
Peter King (R-3)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Carolyn McCarthy (D-4)	О	О	NV	0	О	X
Gary Ackerman (D-5)	0	О	0	O	О	0

Legend: X – Voted With Us O – Voted Against Us NV – Did not vote
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Face the Truth



About 80 pro-lifers attended the Face the Truth event on Friday July 2nd to defend the unborn's right to life. Travelers who exited the LIE in Manorville, heading east to vacation and celebrate Independence Day, were greeted by the pro-lifers with graphic and nongraphic signs. The pro-

lifers included families and young children. If we don't remind the public that life begins in the womb and that abortion is a deadly wrong, who will do it? Thanks to all those who attended this event, co-sponsored by the LI Coalition for Life and Peconic Right to Life Association.



New York State Right to Life Convention 2010 Sat., September 11

Best Western – Albany Airport Inn Registration & Cont. Breakfast 8-9 AM Convention 9 AM-5 PM, Inc. lunch Speakers: Paul Byrne; MD, Barbara Meara; Mary Spaulding Balch, Esq.; Burke Balch, JD; Eivion Williams; and Deb Cody.

For info call 518-434-1293 or go to Admin@NYSRighttoLife.org
Topics include: Involuntary Euthanasia,
Repealing ObamaCare,
Legislative Updates,
Upcoming Elections and more.

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AUGUST 2010 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR

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

PRO-LIFE WITNESSING SITES Prayer and Witness Save Lives!

Prayer vigil schedules at local abortion provider/referral sites are listed below. To volunteer speak with the contact person listed below before going to a site and never witness alone. PLEASE STAND WITH US. BE A VOICE FOR THE UNBORN!

Nassau County—Location	Day/Time	Contact Phone (516)	
540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead	(W) Sa 8 AM-1 PM	741-3405	IMPORTANT:
66 66 66	(M) 4th Sa 10 AM	44	Peaceful assembly on
462 2 1 1 4 1 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	Liturgy for Pre-born/Cle	ergy	public property near an
35 Carmans Rd, Massapequa	(W) Sa 10:30 AM-1 PM	541-8056	abortion site is a lawful
444 Community Dr, Manhasset	(W) Sa 7-8 AM	546-0290	First Amendment right.
			15110,

Suffolk CountyLocation	Day/Time	Contact Phone (631)
70 Maple Ave, Smithtown	(W) Wed & Sa 7-11 AM	979-7017
u u	(M) 1 st Sa 9 AM Prayer/Cler	gy 979-7017
498 Rt 111, Smithtown	(W) Sa 7-9 AM	751-7894
595 Hampton Rd, Southampton	(W) Fr 11:30 AM	283-6829
240 Meeting House Ln-Sthampton Hosp	(W) Fr 11:30 AM	283-6829
42 First Ave, Brentwood	(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM	665-3630
200 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge	(M) 1st Sa 10:15 -11:30 AM	1 588-0168
540 E. Main St, Riverhead	(W) We 2-4 PM	722-3111
	(W) Sa 11 AM-1 PM	796-7685
450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue	(M) 1 st Sa 10:15-11:30 AM	472-0033



New: Every Friday Life Center's RV will be in the parking lot of St. Isidore's Church 622 Pulaski St., Riverhead.

Pro-Life Counseling Centers nearest to abortion sites: Life Center of LI, 35 Willow St, Massapequa at E end Sunrise Mall behind White Castle, 516-798-9100, open Mn, Tu, Th, Fr 10 AM-4 PM, Wed 10 AM-8 PM & Sa 9 AM-Noon. Life Center of LI, 507 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead 516-408-6300 (Bilingual counseling) Now open five days: Tu - Fr 10 AM - 4 PM & Sa 9 AM - 1 PM. Birthright of Nassau/Suffolk, Smithtown, call for hours 631-360-7707.

PRO-LIFE VIEWING AND LISTENING Life News will print Viewing every second month.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES Needed: Prayer to change minds and hearts to respect all human life. Mn-Sa 8/2-31 Daily ROSARY FOR LIFE following 8 AM Mass, St Rosalie Parish Center, Hampton Bays, 631-594-1381 Mn-Sa 8/2-31 Daily 9:30 AM ROSARY FOR BABIES BORN/UNBORN, St Martin of Tours Bethpage, 516-938-1391 Tu 6 PM & Th 2 PM (W) 2 PM CENACLES OF LIFE (10 dec Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, Massapequa 516-781-6976 2 PM DEANERY VI PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR, St Raymond Church, 263 Atlantic Ave, E Rockaway Su 8/1 (W) 8-9 PM HOUR OF REPARATION TO STOP ABORTION, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst Su 8/1 9/5 Mn 8/2 9/6 (W) 7 PM ROSARY FOR LIFE AND NOVENA MASS, St Catherine, Franklin Square (W) After 12:05 Mass HOUR OF ADORATION & PRAYERS FOR LIFE, Notre Dame, New Hyde Park Mn 8/2 9/6 Mn 8/2 & 16 (M)7:30 PM ROSARY, DIVINE MERCY, LITANY FOR LIFE, Christ the King, Commack Tu 8/3 9/7 (M) 9 AM-12:30 MASS-LIFE ADORATION, ROSARY, BENEDICTION, Sacred Heart, Cutchogue (W) After 7 PM Mass ROSARY & NOVENA FOR LIFE, St James Chapel, Seaford, 516-694-2938 Th 8/5 9/2 Th 8/5 9/2 (W) 7-8 PM ROSARY FOR LIFE, Our Lady of Mt Carmel RCC, Patchogue (9 AM-Midnight-Adoration) (M) 6 PM-9 AM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (overnight), St Matthew (Chapel), Dix Hills Fr 8/6 9/3 (M) 9 PM-3 AM ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL, Miraculous Medal Church, Point Lookout, 516-593-8849 Fr 8/6 9/3 (W) 9:30-10:30 AM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOR LIFE, St Joseph, Kings Park Fr 8/6 9/3 (M) 9 AM MASS, ROSARY & VIGIL FOR LIFE & PEACE, and 4 PM Benediction, St Mark, Shoreham Fr 8/6 9/3 (M) 7:30-8:30 PM PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR, Our Lady of Victory RCC, Floral Park Fr 8/6 9/3 Fr 8/6 9/3 (M) 3-7 AM PRO-LIFE VIGIL, St Aloysius, Great Neck; Th 8/12, 7 PM Way of the Cross for Unborn Fr 8/6 9/3 (M) 8 PM-9 PM PRAYER HOUR FOR LIFE, Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne Fr 8/6 9/3 (M) 9-11:15 AM PRO-LIFE ROSARY, St John Nepomucene, Bohemia, 631-589-0540 (M) 7 PM HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE & 8 PM MASS FOR LIFE, Holy Name of Jesus RCC, Woodbury Fr 8/6 9/3 Su 8/8 9/12 (M) 1:30 PM ROSARY FOR LIFE, Our Lady of the Snow Church, 258th & 80 Ave, N Floral Park (M) 8-9 PM CULTURE FOR LIFE HOLY HOUR, Sacred Heart Chapel, St. Agnes, RVC 516-678-5000 x6304 Mn 8/9 9/13 (M) 8 PM HOUR OF ADORATION & PRAYERS FOR LIFE, St Rose of Lima, Massapequa

Fr 8/13 9/10 (M) 9 AM ROSARY FOR MOTHERS & THE UNBORN, Sts Peter & Paul RCC, Manorville, 631-874-2483

Tu 8/17 9/21 (M) 7:30-8:30 PM ADORATION, ROSARY, PRO-LIFE PRAYER, St Patrick Church, Smithtown

Th 8/19 9/16 (M) 1:15 PM ROSARY FOR LIFE, Maria Regina Chapel, Seaford, 516-541-9408

Fr 8/20 (M) 10 PM-5 AM ALL NIGHT VIGIL FOR LIFE, St Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn, 631-224-1089.

Fr 8/20 9/24 (M) 2 PM ROSARY FOR LIFE, Sacred Heart, Island Park, 516-889-7018

Sa 8/21 9/18 (M) 3 PM SPECIAL NEEDS MASS, St Catherine of Sienna Center, 33 New Hyde Park Road, Franklin Sq. For other DRVC locations contact Mary Ann Russo, 516-678-5800 x540, marusso@drvc.org

We 8/25 9/22 (M) 3 PM ROSARY FOR LIFE, St Anthony of Padua, Rocky Point, 631-744-1676

SPECIAL EVENTS IN AUGUST

Su 8/1 5 PM 42ND L.I. FEIS - A Festival of Competitions in Irish Arts at SBU Student Activities Center, Stony Brook \$10. Sponsored by Ancient Order of Hibernians. Visit the LICL pro-life table provided courtesy of Hibernians,

Div. 8, Selden. Call John McGowan 631-331-2863.

Fr 8/6-Su 8/8 CAMP ESTHER, NYSRTL'S LEADERSHIP BOOT CAMP, Utica, NY, 518-434-1293

Sa 8/7 7:05 PM LI DUCKS BASEBALL/FIREWORKS, LICL Fundraiser.

Fr 8/20 7 PM CABARET NIGHT TO BENEFIT LIFE CENTER, Bay Shore. See Page 12.

Su 8/22-Sa 8/29 OH SARATOGA, Pro-life gathering, prayer & witness, Pine Grove Campground, Saratoga Springs, NY,

315-790-3551, ohsaratoga.com

Su 8/22 ROSARY WALK FOR LIFE, Seaford. See Page 12.

Mn 8/23 7:45 PM LICL GENERAL MEETING/SPEAKER, Hicksville. See Page2.

Tu 8/24 7:30 PM KNIGHTS FOR LIFE meet Msgr. Delaney Hall, Farmingdale. Keith Wilson, 516-633-1435.

Tu 8/24 **LIFE CENTER GOLF OUTING, Mt. Sinai**, \$195 golf/dinner, \$75 dinner only 516-922-3251/516-647-8720

Sa 8/28 7:30 AM MASS, Our Lady of the Cenacle, 136-06 87th Ave, Richmond Hill, followed by march & Precious

Infants Prayer Vigil at abortion site, 718-291-2540, FRHGPI @aol.com

LOOKING AHEAD

Sa 9/11 9 AM-5 PM NYSRTL CONVENTION, Albany. See Page 5.

Su 9/12 BRUNCH TO BENEFIT BIRTHRIGHT, Wantagh Inn. See Page 12.

Sa 9/18, 10/16 & 11/13 WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER & HEALING, Bronx, 877-586-4621, lumina@postabortionhelp.org

Su 9/19 2-4 PM CURRENT POLITICS & DEFENSE OF LIFE, Catholic Speaker Series, Flushing, 718-939-6646

Mo 9/20 7:30-9:30 PM 1st evening of 11-week BIBLE STUDY FORGIVEN AND SET FREE, Queens 718-939-6646.

We 9/22-Su 10/31 FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE, Hempstead, NY. Sponsor LICL 631-243-1435, Fortydflli@gmail.com Page 2.

Su 9/26 BRIDGE TO LIFE FUNDRAISING BBQ. Queens. 718-463-1810

Su 10/3 STAND UP FOR LIFE in Huntington and Manorville. Sponsor LICL.631-754-9141. See Page 2.

SUBMISSION OF PRO-LIFE EVENTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PUBLICATION IN LIFE NEWS: Information must be e-mailed to mariemawn@yahoo.com, or sent to Life News, PO Box 223, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779. **DEADLINE for September 2010** Life News is the 1st of August. **Permission is given for reproduction and distribution** of contents of Life News. Credit must be given to Life News and to other noted sources. Call by 5th of month prior to order extra copies of Life News.

Announcing: LIPROLIFE.COM, a new website blog, created by Rev. Fr. Stephen Maloney, of Church of the Intercessor, Malverne, intended to inform, encourage, and inspire our local prolife community, its leaders and leading groups and organizations.

Nationwide, we have seen an increase and strengthening of a younger pro-life generation through the use of such Internet technologies, and we hope for more of the same on Long Island.

Within this new website blog we have linked with newly created Facebook and FLICKR groups also using the name of LIPROLIFE (Long Island Pro Life), to share stories, photos, discussions and more. The website blog can be found at http://liprolife.com. Inquiries about these resources can be emailed to info@liprolife.com.

HELP WANTED

Position: Director of Development

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Time for Redecision by Kevin Cirronella

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As rational and moral agents, members of society are bound to certain normative standards of ethics. Even if people such as post-modernists and atheists reject the proposition of absolute morality it is impossible to reject some normative foundational standards of ethics. It is this standard of normative ethics which claim that it is wrong to kill an innocent, rape, or torture. This is the underlying factor in the existence of a justice system in the first place.

Abortion at its very essence is an attack on these normative standards, since it is the stripping of life. Murder in any form is wrong because it is a direct attack against intrinsic human worth. All people would agree that murder is wrong both legally and morally. In this case the distinction should be made between killing and murder. Society does condone killing if necessary, for instance in self-defense, but murder is much more egregious, since it's the intentional killing of an innocent. When abortion is analyzed it is not just a form of killing, its plain murder.

In terms of abortion, society is putting a stamp of approval on the most egregious violation of these standards. This is true because the most innocent and blameless level of humanity is at the level of a fetus and an infant. Society would be most appalled at a situation in which a mother intentionally drowned her new-born infant. But if looked at closely is there a difference between an infant and an unborn child? Both are dependant on their mother for survival, in terms both are non-viable without the presence of the mother. Both are limited in logical and moral rationality. Both are unable to introspect on their own being.

It is interesting to note, however, that these premises are justifications for abortion. But, the majority of pro-choice advocates would never justify infanticide as well. Why? Because, even pro-choice supporters retain some degree of moral decency. It is very hard to tell your neighbor that you support murdering year-old infants. When you analyze the situation closely, you recognize the fact that there is really no difference between an unborn and an infant. It is clear that you are killing a defenseless and innocent human being.

In the U.S. and around the world, governments hold fast to the proposition that women should hold the right to an abortion. In the U.S., this right gained protection under the Supreme Court case of Roe v. Wade, maintaining the position that women have the right to privacy, and by extension the right to an abortion. Proponents of the Roe v. Wade decision continuously argue the point of viability, meaning the child can't survive on it's own thus can't be considered a separate living entity. Johnson, Editor of Free Inquiry answers this:"The basic flaw in this argument is that it makes the moral standing of the embryo or fetus hinge on a factor external to it. Viability is not an intrinsic characteristic of the fetus but a relational characteristic: it depends on the relation between the fetus's stage of development and the state of neonatal medical technology. The moral standing of a being properly depends, however,

only on the characteristics intrinsic to it. A twenty-eight-week-old fetus had no hope of surviving outside its mother's womb in 1900, but by 2000, technological advances had given it quite favorable prospects in such a circumstance. Yet it cannot plausibly be thought that the moral standing of a twenty-eight-week-old fetus was different in 1900 and 2000."

Since we have established at least a baseline idea that there is no moral distinction between an unborn child and an infant, using pro-choice rationale itself, where does that leave us legally?

By the Roe v. Wade majority decision based on the premise that fetuses are non-viable without the mother then either this decision implicitly justifies infanticide, killing a paralyzed person, and killing an unconscious person or it implicitly overturns itself. The majority decision as stated by Justice Blackmun never answers the question of when life begins. It argues that it maintains the opening that if the unborn are proven as living beings then they would gain protection under the 14th amendment, thus gaining the right to life. This is in Section 9 of the majority decision.

At this time in history, all the existing evidence points to the fact that a fetus is a living being. The most basic fact is that an embryo, fetus, child or at any stage during a persons life, the person is a person based on a genetic code. Embryos and fetuses have that code, ergo making it distinctly human; it isn't a goat or a fish, it's a human. A Senate Report submitted in response to the "Human Life Bill," states "Physicians, biologists, and other scientists agree that conception marks the beginning of the life of a human being - a being that is alive and a member of the human species. There is overwhelming agreement on this point in countless medical, biological, and scientific writings. Everything that determines the individuality and originality of a person is established at conception. The first single cell contains the entire genetic blueprint in all its complexity."

The majority of pro-choice advocates accept this fact because it can't be disputed: it is biologically a human, and due to technology can survive on it's own. Instead they have embraced the "it lacks rationality, thus it isn't a human" argument, which is fallacious at best. The Supreme Court decision is now in a logical double-bind: it can't rely on science to be in its favor, because biology has proven the humanity of the unborn, and it can't rely on the rationality argument because doing so justifies clearly morally egregious and indefensible illegal actions.

As American citizens and members of a moral society, we should not allow the government to disregard its own words, especially when dealing with matters of life and death. The Supreme Court has the duty to insure that all Americans gain the protection of the most valued document in the U.S., the constitution. As such, we must demand that the court fulfills this duty and once and for all strike down the evil that pervades our society, namely the evil of abortion.

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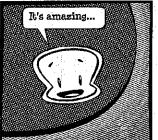
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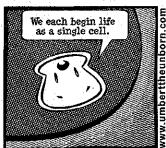
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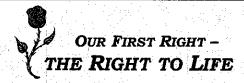
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