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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 NUMC 3/25/16 **2017 date:** 4/14/17



Pre-Independence Day Face the Truth Manorville 7/1/16 2017 date: TBA



Love Them Both 2/13/16 W. Islip PP **2017 date:** 2/17/17 Glen Cove PP



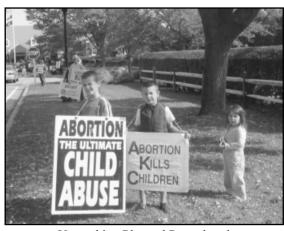


LICL Ed Trust 2016 Fly-over at LI beaches

LICL Oratory Contest 4/24/16 2017 date: TBA PEACE BEGINS IN THE WOMB PROLIFELLORG

- Stay tuned to *Life News* & LICL E-Blasts for Lobby to Albany trips in 2017 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

VISIBILITY MATTERS!



Unmasking Planned Parenthood Bethpage 10/20/16



Stand Up For Life, Huntington 10/3/16 **2017 date:** 10/1/17

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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. We continue to sponsor training sessions for pro-life people so that they can spread the pro-life message to relatives, friends, and co-workers in a loving and respectful manner. 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.

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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. 19** 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.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Donald Trump will be the 45th President of the United States of America. As of Nov. 14, President-Elect Trump had 290 Electoral votes, vs. Ms. Hillary Clinton's 232. (Michigan's 16 Electoral votes were still outstanding as of the date this issue went to press.) Former Sec. of State

Clinton was leading the popular vote by 776,000. However, the votes **counted** do not include all of the votes **cast**. States do not count their absentee ballots unless the number of absentee ballots is larger than the state margin of difference. Historically the breakdown of absentee ballots is 67% Republican to 33% Democrat.

We hope and pray that President-Elect Trump will hold fast to his 2016 campaign statements to protect life and the very pro-life GOP platform.

<u>Note</u>: In an early Fall conference call, Sen. Ted Cruz explained his decision to support Trump, by saying that weeks ago, Gov. Pence had asked him, "what do we need to do to get you on-board?" Cruz replied, "Promise you'll stick to your (pro-life) list of SCOTUS nominees." Apparently satisfied, he then decided to support Trump.

Congress is scheduled to begin a 'lame-duck' session on Nov. 14th. Current members will return to consider spending bills that will fund the Government after Dec. 9th, when the 'stop-gap' [HR.5325] spending bill ends. We must be watchful that amendments and/or riders are not attached to spending bills that provide additional funding for abortion. (During a government shutdown only non-essential operations stop. That's less than 20% of the government).

HR.5325 gave Planned Parenthood the money it wanted to fight Zika, and allows the Veterans Administration to cover embryo-destructive IVF procedures for wounded veterans. (In late October, the Washington Post reported that scientists now "suspect that other underlying causes may be to blame" for microcephaly, as the Zika virus is showing little or no correlation with higher than normal incidences of microcephaly, except in one region in northeast Brazil. Carlos Mercader, a human rights attorney in Puerto Rico asks, "How many...children are dead because [their mothers] were...misinformed?" (*LifeSiteNews.com*, 11/1/16, Gualberto Garcia Jones, Esq.)

The Heritage Foundation lamented, "Intentionally waiting until after the people vote (lame-duck session) to take up controversial legislation devalues the accountability link between the people and their representatives." During the Lame Duck session, bills currently awaiting action, (both Pro and Anti-Life), could be voted on. Some are listed below. Be ready to contact your members of Congress if the need arises.

Pro-Life bills: S.304 the Conscience Protection Act HR.940 the HealthCare Conscience Rights Act HR.4924/S.48 the Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act HR.3694 The STOP Organ Trafficking Act HR.3515/S.3306 Dismemberment Abortion Ban Act Anti-life / Anti- Conscience Protection bills: HR.5272 Do No Harm Act, would forbid religious objection to performing any medical service.

S.2960 Access to Birth Control Act - drug stores must provide, or make referrals for, all 'birth control' Rx's.

Federal Legislation continued in next column...

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HR.3706/S.1911 *Reach Every Mother and Child Act* could divert grant money to pro-abortion groups.

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www.israel.house.gov (retiring at the end of the year)

4th CD Kathleen Rice (202-225-5516)

www.kathleenrice.house.gov

5th CD Gregory Meeks (202-225-3461)

www.meeks.house.gov

Note: Reps. Zeldin, King, Rice & Meeks won re-election. Mr. Thomas Suozzi (D) won retiring Rep. Steve Israel's seat.

On Nov. 1, the Washington, DC Council passed **B21-38**, an assisted suicide law. It affects only DC, *not* the entire US. As of Nov. 6, the Mayor of DC had not yet signed the bill. Colorado voters approved assisted suicide. Assisted suicide is now permitted in Oregon, Washington state, Vermont, California, Montana and Colorado.

Nov. 14: US Dist. Judge Mike Barrett (Ohio) ordered the IRS to stop giving special scrutiny to 'tea party' groups, based on their politics. Judge Dlott said the same in August. We must remain vigilant to assure that pro-life organizations are not targeted for special scrutiny.

Eric Holder will chair the National Democratic Redistricting Comm. which aims to use data-mining and lawsuits to gerry-mander election districts, so that GOP voters are diffused into majority Democratic districts, (States and US House). This would likely affect pro-life representatives' districts. President Obama says this will be his main political focus, post White House. [*Politico* 10/17/16]



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

A review of the NYS Assembly 2015-16 website with keywords 'assisted suicide'

yielded nine bills before the Assembly and the Senate. A search for 'reproductive health' yielded 16 bills. We can expect a reintroduction of these bills and the like in the next session, which begins in January 2017. The Assembly has been overwhelmingly anti-life in these matters, and that is not expected to change. The Senate has been stronger in keeping many of these bills from progressing. Needless to say, we can never relax our efforts to make our voices heard. The other side never gives up. Neither can we.

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HEALTH & SCIENCE

Bioethics: Infanticide, Organ Harvesting and Euthanasia



"Thousands of medical ethicists and bioethicists, as they are called, professionally guide the unthinkable on its passage through the debatable on its way to becoming the justifiable until it is finally established as the unexceptionable." (Richard John Neuhaus)

Wesley J. Smith wrote the following at *LifeNews.com* on September 7th and 19th:

"If you want to see what is likely to go awry in medical ethics and public healthcare policy, pay attention to the advocacy of bioethicists – at least those who don't identify themselves as 'conservative' or 'Catholic.' In their many journal articles and presentations at academic symposia, they unabashedly advocate for discarding the sanctity – and equality-of-life ethic as our moral cornerstone. Instead, most favor invidious and systemic medical discrimination predicated on a patient's 'quality of life,' which would endow the young, healthy, and able-bodied with the highest moral value – and hence, with the greatest claim to medical resources.

"Thanks to the work of bioethics, life-taking policies that a few decades ago were 'unthinkable' now are unremarkable. Withholding tube-supplied food and water from the cognitively disabled until they die – Terri Schiavo's fate – is now legal and popularly accepted. The legalization of assisted suicide is a constant threat. (A reality now in 6 states.) Even where lethal prescriptions or injections cannot be legally provided, some of our most notable bioethicists urge that doctors be permitted to help elderly and others commit suicide by self-starvation – a process known in euthanasia advocacy circles as VSED (Voluntary Stopping of Eating and Drinking)." Some of the dangerous 'advances' being promoted in bioethics include:

Infanticide: "When German doctors were hanged at Nuremberg for committing infanticide, it was thought that killing disabled babies was an unrepeatable historical evil. But human memory is short...on September 4 of this year, Newsweek published an article promoting late-term abortion and infanticide in response to the Zika outbreak." Cornell Law Professor Sherry F. Colb wrote, "Because bodily integrity may no longer be a plausible driver of the abortion right [at the late stage of pregnancy], the choice to terminate the life of the fetus or child truly becomes a form of euthanasia rather than abortion...the issue of euthanasia nonetheless lurks and beckons to us to answer the question: might some lives be better off ended than permitted to continue, given what is in store for them?" Smith concludes, "In the Netherlands, a checklist called the Groningen Protocol is used to determine which disabled or dying infants are eligible for infanticide. In our current bioethical climate, infanticide falls somewhere between 'debatable' and 'justifiable'.

Killing for Organs: "The 'dead donor rule' which says that vital organs can only be taken from the certifiably de-

ceased, has been under steady attack for years. The latest example was just published in the Journal of Medical Ethics by bioethicist Zoe Fritz: "Where it is inevitable that an incapacitous patient is going to die – and specifically when it has been agreed through the courts that a patient in a PVS is going to have CANH [tube-supplied sustenance] withdrawn, it could be in a patient's best interests to have a drug that would stop their heart and to have vital organs donated to a family member...By extension, it could also be in the patient's best interests to donate their organs to someone else, if that was consistent with their previously expressed wishes." Smith comments, "I can think of no faster way to destroy people's confidence in organ donation than to kill people for their organs. Not only that, but if this were permitted, decisions about withdrawing care would quickly become intertwined with the issue of organ harvesting, transforming patients into organ farms. Killing for organs – which is not yet happening – is currently considered 'debatable'." Euthanasia laws are some of the most liberal in the world in the Netherlands and Belgium. More than 40 patients have already had their organs harvested after being euthanized in these countries.

"Futile Care": "Medical futility, or 'futile care,' permits a doctor to withdraw wanted life-sustaining treatment from a patient based on the doctor's perception of the patient's quality of life – and, less mentioned, based on the cost of the patient's care. Texas has a law that allows hospital bioethics committees to refuse service or discontinue treatment – even against a patient's written advance directive. Many a patient has died after such forced removal of treatment. There has been abundant litigation surrounding the issue, with the bioethics movement leading the charge to allow bioethicists and doctors to decide when a patient should die. Despite this contentiousness, I believe that futile care is at this point considered 'justifiable.' These and other policies that view imposed or chosen death as the answer to human suffering and medicalresource concerns are the products of careful planning and promotion. In 1970, an editorial in California Medicine celebrated the 'inevitability of death selection and death control' in a project that would culminate in the 'fulfillment and betterment of mankind in what is almost certain to be a biologically oriented world society.' Back then, the very idea of death control was unthinkable. A mere forty-six years later – intellectually gestated by the bioethics movement – it is quickly becoming unexceptionable."

Michael Cook reported at MercatorNet.com on Oct 29th that Stephanie Packer,33, from California, has scleroderma, a terminal disease. She claims that her insurance company refused to pay for an expensive chemotherapy drug which could extend her life and give her more time with her children. However, the insurance company did agree to cover the cost of drugs for assisted suicide – and she would only have to pay \$1.20 in out-of-pocket costs. She says the State's broken health care system must be fixed "so that people start to live instead of feeling that they have to choose to die."

Submitted by Regina Carbonaro 631-243-1435

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.

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| Nassau County - Location | Day/Time_ | Contact Phone (516) | |
| 540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead | (W) Sa 8 AM-Noon | 741-3405 | <u>IMPORTANT</u> : |
| " " " | (M) 1st. Sa 10 AM Liturgy/Clergy | 741-3405 | Peaceful assembly on |
| 35 Carmans Rd., Massapequa | (W) Sa 10:30-Noon | 541-8056 | public property near an |
| Suffolk County - Location | Day/Time_ | Contact Phone (631) | abortion site is a lawful |
| 70 Maple Ave, Smithtown | (W) We & Sa 7:30-10:30AM | 979-8541 | First Amendment right. |
| " " " | (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 | |
| 200 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge | (W) Sa 9:45-11:45 AM | 265-2736 | 10 4 |
| 540 E. Main St, Riverhead | (W) We 2-4 PM | 722-3111 | - Asich |
| 498 Rt. 111, Smithtown | (W) Sa 7-9 AM | 751-7894 | |
| 450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue | (M) 2nd Sa 10:30-11:30 AM | 472-0033 | 100000000000000000000000000000000000000 |
| 595 Hampton Rd. S. Hampton OB/GYN | (W) Fr 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM | 807-6001 | |
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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-3 PM. (Closed Sa); Riverhead 631-591-9017, 6 E. Main St., Ste. 2, open Mo-Fr 10 AM-4 PM

Local Pro-Life Viewing - All programs weekly on CableV Ch 20 (except where noted) through Sept. 30, 2017:

Life Issues – hosted by LICL – Nas/W Suf Tu 9 PM, CSuf Tu 9 PM & Rvhd We 9 PM

Life Talk - Mark Crutcher's Life Dynamics - Nas/W Suf Tu 10:30 PM, Ch 115, Rvhd We 2 PM Ch 20

Defending Life - hosted by Priests for Life on EWTN CableV Ch 135, Verizon Ch 285 We 2:30 AM & Th 11 PM Long Island Teen Freedom Sexual Integrity and Risk Avoidance-a product of Life Center of L.I. Nas/W Suf We 3:30 PM Ch 20,

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AFA of NY: Mo 8 PM, Ver. Ch 40; CableV Nass /W. Suff. Mo 8 PM Ch 20 & Sa 8 PM Ch 115, C Suff. Tu 4:30 PM Ch 20
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In Memoriam: Robert Winnimore (Attorney and good friend of the LICL), Alois Rubenbauer & Veronica Windishman

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Knights for Life 2017 Meetings

7:30 PM Msgr. Delaney K of C Hall, 110 Merrits Road, Farmingdale 11725 1/24, 2/28, 3/28, 4/25, 5/23, 6/27, 7/25, 8/22, 9/26*, 10/24*, 11/28 * 12/26 *meetings will be at Our Lady of the Island Council, 2 E. Gate Rd., Massapequa Pk. For more info call Keith Wilson 516-633-1435.

All welcome

March For Life 2017

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 27, 2017. 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 2017 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 2/4/17/ 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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Annual National Night of Prayer for Life

Thurs., Dec. 8 9 PM to Fri. 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: evecampfield@hotmail.com. Website: Nationalnightofprayerforlife.org

Our Lady of Guadalupe Memorial Mass

Tues., Dec. 27 - 7:30 PM Celebrant: Fr. Paul Driscoll

(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.

Announcement: The Long Island Coalition for Life is proud to announce we are now sponsors of March4Life blog radio. Live shows on the Internet Monday evenings from 7-8:00 PM. You can call in with questions and comments. Go to blogtalkradio.com/march4lifeny-radio. You can also access past radio broadcasts.

Christmas & New Year Blessings!



Face the Truth Abortion Kills 1 Roe v Wade Memorial **Face the Truth** Sun., Jan. 22 1:30-3 PM

In front of NUMC, 2201 Hempstead Tpke, (Rt. 24) East Meadow, NY Sponsor: LICL 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.

SAVE THE DATE! Fri., Jan. 27, 2017 **Annual March for Life Washington DC**

Because of the 2017 Presidential Inauguration, the date has been

changed. Please see page 5 for suggestions for participants in the March for Life. More to come in our January/ February 2017 Life News.

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