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"We will be here until we overturn Roe v. Wade, and believe me, we are going to overturn Roe v. Wade."

Nellie Gray, Founder of the Annual March for Life in Washington D.C.

49th Annual MARCH FOR LIFE

Friday, January 21, 2022 - Washington, D.C.

March for Life Expo:-1/19, 1-5 PM; 1/20 - 9 AM-8 PM; and 1/21 - 9-10 AM & 3:30-7 PM Thurs., 1/20: Capitol Hill 101: Seminar Session 1: 11 AM - noon; Session 2 - 5 - 6 PM Above at Renaissance Wash., DC Downtown Hotel, 999 Ninth Street NW & K Street, Wash., D.C., 20001 Thurs., 1/20, Law of Life Summit: 9 AM-6 PM: at the Renaissance for info 10times.com/law-life-summit Thurs., 1/20-Sat., 1/22, Anglicans for Life Summit, for info: anglicansforlife.org/summit-2022

Thurs., 1/20-Sat., 1/22, Y4Life: Lutherans for Life - Youth Conference, Arlington, VA. For info michelle@y4life.org; www.y4life.org

Fri., 1/21: MARCH FOR LIFE:

Pre-Concert - 11 AM - noon Rally - noon - 1 PM March - 1 - 4 PM

Fri., 1/21, Priests for Life National Prayer

1776 D St., NW (National prayers ervice.com)

Serve: 8:30-10:30 AM, DAR Constitution Hall,

Fri., 1/21, Silent No More testimonies 2:30 PM outside U.S. Supreme Court

Fri., 1/21, Rose Dinner Gala: 6-9 PM with guest speakers - Renaissance (address above)

Sat., 1/22, National Pro-life Summit: 8 AM - 7 PM - Omni Shoreham, 2500 Calvert St., NW, DC



The Ancient Order of Hibernians is organizing buses from Nassau County to the Fri., Jan. 21, 2022 MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington, D.C. Buses will leave Nassau County 5 AM from Massapequa then stops at the VFW Hall for the South Shore riders. Unfortunately, there will not be any AOH bus from Suffolk County. Donations are welcome to offset the cost. All are welcome to spend the ride time with the Hibernians and friends as room allows. For more information email Jack at AOH11@Live.com.

Annual NYS K of C Council Respect Life Mass Sun., Jan. 16 St. Patrick's Cathedral NYC

Buses departing from LI at 8:30 AM, Mass 11:30 AM For info contact Nassau VC Keith 516-633-1435



Diocese of Rockville Centre

The DRVC advises against chartering buses to Washington, D.C. again this year for everyone's safety. However, individual parishes, churches and organizations will again arrange Masses, Eucharistic Adoration, prayer services, outside witnessing, etc. on Jan. 21 in solidarity with those who do go to Wash. DC for the March for Life. A continuous Rosary from 8 AM to 8 PM is being planned asking parishes to please choose an hour to participate. Send any events you are planning to respectlife@drvc.org. The DRVC has established a micro website: www.drvcmarchforlife.com and will be posting events. Also visit www.DRVCLife.org for a wealth of pro-life information and to sign up to receive their Newsletter.



The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. Upcoming meetings are Mondays,

Jan. 24, 8 PM at St. Regis Council K of C Hall, Rosevale Ave. & Pond Rd., Ronkonkoma & Feb. 28, 7:30 PM at Joseph Barry Council K of C Hall, 45 Heitz Pl., Hicksville.

All are welcome - please join us! For further info, call LICL at 631-243-1435.

THANK YOU! The LICL is most grateful for the use of facilities for our meetings provided by Joseph Barry K of C Council, Hicksville, St. Regis K of C Council, Ronkonkoma, and the Life Center of Long Island. We also thank O'Keefe CPA, LLC for their donated accounting services. A special thank you to our monthly donors and our sincere thanks also go to all our contributors, volunteers and those who have prayed in support of our pro-life endeavors. May God richly bless you.

2022 Oratory Contest

Sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust

What: Pro-life speech (5-7 minutes in length) on a topic listed below.

Eligibility: 11th and 12th graders, including home-schooled students

When: Saturday, March 26, 2022

516-672-3957

Where: Joseph Barry Council Knights of Columbus, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville, NY

Topics: Abortion, Assisted Suicide, Bioethics (as it relates to pro-life), Black Genocide (through abortion),

Cloning/Embryonic Stem Cell Research, Ectogenesis, Eugenics (as it relates to pro-life), Euthanasia, Fetal Development (in the context of abortion), Infanticide, Legal Points - Right to Life, Men &

Abortion, Post Abortion, Pro-Life Apologetics, Special Needs/Down Syndrome (as it relates to pro-life)

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Mail or e-mail written speech by February 28, 2022 to address above.



FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Two multi-trillion dollar "Infra-Structure" bills have been in the news. **HR.3684**, the smaller of the two, is now law. [Reps. Garbarino, Meeks, Rice, Suozzi - *yea* ||| Rep. Zeldin - *nay*] **HR. 5376** - *Build Back Better*, is larger and more problematic. As of Dec. 3, it has passed the House, not the Senate.

Pelosi confirms the Hyde Amendment isn't in this bill, so abortion could be funded. There are religious liberty threats as well. There is money to train hospice and palliative care workers, but a specific ban on training them to perform or promote assisted suicide and euthanasia is missing. [Reps. Meeks, Rice, Suozzi - yea ||| Reps. Garbarino, Zeldin - nay]

For the first time, the US will be sending funds (\$5M) to UNFPA Supplies, which works with International Planned Parenthood and others to send items such as abortion equipment and drugs overseas. Also, HHS has revoked certain "overly broad" Trump- era religious liberty exemptions for child welfare organizations. The Dept. of Labor wants to revoke expanded Trump era religious liberty exemptions that applied to Federal contractors, returning to the pre-Trump rules.

<u>The Supreme Court heard oral arguments</u> Dec. 1 in *Dobbs v Jackson*, Mississippi's 15-week abortion law. A ruling on this case is expected in June 2022. The following are some edited highlights:

Mississippi Solicitor General Stewart told the justices "...Roe v Wade and PP v Casey haunt our country...They have no basis in the Constitution, [have] kept this Court at the center of a political battle [and] choked off compromise... fifty years on, they stand alone: nowhere else does this Court recognize a right to end a human life." Justice Thomas asked, "Would you specifically tell me, ...what the right [to abortion] is, is it...abortion? Is it a liberty?... Is it autonomy? Is it privacy?" The pro-abortion lawyer said it's in the liberty part of the 14th Amendment.

Justice Barrett questioned the idea that women need to abort to be 'a success' and asked, "if the aim of abortion is allowing a woman to 'opt out' of parenthood, don't Safe Haven laws do that?" The lawyers said those laws do not address the "unique physical demands" of pregnancy.

Chief Justice Roberts cited Charlotte Lozier Institute data to equate current US abortion laws with China & North Korea. Forty-seven of fifty European nations ban abortion at or after 15 weeks.

Justice Kavanaugh noted that some of the Court's most important rulings have been cases that overturned prior SCOTUS decisions. He echoed Mississippi's argument that the Constitution is neutral on this "most contentious" issue, and it's better left to the people, States or Congress.

Justice Alito asked US Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar if a case can never be overruled for the simple reason the decision was egregiously wrong?

Justice Sotomayor asked Solicitor General Stewart, "How is your interest anything but a religious view? ... The issue of when life begins has been hotly debated by philosophers since the beginning of time. It's still debated in religions." Pro-aborts say Stewart didn't reply well, but when asked why *Roe* should be overturned, Stewart said

abortion is "the purposeful termination of human life."

Note that Professors Robert George & John Finnis filed an *amicus brief* citing over 100 years of US law cases in which the pre-born child was recognized as a person under the 14th Amendment.

After the arguments, President Biden voiced his support for *Roe*. Note that on the day he met Pope Francis, Prelogar was filing a motion in SCOTUS versus Texas' **SB.8** law. Prior to Dec. 1, Justice Kagan said **SB.8** was an attempt to 'evade the commands' of the Supreme Court, and Senator. J. Shaheen said 'you want to see a revolution, overturn *Roe*.'

<u>During oral arguments</u>, outside the Court, women from Shout Your Abortion stood by a huge banner, claiming they were taking abortion pills.

<u>City of Boston employees</u> get 12 weeks paid leave for a birth or adoption. As of Sept. 17, paid leave is also given for an abortion. Portland, OR followed suit in October.

The US abortion rate has dropped over 50% since 1981, but the CDC reports slight increases in 2018 and 2019 totaling 1.7%. A significant factor in this increase is that 43.7% of all abortions now involve the abortion pill. A recent study also indicated that emergency room visits due to chemical abortion increased by 500% from 2002 to 2015. The CDC stats are not fully accurate, since the annual abortion numbers do not include California, New Hampshire, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. (Steven Ertelt, LifeNews.com, 11/29/21)

ACTION ITEM

Contact Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, as well as Minority Leader McConnell and let them know you oppose the *Build Back Better* bill because it lacks the Hyde Amendment and will fund abortions.

For contact information go to: https://www.prolifeli.org/index.php/legislative



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

In anticipation of the Dobbs case being considered by the US Supreme Court, many

state legislatures will more than likely codify abortion rights in their own constitutions. The NYS legislature leans heavily towards the pro-abortion side, therefore every effort must be made to make our voices heard, and when possible, replace those lawmakers.

A new legislative session begins in January 2022. Several bills are awaiting action including placing undue burdens on Crisis Pregnancy Centers, "Aid in Dying," redefining what an embryo is, and protecting abortion survivors. A full list is available on the NYSRTL website: nysrighttolife.or/legislative-summary/

Although the redistricting amendment was defeated by a significant margin on Election Day, Gov. Hochul signed legislation on Thanksgiving Eve doing exactly what voters had rejected. The Democratic supermajority will take over control of the redistricting process from the independent commission that was established in 2014. Court challenges are reportedly in the works.

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

HEALTH & SCIENCE

Rethinking "Dying with Dignity



MercatorNet recently (11/29/21) interviewed nuclear medicine specialist Dr. Ole Hartling, a past chair of Denmark's Council on Ethics and author of the book "Euthanasia and the Ethics of a Doctor's Decisions." Dr. Hartling's wife suffered greatly before dying from renal failure. She once suggested that she could open her dialysis catheter and slowly bleed to death. When she saw his reaction, she said, "No, no – when you look at me like that, I won't do it." Dr. Hartling stated she was "thinking of taking her own life for her own sake and refrained from it for mine – or perhaps her own sake too. Did she tell me about it to find the courage to carry on living? Because I believe it gave her strength that, despite pain and misery, there was something to live for...no decisions can be divorced from the relationships we have. [His wife Katrine] taught him that a desperate person...may need to be met with more than just a logical understanding that it is best to go to one's rest now."

Polls indicate that 70-80% of the public support euthanasia. However, Dr. Hartling noted that the questions are often leading since they need to explain what they are about, and avoid using terms such as "killing," instead using more "acceptable" terminology. The two arguments used to promote legalization of euthanasia are to avoid unbearable suffering and to respect the right to self-determination. Terms such as "voluntary" and "advisedly" are used to "appeal to the fine and widely acknowledged concepts of individual autonomy and free will."

Hartling also noted that most of the people surveyed are healthy individuals who "cannot imagine themselves...suffering...and dependent on care. They would rather die than experience this — or so they think." A neurologist friend said "his (healthy) friends favored legalization whereas his sick patients did not." Past surveys of oncology patients show that "their support for legalization of euthanasia was considerably lower than among healthy people." He also noted that physicians are less likely to favor legalization because "they know who will be expected to be in the front line, if it comes to taking the lives of patients."

Dr. Hartling went on to explain that "exercising autonomy can to some extent be illusionary." He asked, "How autonomously can the weakest people act when the world around them deems their ill, dependent, and pained quality of life as beyond recovery? Patients can find themselves directly or indirectly under duress to choose the option of dying if they consider themselves sufficiently pained and their quality of life sufficiently low. Patients must be at liberty to choose assisted dying freely, of course – that is how it is presented – but the point is that the

patient cannot get out of having to choose. It has been called the "prison of freedom." Pressure on the patient does not have to be direct or articulated. It may exist as an "internalized external pressure." The French bioethicist Emmanuel Hirsch expressed it this way: "A patient may truly want to die, but this desire is not the fruit of his freedom alone, it may be — and most often is — the translation of the attitude of those around him, if not of society as a whole which no longer believes in the value of his life and signals this to him in all sorts of ways."

Hartling asked, "Why does suffering have to be a requirement? The answer is straightforward: our concepts of assisted dying imply that compassion must form a decisive element of the decision – mercy killing and compassionate killing are synonyms for euthanasia. But this leads instantly to the question of why we should not also perform assisted dying on people who are not in a position to ask for it themselves but are also suffering. Some people find the reasoning unproblematic: after all, relieving suffering is a duty. But in this particular context it is not unproblematic, because it effectively shifts the focus from the autonomy claimed. According to prevailing ideas about autonomy, patients initially evaluate their quality of life themselves, but ultimately it is those around them who end up gauging that quality and the value of their life...the justification for so-called assisted dying is based on the premise that certain lives are not worth living rather than the presence of a request. The whole point is that in the process, respect for the patient's autonomy is not independent of other things."

Dignity is a "persuasive" word "associated only with positive thoughts" making "it difficult to disagree...dying with dignity has become a paraphrase – and almost a synonym – for euthanasia." Medical ethicist David Albert Jones stated, "The principles of autonomy and the alleviation of suffering have often been expressed in terms of human dignity. The dignity of a chosen death and the indignity of suffering and dependence." Hartling argues, "By equating 'a dignified death' with euthanasia, this not being in control of the time of death becomes undignified in its own right...It is alarming if autonomy is made the benchmark for human dignity. For if we link dignity with autonomy, with being in control over things, control of our life and functions, we will ineluctably end up linking indignity with not having control of our capacity for reasoning, walking...and so on."

Oncologist Benoit Beuselinck stated, "If euthanasia is defined as 'dying with dignity,' doctors who do not perform euthanasia are implicitly labelled as inhumane." Hartling concluded that euthanasia advocates "do not have a monopoly on the concept of dignity...those working in palliative therapy have been involved in ensuring that a 'dignified death' is not merely a beautifying turn of phrase for euthanasia...The choice will only be free once we start seriously telling a new story — a narrative that informs why it is worth living as a sufferer and dependent, not just why it is worth dying...it is important for the doctor to remain on the side of life when asked to help...the doctor dares to be with the patient when things really take a turn for the worse without having some other agenda in the mix."

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> 540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead	<u>Day/Time</u> (W) Sa 8 AM-Noon	<u>Contact Phone</u> 917-544-0121
" "	(W) Th 10:30-Noon	516-270-3845
	(W) Sa 10AM-Noon	516-270-3845
" "	(W) Fr 11 AM - Noon	516-359-1298
Suffolk County - Location	<u>Day/Time</u>	Contact Phone (631)
70 Maple Ave, Smithtown	(W) We & Sa 7:30-10:30 AM	979-8541
42 First Ave, Brentwood	(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM	665-3630
877 E. Main St, Riverhead	(W) We 2-4 PM	323-8001
450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue	(M) 2nd Sa 10:30-11:30 AM	472-4314

IMPORTANT:

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



Pro-Life Counseling Centers nearest to abortion sites:

Women First Pregnancy Options: (Three locations): Massapequa 516-798-9100, 35 East Willow St, at E end of Sunrise Mall behind White Castle, (bilingual) open Mo-Fr, 10 AM-4 PM, Sa 9 AM-Noon (by appt. only); Hempstead 516-408-6300, 474 Fulton Av (Rt 24) (bilingual) open Mo-Fr 10 AM-4:30 PM & Sa 9AM-1PM; Deer Park 631-243-0066, 1767 Deer Park Ave, (bilingual) open Mo 10 AM-8 PM, Tu-Fr 10 AM-4 PM. (Closed Sa)

Local Pro-Life Viewing/Listening:

EWTN Opt. Ch 135, Verizon Ch 285: Defending Life hosted by Priests for Life: Sun. 11 PM; Pro-Life Weekly: Thurs. 10 PM Long Island Teen Freedom "Sexual Risk Avoidance Education" - Life Center of L.I. - Fri. 1 AM, Opt. Ch. 20 AFA of NY Programs on YouTube.com; then in Search bar: AFA New York; then click on AFA NY; then select VIDEOS

Listen to pro-life radio on the Internet: blogtalkradio.com/march4lifeny-radio Pro-Life and Pro-Family blog: rickhinshaw.com Roe V. Wade - The Movie www.roevwademovie.com.

Guest Speaker at LICL General Meeting

Bob Williams, who is spearheading initiatives to increase the pro-life presence outside of the Patchogue Planned Parenthood abortion facility on Waverly Ave., spoke at the Long Island Coalition for Life meeting on Nov. 22, 2021. Bob explained that he got his start in this pro-life activity when he was invited to attend a vigil at Waverly Ave. and soon realized the importance of this endeavor. He then organized a 40-Days for Life campaign this past fall in front of Patchogue Planned Parenthood and is now working with other volunteers on a Spiritual Adoption program with multiple Catholic churches and others in the area. Bob aims to get pro-lifers "out of their seats and onto the streets" where they can have an "impact witnessing at abortion sites and offering resources" to the abortion-minded mothers and fathers. We applaud the work of Bob and all those involved in the Waverly Avenue pro-life efforts. If you would like to participate, email waverlyavenuerespectlife@gmail.com or call/text 631-615-1735.



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Face the Truth - Jan. 22, 2022

Help restore the right to life for preborn children. Pro-

lifers are encouraged to ioin the Roe v. Wade Memorial Anniversary Face the Truth event on Sat., Jan. 22, 2022, from 2-3:30 PM.

This peaceful public witness will be held on the sidewalk in front of Nassau Univ. Medical Ctr., 2201 Hempstead Tpke, (Rt. 24) East Meadow.



Be a positive sign for LIFE! Signs provided. Rain or Shine. Sponsored by Long Island Coalition for Life 631-243-1435 Email: info@prolifeLI.org.

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Rethinking "Dying with Dignity"

US Abortions this year as of 12/15/21: 825,025

Due to rape/incest: 8,003

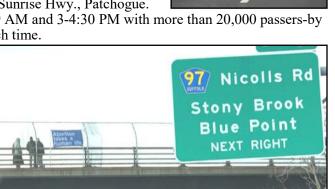
Black babies since 1973: 18,998,378 www.numberofabortions.com

Banner on Bridge

'events' took place on 12/1/21 at 3:30-4:30 PM in unity with pro-life lawyers arguing the Dobbs abortion case before the U.S. Supreme Court. Photo on right shows the banner ("Abortion takes a human life") on an overpass of the LIE near Exit 41 (Routes 106/107) in Nassau, facing the rush hour traffic heading east.

Below: Waverly Ave. overpass of Sunrise Hwy., Patchogue.

7-9 AM and 3-4:30 PM with more than 20,000 passers-by each time.



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