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MARCH FOR LIFE 2018

The March for Life in Washington D.C. made history again this year. In 2017 it was the first time a sitting Vice-President (VP Mike Pence) addressed the crowd from the podium. March for Life 2018 President Donald Trump made a live speech from the Rose Garden at the White House. We thank them along with Speaker Paul Ryan and UN Ambassador Nikki Haley as well as all guest speakers. Their support is encouraging and should give us even more motivation to do what we can to reverse Roe v. Wade. See the 2018 March for Life in 60 seconds, at: facebook.com/studentsforlife/videos/10155143300192927/



Bus from Our Lady of the Snow, Blue Point

Quotes from the Dumas children of Bellport who attended with their family:

"I think that it was a really cool experience and I would definitely like to do it again." Abbey Dumas age 11

"I thought it was very inspiring and amazing that hundreds of thousands of people attended this March for life from all over the country." Colin Dumas age 13

"The March for Life was a very inspiring experience. It was gigantic and really helped our cause. I think the 5-Hour Drive was worth it." Rohan Dumas, age 9

SAVE THE DATE: March for Life, Wash., D.C. Friday, January 18, 2019



Bus from St. Anthony of Padua, E. Northport

March for Life NY

Monday, June 4, 2018 - Albany, NY

10:30 AM at Children's Memorial Empire State Plaza

March to the State Capital steps for a pro-life rally and listen to many pro-life speakers

For more info go to Marchforlifeny.org and listen to blogtalkradio.com/march4lifeny-radio



Bus from Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst

The You're Invited! Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM. Our next meeting is March 26 at St. Regis K of C Council, Rosevale Ave. & Pond Rd., Ronkonkoma.

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



The Annual Oratory Contest for 11th and 12th year students will be held on Sun., 3/18/18 at Kellenberg Memorial HS, Uniondale. For information call Maryjane McQuade at 516-599-5296, MjKev@verizon.net.

Educational Trust

The LICL Educational Trust is looking for anyone who would like to help with educational projects. Also, anyone who has any ideas for new projects, especially to engage the youth, please contact Dan at 631-575-1482.

Euthanasia or Aid in Dying? You Decide

Sat., March 3 12:30-2 PM

Hofstra University Club
Debate with David C. Leven, J.D., Exec. Director
Emeritus of End of Life Choices of NY and
Margaret Dore, Esq., Pres. of Choice is an Illusion
Register to attend at:

https://3-3-18-hofstra-debate.eventbrite.com

Life News Guidelines

Following are guidelines for articles/blurbs submitted for *Life News*:

- 1. We welcome any pro-life events you'd like printed in *Life News*. These events MUST BE in writing and e-mailed to LICoalition4Life@outlook.com or USPS mail to LICL, PO Box 223, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.
- 2. All events must reflect our Mission Statement found on the last page of *Life News*.
- 3. Regina and Ann will use their discretion on printing events.
- 4. Any passing away of pro-life servants, please send info to LICoaltion4Life@outlook.com. or call the LICL phone number so we can acknowledge in *Life News*.
- 5. Any pro-life letters you see in any newspaper, please send us a copy so we can acknowledge in

Life News. Letters should reflect our Mission Statement – from conception to natural death.

- 6.Please keep in mind the deadlines for events. *Life News* is formatted and sent to the printer so we can receive it prior to our General Meeting.
- 7. Any suggestions, etc., please feel free to let a member of the Board know. They are elected to oversee all LICL items.
- 8. Deadlines CANNOT be extended.

Roe v. Wade Memorial Face the Truth

More than 70 pro-lifers lined the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center at the Face the

Truth event on Jan. 21st. They stood vigil on behalf of the unborn babies whose lives were and will be lost through abortion at this hospital and throughout Long Island. Our presence reminded those walking or driving by that we will not be silent



while babies are not safe in the womb. Sincere thanks to all who participated.

2nd Annual - 2018 International Gift of Life Walk - NYC

Sun., March 25 Rally begins 9 AM

Foley Square - Lafayette & Worth Sts., NYC
Grand Pro-life Hero Marshalls & Silent No More,
Canada/Choose Life License Plates and more.
groups, organizations, churches, schools, individuals All are welcome and must register. Send email to
BringingAmericaBackToLifeNY@gmail.com
Bring your Floats, Banners, Signs



PRAYERS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LIFE, Mon., 3/5 7:30 PM

Christ the King RCC, 2 Indian Head Road, Commack 11725

Other on-going prayer opportunities at CTK:

- 1st & 3rd Mon., at 7:30 PM Rosary & prayers for life;
- 4th Tues. at 7:30 Eucharistic Healing Service For more information: Marion 631-486-2658 or Ann at 631-754-9141.

Adopt a Mom and Child

The Life Center of Long Island has a new program "Adopt a Mom and Child Program" If you are interested in "adopting" a mom and child, please visit their website at www.lifecentrli.org or call 516-798-8746.

Save the Date! Sat., April 7 The Day of the Unborn S/K Edward McKee Memorial Mass at Holy Family RCC, Hicksville. More info in next month's *Life News*.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

On Dec. 22, 2017, the President signed the *Tax Cuts and Jobs* Act [HR.1]. The ability to open a 529 college savings plan for your pre-born child was removed from the bill. An attempt to repeal the Johnson

Amendment (strict limits on politicking by 'nonprofits'), was also cut. The bill eliminates (in 2019) ObamaCare's mandate that everyone must buy a Medical Insurance policy. {All L.I. Reps. voted *nay*, likely due to tax deductibility issues} NOTE: LICL objects to ObamaCare because parts in it include abortion coverage & abortifacient/sterilization/contraception coverage at taxpayer expense, and direct or implicit limiting of care to vulnerable populations such as sick newborns and terminally ill.

On Jan. 19, the House passed The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act [HR. 4712]. It closes loopholes in a similar 2002 law. {King, Zeldin-yea || Meeks, Rice, Suozzi-nay} The Senate version [S.220] has been sitting in the Judiciary Committee since Jan. 24, 2017.

On Jan. 29, the Senate voted not to end debate on **S.2311**, their version of **HR.36**, the *Pain-Capable /20* -week abortion ban, that the House passed on Oct 3. Pundits say this effectively ends the bill's chance of passage.

The Bipartisan Budget Act [HR.1892], became law on Feb. 9. One part of the bill will end the Independent Payment Advisory Board, (Obamacare's 'death panel'). Passage of HR.1892 makes the fate of other funding bills (ex. HR.3354, with its pro-life provisions) unclear.

Acting on an appeal from the Trump Administration, the Supreme Court will decide if the Federal Government's refusal to facilitate abortions for pregnant 'undocumented' minors in their care imposes an "undue burden" on them.

SCOTUS will hear oral arguments March 20 on NIFLA v. Becerra - California's 'FACT Act' which compels pregnancy help centers (like NIFLA) to post signs telling women where they can get 'free' abortions (paid by the State).

In Oct. 2017, when HHS announced expanded religious and moral exemptions to the HHS Abortifacient/ Sterilization/Contraceptive Mandate, AG's in California and Pennsylvania filed suit in Court. On Dec 15, Federal Judge W. Beetlestone stopped the changes from being enacted.

On Jan. 18, HHS's Office of Civil Rights announced a new Conscience & Religious Freedom Division. The day after, proposed conscience rules were released. The new Division will hear complaints, and enforce the (finalized) new rules, as well as 25 existing conscience statutes. To Comment (by Mar 27), on the new rules, Search for Docket ID: HHS-OCR-2018-0002 at www.regulations.gov

Also, on Jan. 19, HHS released new pro-life rules giving the States more latitude to withhold Medicaid funds from 'family-planning' entities that do abortions.

On Jan. 29, Alex Azar was sworn in as HHS head. The Susan B Anthony list was pleased. NARAL was not.

Federal Legislation continued in next column...

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With VP Pence breaking a tie vote on Jan. 24, the Senate made pro-life Gov. Sam Brownback [R-KS] *Ambassador -at-Large for International Religious Freedom*, a post he helped create (as a Senator) twenty years ago.

The latest abortion statistics from the *CDC*, the proabortion Guttmacher Institute, and STOPP show that abortions continue their slow decline in the US. There are 12.1 abortions/1000 women of childbearing age, and 186 abortions/1000 live births, the lowest ratio the CDC has found since 1973. In NY, the ratio dropped by 143/1000.

<u>Planned Parenthood CEO</u> Cecile Richards is resigning. During her tenure, PP did over 3 million abortions, and the number of PP facilities dropped to 597. Taxpayer money is PP's largest source of funds. (Over \$500 million/year.)

Two firms caught obtaining aborted baby parts in under-cover videos, *DV Biologics & DaVinci Biosciences*, have agreed to permanently end business in California, and pay penalties totaling \$8 million. (Stopp.org 12/13/17)

On Jan. 16, Chris Slattery's EMC Frontline pregnancy center was fined \$1500 under Local Law 17, by the NYC Dept. of Consumer Affairs; the first CPC it has fined. The law requires EMC to inform all clients they're not a licensed medical provider, and don't do abortions. The one website reporting this info was Planned Parenthood.



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

Gov. Cuomo has decided on a new strategy in pushing his abortion expansion bill.

He's included this bill in Part B of the budget process. It is now in budget bill S.7511/A.9511 to be voted on before the budget due date of 4/1/18. With the Assembly overwhelmingly pro-abortion and the Senate about evenly divided, the battle ahead will be fierce. The LI Coalition for Life will be sending a lobby bus to Albany on 3/14/18. To reserve a seat call 631-758-2093. Also, New Yorker's Family Research Foundation's Legislative Day is March 20, 2018. Contact your State Senator as well as Sen. Kemp Hannon, Chair of the Senate Health Committee at 516-739-1700 or hannon@nysenate.gov, to express your opposition.

To view the new bill memo in opposition to abortion expansion in the state budget (S.7511) go to: http://www.nyscatholic.org/2018/01/budget-bill-s-7511-a-9511-in-relation-to-late-term-abortion-expansion-part-b-in-the-women's-agenda-article-vii-bill There is a link to a pdf version here, also.

For an updated Action Alert on abortion expansion in the state budget, go to the following: https://www.votervoice.net/NYSCATHOLIC/campaigns/49213/respond

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 STEM CELL RESEARCH



Stem Cell Research Facts is a project of the Charlotte Lozier Institute. The home page (www.stemcellresearchfacts.org) states that "stem cell research and treatments represent perhaps mankind's greatest opportunity to fulfill that ancient call to 'heal the sick,' relieve suffering, and improve the quality of life for untold millions of people."

Adult stem cells are more accurately called somatic, from the Greek word 'soma', which means body. Somatic cells come from body tissue in adults, children or babies. Stem cells are basically 'blank', flexible, 'immature' cells that have not developed or differentiated into a specialized cell like a liver or heart cell. "Since they have not yet specialized, they can respond to different signals and needs in the body by becoming any of the various cell types needed such as repairing an organ after an injury. They are a bit like a maintenance crew that keeps repairing and replacing damaged or worn out cells in the body."

Stem cells can be used to replace or heal damaged tissues and cells in the body, "a built-in repair system for the human body, replenishing other cells as long as a person is still alive...Adult stem cells are a 'natural' solution. They naturally exist in our bodies, and they provide a natural repair mechanism for many tissues of our bodies. They belong in the microenvironment of an adult body, while embryonic stem cells belong in the microenvironment of the early embryo, not in an adult body, where they tend to cause tumors and immune system reactions."

To date, over 1.5 million people have been treated with adult stem cells. New adult stem cell therapies continue to be developed. Currently, there is no "validated, successful patient treatment due to embryonic stem cells despite funding and research spanning a decade and a half."

Induced pluripotent stem cells (iPS cells) can be made from any cell, "such as skin, and from any person. They act like embryonic stem cells, but are made from ordinary cells and so don't require embryo destruction, making them an ethical source for that type of cell. They have already been used to create lab models of different diseases."

The "biggest misconception people have about stem cell research is that it is only embryonic that are useful. In fact, other stem cells are proving to be much more useful. The best stem cells for patients are Adult Stem Cells; these are taken from the body (e.g., bone marrow, muscle, even fat tissue) or umbilical cord blood and can be used to treat dozens of diseases and conditions."

In 2012, nearly 70,000 adult stem cell transplants were performed worldwide. Almost 20,000 adult stem cell transplants were performed in the United States in 2014. Over 30,000 umbilical cord blood transplants were performed by 2013. Stem cell transplants have been performed in over 75 countries worldwide. There are nearly 3,500 ongoing or completed clinical trials (in patients) using adult stem cells, as listed in the National Institutes of Health/FDA-approved database.

The range of adult stem cell applications covers over 20 types of cancers including brain, ovarian, skin, breast, etc. Auto-Immune diseases such as Type I Diabetes, Systemic Lupus, Myasthenia, Scleroderma, etc. have been treated. Adult stem cell therapies have been used to treat acute heart damage and chronic coronary artery disease, corneal regeneration and macular degeneration, as well as Parkinson's Disease, spinal cord injury, stroke damage, anemia, chronic Epstein-Barr Infection, wounds and injuries, etc. For a full list, see the Therapies and Treatments list on the Stem Cell Research Facts website.

The Charlotte Lozier Institute recently released a video featuring Laura Dominguez-Tauer. When she was 16, a car crash left her paralyzed from the neck down. She was told she would never walk again. Her father was determined to find a way to help her and after extensive online research he found information on adult stem cell transplants for spinal cord injuries being done in Portugal. It has been 15 years since her adult stem cell transplant. She has regained feeling in her entire body, with improved upper body mobility. Laura can stand on her own and walk with assistance. She was married in 2010, and her son was born in 2016. Laura testified before Congress in support of adult stem cell treatments. She started a gym called "Beyond the Chair" to help people recover from spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, and stroke.

Although "StemCellResearchFacts.org is not a research or clinical facility and does not provide clinical trials or treatments itself, it is committed to educate about adult stem cell clinical trials and treatments which are validated by published research and approved by the U.S. FDA or similar international agencies." For more information go to www.stemcellresearchfacts.org.

Submitted by Regina Carbonaro 631-243-1435

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	IMPORTANT:
" "	(M) 1st. Sa 10 AM Liturgy/Clergy	741-3405	Peaceful assembly on
" "	(W) Th 10:30-Noon	516-270-3845	public property near an
35 Carmans Rd., Massapequa	(W) Sa 10:30-Noon	541-8056	abortion site is a lawful
Suffolk County - Location	<u>Day/Time</u>	Contact Phone (631)	First Amendment right.
70 Maple Ave, Smithtown	(W) We & Sa 7:30-10:30AM	979-8541	E
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	The second second
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	
Pro-Life Counseling Centers nearest to a	bortion sites:		
Life Center of L.I. (FOUR locations): M	Tassapequa 516-798-9100, 35 East W	Villow St, at E end of Sun	rise Mall behind White
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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

<u>Local Pro-Life Viewing – All programs weekly on Altice (formally CableV) Ch 20 (except where noted) through March 31, 2018:</u>
Life Issues – **hosted by LICL** - Thurs., 1:30 PM
Life Talk - Mark Crutcher's Life Dynamics – Wed., 10:30 PM

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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

AFA of NY: Mo 8 PM, Ver. Ch 40; Tu 8 PM Altice Ch 20

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/march4lifeny-radio

Upcoming Events:

Sat., 3/10 **Helpers of God's Precious Infants** pray at abortion site following **7:30 AM** Mass at Queen of Martyrs, 110-06 Queens Blvd., 718-268-6251; Bishop Sanchez

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Entering Canaan - Women:

Mercy Retreat (for those in healing) "Reclaiming Our Children"- 3/9-11/18; Info: Theresa Bonopartis 877-586-4626, lumina@postabortionhelp.com (contact Theresa for dates for upcoming Men's retreats)

Day of Prayer: 3/4 DRVC; Patricia Fox 516-678-5800; Exts. 626 & 381; 888-456-4673; www.respectlife.drvc.org



The "Choose Life USA" Half-Plate To add to your standard license plate

The Children First Foundation [TheChildrenFirst.org], which raises awareness and funds for women who choose life and adoption for their crisis pregnancies, is offering a "Choose Life USA" half plate. Voice your choice for life as you travel with the "Choose Life USA" half-plate

on your car, truck, walker, or bicycle. *For a membership donation of \$25 a year*, you can help in this life-saving awareness and funding for pregnancy care centers and homes in NY State.

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Annual Good Friday Pilgrimage for Life

March 30 9 AM - Noon

Walk from St Lawrence, Sayville to Our Lady of the Snow, Blue Point praying the Stations of the Cross for Life. For more info call Barbara 631-472-4314 Sponsored by Our Lady of the Snow RL Group

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March 30 10:30 AM-Noon (rain or shine) in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., E. Meadow). Pro-life women, men and children take part in this peaceful vigil for the protection of life in the womb and against abortions committed at NUMC and throughout Long Island. We stand on the public sidewalk - a reminder that abortion is not healthcare. Signs provided (east end of hospital). For info call 631-243-1435; info@prolifeLI.org.

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