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"Although I am not a formal religionist, I believe with all my heart that there is a divinity of existence which commands us to declare a final and irreversible halt to this infinitely sad and shameful crime against humanity." (Former abortionist Bernard Nathanson)

Pro Life Activity Scholarship Award

The Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust is sponsoring a **Pro Life Activity Scholarship Award** for High school Seniors. Prizes are awarded for demonstrating how a student has promoted respect for human life, or have otherwise encouraged and worked for pro-life values. Applications are due June 15, 2022 You can find more info and the application for this, along with extensive information and links on various Pro-life topics on our organization's educational website www.ProLifeEd.org/Events.

Long Island Coalition for Life 18TH Annual Oratory Contest

The Eighteenth Annual High School Oratory Contest, sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust, was held on March 26th at Knights of Columbus, Joseph Barry Council in Hicksville. Students in grades 11 and 12 were invited to research, write and deliver a 5-7 minute original speech on the life

issues such as abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, or cloning/stem cell research.

The judges praised the excellent quality and fine presentations of the speeches, resulting in difficult judging!

The first place winner was Kathryn Gheckas, 2nd Place went to Margaret Fantz, while there was a tie for 3rd place between Angelina Stein and Deirdre Carroll. This year all the contestants came from St. Pius V High School in Melville and we sincerely thank them for their participation!

Prizes of \$500, \$300 and two at \$200, along with plaques were awarded to these excellent speakers. Robert L. Dougherty, Esq. is the generous supporter who provided most of the prize money for the contest. Judges were George Frost, Kathy Feldman and Eric Waxman.



Thanks to Sr. Marie Chabanel and Sr. Mary Bernadette from St. Pius V, whom encouraged/coordinated with students and attended the contest.

Thanks also to Dan Sherry, Charlie Feldman and Jack O'Brien for also attending and helping to make this a very successful event. It was so wonderful to hear the younger generation speaking up for LIFE!

NYS Camp Esther

A teen leadership weekend for ages 14 and older, held in Utica, NY. For info call 518-434-1293 or email admin@nysrighttolife.org

You're Invited The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. The next General Meeting will be **Monday, May 23**7:30 PM at St. Regis Council K of C, Rosevale Ave. & Pond Rd., Ronkonkoma. We are proud that our **Oratory Contest Winners** (see page 1) will be in attendance presenting their speeches! All are encouraged to join us in support of these young students. For further info, call LICL at 631-243-1435.

General Meeting - June 27 Being a pro-life college student can be challenging. A recent graduate of SUNY Stony Brook will share her experiences as a pro-life student on campus, speaking at the June 27 meeting of the Long Island Coalition for Life. Please join us to support young adults holding a pro-life worldview and to learn how we might help pro-life students navigate an often-unwelcoming college campus. The LICL meeting is Monday, 6/27/2022, 7:30 PM at the Joseph Barry Knights of Columbus Hall, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville. LICL contact: info@prolifeli.org, 631-243-1435.

March 28 General Meeting Speaker

Regina Napolitano, founder and executive director of Breath of Life Center, spoke at the March 28th general meeting of the Long Island Coalition for Life. Breath of Life's Pathway Pregnancy Services resource center assists pregnant women, whose circumstances may have them considering abortion, to carry their babies to term. Regina explained that the center's mission is to "teach, inspire and encourage moms to choose life" guided from a biblical perspective. The center now offers Doula services to meet the needs of the young mom who has no one to be by her side through her pregnancy. We were presented with the exciting news of the opening of Breath of Life Maternity Home which will provide housing for three women during their pregnancy and for about a year thereafter as the new mothers are trained to get their bearings and live on their own. Thank you Regina for your time in educating the meeting attendees about the center's endeavors. Additional information: www.breathoflifecenter.org.



Fetal Surgery

Fetal surgeons operated on a 24-week-old preborn child last year after an ultrasound at 22 weeks detected a massive lesion on the baby's lung that almost killed her. She was diagnosed with a severe congenital lung malformation. Initially the girl was given steroids to try to shrink the large lesion and avoid surgery until after birth. But the drugs didn't work – the lesion continued to grow over the next 10 days. The doctors realized they needed to operate immediately to save her life. The lesion was taking up 5/6 of the thoracic chamber, leaving little room for the other organs. The heart was showing early signs of failure. The surgery involved making an incision in the mother's uterus and removing some of the amniotic fluid. Then the baby's arm was brought through the opening to insert an IV before the doctor removed the lesion from the baby's right lung. After closing the baby's chest, doctors placed her back inside her mother and stitched up the uterus. The baby remained in her mother's womb for 12 more weeks and was born in December at almost full term. The baby girl is now at home and doing well after the fetal surgery. Dr Darrell Cass, director of the Cleveland Clinic fetal surgery program said the baby's lungs are functioning normally now, and "I'm expecting her to have a normal life." This surgery represented a new milestone, as there have been only a few other surgeries on preborn babies' lungs worldwide. (LifeNewscom, 4/5/22)

ADDITIONAL STATE LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION:

A5499-Glick – Authorizing a State Report on Limited-Service Pregnancy Centers passed the NYS Assembly in early April. The Senate version (S470-Hoylman) is in the Women's Issues Committee of the NYS Senate as of 4/7. Feminists for Life state that if this bill passes, it will "likely put many pregnancy resource centers out of business. A5499/S470 is an anti-choice, anti-woman bill that would cripple pregnancy resource centers with unnecessary paperwork...This bill is discriminatory as written, considering it targets ONLY non-abortion related pregnancy resource centers. The bill's impacts are potentially harmful to pregnant women, considering it is likely to deprive, rather than increase, necessary resources for pregnant women. Pregnant women deserve more resources, not less!" Please contact your NYS Senator and ask them to defeat this bill.



FEDERAL LEGISLATION

In mid-March, after months of dealing, Congress passed, and President Biden signed a \$1.5T 'Omnibus' bill to fund the federal government for the rest of the Fiscal year. The pro-life Hyde and Weldon

Amendments had to be included to secure enough votes for passage.

On March 23, after Idaho passed a **6-week abortion ban**, the Biden Administration called such laws "unacceptable," and vowed to block them, to 'protect women's rights.'

The **proposed 2023 Federal Budget** was released March 28. It gives funds to PP and the UN Population Fund. The Veterans Administration will cover IVF, gestational surrogacy, and embryo-destroying contraception. Abortion will be promoted abroad. The Hyde, Helms, Dornan, Aderholt, and other pro-life amendments are again absent or restricted. (For more info, see: https://www.rollcall.com/2021/05/25/these-pro-life-amendments-could-be-on-the-biden-budget-chopping-block/

As of April 5, we await the latest version of ObamaCare Section 1557, which **may limit conscience protection** for healthcare providers vis-a-vis abortion and other issues.

Biden's nomination of **Sarah Cleveland for State Dept. Legal Advisor** was blocked. She has stated the UN claims abortion is a 'global human right', which trumps US law.

In late March, the World Health Organization put out a 210-page paper stating abortion, for any reason, up to birth, is "an international human right." **WHO urges 'full decriminalization of abortion'** - no laws, regulations or restrictions.

Sen. Rand Paul delayed **HR.7108**, a bill to sanction Russia regarding the Magnitsky Human Rights act. Democrats had lowered Magnitsky's threshold from "gross" to "serious" violations. Sen. Paul wanted firmer definitions in the bill, so countries that ban "reproductive rights" were not sanctioned. Sen. Paul approved the added definitions by March 30. Senator Rubio had introduced **S.3924**, a stand-alone bill to clarify Magnitsky.

On March 16, Senator Rubio introduced a resolution under the Congressional Review Act to toss the Biden Administration's '2021 Final Rule', which overturned the Trump Administration's "Protect Life Rule." If successful, Title X funds would again be banned for establishments doing abortion.

During Senate Judiciary Committee hearings for her nomination to the Supreme Court, **Judge Ketanji Brown-Jackson** would not define "woman" or 'when life begins', but she was sure *Roe* is "settled law," and the 'right to terminate a pregnancy' is in the US Constitution. Despite a Committee vote tie along party lines, her nomination will move forward to the full Senate.

H.J. Cassidy, Esq., writes at Spectator.org that however SCOTUS rules in *Dobbs*, it **can't fully overturn Roe**, which left us with 3 Holdings: 1) The 14th Amendment's Due Process Clause creates 'a right to end a pregnancy'. 2) There is a class of humans who possess no constitutional rights. 3) It is implied a mother's decision to abort must be informed and uncoerced, since it terminates

her already existing relationship with her child. *Dobbs* only addresses Holding 1. Mr. Cassidy then touts laws passed (and winningly defended) by the South Dakota legislature over the past 17 years, that address Holdings 2 & 3. In *PP v Rounds*, the State won several US Court of Appeals rulings, saying abortion ends the life of a 'whole, separate, unique, living human being', and ends a mother's already existing relationship with the child she carries. A case currently in the 8th Circuit, is *PP v. Noem*, wherein the State defends its anti-coercion laws, backed by 3,200 pages of affidavits and documents, showing how men exploit women by forcing them to abort. Cassidy says this case, and current medical science, need to be heard by SCOTUS to fully overturn *Roe*.

See: https://spectator.org/dobbs-overturn-roe-abortion/ The Maryland & California legislatures have introduced bills that would **effectively decriminalize infanticide.** A similar bill was just signed into law by the governor of Colorado.

Following a win in SCOTUS, the **Texas Supreme Court tossed a suit against the 'heartbeat' [6-wk.] abortion ban,** saying the State, as per the law, doesn't enforce the bill.

Seizing on a line in a recently introduced Missouri bill to protect women from mail-order abortion drugs [HB2810], pro-abortionists falsely claimed the bill would bar treatment of women with ectopic pregnancies, forcing women to die.

On March 21, the governor of West Virginia signed a bill banning abortions due to a Down Syndrome diagnosis.



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

As of April 5, NY had not passed its Budget, which still had the **anti-life 'Part R'**. But if 'R' is cut, bills sit in each chamber's Insurance

Committee: **A.7573**-*Gonzalez-Rojas* and **S.7002**-*Brouk*, that require all medical plans which cover maternity care to also cover abortions.

The *Liv Act* (**S.2129**-*Jordan*/**A.4843**-*DiPietro*) would make intentional injury of a woman the attacker knows is pregnant into a Class D felony. (The Reproductive Health Act removed this.)

A Steuben County judge gave NY until April 11 to make **new redistricting maps** and claimed the June 28 Primary could be delayed 2 months and not affect the November election. Governor Hochul and the heads of the Assembly and Senate appealed. A State Appeals court stayed the order, at least to April 7.

For a comprehensive list of bills including those of concern to pro-lifers, visit www.AlbanyUpdate.com. and click on Position Papers.

See Page 2 for additional State Leg. Information ACTION ITEM

Tell your NY Assembly member and State Senator to support The *Liv Act* (**S.2129-***Jordan*/**A.4843-***DiPietro*) To find links to look up your representatives on the Federal, State, and local level go to: http://prolifeli.org/index.php/legislative

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

Fetomaternal Microchimerisms



In January 2019, Joe Bissonnette published a blog at HumanLifeReview.com on the need for pro-lifers to have a new approach due to the transition of abortion procedures from surgical to medical/chemical. He noted that his daughter, Marie Claire Bissonnette, wrote an opinion piece for LifeSite News stating that the significant increase in "early gestation chemical abortions and the corresponding decrease in later-gestation surgical abortions, is going to necessitate a refocusing of the pro-life argument."

Joe Bissonnette then reflected on how the early pro -life movement was helped by the publication in Life Magazine in 1965 of Lennart Nilsson's photographs – the "Drama of Life Before Birth". Joe Bissonnette stated, "Those first photographs of the unborn child developing within the womb are still riveting. An unveiling of our own lives before birth, and a revelation of the beauty and wonder of every unborn child, they awaken the most basic obligation we feel when we see another human being – they may well be the most important photographs ever taken." He acknowledges that pro-life strategy includes using such photographs, as well as high resolution ultrasound images. Parents often choose not to abort because these images project the humanity of their pre-born child.

Bissonnette noted, however, that as more and more abortions are done earlier ("DIY"/"At-home"/abortion pill method), there is often a loss of connection between the parents and child. He stated, "There is a significant difference in the way many people respond when they see a picture or video of a zygote, an embryo, or an early-stage fetus. Even though we know what we are looking at is in fact a living human being, we do not feel the same sympathy we experience when we see the face, head, body, fingers, and toes of an unborn baby at a later stage of development...For many even ardent pro-lifers there is not the same visceral identification with the zygote or embryo as there is with the fetus. And as we move from surgical to chemical abortions, we will find far less success in trying to awaken protective sympathy through pictures."

Chemical abortions in the U.K. in 2016 were at 83%. Scandinavian countries report chemical abortions between 87% and 96%. The (pro-abortion) Guttmacher Institute recently reported that in 2020, 54% of US abortions were "medication" abortions. In 2017, the rate was 39%.

Bissonnette noted, "When [medical abortions] become the norm, we will no longer be able to appeal to the visceral protectiveness later-stage fetuses evoke. This is a problem which will require a new pro-life approach. But as the saying goes, "when a door closes, a window opens' — and the window may offer an even more compelling, intimate picture."

The window may be fetomaternal microchimerisms, which are "fetal stem cells that pass through the uterine wall from the fetus into the mother. Cells also cross the placenta in the other direction, from the mother to the baby, but they are purged by the baby's immune system." The fetal cells are totipotent – able to become any type of cell. "They have boundless plasticity. But not only that. They can attach to maternal organs and take on the morphology of those organs while retaining the distinctive DNA signature of the baby from whom they came. And this fetal DNA can persist within the mother for decades, even throughout her lifetime. Most mothers have DNA from their children living on within them...Totipotent fetal stem cells living in the mother remain totipotent and capable of endless adaptation. Because they remain totipotent they can be amazing healing agents when something goes wrong within the mother. There are increasing numbers of documented cases of maternal illnesses healed by fetomaternal microchimerisms."

The Atlantic published an article on 10/20/14 entitled "Your Baby's Leftover DNA Is Making You Stronger," by Vanessa Hua. She referred to a longitudinal study of elderly Danish women that was published in early 2014. This study found that "70% of the women had Y sex chromosomes in their blood, a sign of the presence of male cells. Although cardiovascular disease was slightly elevated among women with male microchimerism, their overall mortality rate was a whopping 60% lower, primarily because of a lower incidence of cancer. 85% of these women made it to age 80, compared to 67% of women without the presence of these cells. Scientists don't know for certain what biological mechanisms cause these findings, but past research suggests microchimerisms may boost immune surveillance – that is, the body's ability to recognize and destroy pathogens and cells that might become cancerous – and also play a role in the repair of damaged tissue, helping form new blood vessels to heal wounds. Microchimerism is also associated with a lower risk of Alzheimer's disease and breast cancer."

Mads Kamper-Jørgensen, associate professor of public health at the University of Copenhagen and the lead author of the study, said the health benefits were the same whether the mother had daughters or sons. It is just easier and less expensive to identify male Y chromosomes in a woman's blood. The *Atlantic* article stated microchimerism is most likely more common in women because of pregnancy, but "genetically distinct DNA" may also be found in those who have an "organ transplant or transfusions, or in utero if they had a twin." A 2004 study found the presence of male genes even in women who had never been pregnant. Scientists think the DNA may "have come from a miscarriage that these women never recognized, or from an older brother who transferred the cells to their mother, who in turn passed it onto subsequent children."

Bissonnette concluded that the pre-born child is often now portrayed as "an unwelcome invader thrust upon an unwilling host...Science is now belying this falsehood and revealing that the unborn baby may in fact be the best friend a mother could ever have. This is a story pro-lifers need to tell."

Kev: (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.

Nassau County - Location	Day/Time_	Contact Phone
540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead	(W) Sa 8 AM-Noon	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	Day/Time	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. - Wed., 3 PM Altice Ch 155

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Pro-Life and Pro-Family blog: rickhinshaw.com

In Memoriam: It is with great sadness we inform you that George (LICL Chairman) & Clare Frost's daughter, Catherine Frost, passed on Thursday, April 7, 2022. Catherine leaves behind three sons. Please keep the entire Frost family in your prayers.

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Baby Aborted at Six Months After Fertility Clinic Implants 'Wrong' Embryo

A Massachusetts woman who was six months pregnant aborted a child after discovering the wrong embryo had been implanted during in vitro fertilization. The parents stated they chose a late-term abortion because they "could not imagine carrying a stranger's baby to term, only to potentially lose her in later legal battles to her biological parents, which would be devasting to the entire family." It was not clear whether the parents tried to find the biological parents, or whether the biological parents were informed that the child was aborted. Specialists at the New York Fertility Institute dismissed the parents' concerns when presented with DNA tests that showed the baby was not their biological child. The parents had undergone genetic testing several months into the pregnancy to see if there were any "abnormalities," and discovered the child was not their biological child. The parents are also accusing the clinic of 'losing' their embryos. The parents' lawsuit states, "Ms. Doe and Mr. Doe did not know what to do. They had grown to love this baby, who had already begun kicking. On the one hand, they did not want to lose her even if she was not genetically related to them. On the other hand, they could not imagine carrying a stranger's baby to term, only to potentially lose her in later legal battles to her biological parents, which would be devastating to the entire family." They aborted the baby at six months and are suing the clinic and its specialists for "physical and emotional pain and suffering...Defendants' misconduct robbed Ms. Doe of the ability to carry her own child. Ms. Doe and Mr. Doe are haunted by questions about what became of their embryos. They have needed to worry about whether their embryos were transferred to another unwitting couple, and whether they have another child or children out in the world whom they have never met." Micaiah Bilger of LifeNews.com reflected, "More than likely, as a result of the publicity, there also are other couples suffering emotional pain as they wonder if their baby girl was the one who was aborted and if they could have done anything to protect her if they had known." (LifeNews.com, 4/7/22)

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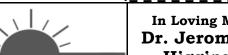
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