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"Divine providence will judge a country by three things: How it treats those in the dawn of life; How it treats those in the shadows of life; and How it treats those in the twilight of life." Hubert Humphrey

18th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life

9 PM Saturday, December 8th - 1 AM Sunday, December 9th, 2007

Please attend your nearest location

The hour of National Unity is from 12-1 AM Sunday, December 9th, EST.

During this hour we will be united in churches across the country in PRAYER TO END ABORTION!

NASSAU COUNTY

- Our Lady of Lourdes, Massapequa Park, 9 PM-1 AM
- St. Bernard, Levittown, 9 PM-12 AM
- St. Raymond, E. Rockaway, 9 PM-1 AM
- St. Patrick, Glen Cove, 9 PM-1 AM in Chapel
- St. Catherine of Siena, Franklin Sq., 7:30-9:30 PM
- Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, Pt. Lookout, 9-11 PM
- St. Kilian, Farmingdale, 9 PM-12 AM
- Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream,
after 5 PM Mass-9PM
- St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa, 6:30-8:30 PM
- Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park,
after 7 PM Mass-10 PM
- St. James, Seaford, 9 PM-1 AM
- St. Mary, Manhasset, after 5 PM Mass-7 PM
- St. Thomas the Apostle, W. Hempstead,
Check bulletin for time.
- St. Raphael, E. Meadow, 6-10 PM
- Holy Spirit, New Hyde Park, **Dec 7,**
after 7:30 PM Mass
- Cure of Ars, Merrick, 5-9 PM
- St. Ignatius Loyola, Hicksville,
after 5 PM Mass-10 PM
- St. Brigid, Westbury, 8:30-9:30 PM

SUFFOLK COUNTY

- St. Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn, 9 PM-1 AM
- St. Isidore, Riverhead, 9 PM-12 AM
- St. James, Setauket, 9 PM-1 AM
- Our Lady of the Snow, Blue Point, 9 PM-1 AM
- St. Louis De Montfort, Sound Beach, after 5 PM Mass
- St. Martin of Tours, Amityville, 6:30-8 PM
- St. Frances Cabrini, Coram, after last Mass
- St. Patrick, Bay Shore, **Dec 7,** 7 PM Rosary,
7:30 PM Mass-9PM
- St. Joseph, Ronkonkoma, after 5 PM Mass-7 PM
- Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Centerport, after 8 PM
Mass-11 PM
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst, 9 PM-12 AM
- St. Hugh of Lincoln, Huntington Station, 8-10 PM
- Our Lady of Obstrabrama, Cutchogue,
Check bulletin for time.
- St. Patrick, Huntington, 8-10 PM
- Sts. Philip and James, St. James, after 5 PM Mass-11 PM
- St. Joseph, Babylon, 8-9 PM
- Christ. the King, Commack, 6-9 PM
- Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Wyandanch,
9 PM-1 AM
- St. Patrick, Smithtown, 9 PM-1 AM



The National Night of Prayer is a National pro-life prayer service consisting of exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, and prayer to St. Michael, meditation and hymns.

These are the parishes that, at printing time, have registered. If your parish is not listed, please contact them. Queens & Brooklyn - please call parish for time. For further information, contact Bob at 631-696-2995 or Anne at 631-224-1089. You can also visit the website at www.nationalnightofprayerforlife.org.

Dear Defender of Life,

Wow! It's been a very busy year for your Long Island Coalition for Life. Our public witness events (see article on page 8) reached new peaks this year culminating with 40 Days for Life. For the first time ever we had dual Stand Up for Life events, one in Huntington and the other in Manorville. We were particularly pleased that the first-time Stand up For Life, East, had over one-hundred participants. The picture here shows part of that contingent.



This was also the first year of our venturing into the realm of Public Access TV. We produced four different hour-long programs combining videos from several sources. Topics included stem cell research and cloning, physical and psychological effects of abortion, ultrasound imaging of babies in the womb, and poignant testimonies of women regarding their regrets about their abortions or their joy at making the choice for life. These programs continue to be seen on cable channel 20 in most areas of Long Island on Tuesday evenings. Also on TV this fall, our Educational Trust, in cooperation with Vitae Caring Foundation, again ran pro-life ads on cable channels during prime time each night in the largest cable markets in Nassau and Suffolk counties, reaching over 400,000 households.

Looking toward next year, our intrepid Albany lobbying team is gearing up for their first trip of the 2008 legislative session on January 9th. Lobbying in 2008 will be particularly important as Gov. Spitzer has plans to pass his extreme "Reproductive Health and Privacy Protection Act" (RHAPP) which would, among other things, ensure that abortions are legal throughout all nine months of pregnancy, allow post-viability abortions to be performed on an out-patient basis in clinics, allow non-physicians to perform abortions, and could **eliminate conscience protection of religious hospitals which refuse to perform abortions**. We have already obtained hundreds of signatures on our petitions opposing RHAPP. By the time of our January trip we hope to have thousands to present to our elected officials in Albany. Please contact us for petitions to sign.

As you can see, our work of protecting innocent human life at all stages goes on without letup. For that we give thanks to the unstinting dedication of many volunteers and the reliable support of our generous contributors. And recently Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, enumerated **ten reasons why we're winning the battle** to restore protection to children in the womb. But, he cautioned, "...the closer we get to victory, the harder the other side will push back. . . This should not, therefore, be interpreted as an invitation to relax our efforts. . . but rather to intensify our efforts and to recruit more people to join a winning team." Please be part of the winning team on Long Island by helping your Long Island Coalition for Life with a year-end gift so we can continue to intensify **our** life-affirming efforts in 2008.

Your prayers are also vital for ultimate success in protecting innocent human life. Please keep them up and God bless you for all you do to affirm life.

For His Innocents,

Jerome B. Higgins, D.V.M.
Chairman

P.S. Please use the enclosed postage-paid envelope and the coupon on page 11 to send your year-end donation as soon as possible. We depend upon your generosity to keep going. Thank you.

P.P.S. This Christmas consider giving gift subscriptions to *Life News* to your pro-life friends and relatives. Or purchase a *Life News* ad for that hard-to-find-a-gift-for pro-life professional or business person on your gift list. Ad rates and info can be found on page 10 and the page 11 coupon can be used for gift subscriptions.

IS ROE v WADE IN THE CONSTITUTION?

by Dr. Willke

During hearings in June before the Ohio House Health Committee on the HB 228 Abortion Ban bill, misconceptions concerning *Roe v Wade* and the U.S. Constitution were presented as fact by pro-abortion and even some "pro-life" supporters and legislators. Here Dr. Willke clarifies what is truly the case on this matter.

The original Constitution of the United States and its subsequent amendments do not in any way, shape, or form mention abortion. Therefore, since it does not mention abortion, the regulation of permission or forbidding of abortion falls under the Tenth Amendment, which stated, "The powers not delegated to the U.S. Government by the Constitution nor prohibited by it to the states are reserved to the states respectively or to the people." This means that the regulation of abortion in the Constitution and in its Amendments was not to be done by the federal government, but rather reserved to the states.

The original colonies operated under British Common Law and so did the original states until each of them, one by one in the 1800's, passed their own laws about abortion. Both English Common Law and the later state laws all forbade abortion, all protected from conception, all had exceptions for the life of the mother. A few had other exceptions, like rape and incest.

In 1965, in *Griswold v. Connecticut*, the US Supreme Court ruled that the "right to privacy" existed in the U.S. Constitution. They ruled that this protected married couple's private use of birth control. This was the first decision that had ever mentioned such a right. This new "right" in the area of human reproduction led the way to abortion.

On January 22, 1973, the US Supreme Court handed down not one, but two decisions on abortion. Most people know about *Roe v Wade*. Many are less familiar with the second decision, *Doe v Bolton*. It is the total of the two that gave us the impact on this issue. The first decision, *Roe v Wade*, divided pregnancy into three trimesters, permitting abortion on demand in the first, abortion with some restrictions in the second and substantial restrictions in the third. Basically it said that a state is forbidden to forbid abortion if in the opinion of "one licensed physician," an abortion is necessary to preserve the "life or health" of the mother. The court also said that it could not determine when human life began but did admit that if it was shown that human life did begin at fertilization that "our entire case collapses."

Most of the impact of the decisions flowed from their definition, not of the life of the mother, which all states had in their earlier laws, but rather of "health." What then did health include?

Roe v Wade included when a pregnancy would "force upon a woman a stressful life and future.... produce

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psychological harm....tax mental and physical health by childcare....bring the distress associated with the unwanted child....bring a child into a family already unable psychologically or otherwise to care for it....bring the continuing difficulties and stigma of unwed motherhood."

Doe v Bolton added the real stinger. It said that the word "health" means that "the medical judgment may be exercised in the light of all factors, physical, emotional, psychological, familial and the woman's age—relevant to the well-being of the patient. All these factors may relate to health."

In effect, the above statements in the two decisions completely neutralize any impression given that there were any restrictions on the right to abort. To make this perfectly clear, the United States Senate, June 7, 1983, in a Senate Joint Resolution concluded the following, "thus the Judiciary Committee observes that no significant legal barrier of any kind whatsoever exist today in the United States for a woman to obtain an abortion for any reason during any stage of her pregnancy".

It is true that some states still have restrictive laws on their books [*Ohio does not—ed.*], but these are non-functional. Under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Supreme Court decisions above, it is quite clear that what the court decided was absolute abortion on demand for the full nine months of pregnancy for any reason whatsoever. The only requirements have been that the woman requests it and that a licensed physician do the job. And all she needs to find an abortionist is money.

So this is the state of affairs in the United States today.

One statement that is frequently made is that these decisions are "part of the Constitution." This is a complete misunderstanding and is not true. These decisions are binding because a Supreme Court ruled them, but they are not part of the Constitution. There are over 200 decisions by the U. S. Supreme Court in the history of the U.S. that have been overturned at some later date, the most obvious one has been slavery, another, school segregation. In fact then these abortion decisions can be completely undone by another decision of the Supreme Court.

The above article appeared in the August 2006 issue of the *Cincinnati Right to Life Educational Foundation, Inc. Bulletin*. Reprinted with permission.

NYS LEGISLATION

Continue to contact your NYS Senator asking he oppose Gov. Spitzer's Reproductive Health & Privacy Protection Act. The danger of a vote on this bill in 2008 is very real. LICL encourages petition drives in opposition. Call Mary Arden Smith at 516-825-4852 for update and to order the number of petition forms, 20 names to a page, you will need as the petitions do not photocopy well. (See 11/07 *Life News*, Pg. 3 or www.ProLifeLI.org for details.)

HEALTH & SCIENCE

"MICRO-EUGENICS" Part II

(continued from Nov. 2007 *Life News*)



The final article in the *Newsday* series is titled "Potential for Abuse". Whitehouse writes, "PGD (preimplantation genetic diagnosis) could allow scientists to screen out diseases that run in a family... One bioethicist has coined a term for choosing the 'best' embryo – procreative beneficence – suggesting that if a couple has the ability to produce the healthiest child, they have a moral obligation to do so." David Adamson, reproductive endocrinologist and president-elect of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine stated, "This... technology... is going to determine how we recreate ourselves."

PGD was originally designed to identify "life-threatening hereditary childhood diseases." It is now being used to identify diseases that may appear at a later stage, such as breast cancer. It is also being used to identify non-fatal afflictions. Mark Hughes of the Genesis Genetics Institute is "comfortable with families trying to eliminate such diseases from their descendants."

Whitehouse states that some doctors fear that one day non-medical traits may be screened for, such as eye color or musical ability. "The science may move from guaranteeing a healthy baby free of certain diseases to customizing a child." Thomas Murray, president of The Hastings Center asks, "Will parents try to do that? Really select a child's characteristics the way you can pick a car? Not many. But it doesn't take many to make it an issue." The article states that Stanford physician and bioethicist William Hurlbut remarked that "parents could end up engaging in 'micro-eugenics'. Rather than a state-imposed program of eugenics, it would be the parents themselves who could one by one weed out genes they consider undesirable." Ethicist Adrienne Asch at Yeshiva University in New York said, "Parents should see children as worthwhile however they are, not as embryos to be selected into perfection... people should be prepared to be parents of any child that could be born."

There is also the concern that insurance companies might eventually require testing, and deny health or life insurance to those children identified with certain diseases. Currently, PGD is not regulated in the US.

Whitehouse acknowledges that PGD is already being used for non-medical reasons, especially for gender selection. She uses China as an example. Within 15 years, there will be 30 million more men of marrying age than women because of China's one-child policy, and the "cultural preference for a male child is so strong there, some women abort their baby if a sonogram shows it is female."

Francis Fukuyama, professor at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, stated, "We need a mechanism for determining the moral acceptability of new biomedical technologies that really reflects an in-

formed, democratic discussion... What it's going to take is some accident or some cloning experiment that goes wrong for people to sit up and say, 'My God, I didn't know we could do these kinds of things.'"

Sean Tipton of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine said, "Americans tend not to want to have government making the decision about who gets to have kids and how and why." Eric Parens of the Hastings Center "worries about 'genetic privilege'. It strikes me as implausible that we're going to get from today, where 47 million people in the US are without health care, to a world where everybody has access to PGD. There's no doubt in my mind that in 100 years, people who are already privileged will have the privilege of using technologies like PGD." Whitehouse states that Parens supports some type of regulatory body to determine "what is acceptable to do to an embryo and what is not. But few politicians would want to tackle it." Parens stated, "we don't have an opportunity to have an open and clear debate about the difference between what we take to be reasonable things to do with embryos and what we take to be unreasonable things to do to embryos."

Whitehouse also cited the concern some scientists have for the aggressive marketing of PGD. Marcy Darnovsky of the Center for Genetics and Society stated, "It's uncomfortable to think of anything related to a child and reproduction as an industry, but it has become a multi-billion dollar technology. Half jokingly, she said doctors may begin to advertise with slogans like: 'We give you an 82% chance of scoring 100 points higher on your SATs.' The dangers are that under the pressure of marketing, parents will feel we have to do it to give our kids the best start in life. Then you set up this vicious cycle where people are seeking the perfect child. We lose a lot of what it means to be human in that and head toward a world of genetic castes."

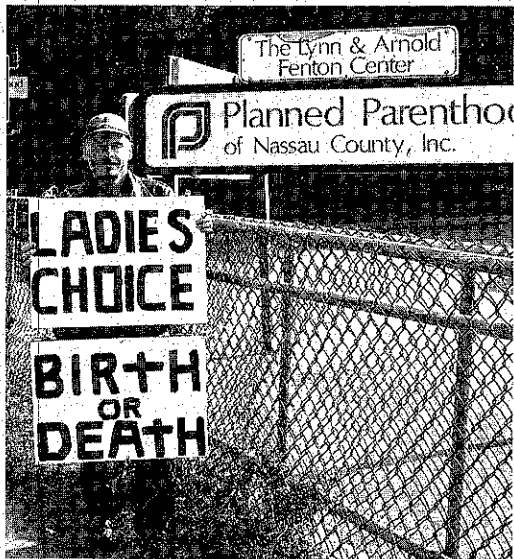
David Adamson said, "Everything in life is a cost benefit analysis... Let's weed out the bad as we come to it. We're not going to stop the future, and we're not going to stop the technology."

The sad part in all of this is that most of these scientists and doctors have lost sight of the fact that every embryo is a human being – one that needs to be respected and treated with the utmost care. Technology has turned the embryo into a commodity, something that can be manipulated, experimented upon or discarded at will. As geneticist Dr. Jerome Lejeune once said, "Not everything that can be done should be done." Are we going to eradicate disease by finding a cure, or by eventually eliminating every child conceived with a disease? How many children will be created and destroyed during this process? We must pray for science to find a **cure** for every deadly disease, using ethical research standards, so that parents will not be faced with such a heart-breaking decision.

Regina Carbonaro 516-795-7568

Pro-Life Witness

Stop by to say hello to Artie. His message greets all entering or passing Planned Parenthood, Hempstead, for hours every weekday.



Feast of the Holy Innocents Mass

Fri., December 28, 2007 at 8 PM

St. Joseph's Church

40 Grove Place, Babylon

Celebrant/Homilist—Msgr. James Kissane, Chaplain Div. 2 Ancient Order of Hibernians

Hymns by the Hibernian Singers.

All invited,

after Mass, to the AOH Hall, 27 Locust Ave., Babylon for refreshments. Please bring an unwrapped baby gift.



Mass for the Unborn

Fri., December 28, 2007 at 7:30 PM

St. Frances de Chantal Church

1309 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh

516-781-2608

All welcome.



Planning a 1/22/08 Pro-Life Activity?

Are you planning a local activity to protest Roe v Wade? A witness? A special prayer service? Please let us know by 12/5/07 for publication in 1/08 *Life News*.

On Sun., 1/20, from 1-2:30 PM LICL will hold a **FACE THE TRUTH in front** of NUMC, East Meadow.

If you are the bus captain for Tues. 1/22/08 March for Life, please register your bus with both the March for Life office by calling 202-543-3377 or FAX to 202-543-8202, and by calling LICL at 631-588-0168 or FAX to 631-737-6850.

Feast of the Holy Innocents Mass

Fri. Dec. 28, 2007 at 7:30 PM

Celebrant Msgr. Joseph K. Curley

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

20 Chestnut St., Centereach

631-585-8760

Refreshments to Follow.

All Welcome.



Gifts for Mothers

Pregnancy Care Centers and the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Rockville Centre welcome your donations of phone and Metro cards, money, etc. to be distributed as gifts to Moms in need during this Holy Season.



Our apologies. In the 11/07 *Life News* listing of LICL member groups, South Shore Pro-Life was listed as North Babylon. They are located in the town of North Baldwin.

L.I.C.L. Oratory Contest

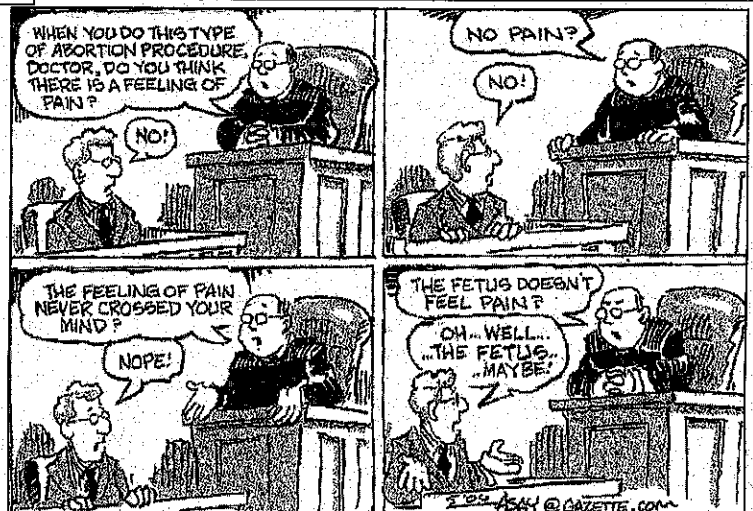
Sunday, March 9th

Open to all 10th, 11th, & 12th Grade

High School Students

\$925 in prizes offered.

Interested educators/students please call Mary Arden Smith at 516-825-4852 or Maryjane McQuade 516-599-5296 for the application form due 1/28/08. Form may be downloaded from the 11/07 issue of *Life News* available on www.ProLifeLI.org.



DECEMBER 2007 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

540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead
 " " " " " "
 35 Carmans Rd, Massapequa
 244A Old Country Rd, Hicksville

Day/Time
 (W) Sa 8 AM-1 PM
 (M) 1st Sa 9:30 -11 AM Prayer Rally
 (W) Sa 10:30 AM-1 PM
 (W) Fr 10-11:30 AM
 & Sa 7:30-10 AM
 (W) Sa 8-9:30 AM
 (W) 9-11 AM

Contact Phone (516)
 741-3405
 541-8056
 741-3405
 546-0290
 781-8699

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

444 Community Dr, Manhasset
 64 N. Franklin Ave, Hempstead

Suffolk County—Location

70 Maple Ave, Smithtown
 498 Rt 111, Smithtown
 595 Hampton Rd, Southampton
 240 Meeting House Ln-Southampton Hosp
 42 First Ave, Brentwood
 64 N. Franklin Ave, Hempstead
 200 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge
 540 E. Main St, Riverhead

Day/Time
 (W) Wed & Sa 7-11 AM
 (W) Sa 7:30-9:30 AM
 (W) Fr 11:30 AM
 (W) Fr 11:30 AM
 (W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM
 (W) 9-11 AM
 (M) 1st Sa 10:15 -11:30 AM
 (W) We 2-4 PM
 (W) Sa 11 AM-1 PM

Contact Phone (631)
 979-7017
 751-8217
 283-6829
 283-6829
 665-3630
 781-8699
 472-0033
 722-3111
 796-7685



NEW! 755 New York Ave., Huntington

Pro-Life Counseling Centers open on Saturdays (in addition to their regular weekly schedule):

- 10 AM-Noon **Life Center** 35 Willow St, Massapequa (E of Carmans Rd & W of Sunrise Hwy, on the E side of Sunrise Mall) 516-798-9100 and • 10 AM-2 PM **Life Center** 507 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead 516-408-6300 (Offers bilingual counseling.)
- New Listing:** • 10 AM-Noon **Birthright** at 99 W Montauk Hwy, Hampton Bays (Offers bilingual counseling.)

PRO-LIFE VIEWING AND LISTENING

- **LIFE ISSUES --LICL** (631-243-1435 www.ProLifeLI.org) Public Access programs (W) Tu 9 PM Ch 20 in eastern Suffolk, (W) Tu 11 PM Ch 20 central & western Suffolk & (W) Tu 9 PM Ch 20 in Nassau. Send comments & suggestions for programs to LICL.
- **American Family Assn of NY** (516-944-3544 www.afany.org) Ch 20 (W) Tu 8 PM Nassau & central Suffolk (W) Su 8 PM Riverhead & east end.
- Mark Crutcher's **Life Dynamics-'Life Talk'** Brooklyn & Queens-Ch 34 (Time Warner) Ch 67 (Cablevision)-sch. pending. Hauppauge & Brookhaven-Ch 20 (W)Sa 7:30PM; Riverhead Ch 20 (W)Mn 3:30 PM & Sa 12 Midnight; Woodbury Ch 20 8:30 PM
- **EWTN-TV "Defending Life"** Fr. Pavone, www.priestsfor life.org (W) Sa 2:30 AM & Fr 10 PM (W) Rosary for Life Sa 3:30 PM
- **Sky Angel -Angel 1 Satellite TV:** (W) Priests for Life-The Gospel of Life Mn 3:30 AM, Tu 2 AM, Th 8:30 AM, Sa 7:30 PM (EST), (W) Faces of Abortion, Su 6 PM, Mn 10 PM, Tu 3:30 AM and Fr 7 AM (all CST)
- **EWTN-Radio** (W) Fr 1 AM, Sa 6:30 PM & Su 5 AM (All EST)
- (W)**Voices of Abortion** - call-in, sharing abortion experience Mn-Th 1PM, Sa 12 Noon (all CST) at www.crusaderadio.com
- (W) **WMCA (570 AM) Life on the Line**, Su 12:15 PM www.lifeontheline.com & James McDonald www.walkintheword.com
- (W)**American Center for Law and Justice, a watch-dog group offering current information** (W) Mn-Fr 12 NOON
- (W) **Catholic Alternative WHPC (90.3 FM)** Su 8 AM Interviewee's include: Msgr. George P. Graham, Prof. Emerita Florence Scarinci, Dr. Jane Gilroy and Dr. Salvatore J. LaGumina.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES –All Welcome. Needed: Prayer to change minds and hearts to respect all human life at every stage of development from conception to natural death.

- Mn-Sa 12/1-31 Daily **ROSARY FOR LIFE** following 8 AM Mass, St Rosalie Parish Center, Hampton Bays, 631-594-1381
- Mn-Sa 12/1-31 Daily 9:30 AM **ROSARY FOR BABIES BORN/UNBORN** St Martin of Tours Bethpage, 516-938-1391
- Su 12/2 1/6 (W) 8-9 PM **HOUR OF REPARATION TO STOP ABORTION** Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst
- Su 12/2 1/6 (W) 3 PM **ROSARY TO END ABORTION, EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION** St Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn
- Mn 12/3 1/7 (W) 7 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE AND NOVENA MASS** St Catherine, Franklin Square
- Mn 12/3 1/7 (W) After 12:05 Mass **HOUR OF ADORATION & PRAYERS FOR LIFE** Notre Dame, New Hyde Park
- Mn 12/3 1/7 (W) 7:30 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** follows Novena, Sacred Heart RCC, Island Park, 516-889-5318
- Mn 12/3 1/7 (M) 10 AM-3:45 PM **ADORATION AND BENEDICTION** St Rose of Lima, Massapequa (Fr Graham Chapel)
- Tu 12/4 1/1 (M) 9 AM-12:30 **MASS-LIFE ADORATION, ROSARY, BENEDICTION** Sacred Heart, Cutchogue
- Th 12/6 1/3 (W) After 7 PM Mass **ROSARY & NOVENA FOR LIFE** St James Chapel, Seaford, 516-694-2938
- Th 12/6 1/3 (W) 7-8 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Our Lady of Mt Carmel RCC, Patchogue (9 AM-Midnight-Adoration)
- Fr 12/7 1/4 (W) 9:30-10:30 AM **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOR LIFE**, St Joseph, Kings Park
- Fr 12/7 1/4 (M) 7:30-8:30 PM **HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE** The Resurrection RCC, 50 Granny Rd, Farmingville

- Fr 12/7 1/4 (M) 9 AM MASS, ROSARY & VIGIL FOR LIFE & PEACE and 4 PM Benediction, St Mark, Shoreham
 Fr 12/7 1/4 (M) Noon-3 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR LIFE St Andrew RCC, Sag Harbor
 Fr 12/7 1/4 (M) 7:30 PM BENEDECTION FOR LIFE St Boniface RCC, Elmont
 Fr 12/7 1/4 (M) 7-8 PM PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR Our Lady of Victory RCC, Floral Park
 Fr 12/7 1/4 (M) 3-7 AM PRO-LIFE VIGIL St Aloysius RCC, Great Neck; We 12/12, 7 PM Way of the Cross for the Unborn
 Fr 12/7 1/4 (M) 8-10 PM MASS followed by PRO-LIFE VIGIL FOR LIFE & PEACE St Matthew, Dix Hills 631-586-3807
 Fr 12/7 1/4 (M) 8 PM-9 PM PRAYER HOUR FOR LIFE Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne
 Fr 12/7 1/4 (W) 1:00 PM ROSARY FOR LIFE St John Nepomucene Church, Bohemia, 631-589-0540
 Fr 12/7 1/4 (M) 7 PM HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE & 8 PM MASS FOR LIFE at Holy Name of Jesus RCC, Woodbury
 Fr 12/7 1/4 (M) 9 PM-3 AM ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL Miraculous Medal Church, Point Lookout
 Su 12/9 1/13 (M) 11:15 AM ROSARY FOR LIFE Chapel of Our Lady of the Snow Church, 258th & 80 Ave, N Floral Park
 Mn 12/10 1/14 (M) 8-9 PM CULTURE FOR LIFE HOLY HOUR Molloy College, Sacred Heart Chapel, 516-678-5000 x6304
 Fr 12/14 1/11 (M) 9 AM ROSARY FOR MOTHERS & THE UNBORN Sts Peter & Paul RCC, Manorville, 631-874-2483
 Mo 12/17 1/21 (M) ROSARY, DIVINE MERCY, LITANY FOR LIFE, Christ the King, Commack, Marion 631-486-2658
 Tu 12/18 1/15 (M) 7:30-8:30 PM ADORATION, ROSARY, PRO-LIFE PRAYER St Patrick Church, Smithtown
 Th 12/20 1/17 (M) 1:15 PM ROSARY FOR LIFE Maria Regina Chapel, Seaford, 516-541-9408
 Fr 12/21 1/18 (M) 9 PM-6 AM ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, Massapequa Park, 631-234-6921
 We 12/26 1/23 (M) 3 PM ROSARY FOR LIFE, St Anthony of Padua, Rocky Point, 631-744-1676
 Fr 12/28 1/25 (M) 8-9 PM PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR Our Lady of Lourdes RCC, Massapequa Park, 516-541-3270

SPECIAL EVENTS IN DECEMBER

- Su 12/2 2-3 PM DEANERY SIX PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR at St. Joachim's Church's 614 Central Ave., Cedarhurst.
 Sa 12/8 18th ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE. See Page 1.
 Mn 12/17 7:45 PM LICL GENERAL MEETING at Joseph Barry Council, K of C Hall, 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville. Election of 2008 Officers. All welcome. For directions call 631-243-1435.
 Fr 12/28 7:30 PM HOLY INNOCENTS MASS, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Centereach. See Page 5.
 Fr 12/28 7:30 PM MASS FOR THE UNBORN, St Frances de Chantal, Wantagh. See Page 5.
 Fr 12/28 8 PM FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS MASS, St Joseph Church, Babylon. See Page 5.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2008

- Sa 1/5 MEN'S DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION. Bronx. Call Lumina 718-881-8008
 Fr-Su 1/11-13 (Spanish Language) RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND at Kellenberg Retreat House next to Kellenberg HS, Uniondale. Healing after an abortion for both men & women. Call Donna Crean 631-243-2373
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Several other events, well attended by the young pro-life crowd (and others), include: 8:45 AM Tues. 1/22 Rally for Life & Youth Mass at the Verizon Center--MCI Sports Arena (no charge) (301-853-4555); the Sat., 1/19 thru Tues., 1/22 Rock for Life Training and Activism Weekend (540-659-4171) www.RockForLife.org.

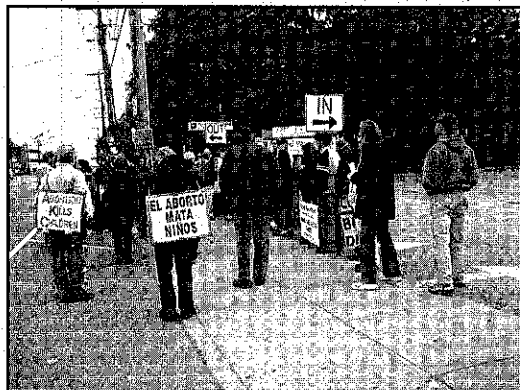
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Pro-Life Education: Taking it to the Streets

In many ways, the LI Coalition for Life is the public face of pro-life on Long Island. We are on the sidewalks, in the streets, in the classrooms, and in the legislative hallways. Our events may not be glamorous and we sometimes contend with wind and rain (and even snow this past April!). But we are committed to going into the byways and highways to educate people who are otherwise not hearing the pro-life message.

This past year culminated in a powerful event, 40 Days for Life - Long Island, sponsored locally by the LICL as part of the very successful national campaign held in 89 communities. Each day from September 26th through November 4th, pro-lifers were at the Planned Parenthood of Nassau County Hempstead abortion facility. For hours each day, many of you prayed and



40 Days for Life Closing Prayer Rally, Sun. Nov. 4, Planned Parenthood facility in Hempstead. Shown are some of the nearly 100 pro-lifers who participated in this final event.

held signs as well distributed information, counseled, and educated passersby. Our intervention helped at least two mothers walk away from Planned Parenthood to consider choosing life for their babies! In addition, local residents told us that abortion-minded women decided to choose life because of pro-lifers who have been at that site for many years. **Public witness saves lives! Your outward message saves lives!** (see list of Public Witness Sites in this newsletter)

The 40 Days for Life event was a microcosm of what the LICL does throughout the year in terms of public witness. In 2007, we held three **Face the Truth** events and we organized two **Greet & Teach** events at Planned Parenthood of Nassau County fundraisers. Some of you return time after time to speak on

behalf of the preborn - **THANK**

YOU! Some of you joined one of these events for the first time, learning the effectiveness of putting your beliefs into action at such a level - **THANK YOU!**

Nearly 700 pro-lifers joined **Stand Up for Life** in October, this year held in both Huntington and Manorville. Standing peaceably in defense of the preborn has a significant impact on the thousands of motorists who saw us. Together, yet still one by one - each of your voices sent a strong unified message - "Choose Life."



Glen Cove: Prolifers stood outside the Planned Parenthood on Sat. Nov. 3 as part of special closing weekend of 40 Days for Life.

Our street fairs continue to be a great source of knowledge to the many people misinformed on the subject of abortion, abortion laws, and fetal development. In 2007, the LI Coalition for Life had booths in **FOURTEEN** fairs, as well as two church feasts. In addition, we provided material to other pro-life groups for their local fairs.

Maybe it's natural for the LI Coalition for Life to organize so many outdoor events because we don't even have an office! We are an all-volunteer organization, with very low overhead, so your donations go a long way to supporting these programs and the many other programs and events we sponsor. Yet, because of the nature of our events and organization, our activities are only as successful as how many of you join them. There is no time like the present. **Please don't put off being a voice for the voiceless in**



Riverhead: Prolifers shown here were among 7 Planned Parenthood offices with proliferers outside on Sat. Nov. 3. Other sites not pictured on this page were Massapequa, Patchogue, and Smith-



Huntington: Prolifers shown here at the Planned Parenthood office in Huntington plan to return on a regular basis. (See Page 12).

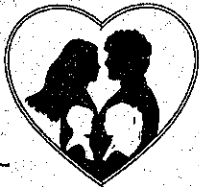


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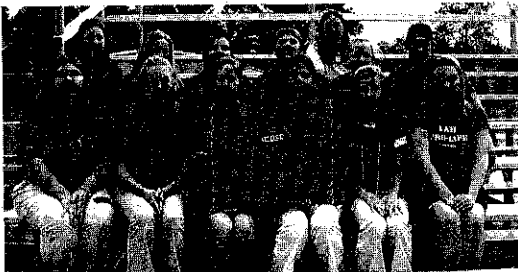
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