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“Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys the temple of God, him will God destroy; for holy is the temple of God, and this temple you are.” 1 Cor. 3:16-17

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Sept. 24 - Nov. 2, 2008



October 4, 2008 - Fr. Denis Wilde of Priests for Life joins LI Pro-lifers at 40 Days for Life.

Photo by Rosemary Dotzler.

Thank you to everyone who participated in 40 Days for Life - Long Island. Many of you prayed, fasted, or participated in the vigil, sacrificing in some way to help bring an end to abortion in America.



We don't know the final impact of all our efforts those 40 days - hearts changed and babies saved that we may never hear of. But be assured that

good has come of it. Please continue to be engaged in this battle for the sacredness of human life.

See Page 12 for final 40 Days for Life Liturgy and Closing Rally.

ELECTION 2008!

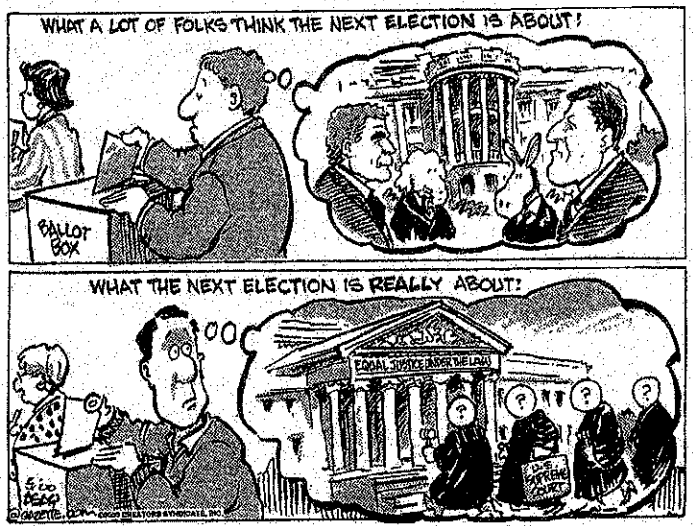
Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 4th!

Refer to Page 8 for descriptions of the major party platforms.

The August, September and October 2008 issues of *Life News* contain information on where candidates stand on life issues. You may also go to our website, www.ProLifeLI.org to get this information.

This is an especially important election. Our next President may be in a position to appoint one to three Supreme Court Justices. As Dr. Wanda Franz said in the July/August 2008 issue of the *National Right to Life News*: “As all of us in this movement know, judges-especially Supreme Court judges-are critical to restoring pro-life protections for the lives of unborn children.”

Know the issues, know where the candidates stand on these issues and make an informed decision before you pull the lever on Election Day!



You're Invited

Luciana Reali, Asst. Director of Curriculum for the L.I. Teen Freedom program of the Life Center of LI, will be the guest speaker on Mon., Nov. 24th at 7:45 p.m. prior to the general meeting of the LI Coalition for Life. Luciana received her BA at the University of Notre Dame and completed her Juris Doctor at St. John's University School of Law. After volunteering for the Life Center, Luciana left the practice of law to work full-time for the right to life cause. She lectures to youth, concerned adults, and educators across Long Island on issues related to abstinence education



The title of Luciana's talk will be "**L.I. Teen Freedom: The New Revolution.**" The meeting will be held at the St. Regis K of C Council Hall, Pond Rd., Ronkonkoma.

For information call 631-243-1435 (between the hours of 9:00 am-7:00 pm).

All are welcome for all or part of the evening.



Once again *The Long Island Catholic* was the primary publisher of pro-life letters to the editor, continuing to deal with both what it means to be 'pro-life' and its importance when voting. We congratulate those whose letters show they properly understand both aspects: **Peg McHale, R.N., Patrick Rooney, Walter Ruzek, Kate & Bob Sommers, Deborah Rao, Denise Murphy, K. Stuart, Dorothy Grover, Frank J. Russo Jr., Frederick R. Bedell Jr. and Mary Ann Di Paola.** Bishops **William Murphy** and **Nicholas Di Marzio** also had an excellent letter on this topic published in *The New York Times*. We also congratulate letter writers on other

pro-life topics: **C. McGrory, Anne R. Dayman, Noreen O'Donnell Crayne** and **Michael Heinlein** published in *The Long Island Catholic*, **Rosemary Terryn** in *Newsday* and **Thomas E. Dennelly** in *Newsday* and *Our Sunday Visitor*. Thanks to all of you who are writing pro-life letters. Please keep it up and send us any that are published.

2009 Oratory Contest

Sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life

What: Pro-life speech (5-7 minutes in length) on Abortion, Euthanasia, Cloning/Stem Cell Research

Eligibility: Category A: 11th & 12th grades (including home-schooled students)
Category B: 10th grades

When: Sunday March 29, 2009

Where: Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

Topics: Any aspect of the topics listed above, presented from a pro-life perspective

The First Prize winner in Category A, will be eligible to compete in the NYSRTL Committee contest in Albany.

Local Prizes	1st	2nd	3rd
Category A:	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$150.00
Category B:	\$250.00	\$100.00	\$ 50.00

2009 Oratory Contest Application Form

Sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life
(Please print)

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Name of school: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Mail application by JANUARY 26, 2009 to address below.
Mail written speech by FEBRUARY 23, 2009 to address below.

Maryjane McQuade
40 William Street
Malverne, NY 11565
Phone: 516-599-5296

Or e-mail to: MjKev@verizon.net

SPECIAL OCCASION DONATIONS TO LICL

Thank you to those of our faithful supporters who have designated the Long Island Coalition for Life to receive donations in lieu of receiving gifts for birthdays, anniversaries and other celebrations. If anybody else wants to help the LICL—and possibly to avoid having to return unneeded or unwanted clothing, jewelry or knickknacks—please consider asking your future gift givers to make a donation to the LICL in your name instead. Any gifts made to the LICL to commemorate a special occasion are acknowledged with a note to the person whose occasion is being celebrated and include the donor's name. Thank you for all your support.

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FEDERAL AND INTERNATIONAL

THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS present a test as well as great opportunities. Continue to pray for a good result.

THANK YOU. The Knights of Columbus sponsored a full-page ad which appeared in several major newspapers on 9/19. They are running a radio spot around the U.S. through 11/4 featuring an unborn baby's heartbeat at 10 weeks. In addition, many organizations have called for prayer leading



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

Gov. Paterson has called a special session for 11/18/08 to work on the budget shortfall.

Sample letter-Dear Governor:

Please stop funding Embryonic Stem Cell Research. Much less money has been spent for research using adult stem cells and umbilical cord blood cells with outstanding results in the treatment of a great number of diseases. In your 11/18 special session designed to close

It is imperative that continued unethical Embryonic Stem Cell research over many years has not provided results being provided to continue stem cell research.

Paterson
Albany, NY 12224

governor select. Contact the

information may be used to see the 7/08 issue of Life News.

mentioned in 10/08 Life News-a Yes/No poll by Peter King, Robert Previdi. Answered yes to questions 1-5, Kenneth LaValle. Answering no was mentioned in 8/08 and 9/08 Life

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AN EXAMPLE FROM THE PAST

by Rev. Paul G. Driscoll

The 2008 election has seen the emergence of an organized group of "Catholics" who argue that it is morally permissible to vote for pro-abortion candidates - provided that the voter is doing so for reasons "other" than abortion.

What is wrong with such an attitude? Perhaps an example from the past might help. The example is based on the official Catholic teaching that the murder of millions of unborn children is as monstrous an evil as the murder of millions of innocent people in Nazi Germany.

Throughout his entire reign, it is estimated that at least 80% of German "Catholics" strongly supported Hitler. Along with other Germans, these "Catholics" would wait for a Hitler appearance for hours. When he came, they would shower him with flowers. Some "Catholics" would even faint at the sight of Hitler, while other "Catholics" would try their hardest to touch him since the touching of Hitler was considered to be a lifetime honor.

Did these "Catholics" know that Hitler was killing millions of innocent people? Definitely yes - just as those "Catholics" who support pro-abortion politicians today know that millions of unborn babies are being killed.

To justify themselves, the "Catholics" who supported Hitler said the murder of millions was "only one issue". It was the "concentration camp issue". How "narrow-minded" it would be to vote against Hitler on "just one issue". (These "Catholics" rationalized: "Hitler was inspiring them with promises of hope and change. Hitler will reduce both inflation and unemployment and that will help the poor. So, if you vote against Hitler on the single issue of the concentration camps, then you do not love the poor and that is un-Christian. Be broad-minded like us and consider the many, many issues other than the concentration camp issue.")

But none of that could happen today, could it?

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LIFE ISSUES?

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pro-life. We understand that
Source: *Associated Press*, 5/3/08

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HEALTH & SCIENCE

Organ Donation — The Gift of Life or A Hastened Death?



We have all become familiar with “the gift of life” organ donor program in the United States. A 1998 federal mandate restricts health care workers from speaking to family members of a potential organ donor without approval from the regional organ retrieval system. A trained “designated requester” must approach the family. These so-called specialists have a higher success rate because they are trained to “sell” organ donation using terms such as ‘giving the gift of life’ and having your loved one’s organ ‘live on in someone else’. However one crucial fact is never discussed — transplanted organs must be removed while the donor is still alive to be successful. It is the organ removal procedure which is the true cause of death for the donor.

We have heard of more and more cases of patients who ‘wake up’ during the preparation process for organ donation. Zack Dunlap heard doctors declare him dead twice. His cousin observed responses during the preparation for removal of vital organs. Val Thomas had flat brain waves for 17 hours before her response was observed. A patient in France revived on the operating table as surgeons prepared to remove his organs. Dr. Paul A. Byrne warns that these are not isolated cases.

Prior to 1968, a person was declared dead after their breathing and heart stopped for a certain period of time. Surgeons then began to discover that by taking organs from someone ‘close to death’ and implanting them in another patient, they could prolong the recipient’s life. However, through trial and error they found that the organs could not come from someone who was truly dead. Organ damage occurs very soon after circulation ends. This has led to the creation of more than 30 sets of criteria in declaring ‘Death by Brain Death’ (DBD).

Dr. Byrne writes: “Sometimes a potential organ donor does not meet the criteria for ‘brain death,’ but has sustained certain injuries or has an illness suggesting that death will occur soon.” Such cases brought about the development of ‘Death by Cardiac Death’ (DCD)... “in which treatments considered extraordinary means, such as mechanical ventilation, are discontinued and certain drugs are used to lower the blood pressure and cause the patient to be pulseless. As soon as circulation stops, death is declared, and after a few minutes, which vary in different institutions, the body could still be resuscitated to restore cardiac and respiratory activity. This cannot be accomplished in the remains of someone who is truly dead.” This resuscitation is done not to preserve life but to preserve the organs for donation.

Dr. Byrne explains that every declaration of ‘brain death’ involves an apnea test. This requires removal of a ventilator for up to 10 minutes. This can only worsen the patient’s condition. A common misconception is that a ventilator represents permanent incapacitation. However, it is often used to support a patient’s weakened condition. The provision of oxygen and removal of carbon dioxide are vital during this critical period. The apnea test can be lethal.

The federal government now requires that all medical records be sent to the Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) when ‘death is imminent’ to determine organ transplant suitability. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), which most people believe protects our privacy,

also contains 14 conditions where the federal government can obtain and use your medical information without your permission. Organ donation is one of them. If the patient is identified as a suitable ‘donor’ a representative is sent to seek permission from relatives, friends or a government official. The Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (UAGA) was passed in 1968 in all 50 states and revised in 2006. Thirty states have already made the revised act law and 10 more states introduced legislation this year. The revised act makes everyone a ‘prospective donor’. This means it is presumed that you intend to be an organ donor unless you have signed a refusal.

The revised UAGA now permits teenagers to sign up as organ donors on their learner permit applications. Parents can override this consent up to the age of 18. The law provides for contacting a parent if ‘reasonably available’. Dr. Byrne questions whether the search for a parent will be as diligent when the child has consented to be a donor. The young are most at risk since their organs are ‘prime’. The prioritized list of persons who can make the decision to donate organs has been expanded to include adult grandchildren and close friends and again relies on ‘reasonable availability’ which is defined as “able to be contacted by a procurement organization without undue effort”. How much effort will be exerted before moving to the next class of decision makers?

The revised act also states that ‘a revocation of an anatomical gift does not equal a refusal’. Therefore, if you change your mind, you must issue a formal refusal in addition to revoking your gift. Dr. Byrne states that this is close to an opt-out or presumed consent system. This system presumes fulfillment of all legal requirements for consent to take organs unless a person has opted out by a formal, witnessed document. Delaware has introduced such legislation. Eight European countries already have such a system in place.

The revised UAGA allows the organ procurement medical team to initiate measures that can actually harm the still living potential donor. Dr. Byrne states, “Once a person is identified as a potential donor, organs for transplant become more important than the person to whom they belong.” An article in the *New England Journal of Medicine* acknowledges that brain death and cardiac death may not be real death. Instead, the authors, Dr. Robert Truog and Dr. Franklin Miller suggest that ethicists remove the requirement for dead donors. They wrote that removing organs from donors should be considered ethical based on terms of valid informed consent, since “the reason it is ethical cannot be that we are convinced that they are really dead.”

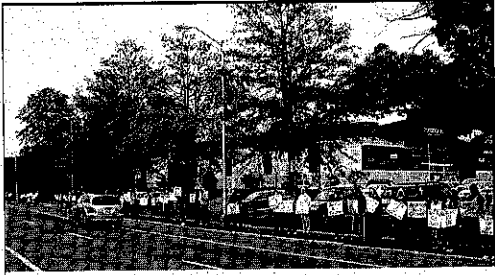
Dr. Byrne warns that some researchers are working on creating human beings solely for organ transplantation. He also reports that other researchers are working on creating organs from the patient’s own genes. He concludes, “It is morally inadmissible to directly bring about the mutilation or death of a human being, even in order to delay the death of other persons.”

Resources:

“Facts About Being an Organ Donor”, The International Foundation for Genetic Research
Brain Death is not Death — Organ Donors are Alive, LifeSiteNews.com, 8/14/08
“Do Your Organs Belong to the Government?” Paul A. Byrne, MD, August 2008

Regina Carbonaro—516-795-7568—reg5carb@aol.com

THANK YOU! STAND UP FOR LIFE - HUNTINGTON & MANORVILLE



SUFL, Huntington - photo by Ann Cook

The weather was threatening, but both Stand Up For Life witnesses were again successful. Thank you to all who made this possible, whether you were a participant, a supporter or a volunteer - it could not have been done without you. There were approximately 625 participants at SUFL, Huntington and 90 at SUFL, E., Manorville. On behalf of the unborn babies, thank you and God bless



SUFL, E. - photo by Richard Ferrara

you. We hope you will continue to support us with prayer and in other ways so that together we can continue to spread the pro-life message on Long Island. Together we can and will make a difference. Together we can and will one day overturn Roe v. Wade! Bravo, Long Island!

2009 RESPECT LIFE CONTEST

Theme:

"We are Wonderfully Made by God"

Level I: Grades 7-8

Level II: Grades 9-12

(inc. home-schooled & youth groups). Contest categories: Poetry, Bookmark, Essay, Music & Photography. Prizes for each Level: 1st \$400, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150.



Coordinators must submit local winners to the Diocese by 1/23. Awards Ceremony on 3/26. Obtain registration forms and rules packet from the Respect Life Office, Diocese of Rockville Centre. To download: www.drvc.org click on Social Services/Respect Life Office.

2008 Diocesan Advent Project,

"An Act of Kindness," assists women who have chosen life. Call 516-379-8292 x215 for Advent calendars, and Advent coin holders for parishes and schools. Your donations of money, metro, phone and gift cards are appreciated.



NYFRF presents

Rev. Duane Motley's Fall Banquet

with excellent update on NYS legislation

11/22 6:30-9 p.m.

Holiday Inn, MacArthur Airport, 3845 Veterans Hwy. Ronkonkoma
\$25. Call 585-225-2220
www.nyfrf.org

The Sounds of Life Concert

Sat. 9/27/08, provided a nice respite from the frenzy of day-to-day living. The concert was produced by Lakehouse Ministries for the benefit of the LI Coalition for Life. We thank them and all the band members for an enjoyable and lively evening of music. The Ryan Larkins Band (pictured below), Lindsey Carter, and The Alive shared their musical message of respect for life and God's love with joy and enthusiasm that spread to the audience.



Sisters for Life offers Co-worker Training

Sat. Nov. 8th

9 am - 6 pm

Stamford, Ct.

All free including lodging. Call 212-737-0221 or e-mail sr.lucy.marie@archny.org



The **"BOOK OF LIFE"**, the centerpiece of the **Holy Innocents Shrine**, invites all Mothers who have miscarried or had an abortion to name their child and enter the name at innocents.com/shrine.asp. You may visit the Church of the Holy Innocents, 128 West 37th St. N.Y.



Dr. Paul A. Byrne, M.D. Spoke at the NYSRTL Committee Convention 9/13/08. He is quoted on Page 4 in this month's Health and Science column. Photo by John Peters.

NOVEMBER 2008 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

Location	Day/Time	Contact Phone (516)
540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead	(W) Sa 8 AM-1 PM	741-3405
" " "	(M) 1st Sa 9:30 -11 AM Prayer Rally	" "
35 Carmans Rd, Massapequa	(W) Sa 10:30 AM-1 PM	541-8056
244A Old Country Rd, Hicksville	(W) Fr 10-11:30 AM & Sa 10 -11:15 AM	937-5225
444 Community Dr, Manhasset	(W) Sa 7-8 AM	546-0290
64 N. Franklin Ave, Hempstead	(W) Sa 9-11 AM	781-8699

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

Suffolk County---Location

Location	Day/Time	Contact Phone (631)
70 Maple Ave, Smithtown	(W) Wed & Sa 7-11 AM	979-7017
498 Rt 111, Smithtown	(W) Sa 7:30-9:30 AM	751-8217
595 Hampton Rd, Southampton	(W) Fr 11:30 AM	283-6829
240 Meeting House Ln-Southampton Hosp	(W) Fr 11:30 AM	283-6829
42 First Ave, Brentwood	(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM	665-3630
200 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge	(M) 1st Sa 10:15 -11:30 AM	588-0168
540 E. Main St, Riverhead	(W) We 2-4 PM	722-3111
755 New York Ave, Huntington	(W) Sa 11 AM-1 PM	796-7685
450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue	(M) 1st Sa 10:15-11:30 AM	472-0033



Pro-Life Counseling Centers open on Saturday (in addition to their regular M-F schedule):

- 10 AM-Noon **Life Center** 35 Willow St, **Massapequa** at E end of Sunrise Mall behind White Castle and next to Sizzler, 516-798-9100 and • 10 AM-3 PM **Life Center** 507 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), **Hempstead** 516-408-6300 (Bilingual counseling.)

PRO-LIFE VIEWING AND LISTENING - Programs weekly except Rev. Motley's "Open Mike."

- **LIFE ISSUES -LICL** (631-243-1435 www.ProLifeLI.org) All on Ch 20 (Public Access) Tu 9 PM in eastern Suffolk, Th 9-10 PM central & west Suffolk, Tu 5-6 PM Nassau. Send comments & suggestions for programs to LICL.
- **American Family Assn of NY** (516-944-3544 www.afany.org) All on Th 8 PM in all areas of Nassau & Suffolk.
- Mark Crutcher's **Life Dynamics-'Life Talk'** Brooklyn & Queens-Ch 34 (Time Warner) Ch 67 (Cablevision)-sch. pending. Hauppauge & Brookhaven-Ch 20 Sa 7:30 PM; Riverhead Ch 20 Mn 3:30 PM; Woodbury Ch 20 8:30 PM
- EWTN "Defending Life" Fr. Pavone, www.priestsforlife.org, Sa 2:30 AM & Fr 10 PM, Rosary for Life Sa 3:30 PM
- **Gospel of Life**-Angel One Ch 101 on Sky Angel IPTV or Angel One Ch 262 Mn 8 AM, We 11:30 PM & Th 8:30 AM.
- **Catholic Familyland**-Su 1 AM, Mn 9 AM, We 3:30 AM & Th 11:30 PM (All ET) www.gospeloflife.com/tv
- EWTN-Radio Fr 1 AM, Sa 6:30 PM & Su 5 AM (ET), www.avemariaradio.net
- **Voices of Abortion** - call-in, sharing abortion experience Mn-Th 1PM, Sa 12 Noon (all CST) at www.crusaderadio.com
- **WMCA (570 AM) Life on the Line**, Su 12:15 PM www.lifeontheline.com & James McDonald www.walkintheword.com
- **American Center for Law and Justice**, a watch-dog group, Mn-Fr 12 Noon, WMCA-AM 570, ACLJ.org
- **Catholic Alternative WHPC (90.3 FM)** Su 8 AM, includes pro-life programming.
- Rev. Duane Motley, **Open Mike Program**, Riverhead, 90.7, 3rd Fr, 8 PM Pre-recorded www.nycf.info/radioprogramindex.asp
- On Line: National Pro-Life Radio at NPLR.net

PRO-LIFE PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES Needed: Prayers for Election Day and to change minds and hearts for life.

- Mn-Sa 11/1-29 Daily **ROSARY FOR LIFE** following 8 AM Mass, St Rosalie Parish Center, Hampton Bays, 631-594-1381
- Mn-Sa 11/1-29 Daily 9:30 AM **ROSARY FOR BABIES BORN/UNBORN** St Martin of Tours Bethpage, 516-938-1391
- Su 11/2 12/7 (W) 8-9 PM **HOUR OF REPARATION TO STOP ABORTION** Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst
- Su 11/2 12/7 (W) 3 PM **ROSARY TO END ABORTION, EXPOSITION & BENECTION** St Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn
- Mn 11/3 12/1 (W) 7 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE AND NOVENA MASS** St Catherine, Franklin Square
- Mn 11/3 12/1 (W) After 12:05 Mass **HOUR OF ADORATION & PRAYERS FOR LIFE** Notre Dame, New Hyde Park
- Mn 11/3 12/1 (W) 7:30 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** follows Novena, Sacred Heart RCC, Island Park, 516-889-5318
- Mn 11/3 12/1 (M) 10 AM-3 PM **ADORATION AND BENECTION** St Rose of Lima, Massapequa (Fr Graham Chapel)
- Tu 11/4 12/2 (M) 9 AM-12:30 **MASS-LIFE ADORATION, ROSARY, BENECTION** Sacred Heart, Cutchogue
- Th 11/6 12/4 (W) After 7 PM Mass **ROSARY & NOVENA FOR LIFE**, St James Chapel, Seaford, 516-694-2938
- Th 11/6 12/4 (W) 7-8 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Our Lady of Mt Carmel RCC, Patchogue (9 AM-Midnight-Adoration)
- Fr 11/7 12/5 (W) 9:30-10:30 AM **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOR LIFE**, St Joseph, Kings Park
- Fr 11/7 12/5 (M) 9 AM **MASS, ROSARY & VIGIL FOR LIFE & PEACE** and 4 PM Benediction, St Mark, Shoreham
- Fr 11/7 12/5 (M) 7-8 PM **PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** Our Lady of Victory RCC, Floral Park

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- Fr 11/7 12/5 (M) 3-7 AM **PRO-LIFE VIGIL**, St Aloysius RCC, Great Neck; We 11/12, 7 PM Way of the Cross for Unborn
Fr 11/7 12/5 (M) 8 PM-9 PM **PRAYER HOUR FOR LIFE** Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne
Fr 11/7 12/5 (W) 1:00 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** St John Nepomucene Church, Bohemia, 631-589-0540
Fr 11/7 12/5 (M) 7 PM **HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE & 8 PM MASS FOR LIFE** at Holy Name of Jesus RCC, Woodbury
Fr 11/7 12/5 (M) 9 PM-3 AM **ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL** Miraculous Medal Church, Point Lookout, 516-593-8849
Fr 11/7 12/5 (M) 7:30- 8:30 PM **HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE**, The Resurrection RCC, 50 Granny Rd, Farmingville
Su 11/9 12/14 (M) 11:15 AM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Chapel of Our Lady of the Snow Church, 258th & 80 Ave, N Floral Park
Mn 11/10 12/8 (M) 8-9 PM **CULTURE FOR LIFE HOLY HOUR** Molloy College, Sacred Heart Chapel, 516-678-5000 x6304
Fr 11/14 12/12 (M) 9 AM **ROSARY FOR MOTHERS & THE UNBORN** Sts Peter & Paul RCC, Manorville, 631-874-2483
Mn 11/17 12/15 (M) 7:30 PM **ROSARY, DIVINE MERCY, LITANY FOR LIFE**, Christ the King, Commack, 631-486-2658
Tu 11/18 12/16 (M) 7:30-8:30 PM **ADORATION, ROSARY, PRO-LIFE PRAYER** St Patrick Church, Smithtown
Th 11/20 12/18 (M) 1:15 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE** Maria Regina Chapel, Seaford, 516-541-9408
Fr 11/21 12/19 (M) 9 PM-5:30 AM **ALL NIGHT LIFE VIGIL** Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, Massapequa Park, 631-224-1089
We 11/26 12/24 (M) 3 PM **ROSARY FOR LIFE**, St Anthony of Padua, Rocky Point, 631-744-1676
Fr 11/28 12/26 (M) 8-9 PM **PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR** Our Lady of Lourdes RCC, Massapequa Park, 516-541-3270

SPECIAL EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

- Sa 11/1 10 AM **LITURGY FOR PREBORN** at Hempstead Planned Parenthood. See Page 12.
Su 11/2 1:30 PM **CLOSING RALLY OF 40 DAYS FOR LIFE** at Hempstead PP. See Page 12.
Mn 11/3 7:30-9:30 PM **PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE ELECTION**, Christ the King Church, Commack. See Page 12.
Tu 11/4 **ELECTION DAY**. Pray and get out the vote.
Sa 11/8 **CO-WORKER TRAINING OFFERED BY SISTER OF LIFE, CT**. See Page 5.
We 11/5-Tu 11/11 **SEVEN DAY PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO**. Contact Rosary for Life, 718-377-6920.
Sa 11/8 & Su 11/9 **LIFE CENTER'S JEWELRY RE-GIFTING SALE**, Massapequa. See Page 7.
Sa 11/15 **POST-ABORTION DAY OF PRAYER & HEALING FOR WOMEN**, Bronx. Lumina, 877-586-4621, postabortionhelp.org
Su 11/16 2 PM **DEANERY VI PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR**, Our Lady of Good Counsel, 68 Wanser Ave, Inwood.
Sa 11/22 6:30-9 PM Rev. Duane Motley's **BANQUET** at Holiday Inn, Ronkonkoma. See Page 5.
Sa 11/22 **POST-ABORTION DAY OF PRAYER & HEALING FOR MEN**, Bronx. Call Lumina, 877-586-4621, postabortionhelp.org

LOOKING AHEAD

- Mo 12/08 **NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE**, See Page 12.
Th 1/22/09 **MARCH FOR LIFE**, Washington, D.C. 202-543-3377
Wed & Th 1/21 & 1/22 **CONVENTION**, www.marchforlife.org



IN MEMORIAM



MADELEINE BUCHTA-CATHERINE JORDAN-MARY SCHOEPPNER-DOROTHY WALSH

"NEW RULES" FOR SUBMISSION OF PRO-LIFE EVENTS TO BE PRINTED IN LIFE NEWS: To be considered for publication events must be in writing, (a brief note or flyer), sent to Life News as described below. Thank you.

DEADLINE for December, 2008 Life News is the 1st of Nov. FAX to 631-737-6850, e-mail marimawn@yahoo.com, or mail to Life News, PO Box 223, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779. Permission is given for reproduction and distribution of contents of Life News. Credit must be given to Life News and to other sources when noted. Call by 5th of month prior to order extra copies of Life News.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS: Take a teen to Washington, for the Thurs., 1/22/09 March for Life.



Pro-Life CHRISTMAS CARDS \$5 pack and **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** \$20 available at Birthright of Nassau/Suffolk in Wantagh. Call 516-785-4070 or 516-781-2608.

New Book: "A Love for Life" by Dennis Di Mauro, Pres. North Virginia Lutherans for Life. Provides biblical and historical information needed to make an informed decision on the abortion question. \$20. Call 541-344-1528 or go to orders@wipfandstock.com.



Source: Nat. Pro-Life Religious Council newsletter-Summer 2008

Help Wanted:

Part time RV driver needed. No special license required only one with no infringements. Work Tues., Thurs. & Sat. driving to Long Island abortion clinics. No counseling skills necessary. Call Frank Gariboldi, Dir. of Dev., Life Center of L.I. 516-523-0586.



Life Center of Long Island Jewelry

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POLITICAL PARTY PLATFORMS

An important role of the 2008 Democratic and Republican National Conventions is to produce a platform statement that encompasses the Party's position on policies on a myriad of issues that will affect the future of the nation. The following is a portion of the Platforms that deal with the abortion issue.

The 2008 Democratic Platform Position on Abortion.

Choice: See Page 50 of the Platform Document.

"The Democratic Party strongly and unequivocally supports *Roe v Wade* and a woman's right to choose a safe and legal abortion, regardless of ability to pay, and we oppose any and all efforts to weaken or undermine that right." "The Democratic Party also strongly supports access to comprehensive affordable family planning services and age-appropriate sex education which empower people to make informed choices and live healthy lives. We also recognize that such health care and education help reduce the number of unintended pregnancies and thereby also reduces the need for abortions." "The Democratic Party also strongly supports a woman's decision to have a child by ensuring access to and availability of programs for pre- and post-natal health care, parenting skills, income support and caring adoption programs."

The 2008 Republican Platform Position on Abortion.

Maintaining the Sanctity and Dignity of Human Life: See Page 52 of the Platform Document.

"Faithful to the first guarantee of the Declaration of Independence, we assert the inherent dignity and sanctity of all human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution, and we endorse legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to unborn children. We oppose using public revenues to promote or perform abortion and will not fund organizations which advocate it. We support the appointment of 2008 judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity and dignity of innocent human life." "We have made progress. The Supreme Court has upheld prohibitions against the barbaric practice of partial-birth abortion. States are now permitted to extend health care coverage to children before birth. And the Born Alive Infants Protection Act has become law: this law ensures that infants who are born alive during an abortion receive all treatment and care that is provided to all newborn infants and are not neglected and left to die...." "We all have a moral obligation to assist, not to penalize women struggling with the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy...."

The statement concludes with a discussion on extending respect for life to the disabled, the elderly and the infirm. It goes on to say "We oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide, which endangers especially those on the margins of society."

"Spiritual Adoption" An "Adopt a Baby" Project

An excellent "intercessory prayer" activity for the entire parish community, "Spiritual Adoption," is a very easy pro-life project.

We know there are pre-born infants in danger of abortion. Therefore, this program invites the community to commit themselves to praying every day for the nine months, praying that the mother and father of an infant receive the strength by God's Spirit to continue to choose life.

Where to start? Begin the program with a sign-up weekend. Participants sign a pledge card promising to pray every day for a baby they spiritually adopt and for his/her parents. The pledge card suggests the "Spiritually Adopted" baby be given a name.



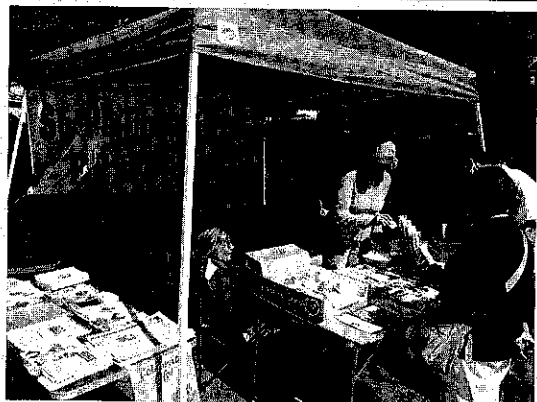
Monthly Development Report: During each of the nine months the parish bulletin updates the child's development. For example:

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Suggestions for concluding the program: A closing Mass or Service, a Communion Breakfast, a "Baby Shower" from which the gifts, diapers, formula can be donated to a nearby pregnancy help center.

Need help in getting started? Many churches and Knights of Columbus Councils have run successful programs. If you need assistance, you may call Joseph Welsh 631-698-4410.

Note: A series of posters showing development of the pre-born child can be borrowed from the DRVC Respect Life Office. Call Diana Tellis at 516-379-8292. Posters coincide with the nine-month project.



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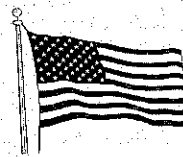
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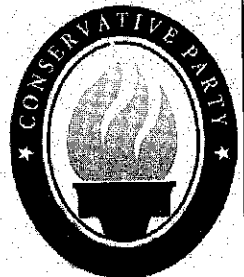
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