



**You're Invited!** The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. Our monthly meeting will take place on **Mon., July 22 at 7:30 PM** at the St. Regis K of C Hall, 2850 Pond Rd., Ronkonkoma 11779 and on **Aug. 26 at 7:30 PM** at Joseph Barry Council K of C Hall, 45 Heitz Pl., Hicksville 11801.  
**All are welcome - please join us!** For further info, call LICL at 631-243-1435.

Please note if you have ordered fliers/posters for Stand Up for Life, they will be available for pick up at the August meeting. Any packets not picked up will either be delivered personally (if local) or mailed via USPS.

**Planned Parenthood Gala  
5/11/19**

A handful of pro-lifers gathered outside of the fundraiser for Planned Parenthood of Hudson-Peconic which was held at Congregational Church of Huntington (UCC).



**Did you know?**

The Abortion Pill is the new face of the abortion industry. In the past, surgical abortions were the preferred method. Now more than 1/3 of abortions in the U.S. occur through the 'abortion pill.' Chemical abortions (abortion pills) are cheaper and easier to administer. The abortion pill comes in two parts and is approved for use up to 10 weeks of pregnancy. The first chemical, mifepristone (or RU486) is the first pill used in a chemical abortion and blocks the effects of progesterone, a hormone necessary for a pregnancy to thrive. The second pill, misoprostol, expels the baby. A woman is sent home to abort on her own. From the moment a woman takes the first pill (mifepristone/RU486), she has about 72 hours to change her mind and save her baby. 750 lives have been saved due to The Abortion Pill Rescue Network.

(See [www.heartbeatinternational.org](http://www.heartbeatinternational.org))

**March for Life NY 6/3/19**

Thank you to the more than 3000 pro-lifers who went to Albany to stand up for LIFE. There was a rally with drama, testimonies & well-known local and national speakers and a march to the Capitol Building.



**SAVE THE DATE: March for Life NY - June 1, 2020!**

**Stericycle Nationwide Protest 5/22/19**



**Stericycle Farmingdale**



**Stericycle Babylon**

In an effort to have Stericycle (a medical waste disposal company) "dump" Planned Parenthood, there were two protests on Long Island.



## FEDERAL LEGISLATION

**Born Alive Bill** -The latest count is 50 failed tries by the GOP to get a House vote on this bill.

**HR.5**, the “*Equality Act*,” passed the House May 17. If it becomes law, life issues like the Hyde Amendment and conscience protection are at risk, according to Rep. Chris Smith. HR.5 uses the words “related medical condition” in its funding mandates, a phrase courts already say means abortion. Thus Federal (and State?) recipients of Federal funds could be forced to do abortions. According to Rep. Virginia Foxx, the abortion industry wrote parts of the bill. [Reps. Meeks, Rice, Suozzi- *yea*; Reps. King, Zeldin- *nay*] The President has yet to promise a veto, and some GOP senators would like to tweak the bill, so they can vote for ‘Equality’. Pundit Linda Harvey says proper HR.5 amendments would protect RFRA and the bans on abortion funding. A ‘public accommodation’, defined in the bill, should not include religious groups or schools. [lifesitenews.com 5/20/19]

**Women’s Health Protection Act** [S.1645, HR.2975] This bill has been reintroduced by Democrats and would ban all non-medical abortion restrictions: i.e., heartbeat bills, waiting periods, unneeded ultrasounds, door width standards, etc. [Reps. Meeks, Rice, Suozzi, Schumer, and Gillibrand cosponsor]

### Supreme Court

Two rulings this Spring may foreshadow future court actions. *Franchise Board v. Hyatt* was not about life issues, but pro-aborts took note, since it overturned a 1979 SCOTUS decision, and Justice Thomas was assigned to write the majority decision. Thomas believes that the original intent of a law (or the Constitution) is more important than prior SCOTUS rulings. *Box v PP* involved an Indiana law requiring proper treatment of aborted remains, and it banned abortions for reasons of sex, race or disability. On May 28, with no oral arguments, the Court issued an unsigned order upholding the fetal remains item, but not addressing the ‘selective’ abortions ban. SCOTUS normally resolves conflicting lower court rulings, but only the 7th Circuit has thus far ruled on a law banning ‘selective’ abortions. Justice Thomas issued a concurring opinion, saying that “Enshrining a...right to an abortion based solely on...race, sex, or disability...would constitutionalize the views of the 20th-century eugenics movement...”

### HHS

Three cities, 19 states, and Cook Co. have sued HHS over the conscience protection rules published May 21. Health providers may not be coerced to assist or perform procedures they find morally or religiously objectionable. The rules are set to take effect in mid-July.

HHS is also ready to modify part of ObamaCare Section 1557, which now calls denial of abortion services a form of sex discrimination. (Make comments on this change, RIN 0945-AA11, at <http://www.regulations.gov>). HHS did not renew its contract with U of Cal., San Fran, to use aborted baby parts to make research mice with ‘humanized’ immune systems. The contract ended June 5.

### States

Since New York passed the RHA to “enshrine” *Roe* into state law, some states have acted to copy the RHA, while other states work to increase abortion restrictions such as

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Pain-Capable laws limiting abortions to 15-20 weeks, ‘heartbeat’ laws limiting abortion to 6-8 weeks, and Alabama’s law restricting abortion, except to prevent the mother’s death, or serious physical impairment of major body functions. The main sponsor of Alabama’s pro-life law asked, ‘If we say a person is dead when their heartbeat stops, how can we deny a person is alive, when we detect a heartbeat?’ Mississippi passed a heartbeat bill, but Judge Reeves struck it down, and trashed pro-lifers.

These pro-life laws are being challenged in Court, which is the intent of the authors of these bills - getting SCOTUS to revisit *Roe*. Pain-Capable laws likely can stand under *Roe & Casey*, but ‘heartbeat’, or near full bans can’t. The authors say that for too long we’ve accepted the rape and incest exceptions and have failed to “move the ball forward”. Other pro-lifers say the percentage of Americans in favor of more restriction on abortion has steadily grown, and we should continue incrementally. (President Trump has said he supports rape & incest exceptions.) SCOTUS hasn’t yet taken the *Rooks* or *Hope Medical Group* cases.

### What did they say?

- In 1985, Justice Ginsburg said the “Court ventured too far in the change it ordered and presented an incomplete justification for its action [re: *Roe*]” Recently, she said “A woman who exercises her constitutionally protected right to terminate a pregnancy is not a mother.”
- At the end of May, the *NY Times* wrote the Louisiana heartbeat bill would “...forbid abortion if the test detects embryonic pulsing”.
- The Washington Post gave PP CEO Leana Wen four Pinocchios for repeatedly saying thousands of women died annually [from ‘back alley’ abortions] prior to *Roe v Wade*.



## NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

As of this writing, there are only a few days to go in this legislative session, and it appears that physician assisted suicide will not become legal this year in NYS. That's good news, for now.

Governor Cuomo does, however, intend to push laws allowing for paid surrogacy. Apparently, he sees value in the contents of a womb, when it's for rent, otherwise...

On May 13, NYS Senator Pam Helming attempted to attach the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act to another piece of legislation as a hostile amendment on the Senate floor. Every member of the Senate Democratic Conference voted against the amendment, causing it to fail.

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State Legislation, e-mail [jimmiller9@aol.com](mailto:jimmiller9@aol.com).

## HEALTH & SCIENCE

### Crispr – Gene Editing – “Unintended Consequences”



Last year, Chinese researcher He Jiankui announced that he used the gene-editing tool Crispr to alter the DNA of twin girls by inserting a mutated variant of a gene into the girls' chromosome at the embryo stage to make them immune to the HIV virus. Jiankui's 'creation' of the first gene-edited babies was criticized world-wide as being unethical and risky. Chinese authorities subsequently announced a moratorium on the practice stating it "seriously violates" national law and medical ethics.

A recently released study of genetic make-up and death registry information warned that individuals with this mutated gene have a 20% higher risk of early death compared to the global population. The study was done by researchers at the University of Berkeley California. The study examined data on over 400,000 people of British ancestry from the UK Biobank. Those studied inherited the specific mutation. Jiankui attempted to create the same mutation but failed. The twin girls carry different alterations of the same gene.

Malcolm Ritter explained at APNews.com on 6/3/19 that when the gene "is working normally, it lets certain cells of the immune system display a protein on their surfaces. HIV has co-opted that protein to use as a doorway to infect those cells. The mutation prevents that protein from appearing, and so sharply reduces the risk of HIV infection...studies have suggested that carrying the mutation has some drawbacks, including a heightened risk of death from flu." Ritter noted that the Berkeley study "suggests tinkering with a gene to try to fix one problem may cause others."

Rasmus Nielsen, senior author of the study, stated, "You should consider all the effects of mutations you induce." Ritter reported that Nielsen said the study does not apply to gene therapy that is currently used to inactivate the gene in the blood cells of individuals already infected with HIV to keep the virus under control. In these cases, the disabled gene is probably an advantage.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, explained that current gene editing experiments focus on the replacement of a defective gene with a working gene or removing a harmful gene. The Nielsen study subjects did not have a normal working version of a gene. That is what Jiankui tried to create. Ritter wrote, "Fauci said the work

is more a lesson that genetic protection against one thing can raise vulnerability to something else." The Berkeley study's authors wrote, "The cost of resistance to HIV may be increased susceptibility to other, and perhaps more common, diseases...Introduction of new or derived mutations in humans using Crispr technology...comes with considerable risk even if the mutations provide a perceived advantage."

Patrick Galey wrote at Agence France-Presse (6/3/19), that the authors warned "there was a clear statistical trend that should discourage repeats of He's experiment...David Curtis, honorary Professor at University College London's Genetics Institute said the new study provided a clear look at the possible unintended consequences of gene-editing in humans." Curtis said, "There are many other examples in medicine where an intervention intended to treat one condition inadvertently causes major unexpected problems elsewhere. This sends us a warning that we should be extremely cautious around the introduction of therapies involving modifying the genetic code." Galey also quoted Robin Lovell-Badge of the Francis Crick Institute in London: "All this shows once more that He Jiankui was foolish to choose CCR5 to mutate in his attempts at germline genome editing. We simply do not yet know enough about the gene."

Christine Rousselle reported at CNA (6/4/19) that the House Appropriations Committee "reinstated a condition in 2020 spending bills prohibiting embryonic gene editing. The amendment was passed in a vote of the full House Appropriations Committee...Without the amendment, U.S. scientists would be able to approve and conduct clinical trials that would involve the creation or modification of human embryos...After a congressional subcommittee passed a draft of the annual appropriations bill omitting the rider, an amendment to reinsert the ban passed with near unanimous consent...Since 2016, the appropriations bill has contained language that bans the Food and Drug Administration from performing research in clinical trials "in which a human embryo is intentionally created or modified to include a heritable genetic modification."... Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE), ranking member of the subcommittee...said that human genetic experimentation is loaded with ethical questions largely unaddressed by researchers. "If we cede this framework of science and ethics to maverick bioengineers who are detached from larger societal considerations, the risks of harm are real, and we will divert these resources away from real, viable alternatives." Dr. Francis Collins, head of the National Institutes of Health, stated in March 2019, "Given the lack of compelling medical need, the safety concerns, and the profound societal and philosophical issues—NIH strongly agrees that an international moratorium on reproductive uses of human germline gene editing should be put into effect."

*"Whenever Two or More are Gathered in My Name"*

Key: (M) = MONTHLY (W) = WEEKLY

**PRO-LIFE PRAYERFUL PRESENCE.** Scheduled times at local abortion provider/referral sites are listed below. To volunteer, speak with the contact person before going to a site. **Never witness alone. Your presence, if even for 30 min. a month, is important.**

**Note:** Vigils & Witnesses are **NOT** sponsored by the LICL and are provided for informational purposes.

<u>Nassau County - Location</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Contact Phone</u>
540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead	(W) Sa 8 AM-Noon	917-544-0121
" " "	(M) 1st. Sa 10 AM Liturgy/Clergy	917-544-0121
" " "	(W) Th 10:30-Noon	516-270-3845
35 Carmans Rd., Massapequa	(W) Sa 10:30-Noon	516-541-8056
<u>Suffolk County - Location</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Contact Phone (631)</u>
498 Rt. 111, Smithtown	(W) Sa 6-9 AM	751-7894
70 Maple Ave, Smithtown	(W) We & Sa 7:30-10:30AM	979-8541
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
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

**IMPORTANT:**

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



**Pro-Life Counseling Centers nearest to abortion sites:**

**Life Center of L.I. (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 – All programs weekly on Altice (formally CableV) Ch 20 (except where noted):**

Life Issues – hosted by LICL - Thurs., 5 PM  
 Life Talk - Mark Crutcher's Life Dynamics – Mon. 8 PM, Ch. 20; youtube.com/channel/UCX13pg11nqITyzlVGjJzAdQ.  
 EWTN CableV 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. - Mon., 3:30 PM  
 AFA of NY Programs on **YouTube.com**; then in Search bar: **AFA New York**; then click on **AFA NY**; then select **VIDEOS**

**Listen to pro-life radio on the Internet:** [blogtalkradio.com/march4lifeny-radio](http://blogtalkradio.com/march4lifeny-radio)

*In Memoriam:* Mary Michel, Nicholas Napoli, M.D.

**July 23 & August 27 - 7:30 PM** Knights for Life Meeting, North Massapequa Community Center, Albany Ave., Massapequa.

**Lobby for Life**  
 The LICL sent a bus to Albany on Mon., 5/7/19 to lobby legislators and let them know our pro-life stand on abortion and physician-assisted suicide. If you are interested in joining the LICL in our lobby efforts in the future, please call our number and leave your name and phone number.

**Life Boxes**  
 A young girl felt the need to do something to fight against abortion, so about two years ago she came up with the idea of Life Boxes. These boxes are filled with "girly" items, as she calls them. She has been promoting and selling with all profits going to Soundview Pregnancy Center. Please visit the website at [www.lifeboxes.info](http://www.lifeboxes.info).

**SUMMER PROJECT:** Unfortunately, the pro-death movement does not take a vacation. This summer contact and/or visit your state & federal representatives in their home offices. Call for an appointment. For talking points, you may request a copy of the LICL letter brought to Albany on their lobby trip 5/7/19 by calling 631-243-1435.

**Pro-Life and Your Philanthropy Dollar**

Some non-profits start out with the intention to support abortion, aka 'reproductive rights' and some have co-opted 'reproductive health' to include abortion and abortifacients. Other non-profits have, at their outset, no connection to the right-to-life issue. Yet over time, these 'good' organizations have subtly or aggressively picked up the banner of reproductive rights. How are your donations being used? Organization policies may change at any time. Sometimes it is difficult to uncover a non-profit's pro-abortion connections. You may consider contacting organizations you want to support. Other information may be found at: American Life League: <https://all.org/charity-watchlist> and Life Decisions International: [www.fightpp.org](http://www.fightpp.org). The information given below was collected as of 12/2018.

**L.I. AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**  
[www.liadv.org](http://www.liadv.org)  
 (Formerly Suffolk County Against Domestic Violence)  
 L.I. Against Domestic Violence doesn't discuss reproductive rights on its website. However, in July 2018, LIADV sent an e-mail regarding upcoming local press conferences by Gov. Andrew Cuomo about his women's rights agenda. LIADV's e-mail stated, "With the ever present threats to reproductive rights at the federal level, we stand firm and unequivocal in our support of women's right to choose. Join Governor Cuomo on the next steps New York will take to protect access to reproductive healthcare services for women."

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# Life News

of Long Island

## MISSION STATEMENT

To protect innocent human life from fertilization to natural death through education, legislative action, prayer and peaceful presence.

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**July/August 2019**

### Defend the Freedom to Be Born Face the Truth Vigil



**Sat., July 6  
10:30 AM to  
noon**

(come for all or part of the time)  
Route 347, Lake Grove (near Smithaven Mall)  
Public sidewalk.  
Rain or shine.  
Signs available

(parking lot of Staples but near road).  
Pro-lifers continue to be challenged to defend the right to LIFE enumerated in the Declaration of Independence. We are called to take a public stand to declare that the right to life starts in the womb. Pro-lifers are asked to join this Face the Truth event to be a witness against the tragedy of abortion. (Participants must be peaceful & lawful).

Sponsored by Long Island Coalition for Life:  
631-243-1435; [info@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org); Instagram ([licoalitionli](https://www.instagram.com/licoalitionli)) and follow us on Facebook.

### Rosary Walk for Life Thurs., Aug. 22 7:00 PM Pro-Life Mass - St. William the Abbot RCC

2000 Jackson Ave., Seaford, 11783

Followed by Rosary Procession on church grounds ending with Benediction

A witness to protect life from the moment of conception to natural death. All Welcome!

For information: Irene Cassillo 516-541-8056.



### Life Center of LI Dinner Dance

**Fri., Sept. 27 6:00-11:00 PM**

33rd Anniversary Annual Dinner Dance  
Muttontown Club, 5933 Northern Blvd.,  
East Norwich

**Special Guest Speaker:** Terry Beatley  
President, Hosea Initiative

For more info call the Life Center at 516-798-9100.



**The Life Center of Long Island** will be offering sidewalk-counseling training in the Fall of 2019  
Date, time & place TBA.

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