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Long Island's Pro-Life Newsletter

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Long Island Coalition for Life, entering our **53rd** year, remains committed to action, service and information. Our primary tool, *LIFE NEWS*, available by mail, e-mail or for all to read on our LICL website [ProLifeLI.org](http://ProLifeLI.org), relies on your support with your renewal. Our annual subscription has been \$18.00 for a number of years and remains at \$18.00.



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### TAKE ACTION FOR PRO-LIFE PROGRESS

There are many ways pro-lifers can foster a pro-life mindset in their homes, schools, churches and communities. Rather than become overwhelmed with large projects, a smaller or a singular action is also an effective way to build a more pro-life future. Abortion can affect fathers of aborted babies. The man may have encouraged, discouraged, paid for, or been non-committal about the abortion, and later regret the loss of his child. The following ideas are offered:

#### June:

- Educate yourself on the effects of post-abortive fathers.
- Speak to others on the effects of abortion on fathers who lost a child to abortion. Possible venues include youth/ church/ men's ministry group, college/high school Christian or conservative clubs.

### Bumper Stickers – Buy One Get Two

Bumper stickers are a good way to spread the pro-life message, and the Long Island Coalition for Life is making it easier for you to do that with this offer. **Buy one bumper sticker and get a second one at no cost.** Don't want a sticker on your car bumper? There are other places to use the stickers, such as on a laptop, mailbox or bulletin board (school, church, etc.). Tape the sticker inside a car window or the front window of your home. If you have your own business, a pro-life sticker on a bulletin board or file cabinet could foster a positive image among employees.

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**Fellow Defender of Life,**

As you can see from the cover of our June issue, we are once again making our annual appeal for your support of *Life News*. Your commitment over the years has been vital, and we sincerely thank you. Please continue standing with us.

If you're a newer reader — welcome! We hope you've found *Life News* to be a valuable resource, especially when it comes to pro-life activities here on Long Island. We invite you to subscribe for the coming year so we can continue to inform, inspire, and equip you for this vital cause.

*Life News* is the most expensive project of the Long Island Coalition for Life, an all-volunteer organization. While loyal advertisers and subscribers cover much of the cost, we still depend on additional donations to bridge the gap — and to support efforts like our pro-life advocacy trips to Albany. Each month, *Life News* delivers important updates on pro-life events, legislative efforts, educational resources, and opportunities to stand up for the voiceless — right here on Long Island and beyond. It is a vital tool in the ongoing effort to build a culture of life.

A subscription is just \$18.00 per year. Your support not only keeps you informed, but also strengthens the pro-life movement by helping us share the truth with thousands across our region.

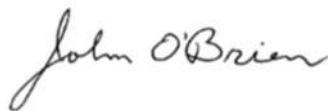
Today, the stakes are even higher. We are working against the so-called "Medical Aid in Dying" (MAiD) bill, which would legalize doctor-prescribed suicide in New York. Based on evidence from other states and countries, such laws often expand far beyond their original intent, putting the elderly, disabled, and vulnerable at grave risk.

We are also confronting the spread of chemical abortion pills and working to educate the public about Abortion Pill Reversal, as well as the ethical concerns surrounding IVF.

Please make your \$18.00 subscription donation today — and if you are able, consider including an additional gift to strengthen this life-affirming mission. Business owners and professionals can also place a tax-deductible ad in *Life News* to show their support.

Together, we defend the most vulnerable among us. Thank you for your continued prayers and generosity.

Gratefully in the cause of Life,



John O'Brien, Chairman  
The Long Island Coalition for Life

**Stand Up for Life**

**Sun., Oct. 5 (Respect Life Sunday) 2-3:30 PM**

Please join us in the largest pro-life gathering on L.I. We are two of over 1500 pro-life witness sites throughout North America on this day. Have your organization, name, and/or church listed as a supporter on the SUFL posters/fliers.

Deadline is Aug. 5. If you did not receive a sponsorship form, call 631-243-1435 or obtain one at [ProLifeLI.org/Events](http://ProLifeLI.org/Events); scroll down to Stand Up for Life.

**You're  
Invited**

The Long Island Coalition for Life general meeting welcomes all interested in pro-life activity, education, legislation or volunteering. Our next General Meeting will be **Monday, June 23 at 7:30 PM at Joseph Barry Knights of Columbus Hall, 45 Heitz Pl., Hicksville**. All are welcome - please join us! For further info, call LICL at 631-243-1435.



## FEDERAL LEGISLATION

*FOX News* reported that the House GOP has been discussing a bill to **Defund Planned Parenthood** and other abortion providers. Currently, **HR.271 & S.203**, two bills to defund PP, have been sitting in committee in the House and Senate since January. Unlike **S.203**, **HR.271** expires in 1 year and has exceptions for rape, incest and life of the mother. *Lifenews.com* reported that three GOP House members are hesitant about defunding PP through the Reconciliation Budget Bill. Reconciliation would allow the bill to pass in both chambers with a simple majority.

The **Respect Parents' Childcare Choices Act, HR.2282/ S.535**, would boost the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act (1990) from \$8.75B to \$20B by 2030. (\$11B to low-income families) "...Being pro-life means being pro-family," House sponsor Rep. Riley Moore said. The bill would allow payments to relatives who provide care.

The **Protecting Lives on College Campuses Act HR.632/S.207**, would ban federal funds to any institution of higher education that hosts/affiliates with a student-based abortion provider (pill or surgical), serving students or employees.

President Trump issued an Executive Order on May 1st creating the **Religious Liberty Commission**. Its tasks include writing a report on the foundations of US religious liberty, highlighting current threats, and suggesting ways to protect religious pluralism.

Assistant Attorney General Harmeet Dhillon said the Trump administration will "aggressively" prosecute violence/vandalism of Pregnancy Resource Centers and churches under the FACE Act. Rep. Chip Roy, who introduced the FACE Act Repeal bill, **HR.589**, said "FACE has never yet been used to prosecute violence against a Church."

The **Abortion Funding Awareness Act, S.1384**, has a House companion bill, **HR.2779**. Both bills were introduced on April 9. Rep. Erin Houchin introduced the bill in the House. Her Press Release dated April 29 stated, "The Abortion Funding Awareness Act exposes how states are funneling tax dollars to abortion providers. For too long, the left has used loopholes and a lack of transparency to prop up Planned Parenthood and others who profit from taking innocent lives. This bill says enough is enough. Despite federal restrictions on direct abortion funding, states have been quietly steering taxpayer-funded Medicaid dollars to abortion providers under the radar. [This bill] seeks to stop that by requiring states to report all Medicaid payments made to abortion providers, submit annual reports detailing those transactions, and publish this information on their official state websites for the public to see. This legislation provides the transparency and accountability the American people deserve. I remain committed to defending rights of conscience and the integrity of taxpayer dollars."



## NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

The NYS State Assembly passed the **Medical Aid in Dying (MAID) bill, A.136**, by a vote of 81 to 67. During the LICL lobby trip to Albany in February, several aides told us that the budget was the pressing issue, so most other things would wait until that was done. The Assembly and Senate MAID bills were sitting in their respective Health Committees. The LICL set April 29 for their next lobby trip. Other organizations were planning a May 6 lobby day.

Gov. Hochul claimed a tentative budget deal (disputed by some) on April 28. That same day, the Assembly Health Committee voted to 'favorably refer' the MAID bill on to the Codes Committee and they voted to favorably refer the bill on to the Rules Committee. The next day, the Rules Committee voted to send the bill on to the full Assembly (favorably).

The Assembly was debating and voting on **A.136** as the LICL lobbyists were making their rounds. The votes were: **NO** - Blumencranz, Brown EA, Brown K, DeStefano, Durso, Fitzpatrick, Gandolfo, Giglio, McDonough, Mikulin, Norber, Ra, Smith, Solages.

**YES** - Burroughs, Griffin, Kassay, Lavine, O'Pharrow, Ramos, Schiavoni, Stern. (LI members of Health, Codes or Rules Committees voted the same in Committee as on the Floor.)

**ACTION ITEM** - Contact your **NY State Senator** and urge them to vote **NO** on the Senate MAID bill, **S.138**.

*Note*- Rhoads and Martins are on the Senate Health Committee, where this bill now sits.

For contact info on legislators at all levels go to: [prolife-li.org/index.php/legislative](http://prolife-li.org/index.php/legislative) **OR** [usa.gov/elected-officials](http://usa.gov/elected-officials)

## Lobby in Albany

On April 29, LICL members and Pro-Life volunteers took a bus, provided by the LICL, to Albany to lobby against **A.136 and S. 138 – Medical Aid in Dying** proposed legislation.

We visited numerous Assembly and Senate offices, distributed factual literature, and engaged legislative staff in meaningful dialogue opposing this dangerous legislation.

**THANK YOU to all who volunteered and to all who supported us** with your prayers. We pray that our efforts and that of others will be successful.



## Defending Human Life: The Case Against Abortion

by Anthony Uvenio (2025 Oratory Contest Winner) student at Our Savior New American School

What is it? What is it? Before you abort the unborn, you must first answer the question, what is it? Close to a million babies are aborted every year, and America has made it legal for this to happen. Murder is taking the life of an innocent human being without just cause. The pro-choice advocates want to use the term abortion, rather than murder, which is what it actually is. Abortion is the murdering of a preborn child, or, “fetus” before it can survive outside of the womb. Women freely choose to do this, not because their lives are in danger, but for many various reasons such as inconvenience, lack of money, shame, or age - none of which are valid reasons to kill a human baby. Some say “my body my choice”, and others say “it's just a clump of cells.” However, what is it? As Christians, we believe murder is wrong. Our position is pro-life, that aborting a fetus is the same thing as murdering an innocent child. Abortion is wrong because it goes against God’s law, it denies the humanity of the unborn, and it harms women and society.



Abortion is a sin that violates God’s commandment against murder. Exodus 20:13 says, “thou shall not murder.” As Christians, we believe murder is wrong, no matter the situation. One of the phrases women say is “my body my choice.” However, is it really their body? The woman is giving birth to a new human being, with its own body, and is now terminating it after it has done nothing wrong. “But wait, it’s just a clump of cells.” Is that all that it is, just a clump of cells? Are we not just clumps of cells? Women that abort their children simply don’t understand the severity of what they are doing. If we break it down, we can use the SLED test. First is S, standing for size. Does the size of a child determine if a woman can kill it or not? It should not. Just because a fetus isn’t fully developed and is significantly smaller than an average human, doesn’t make it any more right to kill it. Does how big a person is determine what a person is? Next is L, level of development. Although a fetus isn’t fully developed, doesn't mean anyone should have the right to murder it. Can a 4 year old girl bear children, no because she is not fully developed. If we can't kill the 4 year old because it is not fully developed, then neither can we kill the preborn baby who isn't fully developed. Then there is E, which stands for environment. If a baby came out of the womb, would the woman want to kill it then? Probably not, which is why the location of the baby shouldn’t give the woman rights to kill it. Does where a person is determine what a person is? Last is D, or degree of dependency. Just because you need someone else to survive, doesn’t make you any less valuable, and a fetus depending on its mother doesn’t make it any less human.

The unborn child is a human being at conception with the right to life. According to scientific research, life begins at conception. At this stage, the zygote is a complete and unique human being with all the DNA it needs to fully develop. The child develops a circulatory system which is not connected to the mother, which means it has its own blood type. By the third week, the heart begins to beat, and by eight weeks, all major organs have started to form. All of this is proof that the baby is its own self and has the same amount of rights to live as any other human being on this earth. If a newborn baby deserves protection, then so does a baby in the womb. Also, abortion causes harm to women, families, and society. Studies show that women who abort their babies have a high risk of depression, as well as physical, mental and emotional effects. One study from the *British Journal of Psychiatry* states that women who abort their babies have an 81% higher risk of these side-effects. Many who abort their babies also have a high risk of anxiety and suicidal thoughts. Some of the emotional effects women feel after an abortion are guilt, distress, and regret, which can all have long-term effects. Harming the baby can harm the woman, which makes it unsafe. Women who have abortions can experience infections, bleeding, or damage to their uterus. Also, the hormonal disruption can lead women to emotional side-effects. Abortion also destroys the bond between the mother and the child, and instead of murdering the child, women should consider adoption. Instead of taking the life away of an innocent child, the mother should give it a chance to live.

So, what is it? It is a human being created in the image and likeness of God, who was brought into this world with a purpose. As Christians, we are to raise up children in the Lord, and help them grow to be mighty people of God, instead of killing them. No woman should murder their child, but value, love and care for them. Proverbs 31:8 says, “speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.” Since innocent children are human beings, they deserve protection under the law and we should stand up for them and defend their right to live.

*"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.

**Nassau County - Location**

540 Fulton Ave (Rt 24), Hempstead

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**Suffolk County - Location**

70 Maple Ave, Smithtown

42 First Ave, Brentwood

877 E. Main St, Riverhead

450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue

**Day/Time**

(W) Sa 8 AM-Noon

(W) Th 10:30-Noon

(W) Sa 10 AM-Noon

(W) Fr 11 AM - Noon

(W) Mo. 10 AM prayers w/Fr. Joe

We, Fr. & Sa 7:30-10:30 AM

(W) Sa 9:40-10:15 AM

(W) We 2-4 PM

(M) 2nd We & Sa 10 AM-noon

**Contact Phone**

917-544-0121

516-220-8273

516-220-8273

516-359-1298

**Contact Phone (631)**

813-3412

665-3630

323-8001

615-1735

**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: (Four locations):** Massapequa 516-798-9100, 35 East Willow St, at East 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), **Smithtown** 631-656-0441, 91 Maple Ave., open Mo.-Fr. 8 AM-4 PM closed Saturdays.

**Local Pro-Life Viewing/Listening:**

**EWTN Pro-Life Weekly, Thurs. 10 PM, (Re-airst Sun, 10:30 AM and Tue. 1:30 PM)** Opt. Ch 135, Verizon Ch 285

**Live Stream: 7 PM Mondays** [marchforlifeny.org/events/march-for-life-ny-livestream](http://marchforlifeny.org/events/march-for-life-ny-livestream)

**Pro-Life and Pro-Family blog:** [rickhinshaw.com](http://rickhinshaw.com)

***In Memoriam:*** Mary Margaret Murphy

**The Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust** sponsors two events for High School Students to encourage their knowledge and participation in life affirming topics. These include the Pro Life Oratory Contest, held every March and open to HS 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Secondly, a Pro Life Activity Scholarship Award for High School Juniors and Seniors is awarded in May.

It's important for students to understand that our nation was founded upon the principle stated in the Declaration of Independence that life is our first inalienable right, which needs to be protected.

This year the winners of the Pro-Life Activity Scholarship Award are: **Ciarra Bice** who won the first place prize of \$1000 and **Gemma Posillico** who was awarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize of \$600. Both Students attend Kellenberg Memorial High School. They demonstrated and promoted respect for human life, or otherwise encouraged and worked on pro-life related activities.

You can also find extensive information and links to various life affirming topics (for both the beginning and end of life), on our organization's educational website **[www.ProLifeEd.org](http://www.ProLifeEd.org)** Students and others may find this site helpful in research for either the oratory contest or scholarship.

We encourage high school students to participate in these events next year. Information and documents will be updated in early 2026 at **[www.ProLifeEd.org/Events](http://www.ProLifeEd.org/Events)**

We thank all students who participated for taking a stand for LIFE!

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

July 11 - 13, 2025

Huntington, NY

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[donna@livingwaterstherapy.org](mailto:donna@livingwaterstherapy.org);

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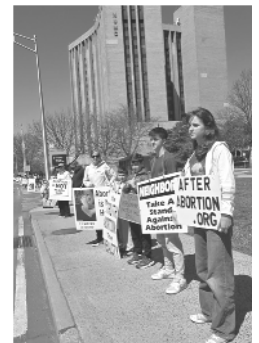
**Saturday, July 5 from 2 - 3:30 PM**

Lake Grove: Rte. 347, public sidewalk near Staples (east of Smith Haven Mall). Long Island continues to turn its back on thousands of preborn babies every year through abortion. Pro-lifers are encouraged to participate in this peaceful outreach calling on the public to return the right to life for all preborn children. Signs provided at site (no political signs). Rain or shine. Sponsored by Long Island Coalition for Life 631-243-1435; [info@prolifeli.org](mailto:info@prolifeli.org).



#### **Good Friday Face the Truth**

The NYS Dept. of Health website reports that, in 2022, there were 2,150 reported induced abortions on Nassau mothers and 2,655 on Suffolk mothers. It's unlikely that many among the general public know how common the killing of preborn people is in their own neighborhoods. Therefore, the Long Island Coalition for Life is grateful for the pro-lifers (more than 80) who took part in the LICL's 2025 Good Friday Face the Truth event in front of Nassau University Medical Center, East Meadow. Some stayed for more than an hour, others squeezed 20 minutes into their schedule to help remind the public that we won't let the abortion issue go away just because it's legal through all 9 months of pregnancy in New York State. [Of the reported 2022 induced abortions, 30% of those for Nassau and 46% of those for Suffolk were described as 'medical' abortions.]



**Making the Case for Life:** You're invited to a pro-life presentation (video & discussion) on Thurs., June 19, 2025, 6:30-8 PM at St. Christopher's RCC in Baldwin (info: [cbifnotnowwhen@gmail.com](mailto:cbifnotnowwhen@gmail.com)).

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**March for Life New York** is partnering with Turning Point USA - Rally is **July 19** in NYC - further details will be in the next issue of *Life News*.