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"The gross perversion and destruction of motherhood by the abortionist filled me with indignation, and awakened active antagonism. That the honorable term 'female physician' should be exclusively applied to those women who carried on this shocking trade seemed to me a horror. It was an utter degradation of what might and should become a noble position for women.... I finally determined to do what I could do 'to redeem the hells,' and especially the one form of hell thus forced upon my notice." (Elizabeth Blackwell, first woman to receive a medical degree from an American medical school in 1849)

ABORTION PILL REVERSAL PRESENTATION

The Long Island Coalition for Life is hosting Shantae Rodriguez, Certified Physician Assistant, for a presentation on abortion pill reversal (APR) at the LICL meeting on **MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025**. Mrs. Rodriguez is Director of Medical Services at Soundview Pregnancy Services and oversees the APR program at the pregnancy center. APR is used to treat mothers who have taken the first pill of the chemical abortion protocol but then change their mind about continuing with the abortion. Mrs. Rodriguez will explain APR and her experiences with assisting those who call the APR hotline or the pregnancy help center who may be considering APR. Pro-lifers need to understand how chemical abortion works as well as APR. This is particularly important due to pro-abortion forces that try to subvert and stop the practice of APR.



Learn the myths vs. the facts, so you can better discuss these issues with those who are uninformed.

The LICL meeting starts at 7:30 PM with the speaker shortly after, and will take place at St Joseph parish school building (gymnasium), 45 Church St., Ronkonkoma. Please join us for this informative presentation. Students (HS, college, pre-med) and those in the healthcare field are welcome! For information, contact the LICL at 631.243.1435 or info@prolifeLI.org.

Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust

The Long Island Coalition for Life Educational Trust has been busy with radio ads, the Oratory Contest, the High School Scholarship Award and many positive, encouraging programs geared toward the youth. It is always looking for ideas and perspectives from our larger pro-life community to help bring the respect for human life message forward. If you would like to help or have any ideas, please contact Dan at 631-575-1482 or visit the website at prolified.org for more information.

LICL Volunteer Opportunities

Certain contacts on the LICL mailing list change on a regular or irregular basis, e.g., LI elected officials and high school/college campus ministers. This information is collected from online sources to be used to keep the LICL list up to date. We are looking for a volunteer who will check selected websites for updated contact information (e.g., after an election cycle) and provide it to the LICL database manager. Your own Internet access and email is required. No database entry. If interested or for further info, please contact the LICL at info@prolifeLI.org.

**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, May 19 at 7:30 PM** at St. Joseph Church Gym, Church St., Ronkonkoma
All are welcome - please join us! For further info, call LICL at 631-243-1435.
See Page 1 for information on guest speaker at this meeting!

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. The following idea(s) are offered for May:

May

- Celebrate motherhood by donating an item to a pro-life home for parenting teens (resource list in *Life News* and at www.prolifeLI.org)
- Support a pro-life adoption program

Prenatal Human Development in Kansas Public Schools

Kansas recently became the fourth state to **require public school children to learn about prenatal human development**. Lawmakers overrode Governor Laura Kelly's veto of the bill. Public school classes covering human growth, development, or sexuality must include ultrasound or animated footage that shows the development of the pre-born child. The governor said the bill was "convoluted" and "manipulative." Sen. Claeys responded, "What the opponents fear most about this bill is that the scientific facts might actually lead students to their own conclusions." North Dakota, Tennessee, and Idaho have similar laws in place.

Boot Camp for Pro-Life Med Students

The Catholic Medical Association (CMA) stated Catholic medical students entering the field of medicine are setting themselves up for a challenge that is almost like fighting in a war. They will find themselves in "a battle against a culture of secularism, atheism, relativism, and scientism that pervades medical education in the United States." 60% of Catholic medical students go to secular schools. CMA is offering a week-long summer program for medical students called a "boot camp." It will take place June 22-29 at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois. The deadline to apply is June 1. Boot Camp chair Dr. David Chen said, "Without pro-life physicians, there will be no pro-life medicine in America." Issues covered include abortion, in vitro fertilization, euthanasia, physician-assisted suicide, and brain death. Chen said, "Our task at the boot camp is really to bring together a community of students where they can provide each other with peer support...so that they can become beacons of light in that darkness and be able to help not only sustain pro-life medicine in that community, but also to encourage friends in pro-life medicine." For more information see: <https://www.cathmed.org/medical-student-resident-boot-camp/>

Signs Available: The Long Island Coalition for Life has signs available for pro-life use to educate the public about Planned Parenthood's abortion business. Message reads: Planned Parenthood - the organization which aborts over 250,000 babies each year in the U.S.A. The sign is weather resistant plastic; 3' x 2'. No charge for a sign. If you can use one of these signs for outside a Planned Parenthood facility or other use in your pro-life ministry, please contact the LICL at 631.243.1435 or info@prolifeLI.org.

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FEDERAL LEGISLATION

The House passed a budget resolution on April 10 that paves the way for **defunding Planned Parenthood and other abortion companies** through the budget reconciliation process. The House and Senate negotiators need to align their versions before a final reconciliation bill can be drawn and voted on. More than 150 pro-life organizations are pressuring lawmakers to defund Planned Parenthood. The Administration temporarily froze \$20 million in DEI funding to Planned Parenthood affiliates at the end of March. Planned Parenthood receives almost \$700 million in federal funding each year. Ashlynn Lemos of Texas Right to Life said the Administration needs to completely defund Planned Parenthood. She stated, "It's time for the government to stop using taxpayer dollars to fund the destruction and harm of its own citizens. The moral and ethical case against Planned Parenthood goes far beyond policy disagreements – it is about defending the dignity of every preborn baby...it's a moment to push forward. Let's make defunding Planned Parenthood permanent and ensure every child has the Right to Life."

The Continuing Resolution signed March 15 keeps the government funded until Sept. 30. The House wants to be sure the funding for Washington, DC complies with the **Dornan Amendment** (no Medicaid abortions covered with funding).

On April 9, Sen. Jim Banks introduced *The Abortion Funding Awareness Act of 2025* [S.1384], which would require states to report detailed information on Medicaid payments to abortion businesses, including the amount of funding, the number of abortions performed, gestational ages of the unborn children killed, and methods used to kill them. Banks said this bill is a critical step toward transparency and ending what he sees as an abuse of public funds. Rep. Erin Houchin is introducing a companion bill in the House.

The FACE Act Repeal Act [HR.589/S.223] sits in the House Judiciary Committee. A spokesman for chair Rep. J. Jordan wouldn't say if he will push the bill. Rep. Roy, who introduced the bill, said he'll soon file a Discharge Petition, to move the bill.

Mid-May is the deadline for the Domestic Policy Council proposals on **boosting IVF access**, per the Executive Order signed in February. (There has still been no reply to C. Feldman's queries on how the Council will get input from pro-life organizations.)

The Senate confirmed pro-lifers Dr. Marty Makary as FDA Commissioner, Dr. Jay Bhattacharya as Director of NIH, and Attorney Harmeet Dhillon as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights.

Medina v. Planned Parenthood South Atlantic: The Supreme Court heard oral arguments in early April on this case involving South Carolina attempting to exclude Planned Parenthood from the state's Medicaid program because it provides abortions. Planned Parenthood

argues that a provision of the Medicaid Act allows any patient eligible for Medicaid to seek health care from any 'qualified' provider – PP considers themselves a 'health care' provider. South Carolina argues that because money is 'fungible,' the use of Medicaid funds by abortion clinics "results in the subsidy of abortion." Under federal law, Medicaid funds cannot generally be used for abortion.



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATION

The NYS Legislature once again has missed its April 1 budget deadline. **Gov. Hochul's FY 2026 Executive Budget Proposal** includes \$50 million to support abortion access and protect providers from 'violence or harassment.' It also proposes \$20 million to cover the costs of abortion medication outside the Medicaid program and a \$5 million capital fund for abortion clinics' infrastructure needs. In addition, it would require private insurers to cover medication abortion when prescribed off-label for abortion, codifies abortion as protected emergency medical care in NYS, and protects medical providers who prescribe medication abortion to patients in other states where it is restricted.

Medical Aid in Dying/Physician-Assisted Suicide: S.138-Hoylman-Sigal/A.136-Paulin has 64 sponsors in the Assembly and 25 Senate sponsors (neither is a majority). Gov. Hochul has not publicly supported it. The LICL was set to send a lobbyist bus to Albany April 29 focusing on this bill. There has never been a floor vote on a MAID/PAS bill and the last committee vote was in 2016.

A.2137, covering the costs of traveling to NY for an abortion is in the Assembly Health Committee; considered likely to pass. Companion bill already passed NY Senate.

NY abortionist Margaret Carpenter has been sued by Texas for mailing abortion pills there, in violation of Texas' pro-life laws. The acting Ulster County Clerk has refused to file suit against Carpenter, citing NY's Tele-Abortionist Protection Act (SHIELD law). Does this violate the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the U.S. Constitution? (One state respects the juridical and civil acts of another.)

ACTION ITEMS:

- *Contact Senators Schumer and Gillibrand and your Congressperson and ask them to defund Planned Parenthood.
- *Contact your NYS Senator and NYS Assemblyperson and ask them to vote NO on the MAID/PAS bill. (See page 4 for 'talking points'.)

For contact info on legislators at all levels go to: prolifeli.org/index.php/legislative **OR** usa.gov/elected-officials

To discuss Federal Legislation, e-mail Charles Feldman at cdefeldman@optonline.net.

To discuss State Legislation, e-mail Jim Miller at jimmiller9@aol.com.



HEALTH & SCIENCE:

Why is Physician-Assisted Suicide (PAS) / Medical Aid in Dying (MAID) so dangerous?

*The American Medical Association's Code of Medical Ethics, 2024 states, "Physician-Assisted Suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role as healer, would be difficult or impossible to control, and would pose serious societal risks." Doctors should be focused on treating patients, not aiding in killing them.

*Legalizing PAS/MAID will result in contradictory efforts in NYS: suicide prevention for vulnerable individuals versus acceptance/promotion of assisted suicide, including among the same group of individuals – those suffering depression, mental illness, eating disorders, treatable diseases and conditions, etc.

*Vulnerable populations such as the disabled, the poor, people of color and those lacking proper healthcare are fighting to stay alive and are at risk of discriminatory "quality of life" judgments by insurance companies and governments.

*In Oregon, only 3% of the patients who have died by PAS/MAID were referred for psychiatric evaluation. How many of the others were suffering from depression? Many of the states and countries that have legalized PAS/MAID keep lowering their waiting periods, thus further reducing the possibility of preventing suicide among vulnerable populations.

*Insurance companies have promoted PAS/MAID for cost-saving purposes and denied coverage for treatments. It is much cheaper to provide deadly drugs than to provide on-going treatment.

*In the countries where PAS/MAID is legal, the initial bills cited numerous 'safeguards' to prevent PAS/MAID from being performed on those who were not terminally ill. As time has gone by, these 'safeguards' are now considered 'obstacles,' and more and more individuals are permitted PAS/MAID.

*Pain is not the primary reason most individuals request PAS/MAID. The most common reasons include losing autonomy, reduced ability to participate in activities, fear of becoming a burden, loss of dignity and losing control of bodily functions. PAS/MAID requests in Canada now include those in despair, the homeless, and individuals who are lonely after a loved one dies. COVID resulted in an 'epidemic of loneliness.' These individuals need assistance and treatment, not death.

*PAS/MAID for those with terminal illness and given six months or less to live: it is very difficult for doctors to provide an exact timeline. Many patients live well beyond the times predicted by their doctors. Proper pain management and palliative care should be provided instead.

*There is a real danger that those with disabilities or the elderly will be administered the deadly drugs by someone else, especially in a culture where abuse is prevalent. How can we be sure that the individual consented to/requested PAS/MAID? In addition, there have been instances of dementia patients who had previously consented to PAS/MAID being administered at some point in time, but upon attempted administration of the deadly drugs, they fought back. Subduing these patients and forcing PAS/MAID upon them is an ethical concern – is their former consent still valid?

*Suicide contagion: the suicide rate in Oregon, where PAS/MAID is legal, is well above the national rate. Requests for PAS/MAID from those suffering from anorexia are increasing in California, Oregon and Colorado.

*The Slippery Slope: the Oregon legislature is considering a revision to their PAS/MAID law that reduces the waiting period from 15 days to 2 days but would also allow the 'provider' to waive the waiting period and allow same-day death. The term "attending physician," is replaced with "provider" a term that is broad enough to include facilities instead of an individual doctor. Wording also includes administering the deadly medications **to** the patient instead of **by** the patient – a significant change in wording that can lead to euthanasia. In Europe and Canada, those requesting PAS/MAID can become organ donors. This is a dangerous development – moving away from the 'dead donor rule' which prevents patients from being killed for their organs.

"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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Day/Time

(W) Sa 8 AM-Noon

(W) Th 10:30-Noon

(W) Sa 10 AM-Noon

(W) Fr 11 AM - Noon

Contact Phone

917-544-0121

516-220-8273

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516-359-1298

IMPORTANT:

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

Suffolk County - Location

70 Maple Ave, Smithtown

42 First Ave, Brentwood

877 E. Main St, Riverhead

450 Waverly Ave, Patchogue

Day/Time

(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 (631)

813-3412

665-3630

323-8001

615-1735



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

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

In Memoriam: George Jung (2020)

Weekly Prayer Opportunities:

- **Rosary for Life** every Fri. at 3 PM on Zoom, <https://us05web.zoom.us/jK/84180680547?pwd=zK6raKuutlvKjOIR49NzhwtaRRanlY.1> Meeting ID: 841 8068 0547 Passcode: VPZAN4
- **Holy Hour for Life** - St. Joseph RCC, 59 Church St., Kings Park every Mon. at 7 PM. This is also live-streamed. For more info call 631-269-6635.
- **Right to Life Rosary** - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Chapel, 495 N. Ocean Ave., Patchogue every Thurs. at 7 PM. For info call 631-475-4739.



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat
July 11 - 13, 2025 Huntington, NY

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats are a beautiful opportunity for anyone who has struggled with the emotional and/or spiritual pain of an abortion. Come receive God's mercy and healing. Sponsored by Living Waters Therapeutic Catholic Counseling. For more information contact: Donna Crean at 621-258-5062; donna@livingwaterstherapy.org; www.rachelsvineyard.org Retreat fee: \$300.00. This retreat is open to **all**. Space is limited - call now!

Beauty for Ashes/Post-Abortion Ministry Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 PM
Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle Annex 1 Higbie Drive, Smithtown, NY

This is a ministry for women who have experienced an abortion. It is a safe place to heal which will result in feeling forgiven and able to walk in freedom. Beauty for Ashes will utilize a post-abortive Bible Study curriculum/workbook in small group settings. As the nature of this ministry is extremely personal, please be assured that the utmost confidentiality and trust will be honored. Periodic ministry weekend retreats will be incorporated and announced at the weekly Bible Study groups. For more information call 631-256-7954.

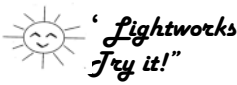





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Making the Case for Life: You're invited to a pro-life presentation (video & discussion) on Thurs. June 19, 2025, 6:30-8 PM at St. Christopher's RCC in Baldwin (info: cbifnotnowwhen@gmail.com).

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

40 Days for Life

The Spring 40-Days for Life Campaign has ended. Thank you to all who hosted and to all those who participated in any way.

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NYS School Board Elections Vote Tues., May 20, 2025

Know before you go! Ask candidates their views on the life issues and on inviting Planned Parenthood to your school.

National Right to life Academy

July 28 - August 3, 2025



Intensive training from leaders in the pro-life movement on topics including abortion, euthanasia, stem cell research, PP, legislative strategy, lobbying, IVF and much more. For info nrlc.org/academy and/or call 202-626-8809.

New York State Right to Life Camp Esther

This is a pro-life team leadership weekend for ages 14 and older in Utica, NY. For more information, please call 518-434-1293

Mother's Day Blessings!

Monday, May 19, 2025!
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