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Pray for Life!***



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March for Life

Why do we March every year?

- We March in remembrance of the nearly 60 million babies who have been aborted since Jan., 1973.
- We March because we have mothers, sisters, wives, friends who have been physically and emotionally scarred by abortion.
- We March in defiance of a culture that attempts to justify the killing of innocent unborn children as just “another choice.”
- We March because we need to educate yet another generation about abortion –in the words of one of our younger Marchers – “We are the voices of the aborted babies who never had a say in the horrible decision that ended their lives.”
- We March to make us more strongly committed to promoting the dignity of every person – not just in January, but throughout the year.

What can I do at home, in Butler, now that the March is over?

- Become more active in Butler County Pennsylvanians for Human Life; we meet the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Lifeline Office, 422 N. Main St., Butler. We are currently in need of a secretary and a treasurer. For more information, call Gretchen Cararie at 724-898-2529.

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March for Life Recap *(cont'd from cover)*

- Vote Pro-Life!
- Volunteer to help with the Mother's Day Ad and the Farm Show booth.
- Participate in **40 Days for Life**, praying in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility on Liberty Ave. in Pittsburgh. The next set of dates is from September 26 to November 4, 2018. For more information, contact Nikki Bruni at nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com or call her at 412-926-9413
- Promote life at Magee Women's Hospital; pray at home or sign up to pray one hour a month at Magee. Contact: TheMageeProject@comcast.net.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: MARCH FOR LIFE – FRIDAY, JAN. 18, 2019

Legislative Update

Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. (H.R.36, S.2311)

On January 29, 2018 the U.S. Senate considered a vote to advance this Bill; however, it was blocked by 46 senators (44 Democrats and 2 Republicans). (The House passed its version of the bill in the Fall of 2017). Passage of this bill remains a top legislative priority, as it will prevent abortions after 20 weeks gestation, the time when medical science reports that the unborn baby feels pain.

Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 4712, S. 220)

This bill passed the U.S. House on Jan. 19, 2018; however, the companion bill has not yet been considered in the U.S. Senate. This bill requires that babies born alive during abortions be treated in the same manner as those who are spontaneously born prematurely.

Division of Conscience and Religious Freedom

In January, 2018, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services established this new Division, to more vigorously enforce existing laws protecting the rights of conscience and religious freedom.

Donations

Lifeline

In Memory of:

Herbert "Bud" Wellman by Stirling Village Condominium Assn., Mary Jo Koch, Marian & Ben Schmidt and Kathy & John Williams, Jr.

Jamie Downing by her sister, Barb Hoyt

Edgar Lawson by Mary Jo Koch

John Bartley by Mary Jo Koch

Patricia Liberto by Mary Jo Koch

In Honor of:

Carol Foster by friend, Lexie Jones

Other:

- St. John's Reformed Church
- Joseph Spotts
- Affinity 4
- Carolyn Rodgers

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In Memory of:

Sylvia Wigton by Carol Foster

Howard & Dorothy Singleton by John & Rebecca Cascino

James E. Griffiths by family

David and Peter Griffiths by mother, Rosemary Griffiths

Susan Boyle by Bill & Rene Pierce

Pat J. Liberto by William Liberto family

In Honor of:

Rev. Angelus Shaughnessy, OFM Cap. by Veronica Griffiths

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Other:

- Province of St. Augustine St. Mary
- Donna Stover
- George & Helen Bender
- Frances Waltman
- Mary Jo Koch
- Gerald & Donna Benson
- Robert & F Lorraine Shoemaker
- Donald & Susan Cavalero
- Daniel Jonczak
- Lorna Renforth
- Rev. Joseph Feltz, St. Christophers
- Susan Moon
- Robert & Gretchen Cararie
- Yvonne Orloski
- Jane Heasley
- Herbert & Madeline Wellman
- Leeta & Earl Christy
- William Adams
- Barbara Withum
- Charles & Norma Norris
- Sharon Hackbart
- R. VanGrootenbruel, Jr.
- Victor & Mary Carbin
- Donald & Luann Glasgow
- James & Viola Maletta

HELP WANTED: If you would like to become active in the Butler Chapter of PHL, please call Tom Patterson at 724-285-1352 or Gretchen Cararie at 724-898-2529. Butler PHL meets the first Monday of each month at 7pm at the Lifeline Office, 422 N. Main St., Butler. All participation, **large or small**, is welcome and appreciated!

2018 Primary Election News (cont'd)

In connection with the 2018 primaries, certain election ads have been released questioning the pro-life record of gubernatorial candidate, Scott Wagner. Michael Ciccocioppo of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation has issued the following statement in defense of Scott Wagner's pro-life credentials:

For the second time in weeks, **Senator Scott Wagner's** record on the life issues has been misrepresented. **Senator Wagner has a 100 percent pro-life voting record.**

For those not familiar with Senator Wagner's record, here are the facts:

- Scott Wagner is a cosponsor of **Senate Bill 3**, which would ban abortions after 20 weeks and outlaw dismemberment abortions.
- Scott Wagner is a cosponsor of **Senate Bill 300**, which would defund Planned Parenthood.
- Scott Wagner has denounced the horrific impacts *Roe v Wade* has had on the preborn and has fought to ensure that the Pennsylvania Department of State would not repeat the mistakes that led to the lack of enforcement that enabled abortionist **Kermit Gosnell** to ply his trade in West Philadelphia.
- Scott Wagner sponsored a trip to Washington, D.C. for a group of pro-life advocates so they could participate in the **March for Life**.

While national, liberal interest groups like Planned Parenthood are pledging to spend millions of dollars on the **radical pro-abortion candidate for Governor, Tom Wolf**, those of us who truly are pro-life should be coming together. Anyone who spreads misinformation about a candidate's pro-life record is falling into Planned Parenthood's trap.

- Michael Ciccocioppo, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation



Legislative Update (cont'd)

Mexico City Policy

In February, 2018, the State Department released a 6-month report on the implementation of the Mexico City Policy, which President Trump reinstated on his third day in office, 2017. This Policy requires foreign-based non-governmental organizations receiving U.S. financial aid to certify that they will not perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning overseas. This report indicates that 99.5% of organizations receiving U.S. funding (729 out of 733) have agreed to comply with the policy. Of the four organizations that declined to accept the policy, most notable are International Planned Parenthood Federation and Marie Stopes International, both major promoters of abortion.

Assisted Suicide

The Good News . . .

In Feb, 2017, 25 states had new assisted-suicide bills introduced in their state legislatures (including PA); however, not one of those states passed this legislation. So far in 2018, only eight states have introduced new assisted-suicide bills. Twelve states (including PA) had their 2017 bills carry over to 2018. The PA bill is SB 238; for more information on this legislation go to noassistedsuicidePA.org.

PA House Speaker Mike Turzai and Rep. Judy Ward have introduced legislation in PA prohibiting the abortion of a child due solely to a diagnosis of possible Down syndrome (also referred to as Chloe's Law). In Iceland, since 2008, every child pre-natally diagnosed with Down syndrome has been aborted! In the United States, the percentage of Down syndrome diagnosed babies who are aborted is said to be about 90%.

The Bad News . . .

Washington, D.C. legalized assisted suicide in Dec. 2016; D.C. joins five states which allow legalized suicide: Colorado, Vermont, California, Washington and Oregon. Switzerland has outlawed boiling live lobsters because they feel pain! What about unborn babies who feel pain????

Canada has started euthanizing prisoners; the first documented case of a federal inmate receiving medical assistance in dying occurred recently, with 2 correctional officers helping to

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escort the inmate to the hospital where the procedure took place. No mention was made of protecting the inmate's rights.

A "suicide coffin" has been created in Australia – the Sarco capsule. The machine will allow anyone who has the access key to end their life by simply pressing a button; liquid nitrogen will rapidly drop the oxygen level, leading to death in a few minutes. The capsule can be detached from the Sarco machine and used as a coffin!

Two countries – New Zealand and India – recently granted personhood rights and protections to rivers within their borders. In India, the Ganges was granted personhood "as an extension of the philosophy of allowing a river to flow freely" – any interference with the river, such as building dams, is said to take away from its "essential and basic character." How can a river be a person and an unborn baby is not?

In Belgium, the first minor child has been killed by euthanasia; she was 17.

Euthanasia advocates are now referring to euthanasia as "dignicide." Read the article from National Review at <http://www.nationalreview.com>.

State of Abortion in United States

The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) has released its 5th annual report on the state of abortion in our country. Key highlights from the report include:

- Based on data from the Guttmacher Institute and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and projecting 2014 figures for subsequent years (2015-2017), **National Right to Life now estimates 60,069,971 abortions have been performed in the United States since 1973.**
- Planned Parenthood, which reported nearly \$1.5 billion in revenues in 2016-2017, and posted nearly \$100 million in profit, **is estimated to have made nearly \$160 million performing 321,384 abortions – over one-third of all abortions annually.**
- Recent public opinion polling confirms a majority of Americans continue to believe abortion should be restricted to just a few circumstances.
- State legislatures continue to be successful in enacting pro-life legislation that extends protections to unborn children and helps their mothers. These laws include protections for pain-capable unborn children, laws banning dismemberment abortions, and efforts to steer state funding away from organizations that perform abortions, like Planned Parenthood.

2018 Primary Election News

LIFEPAC has produced its 2018 primary election candidate flyer for southwest Pennsylvania. LIFEPAC uses signed responses to questionnaires, personal interviews, public statements and actions to determine whether candidates are pro-life.

What follows is the LIFEPAC candidate listing, abbreviated for elections relevant to Butler County residents. LIFE PAC only lists the pro-life candidates for each office. If there are no pro-life candidates, the office is not mentioned.

GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA

Paul Mango (R)
Scott Wagner (R)
Laura Ellsworth (R)

LT. GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA

Diana Irey Vaughn (R)
Peg Luksik (R)
Jeff Bartos (R)

U.S. SENATE

Lou Barletta (R)
Jim Christiana (R)

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District 15 - All of Armstrong, Indiana and part of Butler Counties

Glenn Thompson (R)

District 16 - All of Lawrence, Mercer and part of Butler Counties

Mike Kelly (R)

District 17 - All of Beaver and part of Allegheny and Butler Counties

Keith Rothfus (R)

PENNSYLVANIA STATE HOUSE

District 8

Tedd Nesbit (R)

District 10

Aaron Bernstine (R)

District 11

Brian Ellis (R)

District 12

Daryl Metcalfe (R)

District 14

Jim Marshall (R)

District 60

Jeff Pyle (R)

District 64

Lee James (R)