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Join Us on the March for Life!

Join us on the March for Life, **Friday, January 18, 2019**. **“Unique from Day One: Pro-Life is Pro-Science”** is the theme for this year’s March For Life in Wash., D.C. As the predominance of human biological research confirms, Human Life begins at conception – the baby needing only time and nutrition to grow and develop into the infant we first see at birth. With this scientific backing, how can we not be Pro-Life? How can we turn our backs on these unborn children, who are still being aborted in numbers of almost 1 million a year in our country alone?

So, again we ask you to join us at the 46th annual March For Life on Friday, Jan. 18, 2019.

- We March to remember the 60 million American babies who have been aborted since 1973.
- We March to show our President and Congress that we want legislation to end 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 too many of us have mothers, sisters, wives, daughters, and friends who have been physically and emotionally scarred by abortion.
- We March because being at the March, with 200,000 other Pro-Lifers, helps us re-commit to working for the dignity of every human life – not just in January, but for the year to come.

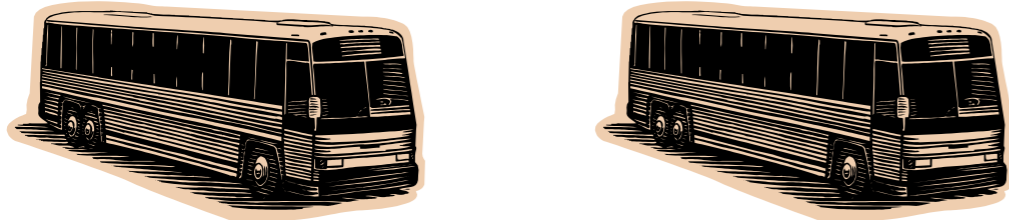
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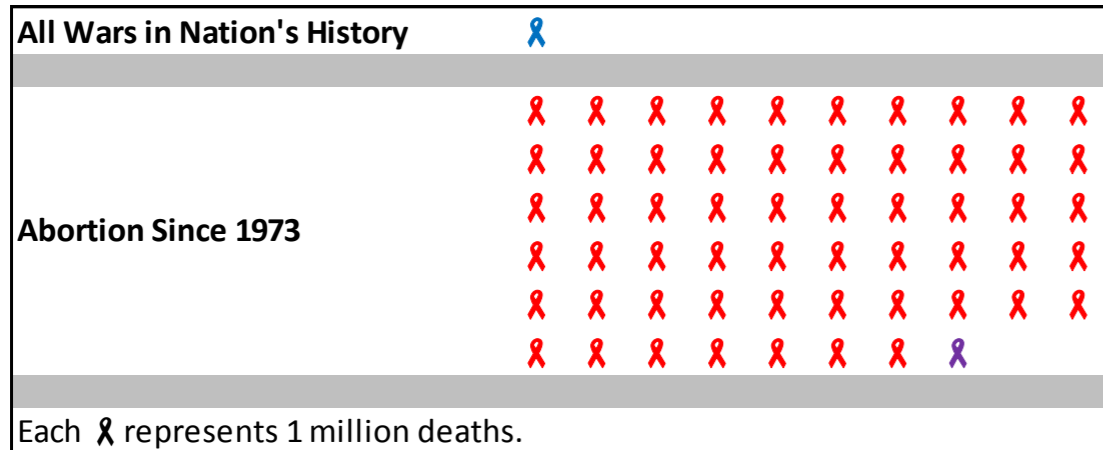
- We March because our children need to see our Pro-Life commitment. In the words of one young Marcher after last year's March: "Dad, I find it so important that we join in the March for Life. We Marchers are the voices of the aborted babies who never had a say in the horrible decision that ended their lives."

In this Newsletter, you will find a list of the buses traveling to the March from Butler County. The cost and departure times vary from bus to bus, so please contact the Bus Captain nearest to you. We urge you to sign up ASAP, as the buses usually fill and you don't want to be disappointed.

See you at the March!



Another year and another ribbon to add to the graphic below highlighting the enormous loss of life in our nation due to abortion.



Donations

Lifeline

In Memory of:

- Jake Dvorak* by Mary Jo Koch
- Rev. Fr. James E. Griffiths* by family
- David & Peter Griffiths* by mother
- Rev. Fr. Angelus Shaughnessy, O.F.M. Cap.* by Veronica Griffiths

In Honor of:

- Bernadette & Eleanor Nelson, Luke & Emma Tychnowitz, Savannah & Jacob Tychnowitz* by Great Granny

PHL

In Memory of:

- Shirley and John 'Jerry' Keelan* by John & Laurie Schirra
- Herbert Wellman* by Madeline Wellman

In Honor of:

- Birthday of Susan Fruhwirth* by Dianne Lasky
- Eleanor Lasky (mother) and Angels DeMatters & Joan Jannetti (aunts)* by Dianne Lasky

Other:

- Daniel Jonczak
- Richard & Rosemarie Becker
- Joseph & Eileen Motonis, Jr.
- Frances & James Diamond
- Dean & Kathryn Helfer
- William & Patricia Liberto

In Memory of Sally Rauscher

Sally Rauscher, a pioneer in the pro-life movement in the Pittsburgh area, died at the age of 80 this past October. From her obituary . . .

Sally embodied the word service through her dedication to her volunteer work. She was a passionate volunteer for respect life organizations, including Pennsylvanians for Human Life, Southwest Region - volunteering for pro-life efforts for almost 50 years, including serving as a director for National Right to Life.

May God reward her for her defense of His most vulnerable children.

In Honor of Mary Jo Koch

The Butler chapter of PHL would like to recognize one of its own veterans, Mary Jo Koch, for her decades of tireless service advocating for the unborn and assisting women in need. Mary Jo's 40+ years of involvement with both PHL and Lifeline are an inspiration to us all. Thank you for everything you have done and continue to do, Mary Jo!

Your Generosity is Appreciated!

Pennsylvanians for Human Life is committed to promoting the dignity and value of human life in the region. We produce this newsletter, maintain a presence at the annual Butler Farm Show and help facilitate attendance at the yearly March for Life in Washington, DC, all of which entail a cost.

With this newsletter you will find a fundraising envelope for Butler PHL. We ask that you consider contributing to the cause. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of a living loved one, please include a note to that effect. We will endeavor to mention all donors and any honorees in the next newsletter (unless you indicate a wish for anonymity).

God Bless, and thanks very much for your generosity!

Essay/Oratory Contests

Essay Contest

- ◆ Open to PA students in grades 7-12.
- ◆ Write a pro-life essay about abortion, infanticide, euthanasia or stem cell research.
- ◆ Word limit: 500 for grades 7-9, 750 for grades 10-12.
- ◆ Essays must include a cover page with the student's name, home address, home phone number, grade and school.
- ◆ Winners will receive cash prizes.

Please submit entries by **March 4, 2019** to lifelines@paprolife.org or mail to:

PA Pro-Life Federation
4800 Jonestown Rd, Suite 102
Harrisburg, PA 17109-1741

Video Oratory Contest

- ◆ Contest open to Pennsylvania students in 11th and 12th grades.
- ◆ Novice contest open to students in 9th and 10th grades.
- ◆ Grand Prize is all-expense paid trip to National Right to Life Pro-Life Oratory Contest.

Students who are interested in competing should contact the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation at lifelines@paprolife.org or at 717-541-0034. Deadline to enter is **April 15, 2019**.

Election Results - Nationally

Heading into the 2018 elections we knew that historically in mid-term elections, the president's party loses seats and that one or both houses of Congress almost always flip to the opposing party.

The best news coming out of November 6 is that the U.S. Senate is still controlled by pro-life Republicans. Republican experienced a net gain of two new pro-life members.

Four new NRLC-endorsed senators -- Rick Scott in Florida, Kevin Cramer in North Dakota, Josh Hawley in Missouri, and Mike Braun in Indiana -- prevailed against pro-abortion incumbents. Only one pro-life incumbent lost. There are now 53 Republican senators.

The bad news is that pro-lifers no longer control the U.S. House of Representatives. Democrats now hold 235 seats to 199 for Republicans. To regain control in 2020, Republicans would need a net gain of about 19 seats, which is certainly more than possible.

- Karen Cross, National Right to Life political director

Election Results - Locally

Butler County covers parts of seven different districts in the Pennsylvania General Assembly. All seven representatives elected in November are pro-life: Daryl Metcalfe (12th district), Brian Ellis (11th), Tedd Nesbit (8th), Jim Marshall (14th), Jeff Pyle (60th), Aaron Bernstine (10th) and Lee James (64th).

Butler County helped elect pro-life Mike Kelly and Glenn Thompson to the U.S. House of Representatives. Unfortunately, pro-life Keith Rothfus fell short on election night, though he did garner a majority of Butler County votes. Pro-abortion Tom Wolf defeated pro-life Scott Wagner for governor, and pro-life Lou Barletta lost to Bob Casey, though again not because of Butler County voters.

Butler County Vote Totals

Office

Governor
U.S. Senator
U.S. Rep (16th District)
U.S. Rep (15th District)
U.S. Rep (17th District)

Pro-Life Candidate

Scott Wagner - 45,242
Lou Barletta - 46,875
Mike Kelly - 35,533
Glenn Thompson - 10,231
Keith Rothfus - 4,612

Opponent

Tom Wolf - 32,891
Bob Casey - 31,010
Ronald Dinicola - 20,472
Susan Boser - 3,996
Conor Lamb - 4,031

40 Days for Life

Pittsburgh's 18th *40 DAYS FOR LIFE* campaign will begin on March 6th and go through April 14th. We have been praying and standing watch at the Planned Parenthood office on Liberty Avenue for nine years now and our efforts have helped to contribute to the successes of 40 DAYS campaigns around the world:

- Over 400 cities participate in these twice-a-year Vigils.
- Almost 100 Planned Parenthood facilities have closed nationwide in recent years.
- At least 14,000 babies have been “saved” from abortion –that we know about!
- Close to 200 abortion workers have been converted – left their jobs – because of our witness.

The Vigil goes on from 7am until 7pm, 7 days a week, for the 40 days, which this Spring coincides with the days of Lent. What a beautiful service we can provide to the women of the Pittsburgh area to spend some time praying for them in front of Planned Parenthood, the country's largest provider of abortions.

Some people sing, some people pray, some people stand silently as women go in and out of the doors of the Planned Parenthood office. Maybe someday we will be able to report that the Pittsburgh office of Planned Parenthood has closed, due to our efforts.

Especially for those who are unable to travel to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life, participating in *40 DAYS FOR LIFE* is an opportunity to demonstrate our Pro-Life commitment closer to home. Because there are no abortion offices in Butler, many Butler women travel to the Liberty Ave. location of Planned Parenthood, to have their abortions.

For more information, or to schedule your time slot to participate, contact:
nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com or 412-926-9413

Larry Black will be the guest of Dave Malarkey on WISR radio (680am) on Monday, January 14 at 12:30, to discuss the March for Life and other Pro-Life issues.

Butler County Bus Captain List - 2019 March for Life

Please call for departure dates and times.

Butler County Coordinator

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724- 316-1185 (cell)
gcararie@zoominternet.net

Reminder

The March for Life is scheduled a bit earlier, on **January 18th, a Friday**, this year. Please join us for this worthwhile effort in defense of life!

Bus 1: Butler City Bus (St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Michael, St. Andrews, St. Fidelis)

Captain: Ed and Barbara Hoyt
Phone: 724-283-9070
Cell: 724-256-6801
414 Brown Ave.
Butler, PA 16001
bad57hoyt@gmail.com

Assistant Captain: Ray Ferguson
Phone: 724-282-4298
125 Buttercup Rd.
Butler, PA 16001
ray_ferguson2@yahoo.com

Bus 2: Glade Mills (Holy Sepulcher and St. Kilian)

Captain: Scott & Allison Kliber Stickney
Phone: 724-481-1334
6219 Penn Drive.
Butler, PA 16002
klibstick@gmail.com

Bus 3: Cranberry Twp (St. Ferdinand)

Captain: Bill Slusser
Phone: 724-772-7962
119 Crossing Ridge Trail
Cranberry Twp., PA 16066
Slusser4@consolidated.net

Bus 4: Zelenople (St. Gregory)

Captain: John Healy
Phone: 724-453-1690
227 Glen Eden Rd.
Rochester, PA 15074
mhealy@awmiller.com

Bus 5: Herman (St. Mary)

Captain: John Hinterlang
Phone: 724-352-9384
119 Blakely Rd.
Butler, PA 16002
john@thehinterlangs.net

Buses 6-8: North Catholic High School

Captain: Eric Campbell
Phone: 412-321-4823
1617 Route 228
Cranberry Twp., PA 16066
info@northcatholic.org
ecampbell@consolidated.net

Bus (Van) 9: Gospel Fellowship PCA Church

Captain: Nick Protos, Pastor
Phone: 724-898-3322
161 McFann Rd.
Valencia, PA 16059
nprotos@consolidated.net