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**Winter 2022
March for Life!**



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March for Life - January 21, 2022

The 49th annual March for Life is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 21, 2022. Buses — listed in this newsletter — will leave for Washington, D.C. early that morning and return before midnight the same day. Please make your reservation by calling the Bus Captain listed for the bus of your choice.

The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men and children from across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of Pro-Lifers gather at the National Mall for a Rally and then March to Capitol Hill to commemorate the date of the Supreme Court’s 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling which legalized abortion in all 50 states. The March for Life is the largest human rights demonstration in the world. But it is not just a protest . . .it is also a celebration of life. We celebrate all life, from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, and every moment in between.

The theme of this year’s March is: **EQUALITY BEGINS IN THE WOMB.** From our nation’s birth, our founders recognized our right to equality of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Discrimination is now acknowledged as unacceptable just about everywhere in America – except in the womb. Female unborn babies are aborted because their parents want a boy. Babies diagnosed with Down’s Syndrome, or other medical issues, are aborted because parents do not want a child with disabilities. Babies are aborted because parents do not wish to share their time and other resources with another human being.

WON’T YOU MARCH WITH US THIS YEAR, TO HELP BRING EQUALITY TO EVERY ONE, BORN AND UNBORN?

March for Life Bus Listing

Butler City

Bus Captain: Ray Ferguson
724-822-8041

Cabot/Herman

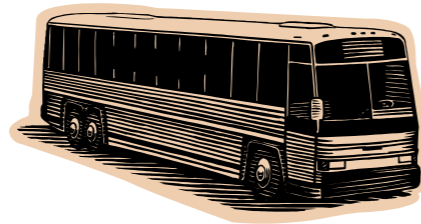
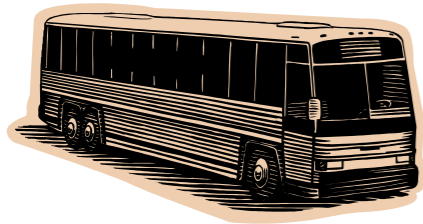
Bus Captain: Cecilia Love
724-822-0614

Cranberry Township

Bus Captain: Bill Slusser
724-772-7962

Valencia

Bus Captain: Bill Hohman
724-898-3322
(2 Vans)



Pennsylvania Pro-Life March Recap

On Sept. 27, 2021 buses left from almost every county in PA to attend the first ever PA MARCH FOR LIFE in Harrisburg. The Butler County bus made stops in Butler and in Glade Mills and arrived in Harrisburg shortly after 10am. The Rally on the Capitol steps began at 11am, with many moving speakers; the March itself followed, from noon until about 1pm.

We were blessed with beautiful weather and a great group of travelers. We were excited to be part of this new movement, bringing the Pro-Life message to our PA legislators. The Butler County group was joined at the Rally by Senator Scott Hutchinson, Rep. Marci Mustello, and Rep. Daryl Metcalfe. We understand that Rep. Aaron Bernstine was also at the Rally, but we were unable to meet with him.

By 2pm we were back on our bus, on our way back to Butler County.

We are incredibly thankful to the generous donor who paid the cost of our bus. We also appreciate John and Pam McWilliams of Keystone Specialties who designed and donated a Butler County sign for us, which helped us to keep together during the Rally and March. And we thank all those who gave up a day to travel with us and be part of this initial lobbying trip to Harrisburg. We hope it will be the first of many more to come!

Donations

In Memory of:

Ed Hoyt by Robert & Gretchen Cararie

Ed Hoyt by Tom & Lynn Patterson

Herbert (Bud) Wellman by Madeline

Wellman

Sheryl Wigton by Kathleen Smith

Vanda Brewster by Ken & Diane Collins

Raymond Stitt, Sr. by Ken & Diane

Collins

Other:

- Edythe M. Schirra
- Paul & Pat Herbert
- Victoria McCarren
- William Adams
- Daniel Jonczak
- Margo Perotti
- Dean & Kathryn Helfer

Special thanks also to those of you who contribute but desire anonymity. We are grateful for your support!

Your Generosity is Appreciated!

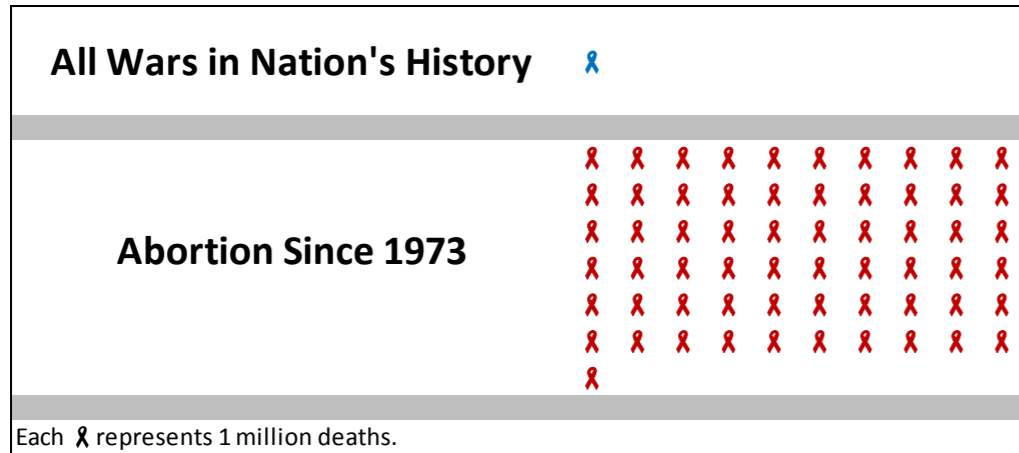
Pennsylvanians for Human Life is committed to promoting the dignity and value of human life in the region. We produce this newsletter, maintain a presence at the annual Butler Farm Show and help facilitate attendance at the yearly March for Life in Washington, DC, all of which entail a cost.

We humbly 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).

If donating, please note that our treasury function has been assumed by the Pittsburgh office. Please continue to send any donations to our Butler address (PHL - Butler Chapter, PO Box 93, Butler PA 16003-0093). We want to still be able to offer thanks and recognition to our donors. **However, if you are donating with a check, please make the check payable to PHL (without the Butler reference) or PHL Educational Trust Fund.** Donations made out to the educational fund are tax deductible. We in the Butler branch will be transporting these donations to the Pittsburgh office on a regular basis.

God Bless, and thanks very much for your generosity!

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



Essay/Oratory Contests

Essay Contest

- ◆ Open to PA students in grades 7-12.
- ◆ Write a pro-life essay about abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia or stem cell research.
- ◆ Word limit: 500 for grades 7-9, 750 for grades 10-12.
- ◆ Essays must include a completed cover page from: www.paprolife.org/for-students.
- ◆ Winners in each age group will receive cash prizes: 1st - \$200, 2nd - \$150, 3rd - \$100

Please submit entries by **March 1, 2022** to lifelines@paprolife.org or mail to:

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

Video Oratory Contest

- ◆ Senior contest open to Pennsylvania students in 11th and 12th grades.
- ◆ Junior contest open to students in 9th and 10th grades.
- ◆ Cash prizes awarded for first through third place winners. Senior contest grand prize is an all-expense paid trip to the 2022 National Right to Life Convention.
- ◆ Please visit paprolife.org/for-students for rules/instructions.

U.S. Appropriations Bills

These appropriation bills have been passed by the US House of Representatives; they are awaiting action in the US Senate.

H.R. 4502 This is a seven-bill appropriation package for FY2022. Pro-Life concerns about this package include:

- Removes the Hyde Amendment, which bans federal funding of domestic abortions, except in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother.
- Removes the Weldon amendment, which provides conscience protection for health care providers.
- Expands funding for Title X family planning and creates new requirements for abortion counseling, allowing abortion providers to co-locate family planning services with abortion services.
- Removes the Smith Amendment, which prevents funding for elective abortions for federal employees or in the District of Columbia.

H.R. 4373 This bill provides funding for the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs. It includes provisions that:

- Remove the Helms Amendment, which prevents foreign aid from directly paying for abortion as a method of family planning

Please contact your US Senators, to ask that they vote **AGAINST** these appropriation bills.

Abortion in Pennsylvania

85 CHILDREN ARE KILLED BY ABORTION IN PA EVERY DAY!

For more information on abortion in PA, and to find which organizations, hospitals and facilities perform the most abortions, go to: <https://pafamily.org/2021>

Pennsylvania Constitutional Amendment Proposed

As a result of a lawsuit by the abortion industry, *Allegheny Reproductive Health Center v. PA Department of Health*, Pennsylvania's laws that protect the life and health of women and preborn children are in jeopardy. The abortion industry is asking the court to declare a "right to abortion" and a "right to taxpayer funding of abortion" in Pennsylvania's Constitution. If the Court declares such rights, all of Pennsylvania's laws that protect the life and health of mothers and preborn children are in danger of being struck down.

In order to prevent these laws from being removed, Senator Judy Ward has proposed a simple amendment to the PA Constitution to clarify that there is no right to abortion or abortion funding within PA's Constitution:

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT to PROTECT THE UNBORN IN PENNSYLVANIA

RIGHTS. All human beings have a right to life regardless of age, illness or disability when there is a detectable heartbeat.

(b)APPLICABILITY. This amendment is not intended to impede medical management of an ectopic pregnancy, law enforcement operations, or imposition of the death penalty for a capital offense.

(c)IMPLEMENTATION. Within 12 months of the effective date of this section, the Legislature shall enact legislation to implement this section in a manner fully consistent with its purpose.

In Pennsylvania, a constitutional amendment does **not** need the Governor's signature, but must be passed in two consecutive sessions of the state legislature. [We are asking you to email, call or write to your Pennsylvania Senator and Representative to ask that they support this proposed Constitutional Amendment.](#)

This issue makes it clear how important it is for us to elect Pro-Life officials in Pennsylvania. If we get a positive ruling from the Supreme Court in terms of striking down *Roe v. Wade*, the Pro-Life battleground will shift to the States. Next year's Pennsylvania elections will be crucial in continuing the Respect Life battle.

The End of *Roe v. Wade*?

On December 1, 2021, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The Mississippi law at the center of this case would ban abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy.

Mississippi Solicitor General Scott Stewart opened arguments before the Court by saying that it is time to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. "*Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* haunt our country," he told the justices. "They have no basis in the Constitution. They have no home in our history or traditions . . . Fifty years on, they stand alone: nowhere else does this Court recognize a right to end a human life."

The Supreme Court is not expected to hand down its decision until mid-2022, so we will have to wait until then to see if this is the Court and case that ends *Roe*. We in the pro-life movement have been disappointed by court decisions before, but if the reaction of the mainstream media to the entire affair is any indication of how things will turn out, there is cause for optimism. Liberal network after liberal network decried the possible downfall of *Roe*. Legal and political analysts have weighed in as well, trying to ascertain the intentions of the Justices based upon their questions and comments during oral arguments.

Sherif Girgis, an Associate Professor of Law at Notre Dame Law School and a former law clerk to Justice Alito, told LifeNews that he expects the Supreme Court to reverse *Roe*. "The Chief repeatedly asked if there was a middle ground, and no one produced one. On the contrary, the lawyers for the Biden administration and the clinics repeatedly rejected any middle ground. Justice Kavanaugh repeatedly signaled that he thinks abortion is entirely for the states to decide. Justice Barrett showed that the availability of adoption undercuts many of the arguments for a constitutional abortion right."

Megan Wold, another former Alito law clerk and past Deputy Solicitor General for the State of Ohio, agrees: "The justices signaled that *Roe* was wrongly decided as an original matter; that *Roe* has been undermined by subsequent scientific and legal developments; that the Constitution is silent on the question of abortion; and that no right to abortion exists in our country's history and tradition. These views support overruling *Roe*."

"Moreover, no Justice proposed a new standard to replace *Roe*, and six justices suggested a willingness to eliminate *Roe*'s key viability holding. It is clear that the court is likely to substantially weaken *Roe*, or more likely, to overrule *Roe* altogether," Wold told LifeNews.