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**Winter 2021
March for Life!**



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March for Life - January 29, 2021

Note: This information is current at the time we go to press. However, we recommend that you check the March for Life website (marchforlife.org) regularly for updates.

The 2021 March for Life in Washington, D.C. is on schedule for Friday, January 29th. The theme for this year's March is "Together Strong, Life Unites." The schedule for the March includes:

- Pre-Rally Concert with Matthew West: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- March for Life Rally: 12:00 pm -1:00 pm
- March for Life: 1:00 pm -4:00 pm

You are asked to wear a mask and bring hand sanitizer – and use it frequently. March officials will attempt to enforce social distancing as much as possible.

At the time that we go to print, the following groups are planning to travel to the March:

- Butler Area Catholic Churches 1 bus Bus Captain: Ray Ferguson 724-282-4298
- St. Mary's in Herman 1 bus Call Church office at 724-285-3285
- Valencia Gospel Fellowship Church 1 van Captain: Bill Hohman 724 898-3322

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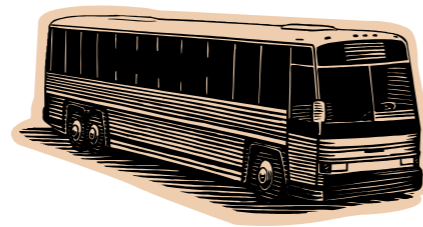
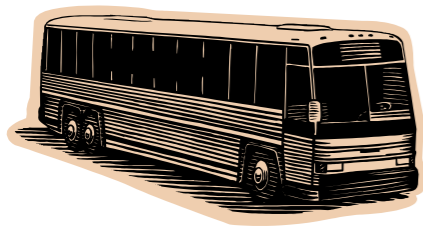
March for Life (cont'd)

Because there are fewer buses going to the March from Butler County this year, we advise that you call to reserve your seat as soon as possible.

Following a highly emotionally-charged election, we all need to focus on uniting to find support for LIFE. The March for Life will occur one week after the Inauguration and the Pro-Life movement may be under great pressure to find ways to support Respect for Life under a new administration.

However, we also are still dealing with COVID 19 and its possible spread in large gatherings. For this reason, many of our Butler County parishes have chosen not to take buses to the March for Life this year. While we certainly understand these concerns, we are also searching for ways to safely promote Respect for Life at this 48th annual memorial of the legalization of abortion in the United States. Some suggestions:

- Drive to Washington, D.C. with your family and/or close friends.
- Rent a van to take a small group to the March.
- Plan a Prayer Service at your Church for either Jan. 22, 2021 (the date of the Roe vs. Wade decision which legalized abortion in 1973) or Jan. 29, 2021 (the date of the March for Life).
- Livestream the March; go onto the marchforlife.org website to sign up for the livestream to come directly to your computer or phone.
- Watch the entire March on EWTN (channel 159 on Armstrong Cable).
- Attend the PA Foundation for Life & PCUC Prayer Breakfast on Sat., Jan. 23, 2021 at the Chadwick in Wexford. For more information, call PCUC at 412 531 9272. Cost: \$20/person.
- PRAY!



Donations

In Memory of:

Eleanor Lasky by Susan Groom

Eleanor Lasky by Donald & Betty Wagner

Eleanor Lasky by Jackie Nanni

Eleanor Lasky by Grace & Ed Shields

Eleanor Lasky by daughters and sons

Victor Carbin by wife, Mary Carbin

Victor Carbin by Rita & Don Snyder

Victor Carbin by Dale & Helen Kriley

Jean Mamula by Mary Jo Koch

Patricia Stock by Mary Jo Koch

Patricia Liberto by William Liberto

Lois Tierney by Susan & Joseph Restano

Lois Tierney by Georgia Tuite, Dianne Cesarz &

Karen Jones

Lois Tierney by Allison Serakowski

Herb Wellman by Madeline Wellman

Jennie Seezox by Mary Jo Koch

Other:

- Louis & Jane Heasley
- Beverly McAnallen
- Daniel Jonczak
- Carol & David Foster

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

Your Generosity is Appreciated!

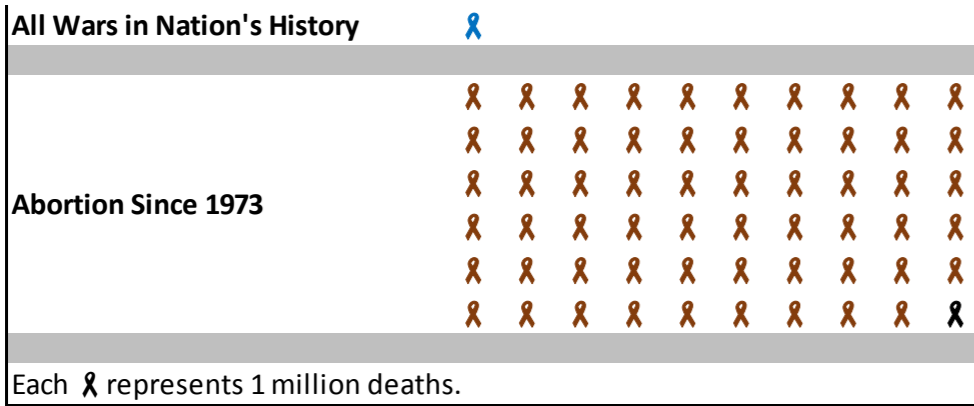
Pennsylvanians for Human Life is committed to promoting the dignity and value of human life in the region. We produce this newsletter, maintain a presence at the annual Butler Farm Show and help facilitate attendance at the yearly March for Life in Washington, DC, all of which entail a cost.

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, 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 will receive cash prizes!

Please submit entries by **March 5, 2021** 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.
- ◆ Novice 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 2021 National Right to Life Pro-Life Oratory Contest.

The deadline to enter is **April 30, 2021**. For contest guidelines and details, please visit paprolife.org/for-students.

Legislative Update from PA Pro-Life Federation

2020 marked the year when the PA state legislature successfully passed Senate Bill 857, a telemedicine bill which included a ban on dangerous tele-abortions. These abortions take place when an abortionist is not physically present, but is only available via a computer or phone screen. Unfortunately, Governor Tom Wolf vetoed the bill, solely because of the tele-abortion ban.

We also successfully pressured the PA Health Department to resume inspections of abortion facilities. The Dept of Health website shows that abortion facilities went uninspected for about five months, presumably because of the COVID crisis. After many of you contacted your state legislators, lawmakers wrote letters demanding that the inspections be resumed, as required by law.

In addition, we lobbied for funding for the state's Pregnancy and Parenting Support program, which is administered by Real Alternatives, Inc. This ground-breaking program has served more than 300,000 women and their families and is a model for the rest of the nation.

- Maria V. Gallagher, Legislative Director, Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation

Election Round-Up

Unfortunately for the pro-life cause, President Donald Trump will not be in the White House come the end of January. President Trump's record on life issues has been rock solid and will be missed. Hopefully, his Supreme Court confirmations will preserve his pro-life legacy.

As this newsletter goes to print, the US Senate remains controlled by pro-life Republicans. Georgia's special January run-off election may change that if the two pro-abortion Democrat candidates defeat the pro-life Republican incumbents. Such a case would give the Democrats control of that chamber, and would require the few pro-life Democrats to stand firm against their party's pro-abortion platform.

Results in the US House of Representatives were more positive. 18 new women backed by the pro-life Susan B. Anthony List (SBA List) were elected to the House this cycle, which may limit Nancy Pelosi's ability to enact her pro-abortion agenda. "The exponential growth of pro-life women in the House is reflective of the fact that life has gone from being viewed as a political problem to a winning issue," remarked SBA List president Marjorie Dannenfelser.

COVID-19 Vaccines

With COVID-19 vaccines appearing on the market, a concern has been raised among Pro-Life groups as to whether tissue from aborted fetuses has been used in the production of these vaccines.

Two questions have been raised:

1. Do any vaccines contain aborted fetal tissue? NO

Some vaccines require the production of viruses, which can only replicate with the help of living host cells. Some of the COVID-19 vaccine candidates are produced using human fetal-derived cells; however, these cells and most of their genetic material are removed during the purification process and are, therefore, not present in the vaccine.

The **Astra Zeneca/Oxford vaccine** uses human fetal-derived cells for *growing* viruses; the cells are taken from a child aborted in 1972. (Alternatively, living host cells can be obtained from adult stem cells or umbilical cord stem cells.)

2. Which vaccines (of those most likely to be available soon in the US) are produced with no cell lines derived from the fetal tissue of aborted babies?

- **BioNTech –Pfizer**
- **Moderna**

Both of these are listed by the Pro-Life Charlotte Lozier Institute as “ethically un-controversial.” However, Children of God for Life compiled research to show that **Moderna** uses aborted fetal cell lines in the fundamental design of mRNA technology, which is the basis for the **Moderna** vaccine.

The difference of opinion seems to come from the fact that, while research connected to aborted fetal cells may have contributed to the knowledge base being used in the **Moderna** vaccine’s development, the actual production of the vaccine does not use fetal cells.

Sources:

Children of God for Life, <https://cogforlife.org>

Charlotte Lozier Institute, <https://lozierinstitute.org>

National Catholic Register, Dec. 6-19, 2020, “*What Connection Does Moderna’s Vaccine for COVID-19 Have to Aborted Fetal Tissue?*”, page 1

Vaccines (cont’d)

Moral Concerns:

We have discussed only the three vaccines most likely to come to public use in the US in the near future. However, there are more than 300 vaccines currently in development around the world to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, with approximately 40 that have advanced to clinical trials. Among these, there are a number that are ethically derived without the use of any cell lines derived from tissues harvested from aborted babies (see sources cited earlier).

The Vatican’s Pontifical Academy for Life issued a statement in Italy in 2007 that Catholics could receive vaccines made using human fetal-derived cells, if no alternatives are available. The Vatican states that, in such cases, the recipients of such vaccines should make their objections known and lobby public officials to provide ethical replacements. Thus, the vaccine is received “under protest.” Source: Vatican Instruction *Dignitas Personae* (The Dignity of the Person).

However, there are serious questions about the availability of an ethical vaccine for a particular person, in a specific country. For some individuals, there may not be more than one choice of available vaccine. Thus, the moral dilemma arises for an individual.

What Can I Do?

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, is recommending that we all contact the US Food and Drug Administration and ask for a COVID-19 vaccine that is free from connection to abortion. This way we can register our “protest” and lobby for the best possible vaccine alternative.

Address: The Honorable Stephen M. Hahn, M.D., Commissioner
U.S. Food and Drug Administration
10903 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002