



# Life Center of Long Island

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## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE



**40** Days for Life Hempstead, part of a national campaign of prayer, fasting, and sidewalk counseling, kicked off with Mass at St. Ladislaus Church, Hempstead, followed by a procession to Planned Parenthood a few blocks away. There, Fr. Liam McDonald and the Pro Bikers for Life led the rosary and other prayers for both pregnant women who go to Planned Parenthood and for the people who work there.

That morning, Lou talked to a young man pulling out of Planned Parenthood's parking lot, who had just undergone STD testing. The 22-year-old, Troy\*, had a 10-month-old son and hadn't gotten a word of advice on relationships from Planned Parenthood. Mentioning the Life Center a block away, Lou offered to walk Troy over for a free session and some much-needed things for his child. Troy sat down in our office and received truthful information — much of which he'd never heard before — on the benefits of abstinence and going to church, as well as the negatives of contraception and cohabitation. Unemployed, he was astounded to be given a crib, stroller, and huge bag of clothes and diapers for his little boy.

Later that week, Gary came out to join some people praying at Planned Parenthood. He has been familiar with pro-life issues for years, but this was his first time praying in front of Planned Parenthood. Unexpectedly, Gary found himself in tears outside the abortion center. About 15 people pray the rosary outside of Planned Parenthood's fence for the young mothers heading inside. "It's just powerful," Gary said. "I know about PP — I know all about this, but it's different, to actually be right here where it happens. You see these young people going in, oblivious, about to be taken advantage of. So much darkness. You can just feel it. And these people that walk right up to them (people heading into PP or walking by) offering to help them, sending them up the street to the Life Center, explaining what's going on here, it's just so beautiful."

Thursday morning, Kayla\*, 19, came in to our center for maternity clothes and a bassinet. Her 2-year-old, Noah\*, was with her. Just then, Tom, head of Pro Bikers for Life, stopped by for fliers to hand out in front of Planned Parenthood. I happened to mention to Kayla, sitting in our waiting room, why Tom was there. When I mentioned Planned Parenthood, she rolled her eyes. "Oh, PP, that's not a good place," she said. She shared that she'd gone there when pregnant with Noah, planning to abort him: "I hadn't told anyone I was pregnant. I was 16, and I was scared." In order for Planned Parenthood to determine the size of her baby and therefore how much "work" was involved and how much the abortion would cost, she received an ultrasound. Lying on the table, Kayla asked for the ultrasound screen to be turned toward her, saying, "It's the only picture I'm going to see of my baby." The response was, "No, we don't show them. That's our policy." Just then, Kayla felt a kick — the first movement she'd felt from baby Noah. "I just said, 'I can't do this, and I got up and left.'" Kayla clearly adored her little boy and was grateful she'd withstood their deceptive techniques.

We hear this routinely from our clients. While abortionists insist it's a "choice," they deny vulnerable women crucial information that would give them a true choice. If the full truth isn't shared, it's not a choice — it's a deception. That's why 40 Days for Life and prayer in front of abortion centers is so important. We must continue to be right near these death centers to reach young pregnant moms at the last minute, offering them real help.

**Patty Knap**  
Hempstead Staff

*\*Names have been changed to protect confidentiality.*





GLORIA SCHREIBER

FROM THE DESK OF  
*The Executive Director*



RALLY FOR LIFE

In our February newsletter, I wrote about of the passing of the Abortion Expansion Bill, aka the "Reproductive Health Act," signed by Gov. Cuomo. It was with a heavy heart that I shared the major points and ramifications of this bill. The extreme new law was passed by the New York Legislature Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019, on the 46th anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

Since then, we have received phone calls expressing outrage in response to this new law, with inquiries about what can possibly be done. Our response has been to create good out of evil by taking action: pray, volunteer, support our work through donations and/or join 40 Days for Life Campaigns, prayer rallies, etc.

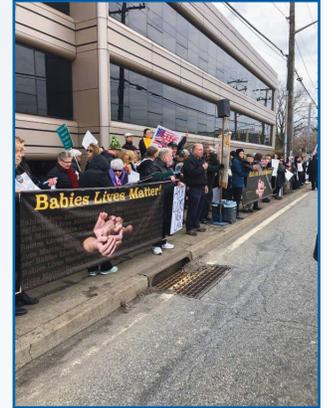
We thank Janice Seaman, a parishioner at St. Dominic's, Oyster Bay, and also a Life Center volunteer and Baby Bottle Campaign speaker, who took action and coordinated a truly eventful Rally for Life. I asked Janice to share the beauty of what transpired:

"On Saturday, February 23, 2019 over 1,000 people of different faith and political affiliations stood and gathered together on both sides of Old Country Road in Garden City to stand for life and protest Cuomo's Late-Term Abortion Law. During the two-hour event, thousands of cars passed by on a busy Saturday next to Roosevelt Field, overwhelmingly exhibiting positive responses such as smiles, thumbs up, and honking horns. On one hand, we could count the negative gestures. Clearly, it makes one wonder not only how New York legalized late-term abortion up to birth, and if perhaps the baby were to survive the abortion, to then let the baby New York celebrated this law by lighting up the Freedom Tower, as though it won the Super Bowl!! The emotions expressed at the rally were the direct result of the elation displayed by Cuomo and the New York Legislature when they passed this barbaric and evil law. In fact, many protestors told us that it was the first time they have ever protested anything and that Cuomo and his cronies went too far!! Although this was their first protest, many said it won't be their last until this law is repealed. Clearly, Cuomo struck a nerve with New Yorkers who are so incensed by this murderous law and the lack of representation of who we are as a people and its attack on our morality. Cuomo, with his own agenda, broke the heart of New York!! As for the Life Center, we stood to defend life and boldly advertised our free services, hoping to bring awareness of our existence, and to offer information and solutions to all those who are pregnant and in need of help. Our main message is that life is a beautiful choice, and we love you both, mother and child."

We encourage you to take a stand and realize your potential in making a difference here on Long Island. God calls us to protect the innocent. Please pray that hearts are converted.

Happy Easter, and many blessings to you and your family,

*Gloria*



# 2019 PASTA DINNER & SILENT AUCTION



**DONATIONS NEEDED**

## ADOPT-A-BASKET



Each year, the Knights of Columbus Councils of the 8th District sponsor a delicious and bountiful Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction to raise funds for the Life Center of Long Island. This popular and often sold-out event is a major fundraiser for the Life Center. This year's event is **Sunday, June 2, 2019 at Our Lady of Grace Church Hall, 666 Albin Avenue, West Babylon.**

The Life Center's offices are presently accepting items and theme baskets for this event. Gardening, game, home goods, sports and specialty food baskets/items are needed to make this event a success. **All donated items must be new.** Unused gift cards\* of any value are appreciated as well. Please view our website, [www.lifecenterli.org](http://www.lifecenterli.org), for further details. \*Please include gift card receipts

## GOOD NEWS!



The Life Center of Long Island is excited to announce that we have been awarded a \$2000.00 grant through the Walmart Giving Program! These funds will be used toward upgrading technology.

## #PROTESTPP CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

**SATURDAY APRIL 13TH, 7:00PM-8:30PM**

Massapequa Planned Parenthood | 35 Carmans Road., across from Sunrise Mall; on public sidewalk.  
Signs available or bring your own. Local event info: [fortydflli@gmail.com](mailto:fortydflli@gmail.com) | General info: [protestpp.com](http://protestpp.com).

## VISIT FROM THE GIANNA CLUB AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST HS

On February 14, 2019, the Gianna Club from St. John the Baptist HS, accompanied by their chaplain, Fr. Rob Ketcham, visited our Deer Park Center. It was a wonderful visit from the eight students who shared their personal testimonies with us about why they are pro-life and why they chose to join the Gianna Club. Each student had a unique story that touched all of us and empowered the group. The main fruit of the sharing was it unified the club in their passion for life and strengthened their desire to be lights in their school and to educate their fellow students about life issues. We educated them on how to respond to the new Abortion Expansion Act. They were surprised by what it all entails and are hoping to continue to work with the Life Center in planning other events for their club. May God continue to bless our young people with the desire to proclaim the truth about LIFE!

### The following is a reflection from one of the visiting students:

*"Recently, I had the opportunity to visit the Life Center in Deer Park with Fr. Rob and some fellow Gianna Club members. The Gianna Club is a pro-life club at St. John the Baptist High School, and together, we visit several organizations dedicated to helping people, especially those concerning crisis pregnancy aid. At the Life Center, we met with Donna Crean—the director—and her staff. We were given a tour of the Life Center and saw how they help those burdened with a crisis pregnancy. While we were there, we also learned about the earliest stage of a child's development in the womb and why it is so important that we defend the lives of the unborn from conception until their birth. That's why it is so important that there are organizations like the Life Center to help those who are in crisis pregnancies and may be considering abortion. My experience at the Life Center helped me to have a greater appreciation for those who are there to defend life, even at its most simple stage."*

**- Charles Smith. SJB student**



## IN LOVING MEMORY

We are grateful for donations made to the Life Center of Long Island in memory of:

**Veronica Bracken~Monsignor Daniel Hamilton~Mary Terry**

We commend his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, into God's loving arms.  
The Life Center of Long Island has "Memorial" and "Honorarium" cards available.

Kindly call Nancy at 516-798-8746 for details.





## Thank You \* Thank You \* Thank You



We are grateful for the donations received from St. Joseph's School in Garden City under the guidance of Principal Brian Columban. Each grade, first through eighth, collected needed baby items for our clients. They also sent a generous monetary donation. What a beautiful way to involve children in the pro-life cause!



The Merrick South Shore Homemakers Ministry of Cure of Ars Parish, Merrick, was kind enough to invite Executive Director Gloria Schreiber to a recent baby shower for the Life Center of Long Island. All the donated items will be used to assist the families in need we encounter daily.



Seated l-r: President Linda Tursi, 2nd Vice President Maureen Simmons, Recording Secretary Leonora Ecke, Correspondence Secretary Esther Belbol and 1st Vice President Elaine Vano.



## SAVE THE DATE!



### LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND DINNER DANCE

**Come Celebrate the 33rd Anniversary of the Life Center of Long Island on Friday, September 27, 2019 - 6:00pm-11:00pm at the Muttontown Club, 5933 Northern Blvd., East Norwich, NY 11732**

**We are honored to have Terry Beatley as our Guest Speaker!**



Terry Beatley is the President of the Hosea Initiative, a nationwide ministry dedicated to educating, restoring, and unifying America around a culture-of-life ethic by fulfilling the promise she made to Dr. Bernard Nathanson, the father of America's abortion industry, who deeply regretted unleashing abortion onto our country. Her vision is an America where every unborn life is welcomed and protected by law and where the average citizen has a basic understanding of how toxic worldviews have brought America to the brink of legalized infanticide.

## Our Mission...

*"To promote, encourage and foster public sentiment and respect for the dignity of human life... from conception to natural death."*

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