



Life Center of Long Island

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IN HIS CARE



The new year had just begun, and the center was experiencing a post-Christmas lull, when a young woman, Megan*, came into the Massapequa office, requesting an abortion. As the Massapequa office is directly across the street from Planned Parenthood, we thought she may have mistaken the address.

It was explained to Megan that we are not a medical facility and do not refer for abortions, but that we would be happy to provide her with a pregnancy test kit and a consultation free of charge.

As I began the intake with her, I learned that she had three children, the youngest being just a year old.

Megan wasn't prepared to parent again so soon and believed abortion was her only option. After discussing the physical, emotional, and psychological ramifications of abortion, we talked over all the resources available through the Life Center. A pregnancy test kit was given and she read the result as positive. Megan seemed overwhelmed and kept shaking her head, as if denying the result.

I asked her how she felt about her born children, and Megan told me that she loved them and felt another baby would take her love and time away from them. I said I understood that feeling, but asked her to imagine how she would feel if one of them were taken from her: Would she feel relieved that she now had more time to spend with the remaining two? Megan looked at me with dismay and answered "Of course not! I would be heartbroken! I love my children; they are everything to me!" I responded "Right now, you are everything to the baby you are carrying. We aren't born with a finite capacity to love, and the more we love, the more love we receive."

Megan was offered a free sonogram and consultation. She accepted and made an appointment. Megan left our center knowing we had her best interests at heart and seemed less likely to abort her child. I was still concerned for her and was able to confirm that she did go for the sonogram and consultation. After that initial phone call, I lost contact with Megan. At that point, all I could do was keep her and her family in my prayers.

Imagine the joy when six months later, our volunteer, Rosemary, told me Megan had returned requesting baby needs! We were able to offer her an infant car seat, crib, and a beautiful layette for her preborn daughter. Megan introduced her other children, who were excited for their new sister's arrival. We met the father of the children, and he was so appreciative of our help. We reminded Megan that she is welcome to return for baby needs every three months as her baby grows. We are all anxiously awaiting the baby's birth.

Megan shared that although she wasn't in touch with us recently, she always felt secure knowing we were here to help her. We assured her we had put her and her family in God's loving care as we do all our clients. It is through His love that we are able to serve all who come through our doors.

**Names have been changed to protect confidentiality*

Rosemary Petito & Cindy Barbeau
Massapequa Center



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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GLORIA SCHREIBER

FROM THE DESK OF

The Executive Director



OUR ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

DISTINGUISHED HONOREES

PARISH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA – MASSAPEQUA

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – COUNCILS OF THE 8TH NY DISTRICT

We are privileged to honor and thank our two Honorees, the Parish of St. Rose of Lima and the Knights of Columbus Councils of the 8th NY District, at our upcoming Annual Dinner Dance celebrating our 32nd anniversary on Friday, September 28, 2018 from 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm at the Woodbury Country Club.



The Life Center of Long Island greatly appreciates the wonderful support and generosity of the St. Rose of Lima community. The parish has participated in our baby bottle fundraiser campaigns throughout the years, coordinated many baby showers for our new moms and dads, and assisted our clients and families numerous times by providing clothing and food and other needs when times arose via their parish outreach program.

The Life Center of Long Island gives tremendous thanks to the Knights of Columbus Councils of the 8th NY District for their unwavering support and for sponsoring the Knights of Columbus Annual Pasta Dinner fundraiser for the Life Center for 20 years. Thank you to the following councils within the 8th NY District for their enthusiasm and teamwork:



- Our Lady of the Rosary #4428
- Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal #6556
- Our Lady of Grace #11968
- St. Joseph the Carpenter #14771

Special thanks to the current and previous District Deputies whose leadership has ensured continued event growth and success:

- Philip Renna
- Carmine Soldano
- Michael Hearney
- James Nevins
- Paul DeRosa

Please join us for this very special evening of celebration honoring the Parish of St. Rose of Lima and the Knights of Columbus Councils of the 8th NY District and be informed with our dynamic guest speaker Matt Walsh!

Please help make this year’s event even more successful by your attendance at our Dinner Dance, taking out a journal ad in our beautiful journal, or consider participating in our Annual Dinner Dance Sweepstakes. Please see enclosed insert for further details. Thank you for all you do to support the work of the Life Center of Long Island.

Blessings,

Gloria

**Please note that journal ads are a great marketing/business opportunity for those participants as we thank those donors’ businesses in our fall newsletter, which reaches over 4,000 recipients, and are also noted on our donor website.





ANNUAL VOLUNTEER THANK YOU LUNCHEON 2018



GOSPEL OF LIFE AWARD RECIPIENTS 2018

Join us in congratulating the recipients of the 2018 Gospel of Life Award at the Life Center's Annual Volunteer Luncheon. **Top left photo:** award recipient Maureen Brady standing with Gloria Schreiber, Executive Director (left); and Donna Crean, Deer Park Center Director (right). **Top center photo:** award recipient Lou Fielack (Deer Park Volunteer and Male Advocate). **Top right photo:** from left, Lisa Vigliotta (Massapequa Center Director), Cindy Barbeau (Assistant to the Executive Director), award recipient Marie Homan (Massapequa Volunteer), and Gloria Schreiber. **Bottom left photo:** award recipient Margaret Lutz.



*Thank You * Thank You * Thank You*



“Thank You” to Lorraine Salamone and the “Angels of Mercy” at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, Hicksville, for donating handmade baby blankets and baby items, which were also beautifully packaged for our clients.



IN LOVING MEMORY



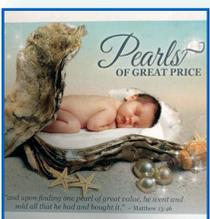
We are grateful for donations made to the Life Center of Long Island in memory of:

John D. Sullivan * Francis G. Fee, Sr. * Susan Piebe

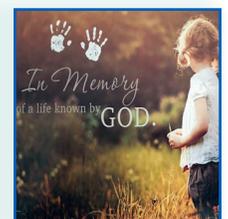
We commend their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, into God's loving arms. The Life Center of Long Island has "Memorial" cards available. Kindly call Nancy at 516-798-8746 for details.



NEW MEMORIAL & HONORARIUM CARDS



We have updated our Honorarium and Memorial cards, which are available through the Life Center of Long Island. Kindly call Nancy at 516-798-8746 for more information. (Honorarium cards pictured left; Memorial cards pictured right.)



COMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE:

Life Center of Long Island Dinner Dance!

Come Celebrate the 32nd Anniversary of the Life Center of Long Island

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018 - 6:00PM-11:00PM

at the Woodbury Country Club - 884 Jericho Tpke., Woodbury, NY 11797

\$150.00 PER ADULT | \$95.00 PER STUDENT

GUEST SPEAKER: MATT WALSH, PROLIFE AUTHOR, BLOGGER, SPEAKER

DISTINGUISHED HONOREES: PARISH OF ST. ROSE OF LIMA

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCILS OF 8TH NEW YORK DISTRICT



HELP WANTED

IT VOLUNTEER

We are in great need of an IT volunteer to be a resource for all computer and network service issues, and to troubleshoot any software problems. Call Cindy at 516-798-8746.



LANDSCAPER/GARDENING VOLUNTEER

Our Massapequa Center is in need of landscaping/gardening volunteers. Any time or assistance you may be able to offer is greatly appreciated. We like to keep our locations welcoming as this encourages client traffic. Kindly call Lisa or Cindy at 516-798-8746.



HANDYMAN VOLUNTEER

Handyman needed at our Massapequa location. Hours flexible. Call Cindy at 516-798-9100.



URGENT! BABY ITEMS NEEDED!

We are in URGENT need of baby clothes, newborn to size 3T; diapers, newborn to size 6; wipes; car seats less than 6 years old; cribs; Pack-n-Plays; bassinets; strollers (no jogging); and baby blankets. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.



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