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VESSELS OF HOPE AND GRACE

We have a new, exciting, powerful volunteer opportunity here at the Life Center. In response to our world's continuous push for abortion-on-demand, we at the Life Center knew that more had to be done to combat this. Abortion not only brings pain, regret, sorrow, and emptiness, but also a false promise of serenity and resolve. We wanted to enrich the works we already generate, by continuing to bring peace, truth, hope, courage, and beauty, which are created when "Life" is supported. Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, our guide and mentor, Vessels of Hope & Grace was formed. Please read the following, and as you do, ask the Holy Spirit if He is calling **YOU** to become His Vessel of Hope & Grace.

Catherine Petruzzi, MSW
Assistant Center Director, Deer Park



Vessels of Hope and Grace

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME
A VESSEL OF HOPE AND GRACE FOR OUR WORLD?**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AT
THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND?**

YOU CAN DO BOTH BY GIVING ONE HOUR OF YOUR TIME AND PRAYING WEEKLY AT ONE OF OUR CENTERS. YOUR IMPORTANT PRAYERS WILL BE OFFERED FOR THE NEEDS OF THE LIFE CENTER AND ALL OUR CLIENTS. ALSO PRAYING FOR GOD'S GRACE TO RENEW AND REVITALIZE THE BELIEF THAT ALL LIFE IS SACRED, FROM NATURAL CONCEPTION TILL NATURAL DEATH.

YOUR HOUR A WEEK CAN HELP BRING GRACE UPON THE LIFE CENTER, TRANSFORM HEARTS AND MINDS, AND BRING AN END TO ABORTION.

IF YOU CAN'T COME INTO THE CENTERS, YOU CAN STILL BECOME A VESSEL OF HOPE AND GRACE BY PRAYING AT HOME OR IN YOUR CHURCH. WE WILL WORK OUT A CONVENIENT TIME SLOT WITH YOU.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, OR ARE READY TO BECOME A VESSEL OF HOPE AND HEALING, CALL CATHERINE AT (631) 243-2373.




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



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS:
CHANGING HABITS - CHANGES LIVES**

As we transition through Christmas into the New Year, we pause, reflect, and examine our lives. We take inventory of who we are and where we are in our journey. This life review hopefully encourages us to initiate and commit to New Year's resolutions that we believe will make us better versions of ourselves, for ourselves, those we love, and those with whom we come in contact. For resolutions to be successful, a change of habit is required. When we are committed to changing our habits, our lives change. Habits determine character, and character is our destiny.

When life presents challenging situations or circumstances, it's not the outcome that really matters – but **how we respond to the challenge**. Like the saying goes: If at first you don't succeed, do you try and try again? Or do you take a pass until next year?

Many people set New Year's goals to eat healthier, exercise more, save more, etc. We at the Life Center wish for this New Year of 2019 to be one of **reflection and action** on spirituality and prayer as we face an increasing intensity of spiritual warfare regarding life.

Yes, over the most recent few years especially, our culture and society have faced and been challenged with even greater obstacles in the fight for life. We pray for a culture not scornful of the beauty of all God's children, but for the cultural awareness of the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. We need to **proactively respond** in every way possible to protect life.

As a nonprofit, financial donations maintain us, but **prayer and involvement are what sustain us!**

As you peruse this newsletter, you will notice the linking theme and focus from our cover page addressing our prayer ministry, **Vessels of Hope and Grace**; my column highlighting a focus on prayer and involvement; and our spiritual reflection on page three from our Annual Spiritual Retreat.

We at the Life Center have observed how the power of prayer has brought about many blessings to the Life Center. We ask in this New Year of 2019 that you pray for the mission of the Life Center and make the choice to become involved and realize the **difference your talents and gifts can make within our centers and with our clients**.

Please pray for the conversion of heart for our culture, our country, and our clients, and pray for our Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers, that we continue making the right decisions that will touch people's hearts for a conversion for life.

We are so grateful for all the support and encouragement throughout this past year from you, our donors, our Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers, who give of their time, talent, and treasure to the mission of the Life Center. We are blessed and privileged to work alongside you as God's instruments in saving lives. We are inspired by your humbleness, compassion, and dedication to life!

The gift of life is one of the most important gifts you can give this new year. Every baby's life saved removes approximately \$600 from the abortion clinics' business and helps inspire a culture of life.

The Life Center's strategic New Year's goals will require more volunteers! Let us help you identify your talents and how the best version of yourself can be a best fit when volunteering at the Life Center.

Invite a friend or family member to join you! **Be not afraid:** Join our team and do your part to be part of the inspiration and destiny fostering a culture of life!

Our Fast-Growing Opportunities include:

- Male advocates for our men's program, **Project Blueprint**
- Volunteer Fundraising Committee
- Handymen/women
- Data entry
- Adopt-a-Garden Gardeners for our Massapequa and Deer Park locations
- Bilingual volunteers

*We at the Life Center wish you a
healthy, prosperous,
and Happy New Year!*

Blessings,

Gloria



A DAY OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

On November 8, the Life Center held its annual Retreat Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, in Eastport, NY. This year we were blessed once again to have Fr. Liam McDonald as our Retreat Director. Father inspired us with his encouraging and truth-filled words. He focused on us as Wounded Healers, bringing healing to those we serve and to those with whom we work. Father's reverence and love, which he showed during the celebration of Holy Mass, helped us to enter more deeply into the Heart of Jesus. His availability to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation to the attending retreatants made many of us feel renewed and refreshed in Christ's mercy. It was a beautiful day shared by all, and the following are some reflections given by those who attended:

- It was a wonderful day filled with sharing, laughter, praying, and joy. I can't wait to attend the next Life Center Retreat Day.
- This is my favorite Life Center gathering. From Donna's meditation, to Fr. Liam's talks, to Fr. Roy's Mass, it was a beautiful day spent with our Lord.
- To be in the presence of our Lord, surrounded by all Life Center volunteers, and in such a wonderful setting, was such a special gift.
- To be with so many like-minded people made me realize to thank Jesus for guiding me in the direction of His light, love, and truth.

All of us on the Retreat Day were filled with different emotions and blessings. We thank everyone for joining us and hope that we will see all of you and new faces, too, next year. May Jesus and Mary continue to bless us.



WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBER SONIA DIXON!

The Life Center of Long Island is pleased to welcome Sonia Dixon to our Deer Park staff as a bilingual consultant. Sonia has been a Baby Bottle Campaign Speaker for the Life Center for the Spanish community throughout Nassau County. She was previously employed in the private sector and serves as the Nassau Region PTA School and Community Chair, Registrar, and Treasurer of the Freeport Village Soccer Club and also as an Assistant Coach of the Freeport Lady Lightning Girls' U-16 team. Sonia is married and the mother of four beautiful daughters. The Life Center of Long Island is fortunate to have such a dedicated and faithful addition to our team.



IN LOVING MEMORY

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

Jack and Winnie Eschmann ~ Edwin Lucie

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.





DEACON'S CORNER



Wow!! 2019!

When growing up, I never even thought about the year 2000; we were all too busy living from moment to moment. Who cared about the future? Well, the future did come and will continue to come. Some of us received what we wanted, and others did not.

My parents, like many others, left the old country, Italy, and came here to make a new life. I think they succeeded. They did all they could to help me get started: a loving home, friends and relatives, a healthy environment, my Catholic faith.

You know, I still have four friends from the old neighborhood. We are within one year of age from each other, and all of us in different parts of this country. We were in each other's wedding parties, played stickball, baseball, and some football together — all from the Corona, Queens area. And once or twice a year, I try to call or visit. I do all I can to keep these friends close to me, and they all feel the same way. My family has been a blessing to me: Lorraine, my wife; my children; my grandchildren; and my great-grandchildren.

As I reminisce over this year, I realize all the blessings I have received over all these years. The Lord has been good to me, and I thank Him. I thank all of you for being part of the Life Center and part of my life. May you all have a Blessed and Happy New Year!

Blessings to you all,

Deacon Frank Gariboldi

Men hurting from abortion? Please, please call 516-523-0586 (my cell). We can begin a healing process with Jesus as our guide.



*Thank You * Thank You * Thank You*



A very special thanks to all who supported the Life Center of Long Island by participating in the **Champions for Charity Event** at the **Americana Manhasset** Shopping Center. We are sincerely grateful to Rebecca Hollander, Americana's Marketing Director; the Kirschenbaum Family; the owners of The Shoe Box store, which hosted our volunteers, Janice Seaman and Marylyn Dunn; and The Shoe Box store managers, Denise and Jackie, and their staff members, Thea and Coreen.

Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus Don Bosco Squires Circle #548 of St. Mary's R.C. Church in Manhasset.

We greatly appreciate the prayers, support, and generous donations raised and presented at your annual Communion Breakfast.



COMING EVENTS



The 2019 Annual March for Life is to be held on Friday, January 18, 2019, in Washington D.C.

This year's theme is **Unique from Day One: Pro-Life is Pro-Science.**

The headline speaker is Ben Shapiro, pro-life conservative media personality and editor in chief of The Daily Wire news site. Several parishes within the Diocese of Rockville Centre are sponsoring buses to the March. Kindly call your local parish or the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Rockville Centre at 516-678-5800, ext. 626, or visit respectlife.drvc.org for further information.



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