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OUR LADY'S PEACE



It was a Monday, so I was busy catching up on emails received over the weekend and going through correspondence and Post-It messages left on my desk. The receptionist that day alerted me that a client had come in, needing a pregnancy test kit and a consultation. The client appeared nervous and impatient.

This particular day happened to be the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima. Knowing this, in the moments before I spoke to the client, I asked the Blessed Mother to guide my interaction with the young woman I was to assist.

Lucy* had seen our sign offering free pregnancy test kits, and she wanted confirmation of a home test which she had read as positive. She began to tell me of her situation before I even introduced myself. It was as if she had all of this anxiety that needed to be shared right away. After her initial outpouring, Lucy slumped down in her chair and asked, "How can you help me? I can't believe this is happening!" I calmly assured Lucy that she had come to the right place, as the Life Center has been helping women and families for over 30 years. I explained all of the services and resources available from the Life Center — free of charge. When Lucy asked how this is possible, I told her that we are blessed with benefactors who provide the Life Center with donations in order to help women make life-affirming choices.

In speaking with Lucy and obtaining the information needed to complete the intake, she revealed that she wanted her child, but all of those around her were telling Lucy to get rid of "it." Lucy had been raised Catholic and hadn't been to church in years, yet knew that abortion is a grave sin. She realized that ending the life of her child would create emotional pain, but no one close to her was supportive. Lucy was torn between doing what she knew was right and doing what her friends told her was "no big deal."

The pregnancy test kit we offered Lucy confirmed her positive pregnancy result. The next step was to set up an appointment for a sonogram. Lucy agreed to this. I asked her if the baby's father would be open to speaking to a male consultant. Lucy was hesitant but said she would ask him. As she was leaving, I gave Lucy one of the beautiful handmade baby blankets we receive from our "angels" and a rosary. I encouraged her to pray and attend Mass; we agreed that her parish church is so beautiful and offers an oasis of serenity. The Life Center offers material support, but she is in need of spiritual support as well.

Lucy is continuing with her pregnancy and awaits the birth of her child in the new year. She knows that the Life Center is here to offer her encouragement and assistance. I believe Our Lady of Fatima was instrumental in Lucy's transformation: She came to the center full of fear, but left in peace.

**Names have been changed to protect confidentiality.*

Cindy Barbeau
Massapequa Staff



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 GUEST SPEAKER MS. TERRY BEATLEY

President of the Hosea Initiative



TERRY BEATLEY

We invite you to join us at our Annual Dinner Dance on Friday, September 27, 2019 for a very special evening as we celebrate our 33rd Anniversary at the Muttontown Club in East Norwich, New York and are privileged to have as our Guest Speaker this year Ms. Terry Beatley.



Dr. Bernard Nathanson, co-founder of NARAL, who later became a pro-life activist.

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. In 2016, Terry published her book entitled *What If We've Been Wrong? Keeping my promise to America's "Abortion King."*

Hosea Initiative aims to give people the information they need to make wise, informed choices and to protect our God-given right to life by building an army of educated citizens to help stop the exploitation of women and children. Her vision is an America where every preborn 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 Distinguished Honorees are the Pro Bikers for Life, whom we will highlight in our August newsletter.

Please join us for this very special evening, with more information about our event below and in the enclosed flier insert. Please help make this year's event even more successful by:

- **Attending our Dinner Dance, ticket price \$150 per person**
- **Taking out a journal ad in our beautiful journal that will be given to over 225 attendees**
- **Participate in our Annual Dinner Dance Sweepstakes with Grand Prize of \$1,000 and Second Prize of \$500**

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 that reaches over 4,000 recipients and also is noted on our donor website.



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**

Guest Speaker: Terry Beatley, President of the Hosea Initiative

Distinguished Honorees: Pro Bikers for Life





MEET LAUREN PHILLIPS



Baby Bottle Coordinator

We are happy to announce that Lauren has taken on the role of Baby Bottle Coordinator for the Life Center of Long Island. Her predecessor, Barbara Clark, has moved to a volunteer position in the Massapequa Center. We are blessed to have such faith-filled staff and volunteers.

Lauren and her husband currently reside in Massapequa with their two children. She holds a bachelor's degree in speech language pathology/audiology from Iona College and a master's degree in counseling/psychology from the University of West Alabama. Having received a Catholic education and sent her own children to parochial schools, Lauren welcomes the opportunity to work at the Life Center of Long Island, where Christian values and faith serve as the foundation of its life-affirming mission.

MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S DAY HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

*This Mother's Day,
"HONOR YOUR
MOTHER..."*



"She is clothed with strength and dignity, she speaks with wisdom... She watches over the affairs of her household... Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also praises her: a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned."

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*This Father's Day,
"HONOR YOUR
FATHER..."*



"He will save the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers."

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*We can never repay our mothers and fathers for the precious gift of life.
May they receive blessings today and for eternity.*

Tara Ashley Costa-Baranowski~ Gloria Thumser

**Fred Breisacher~ Edward P. Callaghan~ Lt. Col. Frank J. Farrell~ Peter Moore Jr.~ Patrick J. O'Connor
David Skinner~ Jesse Skinner~ Albert F. Smith~ Albert L. Smith~ Kenneth Smith
Thomas F. Smith~ Thomas P. Smith~ Ray Thumser~ Robert W. Woessner**



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!



Many thanks to the **Parish of St. Anthony of Padua, Rocky Point**, for the generous collection of baby clothes and items to benefit the families served by the Life Center.

We appreciate the beautiful and extremely bountiful baby shower coordinated by the **Nassau County Chapter Columbiettes** on May 20, 2019 held at The Knights of Columbus Our Lady of the Island Council Hall in Massapequa Park.



In June, parishioner and coordinator Camille Durante of **Our Lady of Grace Youth Group in West Babylon** invited the Life Center to share our expertise on the topic of abortion. As we find regularly, the students are a mixed population of pro-life and pro-choice believers. The truth of the matter is that when students are informed about the reality of abortion, their stance at the very least is challenged, and some are brave enough to come forward and say how they never knew what an abortion entails. Again, this was true for Our Lady of Grace! They knew the reasons why a mother or father would consider abortion. When asked about their own parents' situation at the time of their birth, they were able to see the same reasons, and yet their parents chose life. It gave the students time to reconsider their ideas and beliefs on abortion. They were a wonderful group of teenagers and gave a lot of hope for the future of our

Nation choosing life! Thank you to Camille for this opportunity to educate our youth and to Lisa Vigliotta (Massapequa Staff), who did a great job in her presentation.





IN LOVING MEMORY



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

Frank Luciano~ Adele Lynch

We commend their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, to the sweet, loving embrace of the Father.



HONORARIUMS



Welcome to the world!

Baby Michael

from loving grandmother Rosemarie Ferrara.

The Life Center of Long Island has Memorial and Honorarium cards available. Kindly call Nancy at 516-798-8746 for details.



2019 MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY



Scenes from the June 3, 2019 March for Life rally in Albany, NY to protest New York State's recent passage of the so-called "Reproductive Health Act," which expands abortion-on-demand up to birth, repeals protections for children born alive during botched abortions, and imperils conscience rights. Thank you to all who participated in this event as witnesses to the sanctity of life.



POST-ABORTION HEALING PROGRAMS



For Women: *Surrendering the Secret* is an eight-week Bible study program designed to bring together women who have faced an abortion in their past, guiding them on the path to abundant life for which Jesus sacrificed His life. Contact Lorraine at 631-463-4399 for information. ***Inquiries are confidential.***

For Men: *Healing a Father's Heart* is our men's program addressing the effects of abortion on the father. Come feel the healing love of Jesus who longs to embrace you. Contact Deacon Frank at 516-523-0586 to learn more about this wonderful program. ***Inquiries are confidential.***

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