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GOD'S MYSTERIOUS WAYS



It was a busy day at the Life Center. As I was hanging up the phone in the reception area, I noticed a young woman approaching me. She asked if I could help her. I took her into our private consulting room and introduced myself. She told me her name was Irma*. I asked her how we could be of assistance. Irma was hesitant to answer and I could see she was nervous. Lowering her eyes she said she needed a pregnancy test kit. I reassured her that everything would be confidential and if she read the test kit as positive, we would make an appointment for a free sonogram.

I asked Irma her intentions. Irma strongly emphasized that she did not want a baby. I asked her why. Irma said she already had three children and her boyfriend did not want another child. Irma said she believed he recently had a child with another woman. I shared with her that she could parent this child without the father, if he doesn't want to be involved. Ultimately, only she can offer her baby life. I also told Irma that she is the one who will have to go through the abortion procedure, not him. I continued covering the effects of abortion: physically, emotionally, and spiritually. After we talked, she took the test kit, which showed a positive result. Irma was visibly upset and did not want to talk further, nor did she want a sonogram. Sadly, Irma left.

I tried to reach her over the next few days, but to no avail. Thankfully, two weeks later Irma took my call. She said she was thinking over our discussion and would be open to a sonogram. I told Irma I would set it up as soon as possible. The following day everything was set. I asked her if she wanted me to go with her to the sonogram and she said yes. The sonogram was amazing. The baby was alive with movement. Irma was reassured her baby was fine. I thought to myself, "She is bonding with her child."

We then went to see Dr. Carpentier of the Gianna Center, who went over her sonogram film. Everything was perfect. He spent 2 hours speaking with Irma. When we left his office Irma told me she was going to keep her baby! I told her God works in mysterious ways.

Since then Irma has left her boyfriend who was not supportive of her decision to keep the baby. She knows we will help her with material aid for her child and with emotional support as well. I also noticed Irma's faith in Christ is growing. She said she is grateful to God for the gift of her child. Irma also stated she appreciates the Life Center for being there to help her, because without us, she would not have chosen life for her baby.

As we dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Mother, please pray for all the mothers contemplating abortion, that they may choose life!

**Names have been changed to protect confidentiality*



**Submitted by Veronica Guerra
Derr Park 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
**THE JEWEL OF THE HOUSE
IS THE CHILD**



A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; But when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. —John 16:21

This verse has very special meaning to me because this was shared with me by a dear friend when I was delivering our son Alexander 23 years ago. I was having a very difficult pregnancy but the moment I looked at our son, anything I experienced throughout and including his birth vanished. The love and bond a mother has for her baby is one of the strongest forces in nature; a connection propped up by emotions, memories, and yes, hormones.

Mother’s Day is a day to celebrate and honor the mothers in our lives. But for a woman or teenager who is facing motherhood unexpectedly, the thought of becoming a mother is terrifying and often overwhelming. Questions will run through her head and those we often hear are: *“What will happen to me? Is my life changed forever? Completely over? What will I tell my partner? My parents? Will I be judged? Will I lose my chance to go to college? How will I pay for diapers and take care of my baby?”* Unfortunately, these intense fears lead many women to think they have no other choice than to have an abortion, a decision they might deeply regret.

At the Life Center, we help women realize the love a baby brings to their lives and the mystery within the purpose of their baby’s life within their family. We believe the solution to an “unplanned crisis pregnancy” is to eliminate the crisis and reveal the reality that their baby is an “unplanned gift”. We offer confidentiality and compassion, share information, and provide resources to assist their specific situation.

We at the Life Center have a 100% success rate! Our mothers return with grateful testimonials, such as most recently *“Without you my son would not be alive today. Thank you so much. I couldn’t have done it without you.”* *“You gave life to my daughter and I will be forever grateful. She is the light of my life.”*

Helping not only to save the life of a baby, but in many cases the life of the mother too, is something you can be very proud of this Mother’s Day. Your generosity gives a woman the support she desperately needs during this vulnerable time in her life.

For the special mother in your life, our Life Center staff will pray over all the prayer requests returned on the enclosed Mother’s Day Honorarium and Memorial insert cards and they will be placed on the altar in our beautiful chapel as reflected in the picture in our newsletter.

To all mothers whether parenting, adoptive, birth, and all those with children with our Lord in Heaven, *the littlest feet make the biggest footprints in our hearts.* Mother’s hold their children’s hands for a short while, but their hearts forever. Children are the great love of our lives and the jewels of our homes.

“May she who gave you birth be happy.” —Proverbs 23:25

Blessings,

Gloria

*Happy Mother’s Day and especially
for my Mom who gifted me with life!*



LIFE CENTER 2ND ANNUAL WALK-A-THON



Our Walkathon will be held this **Saturday, May 5th** at Wantagh Park.

If you are or were not able to attend and would like to make a donation to support this cause, please go to our website www.lifecenterli.org and click on the “Donate “ button then select Walkathon in the drop down menu. Thank you for all your support and prayers. Please support us!

Location: Wantagh Park, 1 King Road, Merrick Road, NY 11793

Time: 8:30am – 12:00pm

* Registration is from 8:30 to 9:00. The walk is from 9:00 to 12:00.





MARIAN REFLECTION



“...As members of God’s family, we are concerned for one another and concerned to bring many others into the family...Indeed, our efforts at evangelization must have a Marian component. Evangelization should begin with Marian prayer and it should be suffused with Marian doctrine and devotion. For evangelization is all about building up a family, and no one can belong to a family without honoring the family’s mother...Mary plays an indispensable role in each of her children’s growth in holiness. Yet how many people, even among those who are brothers of Christ, do not know they are children of Mary?”

Scott Hahn, p.144-45
An excerpt from **Hail, Holy Queen**



IN LOVING MEMORY



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

Carmela Aceto ~ Carmen Alba ~ Therese Kirsh ~ Anthony Pagano

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” and “Honorarium” cards available.

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



Thank You * Thank You * Thank You



- On April 3rd, the Columbiettes of St. Frances de Chantal #6526 under the leadership of Kathleen O’Donovan, President, held a baby shower to benefit the clients of the Life Center of Long Island. We are grateful for their generosity and kindness to those we serve. (Donations pictured below.)



- We appreciate the “Angels of Mercy” of Our Lady of Mercy parish, Hicksville for the beautiful hand-knit blankets made for our clients. The beauty of the blankets often brings our clients to tears, as they realize the loving concern of strangers in their time of crisis.



VISIT FROM SPECIAL FRIENDS FROM ISLIP ADULT DAY-HEALTH SERVICES



On Thursday, March 15th, the Deer Park Center had a visit from some special friends from IADHS. Director Sara Fitzpatrick and her Program Assistant Liz Anthony brought eight wonderful adults to give a helping hand at the Life Center. Papers were shredded, clothes were sorted and donations were cleaned, all with big smiles. Everyone was very pleasant and willing to help. Some of the adults shared that they were treated so well, they look forward to coming back again soon.





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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Life is a
BIG
Deal!

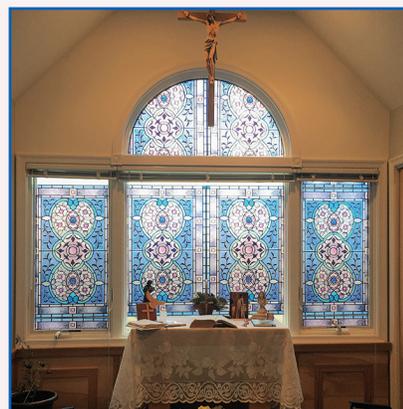
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ANIMAL BALLOONS

WALK 4 IT!

Saturday, May 5, 2018
WANTAGH PARK
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Registration 8:30am - 9:00 am
Registration Fee: Adults: \$20, Under 18: \$10, 12 & Under: FREE
Walk (1/2 mile, 2 miles or 4 miles) 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
To register, visit www.lifecenterli.org
QUESTIONS? Call Kathie (516) 994-0999.

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2ND ANNUAL WALK-A-THON

* Restaurant gift certificates awarded to top two registered adult walkers with highest funds raised.
* Gift cards awarded to top two 18 and under registered walkers with highest funds raised.



There is a beautiful chapel upstairs in the Massapequa center. If you have the time, please stop in during the hours of 10am-4pm, Monday through Friday, and offer a prayer(s) for our clients, volunteers and staff. If you have any prayer requests, a book of intentions is on the altar, and we are happy to include them in our daily prayers as well.



HELP NEEDED



Brick Repair Assistance

Minor brick repair work is needed at the Deer Park Center. If you can be of assistance, kindly call Donna at 631-243-2373.

IT Assistance

Volunteer experienced in computer IT skills is needed. If interested, please contact Cindy at 516-798-8746.

Calling All Carpenters

Some light carpentry work is required at the Massapequa and Deer Park Centers. If you are able to assist at both or either center, kindly call Cindy in Massapequa at 516-798-8746 or Donna in Deer Park at 631-243-2373.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you would prefer to receive this newsletter via email, kindly forward your email address to infoma@lifecenterli.org.

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***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."

Proverbs 31

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*All gifts to the Life Center of Long Island go
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to help stop abortion.*

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Name of person(s) being honored:

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memorial or honorarium listed in the
Life Center newsletter

Thank You

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



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

Malachi 4:6

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