



Life Center of Long Island

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PRAYERFUL WITNESS SAVES LIVES

The recent 40 Days for Life campaign began with a beautiful Mass celebrated at St. Ladislaus church, Hempstead by Fr. Liam McDonald, of Holy Family parish in Hicksville. After the Mass, Fr. Liam and members of the Pro Bikers for Life led a procession to the Planned Parenthood location a few blocks over. Once there, the rosary and other prayers were recited, not just for the young people heading inside, but also for those working there.

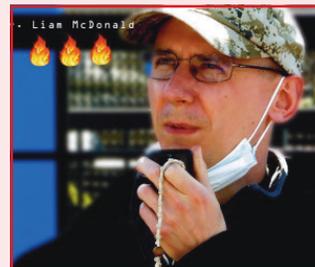
Six days a week, men, women, parish groups and families came out to pray, many holding encouraging pro-life signs, reading "Pray to End Abortion", "Adoption not Abortion", "Tiny Lives Matter, See Your Ultrasound Before You Decide". Several people who had experienced abortion themselves joined in with signs reading "I Regret My Abortion". A number of people mentioned wanting to participate in the 40 Days campaign because of Lent. Two men said they had committed themselves to praying there two hours a day on weekdays! One couple was often seen on their knees, praying the rosary and holding a crucifix.

In talking to people heading into Planned Parenthood, those in prayer were able to refer 21 clients over to the Life Center's office in Hempstead. Some were in need of baby items and because we never just hand things out, each session included educational information not readily available elsewhere. Some benefitted from learning accurate information about birth control, others were encouraged to breast feed, several learned the benefits of marriage over co-habitation, and all were encouraged to renew their faith life.

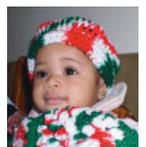
Several clients spoken to by sidewalk counselors were abortion vulnerable, but after speaking to us at the Life Center, chose to continue their pregnancies. One woman came in planning on abortion, but ultimately chose to parent her child after learning the truth about abortion and seeing her ultrasound. Another chose to place her child with an adoptive family.

We at the Life Center are humbled to work alongside the Pro Bikers for Life and all the compassionate people who bear witness to life during the 40 Days of Life campaigns. We can never discount the effect that one person, speaking in love and truth, has on an abortion vulnerable woman.

May all our Board members, staff, volunteers and donors experience the joy of the Easter season as we continue to provide the loving care the risen Jesus asks of all his followers.



Patty Knap
Hempstead 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 CEO

Happy 35th Birthday to the Life Center of Long Island!



"The most important things are hardly ever urgent. That is why it is so important for us to identify what the most important things are and place them at the center of our lives." ~ RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Was it God's Divine Providence that the Life Center opened in May 1986, the month of Mary, setting forth our mission of saving babies' lives? Was the vision our organization 35 years ago permanent or was it ever possible to change and grow?

Our records report that since 1986, we have served 65,687 clients and saved 2,288 babies lives! This does not include the number of men who have come to our centers, some who met with our male advocates, in search for education, guidance, and hope, which enabled them to make empowered decisions with their wives and girlfriends in efforts to save their babies.

Only God knows how many more babies have been saved from abortion that we may not even be aware of because of the work of the Life Center and the generosity of our supporters. You, our benefactors, may not be frontline volunteers in our centers yet work from behind the scenes, just like the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a silent partner yet we know He is there and comes through when we least expect it.

We in the centers are blessed when we are able to witness the change of heart of an abortion vulnerable woman to choose life for her baby. For you, our supporters, who may not be able to witness these blessings in person nor see the angelic faces of the babies saved that are brought into our centers to meet us, walk by faith, not by sight yet believe in our mission and support the work we do. Your friendship and partnership in this ministry of life sustains and encourages us. We are grateful for you, because when we are in the trenches battling darkness, we are not alone.

You and I are living in a powerful moment as there is clear and present darkness brewing in the news every day. This is our moment to stand strong for life especially when statistics show:

**From 2019 to 2020 Planned Parenthood increased abortions by 3%

**An abortion is carried out every 89 seconds in a Planned Parenthood facility

**Taxpayer funding has increased with \$1.7 million taxpayer dollars every day going to support abortion services

We have all experienced lies that twist the heart and mind especially this past year. We can recognize these lies because we believers stand firm on truth. Even the Bible warns us about this deception: "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness... (Isaiah 5:20, NIV)

Has our vision changed? Not at all. Has our mission changed? Not really as much as it has expanded. God has indeed stretched our original vision of our mission. We have found throughout our journey to recognize God's hand when challenges are presented as a clear call to join Him in His efforts.

The "Gift of Life" is one of those most important things that we need to place at the center of our lives. Please help us to help more women and children by your commitment in joining our

Adopt a Mom and Child Program

*Since 2019 the Life Center distributed over \$1.3 million in donated services to our clients, assisting over 4400 women and families. That means that the average client received approximately \$300.00 in donated services.

- Level #1 – For \$25.00 a month for 12 months that would equal \$300.00 for one mom and child
- Level #2 – For \$100.00 a month for 12 months that would equal \$1,200.00 for four moms and children
- Level #3 – For \$300.00 a month for 12 months that would equal \$3,600.00 for twelve moms and children

Please call Nancy at 516-798-8746 or visit www.lifecenterli.org should you wish to participate in this life saving program.

Gloria

Wishing all mothers a Happy Mother's Day!



MOTHER'S DAY HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In May, the month of Mary, we celebrate and wish to recognize the special place in God's Creation reserved for mothers. We are blessed by our mothers' greatest gift to us: the gift of LIFE!

**Anesia Arcas ~ Margaret Barbeau ~ Helen A. Barry ~ Geraldine Boening
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Nicolina Sorrese ~ Angelina Stabile ~ Lucy Sullivan ~ Auda Wilson
Carol Wilson ~ Gloria Winslow-Thumser ~ Rose Wohlpart**



THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU!

Nassau Chapter of Columbiettes held a baby shower recently hosted by the Our Lady of the Island Knights of Columbus Council # 6911. They collected an abundance of baby clothes, diapers, and baby toys and equipment. We are so appreciative of their generosity and continued support.



Many thanks to the members of the **Rosary Altar Society of St. Hedwig's parish, Floral Park**, for hosting a baby shower to benefit the clients of the Life Center. We are grateful for their kindness and consideration for the babies and families we serve.

IN LOVING MEMORY

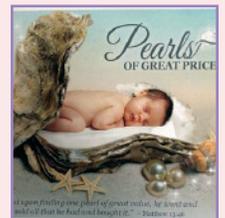


The Life Center of Long Island is grateful for donations made in loving memory of the following:

**Eileen Coyle ~ Jack and Winnie Eschmann
Catherine A. Gagliardi ~ Patricia Gallego**

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

The Life Center of Long Island has "Memorial" and Honorarium cards available. Kindly call Nancy at 516-798-8746, or email at ntantone@lifecenterli.org for details.



We are saddened to share that our Massapequa center volunteer, Eileen Coyle, has passed away and is now in her heavenly home. For years Eileen was on the Tuesday team, always cheerful and willing to lend a hand wherever needed. She shared her favorite prayer with all at the center. It is a reminder of her faithful trust in our Lord.

Be at Peace

Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life. Rather look forward to the knowledge that God will lead you through all things. Do not worry about what may happen tomorrow. The same everlasting father who cares for you today, will care for you now and every day. He will either shield you from suffering, or give you strength to bear it. And when you think you cannot stand it anymore He will carry you in His arms. Therefore, be at peace. Put aside all anxious thoughts. Trust the Lord and He will see you through.



THE LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND IS HIRING!

The Life Center of Long Island is looking to hire a full-time staff member to fill our **Client Services Coordinator** position at our Massapequa facility, located at 35 East Willow Street.

The candidate must have strong supervisory, training, communication and interpersonal skills and be able to coordinate client services with staff and volunteers. Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel a must. Bachelor's Degree preferred, and bi-lingual a plus. Please send resume to Gloria Schreiber at gschreiber@lifecenterli.org. For more information, please contact Gloria at 516-798-8746.

VOLUNTEER CORNER



Lucy Sartin,
Hempstead volunteer

My parish, Blessed Sacrament, in Valley Stream participates in the Baby Bottle campaigns to benefit the Life Center. Every year, I have taken a bottle and filled it with my extra pocket money. The year following my retirement, when our parish handed out the bottles, I filled out the attached card expressing interest in volunteering. I received a call from Veronica, the Hempstead Center Director, and started volunteering shortly afterward. I help with answering phones, sorting baby clothes and donations of food and diapers. In the past year I have battled breast cancer and been forced to isolate due to Covid-19 restrictions. Now that I have been vaccinated, I have returned to volunteering once again, working as a team with the great people here to better the lives of mothers and babies in need.

HOPE AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION

As we celebrate the upcoming holidays of Mother's Day and Father's Day, kindly remember to pray for those parents who have lost a child to abortion. If you know someone who is carrying the pain and sorrow of past abortion(s), please share with them the hope-filled message of God's merciful love and forgiveness. The Life Center of Long Island offers confidential help and healing after abortion for women and men.

WOMEN: *Surrendering the Secret* is an eight week Bible based 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.

MEN: *Healing a Father's Heart* is our men's program addressing the effects of an 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.

ACTION ALERT FROM THE NYS CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Take Pro-Life Action Now!

Legislation which would create a biased task force to help the State Health Department to "study" pro-life pregnancy centers has advanced from the Assembly Health Committee. The bill would enable the Health Commissioner to subpoena pro-life centers and force them to produce an overwhelming volume of data and reports. The pre-determined outcome of the "study" is to find the centers "limited" because they do not provide abortion. Urge your lawmakers to oppose this unnecessary and dangerous bill.

The Life Center of Long Island receives NO funding from the State of New York for its life-saving work.

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