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GOD GAVE THE SIGN



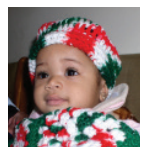
As part of my commitment to the life affirming ministry, I sometimes go on Friday mornings to pray in front of Planned Parenthood in Smithtown, the day they do surgical abortions. In addition to praying for the lives of the preborn and their mothers, sidewalk advocates are there to try to convince both staff and patients that there are better alternatives. I have worked at the Life Center in Smithtown for a little over a year. I am amazed by the dedication of all the staff particularly that of my supervisor. Mary has made it her mission to each morning, before having to be at her office at 8:00 am and despite the weather conditions, standing each morning in front of Planned Parenthood employees as they drive into work offering them job alternatives should they decide to leave the abortion industry. She often says to them “And Then There Were None” referencing the organization founded by a former abortion worker, Abby Johnson. This dedication is in strong contrast with my inner voice that often tells me that nothing I could do would change the hearts and minds of anyone much less a woman who has convinced herself that abortion is the only alternative. Because of these feelings of inadequacy, I would drive to Planned Parenthood asking God for a sign that I can make a difference, albeit even a small one. God’s answer came one early Friday morning.

On December 20, 2024, while praying at the driveway entrance of Planned Parenthood in Smithtown, a young Hispanic woman in her early twenties stopped her vehicle in front and appeared visibly distraught. She was crying and banging on the steering wheel. Because at the time I was the only one there that spoke Spanish, I approached her to ask her why she was upset and to let her know that we were there to help her. She explained that she already had two young children that she couldn’t take care of and that if she aborted this third child she would be able to work and provide for them. This sensitive young women thought her only option was to sacrifice the child she was carrying to be able to work and feed her two other young children. I learned she had recently separated from her husband who was emotionally abusive, and she was living with the children at her mother’s home. She did not tell her mother about this third child for fear that her mother would ask her to leave. I discussed with her what the Life Center has to offer her and her children and that we would walk alongside her to make sure that she and all her children would be well cared for. I invited her to come to the Life Center’s office located across the street to talk and see how we could assist her. Although after our discussion she continued to drive into the Planned Parenthood parking lot, she later called me and said she was willing to speak to us. She asked me if God would forgive her if she had the abortion. I explained that God forgives all, but the problem is forgiving ourselves. She stated that she had asked God for a sign that she should keep her child and that she knew we were that sign. She expressed her gratitude that we were there for her. On that day, she decided to keep her child.

Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception. Christ is with you: be not afraid.



Linda Boggio
Smithtown 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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All babies are gifts from God. For couples trying to conceive and struggling with infertility, the longing for a child is so deep and can be all consuming. Most feel their last best hope is to try IVF – In-vitro fertilization. IVF is about a two-week process designed to obtain eggs which are then fertilized with sperm in a laboratory creating an embryo – a life – that has never before existed and never to exist again.

An estimated 15% of couples are infertile with 33% of couples with women in mid-late 30's. In 2023, 1 in 6 couples worldwide dealt with infertility. In 2021 in the US, an estimated 240,000 couples did IVF with one million children born from IVF, and an estimated one million children frozen in the embryonic state in the United States, either waiting to be defrosted and given their chance at life, or "leftover" from their parents' IVF attempt. They face destruction, a perpetual state of cryopreservation, or donation to another couple or scientific research.

Many pro-life individuals support IVF as a way to create life. In efforts to promote life, President Trump signed an Executive Order to expand and ensure reliable access to in vitro fertilization (IVF) to "provide support, awareness, and access to affordable fertility treatments that can help these families navigate their path to parenthood with hope and confidence." The Executive Order seeks to lower the costs of IVF where a cycle can range from \$12,000 to \$25,000 and reduce barriers to IVF by easing unnecessary statutory or regulatory burdens.

What's important to know: more lives are lost to the IVF process than are born alive. The fundamental ethical issue with IVF is the significant **ethical, medical, moral and cultural issues** of IVF with the destruction/abandonment of human life. Not every form of 'family formation' is moral. What's the ethical difference between deliberately killing human life at an IVF clinic versus at an abortion mill? What should never be a question is an affirmation of the sanctity of each embryo's life, that the protection of children should be before the desires of adults, and embryos are treated as children instead of objects for sale.

IVF destroys embryos at a higher rate than induced abortion. Embryos are often destroyed or left behind for having a genetic health issue, being the wrong sex, or not meeting whatever standards have been set for them — including hair color or eye color. According to the CDC, IVF poses significant health risks to both the mother and the child. Infertility is a symptom of a deeper health issue – the reality that IVF **doesn't actually treat infertility** so much as it **circumvents** it becomes ever more obvious.

Women who conceive through IVF have high rates of multiple delivery; twice the risk of life-threatening complications during their pregnancies such as Preeclampsia or Abruption; a 26% increase in the risk of preterm birth, which can lead to long-term complications with the children.

Children conceived through IVF have a 40% increased risk of birth defects and double the chance of stillbirth. Other known risks for children born via IVF include a higher risk of childhood leukemia, low birth weight, higher blood pressure, hormonal imbalances, advanced bone age, cardiovascular issues, cerebral palsy, autism spectrum disorder, and infertility.

The NEW HOPE for infertility and an effective alternative to in vitro fertilization is **Reproductive Restorative Method (RRM)**. It is a natural and ethical option that addresses a couple's health and fertility with a **whole person approach** that focuses on the **real causes** for infertility such as hormone imbalances, inflammation or poor nutrition. RRM uses nutritional supplements, hormone optimization, and possible surgeries to restore and normalize physiology and anatomy. It's methods are not suppressive, circumventive or destructive; it respects the integrity of the human person; and respects the right of women and men to understand and cooperatively manage their own fertility. RRM does not treat humans as commodities, it restores the natural bonding union of husband and wife.

RRM has a higher live birth rate than IVF (approximately 40.4% vs 24.4%); better peri-natal outcomes; about 4 times less expensive than IVF; fewer multiple births - therefore RRM has potential to save the health care system money by avoiding multiple pregnancies.

We educate women and men challenged with infertility about RRM and refer couples to the Gianna Center for Women's Health and Fertility with locations listed below:

The Gianna Center of Long Island
661 Deer Park Avenue
Babylon, NY 11702
631-376-3232

Gianna Center of NYC
15 East 40th Street, Ste 101
NY, NY 10016
212-481-1219

Gianna Center of Nassau Cty
2000 N. Village Ave. - Ste. 204
Rockville Centre, NY 11570
516-705-1148

Blessings upon all God's children,

Gloria



Happy Saint Patrick's Day!



HIRING NEEDS!! JOIN OUR TEAM!!

Deer Park Facilities Manager to assist in maintaining property and building maintenance, management of baby item donations (ensuring items are in good, clean, working condition), supply receipts and small handyman tasks as needed.

Bi-lingual staff needed in Smithtown, Deer Park and Hempstead locations.

In addition, **Volunteers** are urgently needed in all four locations: Smithtown, Deer Park, Hempstead, and Massapequa. This volunteer position is a great opportunity for the semi-retired and retirees.

Please contact Lauren at 516-798-8746 for further details.



THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU

Our sincere thanks to the parishioners of **St. Patrick's Church**, in **Smithtown**, for generously coordinating a baby shower to benefit the families we serve. May God Bless your kindness!



Thank you to the parishioners of **St. Louis de Montfort**, in **Sound Beach**, for hosting their most recent baby shower to benefit the mothers and babies we serve. The overwhelming amount of gifts, including diapers, wipes, infant/children clothing, toiletries, a car seat and so much more are very much appreciated by our clients.



We would like to express our sincere gratitude to **Maria Ladisa**, and the **students of St. Leo Academy, Corona,**

Queens, for donating the beautifully made baskets of diapers, clothing, wipes and toiletries to our Hempstead Center. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.



A heartfelt thanks to **Mike Contorno**, who so generously donated an abundance of Supermarket gift cards, in **Memory of his brother, Anthony Contorno**. May God Bless your kind efforts help to empower pregnant women by providing them with the resources required to take care of themselves and their children.

The Life Center of Long Island is sincerely grateful to the generous individuals who answered our call and made donations toward a much-needed vacuum cleaner for our Massapequa Center. Thank you so very much for your kindness in providing us with this support which has enabled us to provide our clients and their families with a clean and presentable atmosphere. Your kind efforts are very much appreciated!

IN LOVING MEMORY

HONORARIUM

The Life Center of Long Island is grateful for donations made in honor of

~ **Thomas Leavy's 90th Birthday** ~

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IN LOVING MEMORY

~ **Deacon Frank Gariboldi** ~ **William Mohr** ~ **Carolann Cippoletti** ~ **Ken O'Brien** ~

~ **Baby Daniel** ~ **Rev. Msgr. Philip J. Reilly** ~ **Anthony Contorno** ~ **William Bongiorno** ~ **John M. Carroll** ~

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

May you all be blessed always with God's eternal love and grace.



RAFFLE BASKET DONATIONS AND GIFT CARDS NEEDED!



The Life Center is now accepting donations of new items/gift cards to be used in raffle baskets at our upcoming events. Items will be accepted at any of our centers.

Kindly label: For Raffle Baskets.

Any questions, please contact Regina at 516-798-8746.





Are you Looking For A Way to Make a Difference?

YOU CAN GIVE BACK BY HOSTING A BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Please Contact the Life Center For More Details

REGINA LAWLER
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9TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL GIFT OF LIFE WALK NYC

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 | 11:00 AM
Foley Square

101 Worth Street, NY, NY 10013

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To register and for more information:
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MARCH FOR LIFE



On January 24th, my sisters and I went on the Right to Life March in Washington D.C. Although we missed a few of these marches, we have been attending the march since it started in 1974. In fact, my



sister and mother went to Washington DC and lobbied before abortion became legalized. Every year, my main focus has been to march to show my support in making people aware on how an unborn child's life is precious and a gift from God. This is why my sisters, and I participate in this March each year.

~ Jeanette Butler, Baby Bottle Campaign Volunteer

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