



# Life Center of Long Island

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## TRUST IN THE LORD

As you may or may not know, sidewalk counselors are a vital part of the pro-life mission. Without these brave men and women who give of their precious time, talent, love and devotion, many women experiencing a crisis pregnancy would not know of the wonderful services provided by Women First Pregnancy Options. All hope would be lost for them.

One sunny day in March, an encounter with one such woman would prove again just how important it is to have a presence in front of the Hempstead Planned Parenthood. It was on this day that Marco entered our office with a woman who had planned to enter the abortion facility. It was not a scared young teenager that he escorted in though. Gabriella\*, who was significantly older in years, was also frightened and worried about her pregnancy. While she did not fall into our usual age bracket, our approach to ensuring her that our love, support and meeting her where she was, would remain.

Gabriella\* had more than the usual crosses to bear. You see, this wasn't her first pregnancy. In fact, it was her ninth. Her oldest two children were grown and living on their own. Her next four were with their father in Virginia\*. While she had contact with these children, she wasn't their primary caregiver. She was living with her youngest two children who were under the age of three. These children were half siblings. Matteo\* was the father of the youngest child. Gabriella\* knew that she was involved in a relationship that was not healthy for her or her daughters. She had hoped for a future with Matteo. However, this was not possible as he had made it clear that he was committed elsewhere. She was crushed.

Too often women think so little of themselves that they are willing to settle for much less. I was able to convey to her that she has value just because she is a child of God. We spoke about the sanctity of marriage and waiting for the right person to come into her life. That it was ok to say no to a man who was not willing to do the right thing for her and her children. It seemed like it was the first time anyone spoke that way to her. Giving her permission to say NO.

However, Gabriella\* heard this news too late. She had found herself pregnant once again with Matteo's\* second child. This is why she was headed to PP that fateful day. She didn't want to tell Matteo\* since he had already made clear that their future was not bright. Despite this, I assured Gabriella\* that our center would be there for her. The child she was carrying was just as important as the other children she brought into the world. This child is a gift from God regardless of the circumstances. We talked for quite a while. I reminded her that our center would walk with her throughout the pregnancy while providing her material support along with any emotional and spiritual support she may need. As I do with all women in crisis, I was able to schedule a sonogram for her. While she wasn't able to keep that appointment, we are still working with her to find another date that will accommodate her work schedule.

I am in constant contact with Gabriella\*. While she has decided to choose life for her child, I ask that you keep her in your prayers.

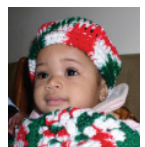
**Cast all your anxieties on him,  
for he cares about you.  
~ 1 Peter 5:7**

*\*Name changed to protect confidentiality.*

**Marco**  
**Our Sidewalk**  
**Advocate**



**Veronica Reyes**  
**Hempstead Center Director**



**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*



## Go to St. Joseph!

When a father is present within his family, we read so often about the tremendous impact he has as a role model in the family home and the importance his presence makes with his wife, children, relatives, friends and community. Fathers' roles here on earth can sometimes be seen as secondary or even forgotten, similar to our wonder why St. Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus, never sought glory or recognition for himself, yet his importance cannot be understated.

A carpenter by trade, his carpentry skills were not only a means of making a living but embodied his role as a protector and provider. When numerous situations threatened the safety of Mary and Jesus, the angels always went to St. Joseph. Despite the challenges that came to St. Joseph when he willingly accepted his role in caring for Mary and Jesus, his example of humble service, and devotion to others serves as a much-needed reminder of the power of compassion and sacrifice. It also reminds us to trust in God's plan for our lives and to serve our family without hesitation.

As we reflect on St. Joseph's life and virtues, we can be inspired in his example as a hardworking carpenter, loving earthly father of Jesus, patron saint for fathers and workers, faithful husband, and patron saint for the unborn. His quiet strength and faithfulness make him a powerful intercessor attributed to miraculous healings.

Although we do not know much about St. Joseph, what we do know is that he led a fascinating life and a significant role in Jesus' life, and that of his wife Mary. Throughout history, the evolution of devotion to St. Joseph depicts how his role has shifted and changed. How one chooses to view St. Joseph's evolving fatherly role and importance in our lives reflects our own changing needs and desires of humans in search of truth and meaning in our lives and connecting in the world around us.

In today's world, self-promotion and individualism often take precedence and career success takes priority over personal relationships. St. Joseph's selflessness and unwavering commitment to his family life can inspire us to live more faithfully and prioritize our loved ones above all else.

At the Life Center, we are reminded of the importance of the role men have as supporter and protector of family. Hundreds of testimonies from our pregnant clients about their decision to accept the gift of life in an unplanned pregnancy, most of the time hinges on whether the father of their baby is supportive of their situation and accepts responsibility as partner and father to their baby.

In an unplanned pregnancy counsel session, we speak separately and confidentially with the woman as we do separately with the father of the baby. When we ask the father, what he thinks about his wife or girlfriend's thoughts or plans about continuing with the pregnancy, most of the men will respond, "I don't believe in abortion and do not want her to have an abortion, but whatever she wants." Often when a woman decides to terminate her pregnancy, her relationship with the baby's father ends or is negatively impacted. She regrets her decision and shares that "if he stood by me and was supportive, I would have had the baby."

Joseph and Mary were not perfect and didn't have the perfect life but endured their challenges. This brings to mind when they lost Jesus but then in their search, found Jesus in the temple. Joseph and Mary were created human beings with all the limitations and potential for imperfection inherent in human nature, even though privileged and uniquely graced. Our male advocates help our male clients to see opportunity through any imperfection. They stress the attributes of St. Joseph and the importance of humility, selflessness and commitment as protector of family.

For Dads who want to become better Dads and strive towards a better family unit, we can look at the game of baseball, where every player strives to hit that home run. However, this does not always happen their first time up at bat. With each swing, the player must learn to be humble and accept mistakes as they come knowing that with each challenge, lessons of perseverance and dedication can teach the player the importance of adaptability and persistence to accomplish their goals. As in parenting, players must learn to be flexible and adjust their strategies accordingly. This takes much effort and dedication when striving to become a better player. St. Joseph can be the inspiration and perhaps be your biggest fan as you round the bases to home plate!

Blessings,

*Gloria*

*Happy Father's Day!*

Give now  
and skip the  
mailbox



# MEN NEEDED!

**"BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE" JOSHUA 1:9**

**DO YOU OFTEN WONDER HOW YOU CAN HELP?**

**THE LIFE CENTER NEEDS YOUR HELP!!**

Male volunteers urgently needed!

Help property & building maintenance, management of baby item donations, ensuring items are in good, clean, working condition and small handyman tasks.

This volunteer position is a great opportunity for the semi-retired & retirees.



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## MOTHER'S DAY HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

***"When we appeal to the throne of grace we do so through Mary, honoring God by honoring His Mother, imitating Him by exalting her, touching the most responsive chord in the Sacred Heart of Christ with the sweet name of Mary"***

*- St. Robert Bellamine*



*During the month of May, devoted to Mary, the Life Center of Long Island received donations made in honor of the following beloved mothers. Thank you.*

**~ Rosanne Morisani ~ Alyssa Morisani ~ Tonia Stachacz ~  
~ Concetta Perotta ~ Elise Fox ~ Emily Phelan ~ All Mother's ~**



*During the month of May, devoted to Mary, the Life Center of Long Island received donations made in memory of the following beloved mothers. Thank you.*

**~ Gloria Thumser ~ Lucia Lombardo ~ Sylvia Morisani ~ Mildred Farrell Shurack ~ Mildred Brevsieher ~  
~ Joan Zambraski ~ Marguerite Peck ~ Oneida Niles ~ Antoinette Capobianco ~ Geraldine Boening ~  
~ Margaret Barbeau ~ Rosemarie Burke ~**

## IN LOVING MEMORY

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**~ Brian Ahrens ~ Anthony Contorno ~ Jack Eschmann ~**

*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.*



# THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU

We would like to express a very special and sincere thanks to the **Maria Regina Rosary Society, Seaford**, for hosting a Baby Shower to benefit the Life Center. We also very much enjoyed the opportunity to speak about the work of the Life Center at your meeting. Your very generous donations of diapers, wipes, clothing, toiletries and much more are very much appreciated and will benefit the families we serve every day.



Many thanks to the members of the **St. Frances de Chantal Columbiettes, Wantagh**, for organizing a baby shower and donating all the wonderful baby items to the Life Center such as clothing, blankets, toiletries and many more baby essentials. 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 wishes to thank the **Respect Life Committee of Holy Spirit Parish, New Hyde Park**, who hosted a beautiful baby shower to collect much needed baby items for our clients and assist us in our mission to uphold the dignity of human life. We are extremely appreciative for the amazing variety of baby items donated to help support our Life Center families.

Our deepest thanks to **St. Raymond's Human Life Committee, East Rockaway**, for kindly coordinating a baby shower to benefit the Life Center and the families we serve. We are extremely grateful for the many wonderful items of baby clothing, diapers, wipes and blankets delivered to the Hempstead Center.

**St. Pius X Columbiettes, Plainview**, for your very generous monetary donation. Your endless support is truly a blessing to us! May God Bless your kindness!

## SAVE THE DATE: 2025 GALA

### LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA!

Sunday, September 21, 2025 ~ 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM  
THE MUTTONTOWN CLUB  
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**Bilingual Staff** - Hiring full-time and part-time bilingual staff positions in our Deer Park, Smithtown and Hempstead locations.

*Qualified candidates should send resume to Gloria Schreiber at [gschreiber@lifecenterli.org](mailto:gschreiber@lifecenterli.org)*

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