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UNEXPECTED JOY



Some of you may recall a story we shared previously, but for those who may be new to the Life Center of LI or may not recall, I want to do a quick recap. In May of 2023, Women First Pregnancy Options, aka the Life Center of Long Island entered a new phase in our attempts to reach women who find themselves with an unexpected or unplanned pregnancy. We realized that a large majority of these young women are in their middle-to-late teens or early twenties. They were raised in an age of ever expanding technology. An age where cell phones are rarely ever far away. How were we to reach them? That is when the answer came to us via the services of another not-for-profit organization called Hope Sync. This chat bot service was added to our www.womenfirstpregnancyoptions.org webpage. Women in crisis can search our webpage. Once the women are comfortable searching the webpage; they can open a chat that will be redirected to our office. This will allow a potential client to reach out for help in a private, non-threatening way. Why am I talking about this other not-for-profit you may ask? This is exactly how Johanna* found us.



Johanna was just 16 when she had found out that she was pregnant. Her first reaction was to reach out to Planned Parenthood. When she left there, she was left with more questions surrounded by great fear of what they were implying. That is when she reached out to us via Hope Sync. She wanted answers to her questions and concerns. Through the Grace of God, we were able to set her up with an appointment for a sonogram through St Charles Hospital. Johanna was able to see her baby in the monitor. Unlike what she had been told at PP, her baby was fine. Through many conversations over the next month, Johanna decided to open up to her parents about her pregnancy. While most parents would have a negative reaction of a child so young being pregnant, her parents were there to walk alongside of her. Johanna delivered a very healthy baby in October of 2024.

That's not the end of her story though. Johanna was able to complete her high school education on time while proceeding with her pregnancy. She was very determined to prove to the world that pregnancy does not have to be the end of her dreams. Besides her high school courses, Johanna also completed her EMT program that she was actively pursuing at the same time. She completed both of these courses of study with excellent grades. Recently, Johanna started her new career with a local hospital system doing the work she had hoped for while her mom assists her with child care. Our relationship continues with Joanne and her child as they embark on their new life journey together and its many wonders that lie ahead.

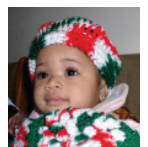
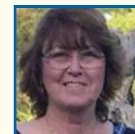
I was blessed this past weekend by attending Jerimiah's first birthday party. It was clear to anyone looking in that Johanna and her son are surrounded by a wonderful and loving family. The joy that filled that room was immeasurable. It was so very heartwarming to be a part of that special day for them both. I could not have been prouder of Johanna even if she had been my own child.

*"God's voice thunders in marvelous ways;
he does great things beyond our understanding."*

~ Job 37:5

**Name changed to protect confidentiality*

Mary Bebbler
Smithtown 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

Happy Thanksgiving!



FR. LIAM McDONALD

A Gala Message from Our Chaplain Fr. Liam

*I*t is a blessing to serve as chaplain for the Life Center of Long Island... all the way from Montauk! Although I may seem far away, I am spiritually united with you and the life-saving work of the Life Center.

I would like to echo my personal gratitude to each of you from last years letter - I would like to thank you for all the ways you have assisted the Life Center in its mission. Each of you in your own capacity and gifting. We all have something to offer and when it is guided by the promptings of the Holy Spirit it will bear fruit. However, my "thank you" goes beyond what you do and to the heart of *who you are*. Let me explain.

You have taken Jesus at His word and become your brother's keeper (Gen 4:9) in a cultural climate that is averse to the word "ProLife." My gratitude for the staff, volunteers, trustees and benefactors goes beyond all the financial and material aid you provide (though important), to the heart of matter: your intimate, daily contact with God. This is the fuel that keeps us going and sustains us in mission, everything else is ancillary. Your continual willingness to go out to the peripheries to the lost and wounded requires full dependance on God. The words of Oswald Chambers come to mind as a think of the essential connection between "our work" out there and the "work" underway in each of our souls: "The lasting value of our public service for God is measured by the depth of the intimacy of our private times of fellowship and oneness with Him."

We are a people that go out into the world with the Gospel of Life and we must always remember that the battles that are won or lost on the "sidewalk" are first won or lost in the hidden places of our will in God's presence. We must never replace deep personal prayer with saying a prayer. Deep personal contact with our living God will be our assurance that we will never burn out, experience fatigue in ministry or worse yet suffer the poison of discouragement. The effects of the culture of death are real and so must be the fire of our prayer lives as we engage the culture of death.

This Gala is important because it helps us "keep the issue warm" by sharing testimonies and building each other up in the Lord around a good meal. Most of you will return to workplaces that have the mind of the world and it is easy to become discouraged. I am grateful you are here.

These grateful hearts of ours should also be sober and vigilant. Pause for a moment this evening and thank God that we have made it one more year. Give God a grateful heart that the Life Center has been able to carry out its life-saving work. We must never take the freedom we operate under for granted because the sobering reality is this: there are forces in this country that would like to wipe Pregnancy Care Centers off the map, make sidewalk counseling illegal, and punish whistle-blowers like David Daleiden for spotlighting Planned Parenthood's dark secrets. We thank God for the ability to assemble and fundraise for the year ahead.

As I reminded you last year: once the night is over, dinner ends and mission begins. I pray you will all carry renewed zeal to promote the Gospel of Life to the People of our time with holy boldness and inspiration that comes from on high. Don't be preoccupied with what looms in front of you... be pre-occupied with Who lives within you who can do 'immeasurably more than you ask or imagine' (Ephesians 3:20)

Please remember you are never alone. The community supports you and through the power of the cross:
***chains are broken, wounds are healed, darkened hearts are melted, prisoners are set free...
the light of Christ shines on those who believe the lie that they are without redemption.***

Thank you for bringing His light to those in darkness. Know of my continued prayers for all of you.

Fr. Liam McDonald

**Give now
and skip the
mailbox**



ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING

All are welcome to join the
Life Center Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers
to share in prayer and gratitude for God's blessings.

**Our Annual Mass of Thanksgiving will be held in the
Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish**

855 Carmans Road, Massapequa Park, NY 11762

Monday, November 24, 2025 at 12:00 noon.

Brief reception to follow.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 20th to
Lauren at 516-798-8746

OUR ANNUAL GALA



*We wish to sincerely thank the magnificent
Muttontown Club, in East Norwich,
for hosting our 39th Annual Gala.
It was a beautiful day filled with joy and laughter.
Their stunning landscape and majestic mansion
provided the perfect setting for our fun-filled event.
A wonderful time was had by all who attended!*



Thank you to all who joined us as we celebrated
our **39th Anniversary Gala** on Sunday, September
21st at the beautiful Muttontown Club in East Norwich.
Our **Distinguished Honorees, Rick Hinshaw, Fr. Fidelis
Moscinski CFR, and Jay Smith** received the prestigious
Life Center Gospel of Life Award. We honored their
dedication to God's work along with their **courage** and



bravery in their tireless efforts to protect the
most vulnerable amongst us, the preborn.

We were also privileged to have as our **Guest Speaker,**
**Ruth Akosua Yeboah, Founder and President of the Life
Centre of Ghana.** Ruth shared her amazing story of hope
and resilience leaving us all inspired and encouraged by her
remarkable courage.



Thank you to all those who supported us in making this another great event!

Please patronize our supporters who so graciously donated gift baskets and gift cards for our 2025 Gala event.

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Calda Pizzeria & Restaurant
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Fanatico Restaurant
Sal & Co Salon
Capri Bakery
Primavera Market
Broadway Garden & Nursery Center

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Country Corner Cafe
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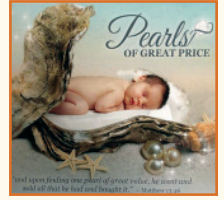
Sequa Deli
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Raimo's Restaurant
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Muttontown Club
Terry & Cindy Barbeau
Long Island Picture Frame Gallery
Deacon Mike and Jean Whitcomb

Salpino Market
Louise Perotta
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Monsoon Steak & Sushi
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IN LOVING MEMORY



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*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 are sincerely grateful to the parishioners of **Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park**, for organizing a baby shower to provide essentials needed for moms and their babies. Your overwhelming generosity is truly a blessing.



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