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DAWN AND JOHN'S PRESIDENT'S DAY MIRACLE

Dawn* and her husband John were in their early twenties, raising their lively five year old daughter and doing their best to build a stable life together. They were overwhelmed by financial strain and family responsibilities when Dawn found herself pregnant. The young mother was the fifteenth of fifteen children. She helped care for her 63-year-old unemployed mother, her 43-year-old brother with special needs, and her 73-year-old father who had lost his sight. Her partner's work was inconsistent, and she herself was unable to work due to the tremendous responsibilities presented before her. The thought of welcoming another baby to an already difficult and challenging situation was unbearable. She had once planned an abortion, but someone who promised abortion pills stole \$500 and disappeared; Later, another individual claimed they would adopt the baby and send paperwork – but no documents ever came.

On Presidents' Day, I received an urgent phone call. It was from Ignacio, a sidewalk advocate in Hempstead. He was informed that a young couple (Dawn and John) were admitted to the hospital because the young girl had gone into labor, possibly about to give birth. When labor pains began, she was terrified of going to the hospital. She had received no prenatal care. A friend finally called a taxi and insisted she go. They were adamant that they could not keep their baby and wanted to place her for adoption. Immediately I wanted to help in any way that I could.

I called and introduced myself to the young father with whose number I was given. I headed straight to the hospital. He was receptive to my assistance and support. Soon thereafter, I was able to meet the couple. After gathering preliminary information, I reached out to the CEO of the Life Center, Gloria Schreiber, for guidance. She advised me to contact Tim Jiccard from Baby Safe Haven, who made himself available immediately. He reminded me that it was essential to speak directly with the baby's mother to confirm her wishes of adoption for her child.

The hours stretched as I anxiously waited. Finally, late in the evening the young mother had delivered a beautiful baby girl weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces. As I was permitted to enter the room, I asked the Holy Spirit to give me the exact words this young couple needed to hear. I carefully laid out every option: **Adoption** through proper channels, reputable agencies, and legal processes. **Parenting:** with full support from the Life Center. As I left their room, I encouraged them to talk and reflect.

Bright and early the next morning, I was already on my way back to the hospital, my car filled with all the baby essentials. As I entered the room again, I saw something surprising and unexpected. The young mother was breastfeeding. I gently asked if they had talked. They had. Their response was simple and heartfelt. Their answer was yes! They decided to parent! They wanted their daughter!

Fear had driven their earlier decision — not lack of love.

Their eyes held both joy and concern, but this time, hope was stronger than fear. What mattered most was that the family was together and the baby was safe. When the mother was discharged, she asked if I could pick them up. I was honored and drove them home, making sure they arrived safely at their apartment — not just as clients, but as a family.

That Presidents' Day reminds us of something profound: There are no holidays when it comes to saving lives; No clock to punch out; No convenient hours for compassion. You simply answer the call — and trust that the rest is guided by God.

**Names changed to protect confidentiality.*



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

A SLIPPERY SLOPE

PASSED: Medical Aid in Dying Law (MAID)

Governor Kathy Hochul signed the Medical Aid in Dying (MAID) legislation S.138/A.136 into law on February 6, 2026. This legislation is now available to terminally ill New Yorkers with less than six months to live who seek assistance in ending their lives, and it will take effect on August 5, 2026. According to Hochul, this law gives New Yorkers a personal choice to suffer less - **to shorten not Their Lives, but Their Death.**

Provisions of the MAID bill include:

The Individual must be an adult (18+); must be a **NY resident**; **Diagnosed** with a terminal illness with cause of death to be within 6 months; **Patient** must make one oral request to their attending physician and one written request signed in front of two qualified adult witnesses who are not relatives, heirs, facility employees caring for the patient, or agents under power of attorney; **Attending physician** must confirm diagnosis, prognosis, decision-making capacity, and voluntariness; **Ensure** patient is fully informed of risks, alternatives, and palliative/hospice options; **Offer** the patient a final opportunity to rescind the request; Document all steps in the medical record; **Medication** must be self-ingested, no injections or administration by another party; **Safe disposal** of unused medication; **Death certificate** will state underlying terminal illness or condition.

Additional guardrails include:

A mandatory 5 day waiting period between when a prescription is written and filled; **An oral request** by the patient for MAID must be recorded by video or audio; **Mandatory** mental health evaluation of the patient seeking MAID by a psychologist or psychiatrist; **Prohibiting** anyone who may benefit financially from the death of a patient from being eligible to serve as a witness to the oral request or an interpreter for the patient; **Requiring** that the initial evaluation of a patient by a physician be in person; **Allowing** religiously-oriented home hospice providers to opt out of offering MAID; **Ensuring** that a violation of the law is defined as professional misconduct under the Education Law; **Extending** the effective date of the bill to six months after signing to allow the Department of Health to put into place regulations required to implement the law while also ensuring that health care facilities can properly prepare and train staff for compliance.

When government becomes involved in end-of-life decisions, such legislation creates a dangerous “slippery slope” precedent that devalues human life but instead should emphasize the inherent value of every human life regardless of circumstances. **Canada’s MAID program rapidly expanded from compassion to coercion and now includes non-terminal conditions like depression. Health Canada is projecting by April 2026, over 95,000 MAID deaths since 2016 legalization.** In states where MAID law is in effect, surveys show that the #1 kind of suffering making people select MAID is their **lack of ability to engage in meaningful life activities, NOT pain and suffering.** Everyone deserves **suicide prevention** rather than **suicide assistance.** Instead of facilitating death, NY should focus on improving palliative care services and access to quality healthcare. There’s always more we can do in terms of love – MAID represents failure to love. As healthcare systems face financial pressures, the temptation to suggest cheaper lethal options rather than expensive ongoing treatment becomes a legitimate fear. Should facilitating death be a solution to suffering? The answer lies not in easier paths to death but strengthening family support systems and improving end-of-life care for all Americans.

We must think about the precariousness this ensues amongst our youth when as we age and suffer, we can opt out of life. This is extremely threatening not only for those that opt out of life but even the conversation that suicide becomes normalized or acceptable. This creates complex grief and intergenerational trauma that is devastating as we already have so many mental health crises and addictions. A younger person will look and wonder what else is there to offer? We need to ensure we offer love rather than death.

Our Life Center Mission Statement:

**To promote, encourage and foster public sentiment
for the respect of dignity of human life, from conception to natural death.**

Blessings,

Gloria

Happy St. Patrick's Day



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MATCHING GIFTS

Many companies offer matching gift programs for employees and retirees who make charitable contributions to the Life Center of Long Island. Through these programs, your generosity may be doubled or even tripled, extending your impact even further. Donors are encouraged to check with their Human Resources Department to learn more about their organization's matching gift policy.

To learn more information about this program, please contact Michael Maglione at (516) 798-8746.

THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU

Thank you to the **Catholic Daughters of America, Christ the King, Commack**, 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's clothing, handmade blankets and so much more are very much appreciated by our clients. We greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN FEBRUARY 18 - MARCH 29 Helping to End the Injustice of Abortion

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer, fasting, community outreach and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. Our **Women First Pregnancy Options centers**, located in Hempstead, Massapequa and Smithtown, are across the street or one block away from these Planned Parenthoods. The **40 Days for Life** Campaigns enable Sidewalk Advocates and/ or Prayer Warriors to bring a woman directly to one of our centers where we can educate her on the truth about abortion in hope she has a change of heart and saves the life of her baby and spares herself the spiritual, emotional, and physical anguish an abortion would bring. Please participate in the current **40 Days for Life** campaign to help end abortion and save lives! The following campaigns are taking place throughout Long Island:

Hempstead: Pro Bikers For Life • Hempstead Planned Parenthood
540 Fulton Ave Hempstead, NY • 516-410-5983 •
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Patchogue: Waverly Avenue Respect Life, Inc. • Waverly Avenue
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450 Waverly Ave Patchogue, NY • 631-615-1735
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Smithtown: Planned Parenthood
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35 Carman's Road Massapequa, NY • 516-848-1562



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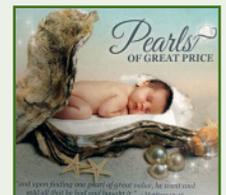
~ Raymond J. Thumser ~

~ Baby Daniel ~ Nicholas Napoli ~ Claire Ackerina ~

~ Anthony Contorno ~ Kathy Moore ~ Mary Diglio ~

~ William Mohr ~ Brian Mohr ~

We commend their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, to the loving embrace of our Father. May you be blessed always with God's eternal love and grace.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS:

WELCOME TO GISELI ARACENA-ORTIZ

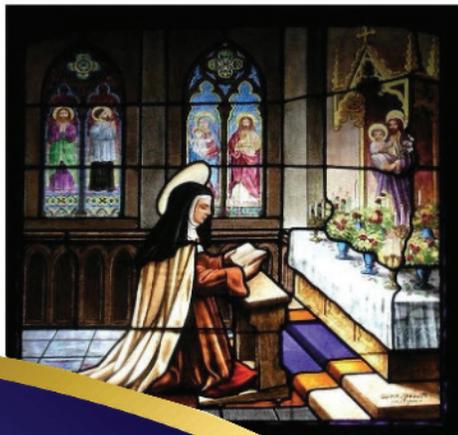


I first learned about the Life Center through sidewalk counselors and online posts shared by other pro-lifers promoting pregnancy centers. About two years ago, I met Veronica at a retreat where she mentioned they were looking for a bilingual counselor at the Hempstead location. At the time, I was in college pursuing a different career path, so I didn't feel called to it then. Two years later, after much prayer and discernment, I began to sense that God was leading me in a new direction. I felt drawn to revisit that conversation and realized this was part of his purpose for my life, to serve as an instrument of his love. Today, I am grateful to be part of the Life Center team, helping mothers find courage, peace, and the support they need to choose life.

FROM THE WOMB TO THE TOMB PODCAST

We would like to introduce *Life Matters For All - From the Womb to the Tomb* Pro Life Podcast hosted by Knights for Life Inc. / Nassau County, Keith Wilson with co-host Sal Polito. Sponsored by TLC Home Companions and Embassy Diner, both in Bethpage NY, *Life Matters For All* is recorded live from Paradise Studios NY and distributed via the Strong Island Television Network. Thank you for most recently inviting our CEO of the Life Center of Long Island, Gloria Schreiber, to discuss the work and mission of the Life Center of Long Island.

Gloria's podcast can be viewed by clicking the QR code below or through [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) by entering **Life Matters For All** - "Episode 5."



KNIGHTS FOR LIFE NASSAU COUNTY LIFE MATTERS FOR ALL PODCAST

FROM THE WOMB TO THE TOMB!!

THIS WEEK'S EPISODE IS FEATURING

GLORIA SCHREIBER,
CEO OF THE
LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND

HOSTED BY:
KEITH WILSON & SAL POLITO



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