



We Remember Roe



On **January 12th**, the Greater Philadelphia Pro-Life Community will commemorate the 40th *Roe v. Wade* Anniversary. A **Prayer Vigil**, sponsored by Generation Life and the Pro-Life Union, will be held at the **Philadelphia Women's Center, 777 Appletree Street from 8-9 a.m.** The Rosary will be prayed, and sidewalk counselors will be present to reach out to women entering the facility.

Following the Prayer Vigil there will **Mass at 9:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul**. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Chris Walsh. Please join us for this important anniversary. *There will be no Second Saturday Vigil.*

The **March For Life in Washington, D.C.** will be

Friday, January 25th. Check with local churches to see if they have space on their bus, and join almost one-half million pro-lifers in being a voice for the pre-born.

An Adoption Story

A local bike store owner proudly displays a "*Pregnant? Need help?*" sign in his window. The number given is manned by volunteers of the Pro-Life Union. Women call and are directed to help when facing an unexpected pregnancy. Over the years, we have happily shared the stories of lives saved and hearts changed through the efforts of the pro-life community. Last year, Lacy, a beautiful young woman, called after seeing the sign in the window. Lacy was 6 months pregnant with her third child. She needed help for her family and was interested in making an adoption plan for her unborn child. We found Lacy help and resources. She was able to sit with a counselor to talk through her situation and was also connected to a family hoping to adopt. In November, Lacy went into labor a week early. Adoption plans were still being finalized, and there were many concerns. But God literally placed His special people everywhere for this child's birth. A pro-life doctor was on call that night, a pro-life nurse tenderly cared for this young girl during and after delivery. Our board member, Kathy Sobocinski, sat patiently with Lacy in the hospital. A beautiful baby boy was born. His birthmother held him quietly for a short time and then generously placed him with his parents. Weeks have gone by since that special morning, and Lacy is doing well and had a wonderful Christmas with her children; Meanwhile, the baby was baptized and is happily living with his family. Adoption is beautiful.

Terri's Day

The Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network announces "The National Mass for Terri's Day" which will be celebrated by Archbishop Charles Chaput at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul on Friday, April 5th, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. A banquet at the Philadelphia Marriott, 1201 Market Street, will follow the Mass at 6:30 p.m. Shuttle service will be provided from the Cathedral to the Marriot and back. For more information, call 484-278-4287 or visit www.lifeandhope.com.



Warminster Campaign

Abortions continue at the Warminster Planned Parenthood operation located on Louis Drive. Over 11,000 mothers and babies have suffered there. Citizens have been raising the issue with Warminster Supervisors. They will do this again on Thursday, January 17th. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. We encourage pro-life people to attend these meetings. Your attendance will encourage the Supervisors to work for justice. Our voices must be heard!

Good News

Beating the predictions, in November, **Massachusetts** voters rejected assisted suicide by a 51-49% margin. It was expected that this liberal state would have little difficulty with ending "useless lives." But good people rose up – pro-lifers, churches, disability rights advocates, doctors and nurses. **Montana** joined 40 other states by passing a parental notice measure which specifies that parents be advised that their teen child is planning to abort. In Texas, Gov. Perry and pro-life forces have won a big one. The 5th Circuit Court has ruled that **Texas** may proceed to defund Planned Parenthood. The state has been punished by the Feds, losing \$30 million for their Texas Women's Health Program. The governor has indicated that he will replenish it with state funds. May Pa. follow the example of the Lone Star State.

Local Blessing

That would be J.D. Mullane, a columnist at the *Intelligencer*. Writing about the Connecticut school massacre, he identified the root cause – "It's the American Culture. We have cheapened human life. We snuff it when it is helpless and inconvenient."

Upcoming Events

February 4th & March 4th – “Life, Love & Sexuality – the Series” at St. Peter’s parish in West Brandywine.
For more information, call 610-942-3571.

February 24th - Pennsylvanians for Human Life *Celebrate Life Banquet* – 4 p.m. 610.696.0780

February 16th - Night for Life – 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Trenton County Club, Trenton, NJ. To benefit the Legacy of Life Foundation and The King’s Men.

Facts of Life...

is the name of our new online blog. Please visit our website and blog at www.prolifeunion.org to keep updated and informed about pro-life information and news. We are blessed to have Marybeth Hagan as a regular contributor and her Dec. 20th blog sets forth a pro-life challenge! *“Like our predecessors in the early days of Christianity, we live in a society that treats unborn and born human beings as if they were disposable. May the Lord of new life, whose birth we celebrate this Yuletide season, help all of us – not just Christians – to realize our responsibility to live lives that will transform today’s culture of death.”*

War on Marriage

“American Unity” has been organized to foster “homosexual marriage.” Paul Singer leads the group with a \$1 million start-up, followed by contributions by Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon, (\$2.5 million), Bill Gates (\$500,000) and Michael Bloomberg (\$250,000). Many corporations have decided to support this effort to denigrate marriage, including Home Depot, Target, Microsoft, American Airlines, Bank of America, Coca Cola and Google. Be sure to advise these people why you are not using their services. We are called to speak in the Public Square.

Shout Out for Canada!

The Governor General of Canada has issued Medals of Honor to two pro-life women activists for their “Contribution to Canada.” The honorees have been arrested for their efforts to rescue mothers at abortion facilities. Parliament member Maurice Vellacott said, “Like Martin Luther King, Mary and Linda are using civil disobedience to further a just cause. Peaceful civil disobedience is an appropriate method when trying to protect defenseless, voiceless human beings in the womb from butchery and death. Their actions remind all that, I am my brother’s keeper.”

Briefs

- ✓ The drive to secularize Christmas received a major boost from the Governor of Rhode Island. In 2011, he proclaimed that the tree at the State House was a “Holiday Tree.” Citizens responded by caroling at the tree. In 2012, he sought to stop the caroling by making his tree proclamation just 30 minutes before the lighting ceremony. Alabama became the first state to declare Christmas a legal holiday in 1836. Oklahoma was the last in 1907.
- ✓ “Catholics for Choice” continues its fight against the Catholic Church, life and marriage. While they have no members, they have spent \$13 million promoting abortion in Latin America. Their funds come from the Ford Foundation (which supplied \$300,000 in 2011), the MacArthur and Playboy Foundations, and George Soros.
- ✓ Another firm suing over Obamacare is Conestoga Wood Specialties, a Mennonite company from Lancaster County. They stated that it would be sinful and immoral to participate or pay for any contraception which “would have the effect of an abortion.”
- ✓ The Girl Scouts continue to move on, supporting decriminalization of abortion and sex work, and the elimination of parental consent, waiting periods and age of consent requirements for underage abortions. Local Girl Scout leaders have work to do.
- ✓ RU-486 has now been legal in the U.S. for 12 years. This “safe” chemical has killed 12 women that we know of and 2,200 have suffered injuries.

Be a Light as You Drive

Can a pro-lifer drive an auto without a pro-life license plate? For a **one-time** charge of just \$44 (\$24 to PennDot and \$20 to a pregnancy center), you can deliver a beautiful message to hundreds of thousands. Visit www.pachoose-life.org or call 215-885-2919. Please, do it now!



“Pray without ceasing.” Thessalonians 5:17

Protestants – 2nd Saturday, Planned Parenthood, 12th & Locust – 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Catholics – (The Rosary will be prayed after each of these Masses. **Location in parentheses.**)

2nd Friday – 9 am Mass – St. John Chrysostom, 615 S. Providence Rd. Wallingford (RHCC)

3rd Friday – 8 am Mass – Nativity Of Our Lord, 625 W. Street Rd. (PP Warminster)

1st Saturday – 7 am Mass – Christ The King, Morell & Chesterfield (PP Comly & Blvd.)

1st Saturday – 8 am Mass – St. Agnes, West Chester (PP West Chester)

2nd Saturday – 8:30 am Mass – Newman Chapel at 38th & Chest (U of P Hospital: 34th & Spruce)

3rd Saturday – 7 am Mass – St. John, 13th & Market (PP 12th & Locust)

4th Saturday – 6:30-8:45 am – Phila. Women’s Ctr., 8th & Cherry