



September
2013



Pro-Life Union* 88 Pennsylvania Ave., Oreland Pa 19075 * 215-885-8150 * www.prolifeunion.org

Forty Days for Life

It is time for all to participate in this marvelous event of prayer and witness. Each year, hundreds and hundreds of abortions are cancelled during the prayerful forty days. There are Campaigns throughout our area. They will begin on September 25th and conclude on November 3rd. Call our office for details or visit www.40daysforlife.com.

A Final No?

When the Gosnell abortion facility was closed, the Pro-Life Union called the Phila. Medical Examiner and asked for the bodies of his young victims. A nearby church was contacted, as well as an undertaker. The City Medical Director advised us that the bodies would not be released until the trial was completed. After the trial, we were told that the bodies would not be released to us and Bishop Chaput was likewise turned down. The City has committed to giving a proper and respectful disposition to the remains in accordance with their standard practices. We continue to pray that the City will soften their hearts and allow these children to rest in peace.

On Sunday, August 25th, about 60 pro-life people gathered at the former location of Kermit Gosnell's abortion facility. The purpose of the event, organized by a coalition of pro-life groups, was to plead with the Medical Examiner to release the bodies of the Gosnell babies so that they could be given a public burial. Pro-life groups continue to seek a different outcome.

Hope is Here

Perceptive analyst, Mary Eberstat, probes and writes about social changes. Many Americans believe that contraception and abortion will always be dominant in U.S. culture. She points out the fact that cultures do reverse negative trends.

Her belief is that current polling shows a general advance in pro-life sentiment and the fact that most young Americans are not pro-abortion is the beginning of a fundamental change on abortion. May we pray and work more diligently to speed up this change so that contraception, abortion and euthanasia are rejected.

Praise for Crisis Pregnancy Centers

Federal legislators Carolyn Maloney (NY) and Robert Menendez (NJ) have introduced legislation in the House and Senate to hinder the great work of pro-life pregnancy centers. The basic sponsor is NARAL. They deceptively call themselves pro-choice, but in reality they wish women to have no choice. Pro-lifers see this play out at abortion facilities as their personnel take all steps to deny mothers information of where they can find help.

The work and staff of pregnancy centers should be celebrated and encouraged. They do much for women and children and now we have more of these centers existing than abortion facilities. Thank you, Jesus.

3rd Annual Harvest Fest!

You won't want to miss this night of dinner, dancing and fun that will assist the life-saving work of the Legacy of Life Foundation. Lives are being saved and hearts transformed in the pregnancy centers they support. The event will be held on **Friday, Oct. 4, 2013** from 6:00-10:00pm at **Rose Bank Winery** in Newtown, PA 18940. For tickets and information please call 215-788-4051 or visit www.legacyoflifefoundation.org.

National Day of Remembrance

Throughout the U.S., September 14th will be marked as the day when we remember the children who have died in abortions.

Locally, a noon Mass will be celebrated at St. John Fisher Church in Boothwyne, after which a service will be conducted at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cemetery in Upper Chichester. Fr. John McFadden and Pastor Bob Lewis will officiate.

Also, at St. John of the Cross Church in Roslyn, there will be a service at 1 p.m. on Sept. 14th.

Pro-Life Vigils

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.)
3rd Friday – 8 am Mass – Nativity of Our Lord, 625 W. Street Rd. (PP Warminster)
1st Saturday – 8:30 am Mass – St. Laurence, Upper Darby (PP Upper Darby)
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)
3rd Saturday – 7 am Mass – St. John, 13th & Market (PP 12th & Locust)
4th Saturday – 6:30-8:30 am – Phila. Women's Ctr., 8th & Cherry

Pro-Life Union Seeks Monthly Update Sponsors

The Pro-Life Union's Monthly Update shares the great and vital work being done to build a Culture of Life and reaches more than 1,500 homes across Greater Philadelphia. As our city and neighborhoods grow, so too does the Pro-Life Union's work. At this time, the Pro-Life Union is seeking 12 supporters to become Charter Sponsors of our Monthly Update through a \$150 monthly commitment. This contribution will be used to continue our Update as well as improving our social media outreach through our website, Facebook and web ads. Charter sponsors will receive an ad space in the Monthly Update, and each month one sponsor will be profiled in the Monthly Update in recognition of their support and work. If you are interested in becoming a Charter Sponsor of the Monthly Update, please contact Tom Shakely at [\(215\) 989-4368](tel:2159894368) or tshakely@prolifeunion.org.

This could be your ad! →



Life Chains



Life Chains are a beautiful witness for the unborn to thousands of people. On Respect Life Sunday, October 6th, several will be held in our area. Please consider attending a Life Chain. Your gift of approximately 1 hour may change the hearts and minds of those who need to see this message.

ABINGTON HOSPITAL ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN

Old York Rd at Horace Ave, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.; Patrick Stanton 367-718-4851

CHESTER COUNTY / WEST CHESTER - High St from Union to Washington, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Joan Carbo 610-431-3686

COLLEGEVILLE - Rte 29 (Second Ave) at Acme Plaza, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.; Mary Ann Daly 610-454-7984

DOWNINGTOWN - Rte 30 Business (Lancaster Ave) at Manor Ave, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Dan Bowser 610-383-1867

KENNETT SQUARE - 225 Cypress St at Meredith St, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Mary Ellen Tandarich 610-347-0222

WARMINSTER / BUCKS COUNTY - Street Rd from York Rd to Louis Dr, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.; Maria Woods 215-443-7436

WEST GROVE - 105 W Evergreen St at Prospect Ave, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Ann Marie Barr 610-869-8559

Did You Know?

- ☞ "Pregnancy is not natural." So spoke Frances Kissling, former director of "Catholics for a Free Choice." We disagree, pregnancy is the most natural thing in the world.
- ☞ In the U.S., we now have 24 million children growing up without a father. Even the New York Times reports on the harmful effects on these cheated children.
- ☞ Oregon, the first state to legalize doctor-assisted suicide, has seen suicide increase 49% in a single year.
- ☞ As every school student knows, the French gave us much help in 1776 in achieving our freedom. Now, they give us good example in restoring marriage, which their government has rejected. One million marched in Paris on behalf of marriage. On another occasion there were 400,000 people and over 20,000 French mayors have spoken out, many stating that they will not perform a same gender "marriage."
- ☞ At eight weeks, the heart of a baby in the womb beats 150 times a minute.
- ☞ The number of abortion providers has been decreasing every year since 1982. This decline is happening in 27 states and D.C.
- ☞ Rep. Jerry Stern and 55 other members of the House have sent a letter to the Attorney General reminding her of duty to defend Pa. law, which states that marriage is between a man and woman. The state has filed against the Montco action. The case will be held in Commonwealth Court on Sept. 4th.

Facing Abortion in Ireland

The Irish politicians who stood for life during the recent move to make abortion legal have been duly punished by their superiors. They have been ousted from their political parties. Irish Senator James Walsh was particularly attacked because he graphically described an abortion in Parliament. We commend him for unmasking the reality of abortion and giving a voice to the voiceless.

Stand Up For Life Dinner

This exciting event will be here before we know it! Each year, we gather in joy to celebrate the accomplishments of pro-life people, break bread with other like-minded friends and hear the message of our guest speaker. This year's Dinner will be Sunday, November 24th, reception at 4:30 pm and dinner at 5:30 pm. **Sr. Jane Dominic Laurel, O.P.** will deliver our keynote address. Sister will encourage all with her wisdom on life and family issues. Tickets are \$60. A table of ten will be discounted to \$550 (a savings of \$50). Student tickets are just \$35, a table of ten just \$300. Please send reservation and payment to our office. *Seating will be made immediately upon receipt of paid reservation. Please reserve by Nov.12th.*



Be a Patron for Life!

Please consider supporting the 2013 Stand Up For Life Dinner by placing a **Patron Ad** in our Program Book. These ads will help to defray the cost of student dinners and allow you to honor a loved one or show your pro-life pride!

Gold Patron - \$100.00 _____

Silver Patron - \$ 50.00 _____

Rose Patron - \$ 25.00 _____

Life Patron - \$ 10.00 _____

List your name, a short message or a memorial message in your ad.

examples: "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" "Vote pro-life!" "In memory of Joseph Smith."

Your message _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Advertising Deadline November 1, 2013