

It's a Great Time to Be Alive! All Shall Be Well.

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You are suddenly shocked in to a new state of being. The future is unknown. The world you've known has changed. You're terrified. You feel the stress and anxiety and your mind runs wild with worst case scenarios. Our own feelings during this pandemic may give us an unusual insight. Let's pray with a new level of understanding and empathy for women who are experiencing unexpected pregnancies. **The Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia is here for moms, the unborn, families and you and we need you more than ever:**

1. Yesterday we held a videoconference call for maternity homes to discuss how to best care for women, the unborn, and children during this crisis. We provided the Department of Health's recommendations during the pandemic, talked about how to keep women from violating social distancing recommendations, how to care for children, create a healthy emotional atmosphere and whether to accept new moms (the answer is yes for now).
2. This week we participated in a statewide videoconference to strategize on how to prevent the Governor's attempted addition of REMOTE ABORTIONS by telemedicine to a bill that the Pennsylvania Senate is considering. Abortions by telemedicine is a far larger tragedy than coronavirus. Contact your Pa Senator!
3. We will offer a brief daily Facetime Live broadcast (visit our Facebook page @ProLifeUnion) this coming Monday through Saturday at 9:00am for prayer for the unborn, for an end to abortion and euthanasia, and prayer for an end to this pandemic.
4. We continue to offer volunteers assistance in finding practical ways you can serve pro-life ministries, moms, and the unborn as we always do, but particularly during the pandemic. Sign up to volunteer here: <https://prolifeunion.org/volunteer/>
5. Multiple moms have changed their minds this week in Philadelphia during 40 Days for Life! Praying at the Abortion Centers is as important as ever. PLEASE physically pray at an abortion center, stand 6' apart, and offer women hope. If the situation dictates that you must offer your 40 Days for Life prayer and fasting at home ... be committed to it and let us know.
6. ABORTION CENTERS brazenly stay OPEN ... while PREGNANCY CENTERS are mostly CLOSED to follow pandemic guidelines. We are working to reverse this and shut down the abortion clinics and help the pregnancy centers provide as much service as possible during the coronavirus outbreak.
7. Abortion numbers historically go up when economic crisis hits. Not on our watch! This is time to lean in with your prayer, to double up on our efforts, and to strategize together how to be in front of women in unexpected pregnancies online chat, text, by phone, videoconference and social media more than ever in this season. Our outreach team will continue to meet to re-envision the best ways to conduct outreach during social distancing.

8. The Executive Committee of the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia met last night via videoconference to strategize how to be most effective in the current times to see an end to abortion and euthanasia.

9. Our full Board of Directors will hold a special meeting on Thursday, March 26 to plan how to best serve our mission, direct our budget, and to help the pro-life community proclaim and serve moms, preborn babies, men, families and our communities during the pandemic and beyond. If you have creative ideas of ways we can protect life in this time, please email us at mail@prolifeunion.org.

10. Please continue to financially support the Pro-Life Union and all our member organizations. This is a time to increase, not decrease your philanthropy. Abortion continues to be the world's greatest threat to life. The pandemic will come and go. The pro-life movement must carry on. Ministry to the vulnerable must continue. The Gospel of Life must advance. It depends on you. Donate today here: <https://prolifeunion.org/give/> or mail your donation to Pro-Life Union or Guiding Star Ministries at 88 Pennsylvania Avenue, Oreland, PA 19075.

This is a wonderful time to be alive. Spread the news. Proclaim the Gospel of Life. In the incredible book and movie, *The Hiding Place*, about one family's tragedy and triumph through the terror of Nazi occupation in World War II, Corrie Ten Boon says, "Questions remain, but they are not to be feared. Our heavenly Father holds all things in His hand, even our questions. No pit is so deep that He is not deeper still. With Jesus the best remains, and the very best is yet to be." Let's proclaim it, together. All shall be well. Dear brothers and sisters during this pandemic, all shall be well. Dear pregnant woman, all shall be well.



Babies are Saved!

This spring's 40 Days for Life Campaign kicked off on February 25th and runs until April 5th and right away, babies across our nation are being saved! The first confirmed report came within 26 hours in El Paso, TX. And after just five days, 40 Day's national website reports that already 35 baby's mothers have turned around and chose to continue their pregnancies. The power and presence of pro-lifers truly works! Consider giving an hour or more of your time to pray at local abortion centers in Center City, Northeast Philadelphia, West Chester, Norristown, and Warminster. For more information about 40 Days for Life locations and leaders, visit prolifeunion.org/outreach/40-days-

Pregnant?
Need Help?



Text 484-451-8104 or
call 610-626-4006.

Just the Facts, Baby



The human being is a complex being, made in the image and likeness of God. Here are some fun facts about us before we were born, given by international expert, Dr. Eduard Gratacos.

The first heartbeat occurs at week 5 of gestation. But the entire heart is only the size of the head of a pin! During this week, the heart grows from 1 millimeter to 2.

All preborn babies have a mustache, which is called a lanugo. It is a kind of very fine hair, like velvet, that covers the whole body from week 15 on. All of us had a mustache!" (Yes, even girls!) It will disappear shortly before birth and then the permanent hair will appear. Elephants, whales, and seals also have lanugo, as do primates. But only the human being loses it before birth: the other species will always keep it.

Each unborn baby has its own fingerprints. They begin to form in week 10 and are unique to each one, even in identical twins.

Fetuses open and close their eyes. Although they are in the amniotic fluid, it is as if they are swimming in a pool and opening their eyes. This occurs in weeks 12 to 14.

Preborn babies yawn! And they do it often, between one and three times an hour. It occurs from week 13 on. The funny thing is that scientists do not know why most mammals yawn.

Starting in week 13, fetuses start to stick out their tongues. So, on an ultrasound it may appear that the baby is making fun of the "photographer."

Their heart is a high-speed train. At week 15, it pumps at a rate of 150 beats per minute.



Mourning the 2,411

On February 12th, the 2,411 victims of abortionist Ulrich Klopfer were buried in South Bend, Indiana where Klopfer had operated his abortion facility. The babies' bodies were found in the deceased abortionist's car and garage. Fr. Frank Pavone led a brief prayer service and in Washington, D.C., U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-Ind) led a moment of silence in the House of Representatives. In her remarks, Rep. Walorski noted, "These victims of Indiana's most prolific abortionist would be in their late teens now, graduating from high school and entering into college. But their innocent lives were cut short, and they were denied a proper burial. Instead, their remains sat for almost 20 years in a garage and a car trunk, in moldy boxes and Styrofoam coolers. Such callous disregard for human life should shake us to the core. These children deserved justice and dignity."



Pray for SCOTUS

On March 4th, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) heard arguments in the *June Medical Services v. Russo*, a case involving a Louisiana law which requires abortionists to have admitting privileges in local hospitals. The law, named "Unsafe Abortion Protection Act," would save women like "Brenda J." from having no access to medical attention after a botched abortion. Brenda went to a Louisiana facility where during the procedure, the "practitioner" perforated her uterus and left her bleeding on the operating table for over seven hours. He did not call an ambulance and had a staff member take her to the hospital and lie about what happened in order to save his "reputation." Fortunately, Brenda's life was saved at the hospital, but she was left infertile.

If the court upholds the law at issue, it would open the door for a host of new abortion restrictions across the country. With Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh now on the Court, we could be looking at a pro-life outcome. In fact, the abortion lobby is calling this the first step toward undoing *Roe v. Wade*. While we may not hear the decision until later this year, please pray that the members of the Supreme Court vote for women and children in this important case.

Not Just Numbers

It's sometimes easy to look at the chart below and just see the numbers. If we look a little deeper, we will realize that these figures are not just numbers - they are lives lost to abortion in our Greater Philadelphia area in the year 2018. You will notice that some of the facilities are missing statistics. In the last three years, the number of unreported abortions is increasing and we are unaware that these abortion facilities are being told to comply with the laws of our state.

Facility	Total 1 st Qtr	Total 2 nd Qtr	Total 3 rd Qtr	Total 4 th Qtr	Total Year
Abington Hospital*	26	n/r	18	22	66
Benjamin Berger* (closed in 2019)	n/r	n/r	176	n/r	176
Bryn Mawr Hospital*	4	2	n/r	n/r	6
Crozier Chester Hospital*	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r
Einstein Hospital*	n/r	n/r	26	28	54
Hahneman (Broad & Vine)*	2	6	n/r	2	10
Jefferson Hospital	22	23	17	32	94
Lankenau Hospital*	n/r	n/r	2	n/r	2
Main Line OB/Gyn – Collegeville	1	n/r	n/r	1	2
Main Line OB/Gyn – Paoli	2	1	n/r	n/r	3
Main Line OB/Gyn – Strafford	1	7	6	2	16
Moss*	2	1	1	n/r	4
Paoli Hospital*	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r
Pennsylvania Hospital	58	48	49	35	190
Philadelphia Women's Center	1,775	1,637	1,543	1,479	6,434
Phoenixville Hospital*	3	n/r	n/r	n/r	3
Planned Parenthood (Comly Rd)	660	553	526	524	2,263
Planned Parenthood (Norristown)	210	196	198	185	789
Planned Parenthood (Philadelphia)	1,225	1,029	956	1,021	4,231
Planned Parenthood (Warminster)*	183	197	220	188	788
Planned Parenthood (West Chester)	206	196	199	165	766
Taylor Hospital*	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r
Temple Hospital*	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r
University of Penn. Hospital	91	97	61	66	315
Women for Women (Wynnewood)	3	6	2	3	14
				Total Reported	16,226

Source: Pa Department of Health

This list includes numbers from facilities reporting to the State. Delaware County Women's Center has not reported, as well as Crozier Chester, Paoli, Taylor and Temple. An asterisk * means the facility has not reported all four quarters.

Nick and Gabi

A recent Kelly Clarkson Show featured Down syndrome couple Nick and Gabi, whose surprise reunion video went viral. They met at a Down Syndrome Conference in Detroit and were smitten with each other. Their moms arranged a surprise visit and when the two were reunited, their beautiful emotions were captured. This led to an invitation to be on Kelly's show and even guest pro-choice comedian Whitney Cummings was seen dabbing tears from her eyes as she saw the beautiful love shared by the two. Gabi is



also an entrepreneur, who started her own coffee shop after she found that no one would hire her. "Gabi's Grounds" employs people with disabilities and is now in 20 Lowes Food Shops in the Raleigh, NC area. Nick's mom told a shocked Kelly Clarkson that when Nick was born, hospital personnel literally told her, "Um, I'm really sorry, your son has Down syndrome." Through tears she told everyone, "It's the best gift I've ever received." Nick and Gabi's story is one more incentive to end discriminatory abortions — and all abortions.



This is BIG! The PA March for Life in Harrisburg is right around the corner, Monday, May 18th. It's so important that we have a GIANT (more than 10,000) crowd to show the PA elected officials and the nation that Pennsylvania is Pro-Life! And there is some exciting news! Abby Johnson will speak at this march, along with Radiance Foundation's Ryan Bomberger and President of the March For Life in Washington, D.C., Jeanne Mancini. Stay tuned as we will be publishing area buses as we get the information. To learn more about this exciting event, visit <http://pamarchforlife.org/>.

Upcoming Events: (Visit prolifeunion.org/events for complete details about these events)

2/26-4/5 - 40 Days For Life Campaign - Mark your Calendars! Participate in the next 40 Days For Life Campaign, which will run from February 26-April 5. Visit prolifeunion.org/outreach/40-days-for-life to sign up!

4/10 - 9 am - Stations of the Cross and Prayer Vigil - Planned Parenthood, Comly Road

4/11 from 10:00am-12:00pm—April 'Newby Saturday'—'Newby Saturday' is for people who want to learn how to effectively witness outside an abortion center. Join us on Saturday, February 8th from 10:00am-12:00pm outside Planned Parenthood at 12th & Locust. Get common questions answered and learn by example from experienced Sidewalk Servants! Details at prolifeunion.org/outreach.

4/19 from 9 am to noon - Morning Reflection and Mass for Adult Children of Divorce - St. Matthew Church, 219 Fayette St., Conshohocken. Presented by the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation.



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