### 29th Annual LIGHTING OF CANDLES

6:00pm

### **Kennedy Square**

**Welcome:** Diane Marcella, New Castle PCUC **Pledge of Allegiance:** American Heritage Girls

Prayer: Rev. Father Michael Ackerman, St. Vitus Parish

"God Bless America: Reatha Gibbs, Music Minister, Prevailing Word and St. Vitus Choir, Director Marcia Miot and Members, Vince DeStefano, Dolly Foley, LIz Farone & Justin Venasco.

KNEEL, PRAY, OPEN 10 WHITE BAGS, POUR SAND INTO EACH BAG (Please use every grain of sand!), PLACE CANDLE in the middle and light. SPACE BAGS 1 foot apart.



# WHY LIGHT CANDLES? "IT IS BETTER TO LIGHT ONE LITTLE CANDLE THAN TO CURSE THE DARKNESS."

... quote from The Christophers.

Matthew Chapter 5, Verses 14-18: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the

lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

CANDLES & PRAYERS: As we light our candles, we remember all the Unborn American Babies who have been lost to abortion. We pray for those hurting due to an abortion decision. Hope and Healing can be found by talking to your Pastor or calling these agencies: Alpha Omega Center-724-658-6329, Catholic Charities-724-658-5526, or Rachel's Vineyard Retreats. We care about you, too! See back for other options.

**LUMINARIA BAGS:** Each white bag has a name on it. These were printed by the students of **New Castle Christian Academy and St. Vitus School.** They chose names for babies who never got to have a name since they didn't get to be born. We thank these students!

#### 29th Annual PRO-LIFE PRAYER SERVICE

7:00pm Family Worship Center

# BLACK LIVES MATTER ~ EVERY LIFE MATTERS!

**Unborn Babies Most Targeted by Abortion** 

<u>WELCOME:</u> Diane Marcella, Chair, New Castle PCUC **INVOCATION PRAYER:** 

**Rev. Father Michael Ackerman,** Parochial Vicar, St. Vitus Parish, Catholic Community of New Castle

THANKS TO CLERGY: Claudia McConnell. PCUC Vice-Chair

We are deeply grateful to every Pro-Life Pastor who prays and speaks with zeal in defense of God's precious gift of human LIFE and who reaches out to offer forgiveness and healing to those impacted by abortion. May God Bless You!

#### **COMMENTS:**

**Kathy Donegan**, Troop Coordinator, American Heritage Girls **Sarah Bowen**, Director, Alpha Omega Center

#### **PRO-LIFE SONG:** Reatha Gibbs

"I'm Glad That God Made Me", Composer and Music Director, Prevailing Word World Outreach Center. Her song is a tradition at every "Light A Candle for Life" Prayer Service.

#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**

**Rev. David Young,** Pastor, Prevailing Word World Outreach Center; PCUC Advisory Board Chair

Topic: Black Lives Matter - Every Life Matters

#### **SPEAKERS** -

Mary Lou Pruchnic, St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Ted Walker, Faith Country Chapel

**Topics: Downs Syndrome & Birth Defects** 

#### **BENEDICTION PRAYER:**

**Rev. Chad Stoecker,** Pastor, First Assembly of God Advisory Board Member, PCUC, New Castle Chapter

### To our "Light A Candle for Life" Luminaries

luminary: a very famous person; a source of light

#### WE EXTEND OUR THANKS & GRATITUDE TO:

**Rev. Father Michael Ackerman and Pastor Chad Stoecker** for their inspiring words and Prayers.

**Apostle David Young**, our Keynote Speaker, for his very timely and passionate message "Black Lives Matter ~ Every Life Matters".

**Reatha Gibbs** for sharing her many musical talents, your composition "I'm Glad That God Made Me", for her attention to details and for being first to arrive and last to leave at every "Light A Candle for Life"!

**Dan Irwin**, Features Editor, New Castle News for the outstanding publicity, photos, etc.; but most of all for respecting and sharing our concern for God's precious gift of human life.

**Mary Lou Pruchnic** for sharing the uplifting message about her amazing almost 45 yr. old daughter, Anne Marie.

**Ted Walker** for giving us an update on his almost 17 yr. old son Braden. Braden couldn't be with us this time because he plays guitar in the band at Faith Country Chapel and they're practicing.

Mrs. Marcia Votaw, Principal. Joan Rapp, Secretary; and the teachers and students at New Castle Christian School ....

and **Lillian Betts** and her students at **St. Vitus School.** for their cooperation and assistance with marking names on the luminaria bags for babies who never got to have a name.

Ralph Peak & the men from the K of C for laying the plastic on the square and helping unload the luminaria kits

and finally to PCUC New Castle Officers, Terry Blesch, Claudia McConnell and Joanne Mellott for taking over some of the details of planning and implementing our 29th Annual "Light A Candle for Life" Pro-Life Prayer Vigil.

# PLEASE RESOLVE EACH AND EVERY DAY TO BE "a source of light" IN THE DARKNESS OF ABORTION! May GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!

**Weekend Retreats for Post-Abortion Healing** 

January 23-25, May 22-24 and Nov. 20-22: Pittsburgh Rachel's Vineyard Retreats, Call Toni Jester, Retreat Facilitator (412-352-5348) or toniafi1@comcast.net

Interdenominational Western PA, Call Abigayle Koller (412-977-9521) or <a href="mailto:rachelsvineyard.westernpa@yahoo.com">rachelsvineyard.westernpa@yahoo.com</a>. Can't go to a retreat? Go to After Abortion.org at <a href="http://afterabortion.org/">http://afterabortion.org/</a> or call "Silent No More Awareness", (1-800-707-6635) or website www.silentnomoreawareness.org/

### 29th Annual

# "LIGHT A CANDLE FOR LIFE"



## **Pro-Life Prayer Vigil**

On January 22, 1973, 7 of the 9 U.S. Supreme Court Justices made Abortion legal throughout all 9 months of pregnancy.

Since that day, over

58,522,446+ Unborn AMERICAN Babies KILLED.

## BLACK LIVES MATTER ~ EVERY LIFE MATTERS!

Unborn Babies Most Targeted by Abortion?

- 1) UNBORN BLACK BABIES
- 2) UNBORN BABIES WITH DOWN'S SYNDROME





3) UNBORN BABIES WITH BIRTH DEFECTS

Braden Walker

# **Tuesday, January 20, 2015 Kennedy Square & Family Worship Center**

\*National Right to Life Committee Fact Sheet 2/2014 (updated with 2013 & 2014 estimates by PCUC, New Castle, dm) \*http://www.numberofabortions.com/

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