



FOOTPRINTS FOR LIFE



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“Light a Candle for Life”

Our 31st annual “Light A Candle for Life” Prayer Vigil was better this year. **Why?** In part, because it was held on **Friday, January 20th**, the Inauguration of President Donald J. Trump. It was now official! We had a **Pro-Life President!**

And better because God blessed us with a “warm for January” evening, which, according to Dan Irwin, Editor, New Castle News, resulted in **75 people standing on**



Kennedy Square at 6PM. They came to kneel, pray and light **1,000 luminaria candles** in memory of the **60 MILLION** American babies lost to abortion since January 22, 1973.

They also came to show concern and sympathy for the Mom’s of those babies. **Father**

John Schmidt led the Prayer at Kennedy Square.

NOTE: A two minute video with clips of the program at Kennedy Square is still at the New Castle News website. The link is at our website.



“God Bless America” was sung by students of New Castle Christian Academy, St. Vitus & American Heritage Girls.

The **Prayer Service began at 7PM** in The Marian Room at St. Mary’s church with the **Pledge of Allegiance, led by Westminster College student Dan Kushner; the**

Invocation by Rev. Father Joseph Codori; and the lovely song “I’m Glad that God Made Me” by Reatha Gibbs and students. Clergy attending were recognized and given pro-life lapel pins and 10-12 week baby models



Speakers, Minister Nettie Bailey & Father Joseph Codori shared their pro-life convictions and testimonials, which inspired others to go to the podium and do the same. That WAS better!



Minister Bailey prayed the Benediction.

March for Life 2017

On **Friday, January 27th, 2017, 42 people (16 men, 25 women and 1 boy)** boarded our bus to attend the **44th Annual March for Life!** Our group included five students from Westminster College and ten from Grove City College. *(The students were such a blessing to this 78 year old attending my 34th March for Life.)* The boy was Gunnar, age 10, who came with his Mom and Uncle.



The rally prior to the March for Life began at Noon.

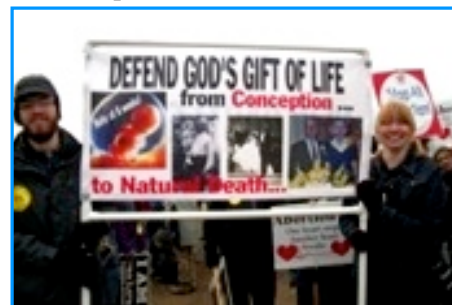
Hundreds of thousands came from all across the nation.

We gathered at the base of the Washington Monument to hear speakers **Vice President Mike Pence*, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Kelly Ann Conway, Clergy, Abby Johnson,** a former Planned Parenthood Director and many others.

As usual, the **media gave minimal to no coverage** of this huge event!



But **EWTN,** the Catholic TV network aired the entire March - seven hours! **It can still be seen on You Tube. Go to our website for the link.** The March began at 1:00 PM. Imagine thousands of people all trying to get onto Constitution Avenue at the same time; but from different streets. We walked one and a half mile on Pennsylvania & Constitution Avenues up Capitol Hill to the Supreme Court.



Our lead banner was carried by **Amy & Alex of Grove City College.** Thanks for your help! ...Diane Special Thanks also to **Roger Mellott,** for framing the banner with pvc pipe, making it professional and easier to carry.

***Vice-President Pence is the first V.P. to ever attend!**

Go to our website to see more Photos.

Upcoming Pro-life Events

Mark Your Calendar!

May 14th - Mother's Day

Three churches requested the
"A Prayer for Mothers Card"

These are supplied by one of our Ohio donors.

Meeting - Monday, May 15th

The Crane Room, 11:00AM

SPEAKER: Randy Houk, our new Webmaster.

He will show you everything on our website,
how to use the website and how to make it your
Home Page. Bring paper or tablet to take
notes.

This is our last meeting until October.

Tuesday, May 16th

PRIMARY ELECTION

Please Vote Pro-Life!

A voter guide is with your newsletter.

Take it in your pocket or purse and open
when you are in front of the voting machine.

June or July

Christian Movie "Voiceless"

date, location and time to be announced

A man takes a job as a church

outreach minister in Philadelphia and

learns there's an abortion clinic across the street.

What Does He Do? What Would You Do?

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

11:00 AM

Stand Up For Life Rally PA. Capitol

Lawrence County Fair

Mon., August 14 - Sat., August 19

Need VOLUNTEER to CHAIR
and Volunteers to staff our booth.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, September 17, 2017

Mary, Mother of Hope Parish Center

Need CHAIR AND VOLUNTEERS
to serve on the Committee.

LIFE CHAINS: Sunday, October 1st

**New Castle, Ellwood City
and New Wilmington**

CHAIR: Fern Heckert

Meeting - Monday, October 16th

The Crane Room, 11:00AM

What Can I Do ? What Can We Do?

Many times this question is asked by people of good will,
those like you and I, who want to end the
holocaust of OVER 3,000 lives of pre-born babies
being ended each day in our nation.

The abolition of abortion is what we want.

We must work together and defeat this evil everywhere we
encounter it. If we each do our part in our own town,
neighborhood and family, together we can affect change.

The **January 2017 Columbia Magazine** highlighted one
woman who helped to change her part of the world. *"I felt
that God was calling my family to pray at the clinic every
Monday morning when the several-day late-term abortion
procedures begin."*, Morrison said. *"We could not just
continue in our daily routine, knowing that innocent lives
were being killed a few miles away."*

On her own initiative she and her family and friends began
a prayer vigil in front of a newly opened late term abortion
clinic. That act of faith led to the opening of the
Germantown, Maryland Pregnancy Choices, a center
which provides pro-life alternatives and help to at risk
moms. People of all faiths joined to do their part.
Volunteers staffed the center, various churches donated
money as well as the local Knights of Columbus group.

An adjoining office to the abortion clinic was freely offered
to provide a space to hold a weekly Catholic Mass to pray
for the abortion clinic to close. A 40 Days for Life was held
twice a year.

Wooden crosses were put up as a silent witness to the
lives taken at that clinic. Cardinal Donald Wuerl, of
Washington, D.C., led a candle light procession from the
local church to offer prayers in front of the clinic.

Many faiths came together to provide sidewalk counseling and lend support.

In 2016, six years and too many abortions later, all the
prayers, faith in action and perseverance paid off. A lawsuit
was filed after an abortion procedure nearly ended a
woman's life and left her sterile.

A congressional investigation opened and subpoenas were
issued to the abortionist and the clinic. Charges ranged
from the inappropriate handling of baby remains, reports of
baby body parts being sold and babies born alive left to die.
As of November 8th 2016 the abortion doctor has not set
foot in the clinic and is not expected to return.

How will we do it? By changing one hardened heart and
mind at a time. By exposing abortion as the lie that it is.
And by doing what Grace Morrison did in her own
neighborhood, understanding that it is not ours to do alone.
Together, united in doing what is just, following our faith,
and **with the help and guidance of God**, we can affect the
world - causing a ripple that added to all the other ripples
creates a tidal wave which can **wash away the sin of
abortion in the world.**

And ultimately abolish abortion.

.....by *Claudia McConnell*, our Co-Vice Chair, with excerpts from
Columbia Magazine, January 2017 by *Lawrence P. Grayson*

ABOUT PCUC, New Castle Chapter

WHO ARE WE?

Advisory Board Officers: **Chair** - Daniel Callaghan, M.D., Otolaryngology; **CO-Chair** - James Williams, Patent Attorney & Educator; **Secretary** - Virginia Hamilton, Past President PCUC, New Castle

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Our income is from dues, donations and our once a year Spaghetti Dinner. Our **membership is over 200**. These are pro-life men and women who pay yearly dues and/or donations. There are **1,367** on our mailing list and another **287** on the clergy and church staff list. We don't call for money and only mail the newsletter three times a year.



Terry Blesch, Joanne Mellott, Diane Marcella, Claudia McConnell, Beverly Houston, Patty Shackelford & Liz Farone
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About Your Executive Board

We are Pro-Life Volunteers! Our mission is to protect and defend God's gift of Life... from conception to natural death. We are Christian women, ages 48 to 78, working together to change hearts and minds about abortion, infanticide, black genocide by abortion, euthanasia, physician assisted suicide and other threats to the sanctity and dignity of human life. We do this through public events, projects, activities and sometimes in our own families and with people we meet in our daily lives. **PCUC, New Castle donates** to three local pregnancy help groups who are saving babies and families every day. Each will receive a check for \$1,000.00 in May.

None of the seven of us are paid and we don't own or rent an office. The "Office" is in my apartment. **PCUC, New Castle owns only one item - an HP Inkjet Printer**, which I use to print the newsletters, posters, spreadsheets for our projects and agendas and hand-outs for meetings. I'm typing this on my iMac computer which will be 8 years old on May 2nd! It's had a couple of updates. I also own an HP printer.

The files are in my file cabinets or in boxes in the garage, along with pro-life literature, vcr tapes and dvd's, signs for the March for Life, feet pins, 10 week baby models and all supplies for projects - our booth at the Lawr. County Fair, Light A Candle for Life, March for Life, Spaghetti Dinner, etc..

About Your Website

PLEASE go to www.prolifewcastle.org
Make PCUC, New Castle Chapter your home page!
And check out the website of our parent organization, PCUC in Pittsburgh: <http://www.pcuc.org/>

We have a new Pro-Life Webmaster and he's a Volunteer! His name is Randall (Randy) Houk and he knows a lot about computers and websites. Although he had never worked with WordPress, our web server, he has brought our website up to date in just a couple of months.

I hadn't added any new information since April 2016! For me, it's a very time consuming process, even using printed directions from James Wilson, our previous webmaster. In February...when I finally had time to add news to the website, I couldn't reach James. I pray that all is well with him and his family.

Have you ever felt that God, the Holy Spirit or your guardian angel sent you a gift in the form of a stranger? This happens to me all the time! I met Randy in November on Englewood Ave. He was in his car leaving St. Camillus and I was handing out pro-life voter guides. He gladly took one and said that he had been a volunteer with our parent group in Pittsburgh. He was pleased to learn there was a New Castle group, so I asked for his phone number.

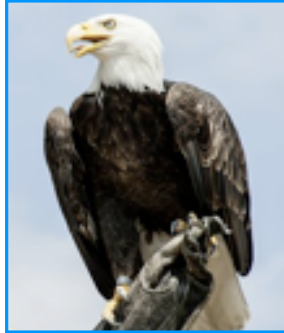
Randy is a blessing, as was Paul Craig who created our free website and James who maintained it.

Body Part Sellers Are in Big Trouble

“Federal officials this week announced the indictment of 15 people for illegally trafficking body parts. Officials said the people they charged with this heinous crime treated the body parts like merchandise.

But this isn't what it seems. These body parts commanded a handsome price. The entire body fetched as much as \$1,200, heads went for \$250 and a set of wings \$900. **Yes, a set of wings . . .**

Those facing federal indictment for illegally trafficking body parts, weren't selling pieces of aborted babies. They were selling body parts of eagles. For profit. AND they are experiencing the full wrath of the American legal system. US Attorney Randy Seiler said in addition to the



indictments there will be significant federal charges to come. And you can expect them to throw the book at them — as well as the kitchen sink. And they should.

But the irony of this situation compared with the sale of aborted baby body parts is astounding. The Media response to the slaughter and sale of eagles will no doubt sharply contrast with the near-silent coverage of Planned Parenthood's sale of aborted baby body parts.



The Center for Medical Progress (CMP) conducted a 2½ year undercover

investigation of Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry, exposing a ghastly enterprise of dissecting aborted unborn babies and selling their parts to middlemen. For profit.

Officials prosecuting the eagle poachers show us how it should be done. They're using the evidence collected by those who purchased eagle feathers and fans.

However, in the case of the sale of aborted baby body parts, officials have actually turned against the investigative journalists who produced the incriminating video and sided with the profiteers.

It comes down to this. Unborn babies lack the political clout enjoyed by America's eagles, so getting justice for the brutalities leveled against them will be much harder to achieve.”

NOTE: “Excerpted from an April 26, 2017 article by Bradley Mattes, President, Life Issues Institute, Inc. Cincinnati, OH The full article can be viewed at <http://mailchi.mp/lifeissues/body-parts-sellers-in-big-trouble?e=7fc89688d1> (Photos added by me.)”

What Can You & I Do? How Can We Defend Human Life?

...from me and LifePac Secretary, Mary Lou Gartner

How do we get what we want? One way is to VOTE. If you voted for Donald Trump for President and conservative

politicians to the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, then you helped elect Judge Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court. He was sworn in on April 13th. *(The Supreme Court of 1973 made abortion legal. Hopefully that evil decision will be overturned by Justices like Gorsuch who, like Antonin Scalia, believe it was wrong.)*



Justice Neil Gorsuch, wife Marie Gorsuch holding the family Bible and Justice Anthony Kennedy administering the oath of office. President Trump behind Gorsuch.

“ **Primary Election May 16** – Many people do not consider the primary elections to be very important – but they are –every election is important and they have consequences!! – LIFEPAAC has their list of pro-life candidates ready and they are posted at www.lifepac.net

Registration and absentee ballot forms are readily available at <http://www.votespa.com/en-us> Check to make sure you and all your family and friends and registered and that college students and those unable to go to the polls get the absentee forms – just a small pro-life service that you can do to help make sure pro-life candidates get elected.”

My Advice: We will be voting for PA Supreme Court, Superior Court and Commonwealth Court Judges. Therefore it's very important for us to be informed. You probably won't recognize the names on the enclosed flyer; but the LifePac Board makes it their job to know where they stand on Life!

Every candidate on the LifePac flyer is pro-life!

TIP: There are six candidates for Superior Court. Only four to be elected, so you may want to check them out by going to their websites.

Obama's States-Must-Fund-Planned Parenthood Order Reversed

On April 10, 2017, President Donald Trump signed H.J.Res.43 into law. On February 16, the U.S. House of Representatives passed this legislation by a 230 - 188 vote. On March 30, the U.S. Senate passed this legislation by a 51-50 vote with Vice-President Mike Pence casting the tie-breaking vote.

H.J.Res.43 reverses President Obama's order that prohibited States from defunding PP through the Medicaid program, which is the primary source of state and federal funding for PP. President Barack Obama took this action in December 2016 in response to approximately 15 states passing such a prohibition. Some of the above was sent to Mary Lou by Mike McMonagle, President, Pro-Life Coalition of Pennsylvania 215-393-3610