



Welcome to all all who receive and read this newsletter! We are grateful to God because it has finally happened! The infamous Supreme Court Ruling of 1973, Roe vs. Wade has been overturned! It was the correct ruling, stating that our US Constitution, as written does **not** address the issue of abortion and therefore this issue goes back to the individual **States** of the USA to determine if abortion is permitted in their State! The overturning of Roe vs. Wade brings the battle of the Right to Life to our State Government, the Governor, and ultimately the people of Pennsylvania. Our Challenge Continues!

When I was a student nurse at in residence at the Altoona Hospital, I would wake up in the morning to a program on the radio called "The Christophers". The Christophers is an organization that was founded in 1945 by Father James Keller to inspire all believers of every faith through the radio. The Radio show came on the air with a song verse that said, "If everyone lit just one little candle, what a bright world this would be!" That's what we are called to do today! We must light the candle of truth and share it with **everyone** we can. The Bible states "No one lights a candle and puts it under a bushel basket"(Mark 4:21). The truth that, human life begins at fertilization; it is unique, it is living and growing and it the way we **all** started our life! We are designed by God the **Creator** , made in his image. He loves us, and has a plan for each and every one of us and wants us to grow into the fullness of being! No one has the right to end that life! Jesus says "I am the way, the Truth and the Life" (John 14:6). Let us be determined to share His truth with everyone and stand-up for "**Life**".

May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly!

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As I joined with people from around the country in a spirited rendition of God Bless America, a feeling of intense gratitude swept over me. This was the first time I had sung the beloved hymn in the post-Roe era. I happened to be attending the National Right to Life Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, when the news broke that the U.S. Supreme Court had overturned the disastrous court ruling known as Roe v. Wade.

The song took on a new meaning, as I reflected on the fact that the worst decision in the history of American jurisprudence had been swept away on a tide of sound judicial reason. This is the moment I had been awaiting for decades—when our nation finally would be free of the tyranny of Roe.

I had prayed each day for years for this victory—boldly claiming that it would happen in my lifetime. The thought that any grandchildren I might have in the future would be post-Roe babies sent my spirit soaring.

The catalyst for Roe's reversal was a case known as Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization. The case involved a Mississippi law barring abortion after 15 weeks. As Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch stated:

"Roe v. Wade is now behind us, consigned to the list of infamous cases that collapsed under the weight of their errors. This decision is a victory not only for women and children, but for the Court itself."

I realize that much work remains to be done to protect precious preborn babies and their mothers from harm throughout the country—including the Commonwealth in which I live, Pennsylvania. But the fact that the decision on abortion policy now rests with the people, through their duly-elected representatives in the states, fills me with awe. God bless America indeed.

Some Housekeeping Notes

For your information: We kindly request that everyone stay up to date with the dues of \$10. We use this to defray the cost of educational materials used at the county fairs, public venues and to further the work of defending the preborn.

Please Answer a Pro Life Call to Action

As this has gained attention, We call the Constitutional Amendment of PA to attention. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court is weighing if abortion is in the constitution in a key battle. The Pro Life community has spearheaded an effort to add a constitutional provision that abortion is not a guaranteed right in the Commonwealth. We as a chapter urge you to use the power of the pen and assert your opinion with a petition signature. The Somerset County Fair in Meyersdale is occurring August 18-August 27 and there will be an official petition for any interested person to sign. At the American Legion County Fair in Ebensburg, there will also be an opportunity to sign this petition. The information regarding the Somerset Fair may be out of date, depending on the timing of the release of this newsletter.

These signatures will be taken to Harrisburg to share with the legislators. This action will be discussed at two successive sessions and then will go to the constituents of PA in the form of a ballot question. We have obtained 17 billboards thanks to Lamar. These are in similar locations as before and we have added several new themes to the collection. This will help educate the public about why being pro life matters.

**Why is Praying Outside of Abortion Facilities so Important?
Authored by Chelsey Miller**

The local Planned Parenthood in downtown Johnstown may not be known as an “abortion facility,” or one that performs surgical abortions. However, this facility is located at just the right location to serve women who may feel they have nowhere else to turn during an unexpected or unwanted pregnancy. Thankfully, aside from Planned Parenthood, there are numerous pregnancy resource centers that truly help expecting mothers during pregnancy and after their child is born. Such centers include Precious Life, Birthright, Mom’s House and the Gabriel Project.

Last Spring, we held the first 40 Days for Life campaign in front of Planned Parenthood. 40 Days for Life consists of prayerful, peaceful vigil outside of abortion facilities for forty consecutive days. 40 Days for Life has contributed to a groundswell of pro-life support worldwide. Over 100 abortion centers (and numerous referral centers) where campaigns have been hosted have closed their doors forever. Currently, the Johnstown PP is only open for in-clinic appointments one day a week. Unfortunately, though, our fight is just beginning as the chemical abortion pill will be given out more frequently through telemedicine. The chemical abortion pill is offered up to 10 weeks into pregnancy. Sadly, these pills trick the woman’s body into thinking it isn’t pregnant, and cuts off the vital flow of progesterone needed to facilitate delivery of life-giving nutrients and oxygen to the preborn child.

So why pray outside of these abortion referral sites, such as the one in our own town? First, prayer is the most powerful weapon that we possess in the fight to ending abortion. 1 John 5:14-15 says, “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that he hears us-whatever we ask-we know that we have what we asked of him. It is God’s will for all women to choose life for their children, no matter what the circumstance may be. Second, statistics prove that the no show rate increases to 75% when someone is outside praying. When a woman enters an abortion facility, she may be looking for that one sign to tell her to keep her baby. As you are peacefully praying on the sidewalk, you are that sign she is looking for! Last, but not least, as we stand outside and pray for women, families and their preborn children, we are also reaching out to our community. We are standing as witnesses for the most vulnerable in our communities. We are changing our culture from one of death to one of life.

The Fall 40 Days for Life campaign begins on September 28 to November 6, 2022 outside of Planned Parenthood at 817 Franklin Street, Johnstown. Prayerfully consider signing up for a one-hour vigil shift to pray to end abortion in our city at 40daysforlife.com/Johnstown.

In Other News!

City Plan’s Adoption Plans

City Plan of Carrolltown is starting a Christian adoption agent that they hope to start by the end of the year. Please pray for them as they continue on the path of this mission. Please follow up them at their website for mor information. The website is <https://cityplan.tv/>.

Editor's Note: This article was previously published Spring 2017.

Principle of the Double Effect by John Poole

Sometimes in life we must make very difficult decisions, life-or-death decisions even. In many cases we are able to weigh the options and decide. Realizing that we must live with our choices, we accept whatever the outcome may be without much second-guessing.

Occasionally, however we may be confronted with a real dilemma-we may not be able to make an informed choice. The rational thing is to get more information. This is certainly true where morality is involved. We may not be sure if our decision is morally or ethically acceptable.

In circumstances such as this, we might use what St. Thomas Aquinas called the principle of the Double Effect, which he, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, came up with in the 13th century. You may not have heard about it, but it can be quite a powerful tool in making informed decisions on a solid ethical basis.

Here is how it works. A pending action has two possible effects -one good and intended, the other detrimental or harmful, but unintended.

To apply, four criteria must be met:

1. The intended action in itself must be morally good or at least morally indifferent, and there must be a good reason for the action.
 2. The good result must not be directly related to the bad result; the bad result must not be the means by which the good result is achieved.
 3. The harmful effect is not intended, only tolerated. The motive for the action is the achievement of the good outcome only.
 4. The good result must outweigh the bad consequences, or at least be equivalent in importance
- If all four of these criteria are met, the action is considered morally permissible.

For example, suppose a pregnant woman needs a medical procedure in order to save her life-removing a cancerous growth or tumor around her uterus. This may cause the death of her unborn child. The principle of the double effect can be applied in such a case.

There was a really good reason- to try and save the life of the mother.

1. Trying to save the life of the mother is not the direct result of the baby's death.
2. The death of the baby is not intended, but may come about during the procedure.
3. Both the mother and baby have a right to live. The doctor should try to save both lives- saving the mother's life outweighs the possible unintended harm to the baby.

The procedure is allowable in this case. Here, though, we must be careful. The baby must not be killed directly before removing the cancerous growth. This would be intentional killing and disallow the procedure on moral grounds. The evil means, direct abortion, may never be used to achieve the good result. The life of the baby should also try to be saved.

In questionable situations, it is recommended that the advice of clergy be sought before acting. In application of the Principle of the Double Effect, some actions are never permissible- these are suicide, direct abortion and euthanasia.

For persons on a respirator, ordinary means of sustaining life must be employed. These ordinary measures are water and nutrition, even if they must be given intravenously. The respirator itself is usually considered an extraordinary means of sustaining life, so we can be disconnected at the discretion of the responsible person or persons and in consultation with the patient's doctor. This decision to remove the respirator, though heart-wrenching, can be made if the patient is declared brain-dead.

St Thomas Aquinas was a noted philosopher and theologian, but he wrote his Principle of the Double Effect strictly on moral and ethical grounds. We as pro-lifers, can certainly use his wisdom and guidance in our lives today.

Upcoming Events

Every Thursday of the Month/ Prayer Vigil Every Thursday from 3 pm to 4 pm in front of the Planned Parenthood office in Johnstown, on Franklin Street. Please join us in prayer to end abortion.

Every Second Tuesday of the Month/ Monthly Meeting

Our Cambria-Somerset Citizens Concerned for Human Life/CCHL Pro-Life group holds its monthly meeting at Saint Michael's Church Hall in Saint Michael, PA at 7:00 pm.

Meetings are open to the public. Come and join.

August 2022 / Saturday - Public Rosary- August 13

The public is invited to pray the Rosary with us for Our Country at noon in Central Park, Downtown Johnstown.

August 2022/ Pro-Life Booth at Somerset County Fair- August 18-27

We will have our educational and display pro-life booth at the Somerset County Fair in Meyersdale. We will need volunteers to man the booth. If interested contact Dennis Ryniak at 814-703-6906.

September 2022/ Pro-Life Booth at American Legion County Fair- September 4-10

We will have our educational and display pro-life booth in the Steel Building at the Cambria County American Legion Fair in Ebensburg. We will need volunteers to man the booth. If interested contact John or Ann Poole at 814-472-8584.

September 2022/ PA March For Life-September 19

This is a chance to show your support for the Pro Life Cause in Harrisburg. More details are listed below on the next page. If you are interested attending this event, please call Chelsey Miller at (814) 279-6213.

October 2022 / Sunday - Life Chain in Carrolltown- October 2

Thank you to all those who joined us as we observed Respect Life Sunday by joining hundreds of Life Chains across our nation in silent, peaceful, and prayerful witness for life.

In Carrolltown our Life Chain ran along Rt 219 on Main Street from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Signs were picked up between 1:00 and 1:30 in front of St. Benedict Church by the traffic light. Thank you to those who joined us afterwards for a baby shower in the church hall. Light refreshments were served. All baby shower gifts will be donated to the Gabriel Project.

October 2022/ PA Pro Life Federation Banquet- October 21

Dr. Ben Carson is the Keynote Speaker at the PA Pro Life Federation Banquet in Hershey, PA. The event is on October 21, 2022 and is a celebration of the Pro Life Movement across PA. If you are interested please call Ann Poole at (814) 472-8584 or Steve Dillon at (814) 948-9401 for ticketing information, alternatively the PA Pro Life Federation may be contacted too. The weblink for the banquet is <https://www.paprolife.org/state-events>.

October 2022/ Pro Life Prayer Breakfast- October 29

You are cordially invited to the Pro Life Prayer Breakfast on October 29, 2022 at the New Germany Grove Hall in New Germany. If you are interested in attending, please call Ann Poole at (814) 472-8584 or Steve Dillon at (814) 948-9401 for ticketing information.

Membership Form. Please Return Completed Form ASAP!

I would like to renew my membership. Enclosed is my contribution of \$_____ (\$10 is suggested annual dues). Please make checks out to "CCHL Cambria/Somerset".

I would like to help out with mailings, fair booth, annual breakfast, or _____.

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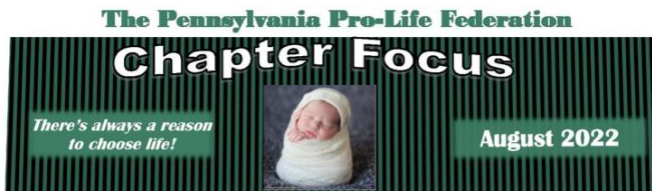
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If you have any questions or concerns, please call (814) 472-8584.



PA Constitutional Amendment Update

In early July, the PA Senate and House passed a bill confirming that neither abortion nor the tax-payer funding of it is anywhere in the PA Constitution. While this was a wonderful step forward, it is, however, only the first step in the process to amend the Constitution. The bill has to pass both legislative bodies in the next session and would then be placed on the ballot for voters to decide.

The amendment is needed to protect current pro-life protections like the Abortion Control Act. It's also critical that the abortion issue in Pennsylvania is decided upon by the citizens through their duly-elected officials and not activist judges.

In response to the passing of the Amendment, Governor Wolf, a former Planned Parenthood escort, has filed suit against the General Assembly in state court. In his statements, he has misrepresented the bill as an abortion ban, which it is not. The Constitutional Amendment is a neutral bill that simply says there is no right to abortion or tax-payer funding of it anywhere in our state Constitution.

The Federation issued a press release in response to Wolf's lawsuit.

"Prior to *Roe v. Wade*, the common law, statutory law, and case law of Pennsylvania all prohibited abortion. Therefore, Gov. Wolf's claim that this Amendment is 'removing rights' from the Constitution or 'scaling back' on a fundamental right of privacy that includes a right to abortion is false," Maria Gallagher said.

"Such a right never existed in the Pennsylvania Constitution. There is no reference to 'abortion' in the PA Constitution nor is there any case construing the PA Constitution to include a right to abortion," Gallagher added.

The entire press release can be accessed on our website at [paprolife.org](http://www.paprolife.org).

Comparing the Candidates

Enclosed you will find comparison pieces for the PA Senate race and PA Governor's race. Please feel free to Xerox and distribute. If more copies are needed, contact lifelines@paprolife.org.

A Rising Pro-Life Star!

Congratulations to Lauren Shovlin who represented the PA Pro-Life Federation at the National Right to Life Academy, a five-week summer training course for pro-life college students. Lauren has also served as the president of the Students for Life chapter at Penn State Main Campus. We are so proud of Lauren's commitment to the pro-life movement. She is an exceptional young lady whose passion for defending life is truly inspirational.

Media Appearance

People for Life Executive Director Tim Broderick and Board Member Karli Van Der Volgen appeared for a second time on "Chatting with Sonya & Friends," a program on WICU in Erie to discuss the abortion issue. Tim reports that he and Karli provided strong arguments to counter pro-abortion propaganda and misinformation. Thank you, Tim and Karli, for taking this opportunity to speak up for life!



We are getting close!

We are just a few months away from our first-ever post-*Roe* Celebrate Life Banquet. We want your chapter to be part of this year's historic celebration! Dr. Ben Carson, along with our award winners, Margie Becker and Cecily Routman, will provide pro-life witness and inspiration to all who attend. **Join us Friday, October 21** at the **Hershey Lodge and Convention Center**. **If ever there was a year to attend our Banquet, THIS is that year!** Sponsorship forms and individual tickets are available on our website www.paprolife.org.

Positively Pro-Life Podcast

Listen in on great pro-life conversations available through our website, PA LifeLinks, Spotify, iTunes, and multiple other streaming platforms. Upcoming guests:
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TUNE IN! Check out special guests and pro-life updates on our monthly **Lifelines Radio** available through our website at <http://www.paprolife.org/lifelines-radio/>.

Citizens Concerned for Human Life , Cambria-Somerset Chapter is a grassroots interdenominational group of volunteers dedicated to the sanctity of Human Life from moment of conception to the moment of natural death. As a a Chapter of the PA Pro-Life Federation, the CCHL opposes abortion, infanticide, fetal tissue research and euthanasia; we believe all of these procedures kill innocent life. We also ask you to stay up to date by visiting our website and invite you to our meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at Saint Michael Catholic Church Hall at 7:00 PM. The address is 751 Locust St. Saint Michael, PA 15951.

In an effort to get our newsletter out to as many pro-lifers as possible we are emailing it from our email address ProlifeCambriaSomerset@gmail.com to all those we have a good email address. Gradually, we hope to decrease our costs by sending it by email instead of by mail to as many people as possible. If you received this by mail and have a good email address and don't mind receiving our newsletters by email, please email us at ProlifeCambriaSomerset@gmail.com that you would like to be added to our email blast system where you will receive emails about all the activities throughout our region and Legislative Alerts from the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, our state affiliate.

We as an organization thank Cristian Ridilla for stepping up to edit this newsletter. Thank you for all you do to spread the pro-life message!


PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL ELECTION  TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

WHERE DO THE CANDIDATES STAND ON LIFE ISSUES?

★ PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR'S RACE ★

 Doug Mastriano	 Josh Shapiro
WHERE DO THEY STAND ON TAXPAYER FUNDING OF ABORTION? Doug Mastriano SUPPORTS a ban on having our hard-earned tax dollars pay for abortion. He SUPPORTS stopping tax dollars from funding the abortion industry.	Josh Shapiro OPPOSES a ban on taxpayer funding of abortions. He OPPOSES stopping tax dollars from funding the abortion industry.
WHAT ABOUT LEGISLATION THAT PROTECTS PREBORN BABIES? Doug Mastriano SUPPORTS legislation that protects preborn babies and their mothers from the harm of abortion. He has sponsored legislation that respects innocent human life.	Josh Shapiro OPPOSES legislation that protects preborn babies and their mothers from the harm of abortion. He is endorsed by pro-abortion PACs.
WHAT ABOUT FORCING RELIGIOUS GROUPS TO PAY FOR ABORTION? Doug Mastriano SUPPORTS a ban on forcing religious groups to pay for abortions. He SUPPORTS the Little Sisters of the Poor in their efforts to be shielded from the federal abortion mandate.	Josh Shapiro OPPOSES a ban on forcing religious groups to pay for abortions. He took the Little Sisters of Poor to Court to try to force them to pay for abortion-causing drugs.



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 Dr. Mehmet Oz	 John Fetterman
WHERE DO THEY STAND ON TAXPAYER FUNDING OF ABORTION? Dr. Oz WILL NOT USE YOUR TAX DOLLARS to pay for abortions.	John Fetterman WILL USE YOUR TAX DOLLARS to pay for abortions.
Where do they stand on dismemberment abortions, in which fully-developed, living babies are killed in the womb? Dr. Oz SUPPORTS PROTECTING BABIES FROM DISMEMBERMENT ABORTIONS.	John Fetterman OPPOSES PROTECTING BABIES FROM DISMEMBERMENT ABORTIONS.
What about the people through their state legislators enacting protections for preborn babies and their mothers? Dr. Oz SUPPORTS THE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS through their legislators to protect preborn babies and their mothers.	John Fetterman OPPOSES THE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS through their legislators to protect preborn babies and their mothers.


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want to share this information in our newsletter-*

please feel free to send the slip above and we can include your celebration or memorial.

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A Pro-life Prayer

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.

I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.

Today I commit myself Never to be silent, Never to be passive, Never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, And never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all, Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

This prayer was written by Father Frank Pavone

Meet Nikki Bruni on October 29, 2022



Nikki Bruni, a recent convert to the Catholic faith, is a wife and mother who is head-over-heels in love with Jesus and His Church! After straying far from God in her 20's and 30's, she began to find her way back to God through the Methodist, and then the Evangelical church. After getting involved in pro-life work in 2009, she eventually became the director of Pittsburgh's 40 Days for Life and has now led 23 consecutive campaigns. In 2012, while praying the rosary in front of Planned Parenthood, she became convinced of the truth of Catholicism, and through God's amazing grace, was received into the Church in 2013. She works part-time as a hairdresser and volunteers her time coordinating 40 Days for Life. She holds a BFA from Carnegie Mellon University and enjoys using her artistic abilities to glorify God. Her paintings, "Memorial of Mercy", "The Innocents", and "The Pieta" are tributes to the lives lost to abortion. The "Memorial of Mercy" travelled to over 60 churches, "The Innocents" travelled to over 30 churches, and her most recent memorial painting, "The Pieta" also travelled to many churches.

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