

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.

June 2022 - National Oratory Contest

The PA State Oratory Contest
winner will receive an all-
expense paid trip to the
National Right to Life
Convention to compete in the
National Competition, the
Jane B. Thompson Oratory
Contest!

National awards are: 1st Place
\$1000, 2nd \$750, 3rd \$500,
4th \$250.



A WORD FROM ANN

Welcome to all who receive and read this Newsletter! This is indeed a great day for us and for the Pro-Life movement! The much-anticipated Supreme Court Ruling regarding the validity of the infamous Supreme Court Ruling of Roe vs. Wade of January 22, 1973 had been leaked to the public. Justice Samuel Alito has written a "Majority Opinion" in essence saying that the 1973 ruling had no legal standing under the law! As people of Life and of Justice, we have held this opinion all along. Now it is officially upheld! This opinion is long overdue by 49+ years, with over 64+ million lives lost to abortion. We congratulate this present Supreme Court on understanding what their duty is and that duty is, upholding the law as it is and not attempting to legislate from bench. Now the issue of abortion will go back to the individual States to uphold old laws or enact new laws regarding life.

The other side is reeling, stating the Roe vs. Wade has been way for the last 49 years (a prescient) and cannot be overturned; This is forgetting that the preamble of the Declaration of Independence assures the right to Life as fundamental and the U.S. Constitution as written in 1787 says nothing about anyone's right to abortion. They have vowed that they will pass laws that will "codify" abortion rights! They are already gathering their troops and demonstrating in every city, in front of the Supreme Court and even in front of individual Justices' Homes (these justices are in agreement of the new ruling). They act very angry, and some of them are most likely capable of violence. What can we, or should I say, what should we do now? Clearly the debate is not over, it is only beginning. We should continue to pray to God to change the hearts of may people who do not recognize the humanity and uniqueness of the pre-born child; [This child is] made by God in love. Also, we must take action and write Letters to the Editor in our local papers as never before. [We must always be] stating everything we know to be true, good, holy and just, regarding the right to life of the pre-born child. [We should also be] stating that we are not abandoning women, but offering them true help in a time of need [and] remembering that no one has the right to take another person's life. In a crisis, there are Crisis Pregnancy Centers that help in meeting their needs.

Keep in touch with our lawmakers, both State and Federal and [we should] write or call them on a regular basis asking they vote Pro-Life. Get involved with local Pro-Life Group that assist mothers and families [and] groups that attempt to educate others on the value of life. Be generous with your time and talent and ask God what he wants you to do!

May God bless you and all your loved ones abundantly!

Pennsylvania Abortion Statistics

Year	No. of Abortions*
2020	32,123
2019	31,018
2018	30,364
2017	30,011
2016	30,881
2015	31,818
2014	32,126
2013	32,108
2012	34,536
2011	36,280
2010	36,778
2009	37,284
2008	38,807
2007	36,663
2006	36,731
2005	34,909
2004	36,030
2003	36,908
2002	35,167
2001	36,820
2000	35,630

* Statistics on number of abortions performed in Pennsylvania as reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

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Reflections of Fr. Frank Pavone

At the heart of the pro-choice mentality is the idea the we create our own truth. This mindset holds that the value of the unborn child, and that child's right to exist, depend upon the choice of the mother.

God not only recognizes the unborn child, but also enters into a relationship with that child, bestowing on him or her a unique gifted vocation. This affirms the personhood of the unborn children and motivates us to work for their protection.

Some refuse to face this truth about the life of the child in the womb and the violence of abortion. Not to know the truth is not a sin, but the refusal to see it is.

Prayer:

Lord, teach us the lesson that there is no God but You and that no human being has dominion over life. We thirst for Your Truth; we cling to you; we embrace Your Life. You are the way to eternal salvation. Give us the courage to save the lives of the defenseless unborn. Amen.

John Poole

Crucial Election May 17th

By Maria V. Gallagher, Legislative/PAC Director, Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation

An abundance of pro-life candidates were running for statewide office in Pennsylvania. All the Republican candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and U.S. Senate were pro-life. Unfortunately, Democratic Gubernatorial candidate Josh Shapiro has amassed a consistent pro-abortion record while serving as the state's Attorney General. Democratic Lieutenant Governor candidates Austin Davis and Brian Sims were pro-abortion, while Raymond Sosa's position was unknown. All of the Democratic candidates for the U.S. Senate were pro-abortion. The rating "pro-life" indicates that a candidate supported legislation to protect unborn children and supported positive alternatives to abortion. In sharp contrast, the rating "pro-abortion" indicated that a candidate would not support legislation to protect unborn children or would add so many exceptions to such legislation to render it meaningless. Voters headed to the polls May 17th to cast their ballots in the Republican and Democratic primary elections. Independents cannot vote in the primary.

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 _____

Please add my information below as follows:

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Please remove my name from the mailing list.

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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.

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 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.

EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT IN 2017 AS A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Illicit Legality of Abortion- Why the Ruling was Faulty by John Poole

Forty-four years after the Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion in the United States, there is much controversy over that ruling. Here are some points to consider on the subject. By the mid 1990's medical science declared unequivocally that human life begins at the fertilization of an ovum by the sperm cell- not at birth, as held at the time of the Supreme Court decision of 1973. This should settle the issue of "personhood", not clearly defined by the constitution.

Also, a little-known aspect of the Roe vs. Wade decision was the Court's disposition of the issue of "standing" and "mootness". Norma McCarvey's appeal was "moot" because she had already given birth and could no longer be affected by the ruling- she also lacked "standing" then to argue the rights of other pregnant women. Her's was not an actual "case of controversy", so any opinion issued by the Supreme Court would therefore constitute an "advisory opinion", a practice forbidden by Article III of the Constitution. The court Knew this, but decided to rule anyway!

It is noteworthy that Justice Byron White, an emphatic dissenting opinion, wrote "I find nothing in the language of history of the Constitution to support the Court's judgement". He further criticized the Court for involving itself by creating "a constitutional barrier" to state efforts to protect human life- he would have left this for the mothers and doctors to decide, following the law s already in place against abortion in all 50 states.

Today, the pro-life movement is concerned with helping pregnant women choose life with outreach programs such as Birthright, Mom's House, The Gabriel Project and Rachel's Vineyard, which help women in a crisis pregnancy and afterwards. The other side offers nothing by abortion itself, the results which haunt many women for their entire lives.

Note: Norma McCarvey was the "Jane Roe" of Roe vs. Wade

The Winners of the 2022 Oratory Contest have been announced!

In Senior Varsity (Grades 11-12), David Pascual of Hollidaysburg is the First Place Winnner.

He attends Great Commission School.

Isabella Giovanelli won Second Place. She is a student from Chestnut Ridge High School and resides in Bedford.

John Sicree is a Homeschooled student from Boalsburg and won Third Place.

In Fourth Place was Emily Longstreth of Altoona. Emily is a student at Great Commission School.

In Junior Varsity (Grades 9-10), Sarah Hamilton of Johnstown won First Place. Sarah is Homeschooled.

Helena Sicree of Boalsburg won Second Place. Helena is Homeschooled.

Matthew Levri of Altoona won Third Place. Matthew is Homeschooled.

Congratulations to All!

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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

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