



*"The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel". Mark 1:15*

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## Outrageous Senate Vote

On January 29<sup>th</sup>, U.S. Senate Democrats blocked a vote on a pro-life bill to ban late-term abortions that would save approximately 18,000 unborn babies from abortion each year. The bill, entitled the "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act," would ban abortions after 20 weeks and highlights the intense pain that babies feel during an abortion. A total of forty-eight (48) Republicans and three (3) Democrats voted to put the bill up for debate, but 60 votes were needed. President Trump promised to sign the bill and called upon the Senate at the March For Life to "pass this important law and send it to my desk." We are thankful that our two Senators, Bob Casey and Pat Toomey, voted to protect defenseless unborn innocents.

## 2018 March For Life

Although the media always underestimates the crowd numbers at the annual March For Life, the rough estimate from pro-life groups is between 400,000 and 500,000 people. The theme this year was "Love Saves Lives" and the crowd was addressed by President Trump via a live video. Other speakers included Paul Ryan, Pam Tebow and former NFL player Matt Birk. Afterward, participants marched to the Supreme Court and then visited politicians to petition them to pass legislation to protect the pre-born. It was an extremely inspiring day and a witness to life. The Philadelphia Archdiocese estimates more than 3,500 from our area attended. Missed it? Mark your calendar for Friday, January 18, 2019.



## Goodbye Cecile Richardson

Planned Parenthood CEO Cecile Richardson confirmed in an e-mail to PP donors that she is resigning. Under her administration, PP killed as many as 3.8 million babies. Although the reason for her resignation is unclear, many pro-life leaders believe that it is due to the impending FBI investigation into Planned Parenthood's sale of aborted baby parts that potentially violates both federal and state laws. While no CEO has been able to keep this billion-dollar organization out of scandal and investigations, Richardson has left PP with an all-time low image and brand. *40 Days for Life* has grown from one city to 471, 43 PP offices and abortion centers have closed their doors and over 170 PP workers have had a change of heart and left this gruesome business. Pray for her and praise God!

## Three Times the Joy

Beth Morton from Essex, England was shocked to learn that she was pregnant and that her birth control had failed her. More shock came when the doctor revealed that she was pregnant with triplets, which is very rare without the use of IVF. Beth was offered a "selective reduction," in which doctors terminate the life of one or two of the babies. She refused, saying "How could you possibly choose one baby's life over another ... we were determined to give all three of them the best possible chance. I know it was a risky pregnancy, but I trusted the doctors to look after us all." Beth can't imagine her life without each of them.



## What's Happening

**Lenten Vigil** – Planned Parenthood, 610 Louis Dr., Warminster, 18974 – Starting 2-16-18. Tuesdays 11 am to 7 pm and Fridays 8 am to 4 pm. Call Mary Paris, 215-589-5422.

**NFP Classes** - Couple to Couple League will host a NFP series beginning on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Mother of Divine Providence Church, 333 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, 19406. Register at <https://register.ccli.org/search>.

**End of Life Planning** – Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 p.m. at Visitation BVM Church, 196 N. Trooper Road, Norristown, 19403. Seating is limited, please call Tim Seiders at 215-699-6993 to reserve.

**Man Up Philly** – Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (registration at 7:30 a.m.) at Neumann University's Mirenda Center. Featuring keynote speaker Seth Joyner, former Philadelphia Eagle. Also appearing are Jim Towey, President of Ave Maria Univ., former Flyer Don Saleski, author Brian Gail and Irish tenor Mark Forrest. The Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Chaput. Register at [www.manupphilly.com](http://www.manupphilly.com).

**Mother-Daughter Tea** – Save the date of April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1-4 pm for this annual event to be held at the Meehan Ctr. at SS. Simon & Jude in West Chester. Visit <http://www.fertilitycarefriends.org/events>.

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# 40 Days for Life

Never prayed outside of an abortion center? Nervous to step out? You aren't alone. Know that God is calling you for a reason. Even if you can only commit to 1 hour a month, He will use your presence in a mighty way. Free training will help you feel more confident.

40 Days is a peaceful, prayerful, loving, law abiding outreach that occurs outside of multiple abortion centers in 47 countries. Each day in the upcoming Lenten season for 40 continuous days, prayer warriors will stand up for life at the doors of abortion centers. Since 2007, it's been confirmed that 13,998 babies have been saved by this outreach. 170 abortion workers have left their jobs and 90 abortion centers have closed.

Listed below are the local campaigns. For all other Pennsylvania vigils check out [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com).

## PP – 12<sup>th</sup> & Locust, Phila. 19107

Mon-Sat: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Contact: Dr. Monique Ruberu, 469-231-9084  
[roobearoo@hotmail.com](mailto:roobearoo@hotmail.com)

## Phila. Women's Ctr. - 777 Appletree, Phila. 19106

Tues-Sat: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Contact: Patrick Stanton, 267-718-4851  
[pjstanton9@gmail.com](mailto:pjstanton9@gmail.com)

## PP – 2751 Comly Road, Phila. 19154

Mon-Sat: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Contact: Anita Flynn, 267-456-4582  
[aflynn3250@yahoo.com](mailto:aflynn3250@yahoo.com)

## PP – 1221 Powell St., Norristown 19401

Mon-Sun: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Contact: Rita Smith, 610-489-1929  
[providarita1@gmail.com](mailto:providarita1@gmail.com)

## PP – 8 S. Wayne Street, West Chester 19382

Mon-Sun: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Contact: Paulette Matthews, 484-832-2746  
[PauletteMatthews@hotmail.com](mailto:PauletteMatthews@hotmail.com)

## Great Things at Guiding Star



In the last week of January, two of the moms who came to us for help delivered their babies! "Nita" was thinking of aborting her baby because she had no place to live. We were able to help her with rent and she is now joyfully embracing her newborn daughter and bringing her home to her other three children. One of the moms living in the home, "Sandra" gave birth to a beautiful baby girl who joins her brother and sister. We don't want to think what would have happened had they not had a place to turn to! And, we were so glad that we were able to give both moms car seats! **If your group or parish would like to take up a collection for new car seats, we would be so grateful!**

**A wonderful way to help would be to attend a Beef & Beer being held for the benefit of Guiding Star!**

**Blaney's Beef & Beer  
Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>  
7 to 11 p.m.**

**Polish Eagles Sports Club  
3157 E. Thompson St., Phila., PA 19134**

**Tickets are \$40. Call Ed at 215-840-8550.**



Legislators in the Pa. House and Senate are preparing to introduce bills to protect children diagnosed in the womb with Down Syndrome. Having developmental delays – being "different" – should not be a reason to abort an unborn child, yet here in Pennsylvania it is permitted by law. As many as 90% of these children are being aborted in the United States.

Our 2016 *Stand Up For Life Dinner* keynote speaker, Karen Gaffney, has been proving to the world that people with Down Syndrome accomplish amazing things. Karen, a proficient swimmer, crossed Lake Tahoe individually and the English Channel in a relay. There are so many inspiring stories about the achievements of people who are "different."

This legislation, being introduced in the House by Rep. Mike Turzai and in the Senate by Sen. Scott Martin, would stop any child from being aborted solely due to a diagnosis of possible Down Syndrome. Please contact your Pa. Representative and Senator and urge them to co-sponsor this life-saving legislation. If you need information on your legislators, visit [http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/find\\_our legislator/#address](http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/find_our legislator/#address).

## Fasting to End Abortion?

As Lent rolls around again, it is time to seize the opportunity. Repent, draw near to the heart of God — and fast. Yes, fast. It is an effective means to transform us inside and to change the world outside. Fasting to end abortion is essential. It humbles us and conforms us to the loving heart of God and causes us to weep over what He weeps over. Fasting also defeats the enemy. In Mark 9:29 Jesus says, "Some demons can only be driven out by prayer *and fasting*". Ending abortion requires a spiritual victory. Let's give the battle everything we have, aim for the most effective prayer — with fasting.

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