

The Pregnancy Care Center of New York

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Pregnancy Care Center Mission:

Acknowledging that every human life begins at conception and is worthy of protection, the mission of the PCC of NY is to offer servant hearted love, hope, and help to anyone considering abortion by presenting them with realistic alternatives and Christ-centered support through our life affirming network of counselors, churches, and individuals.

Board of Directors' Message

"Paul, a servant of Christ ..." Romans 1:1

Have you ever heard someone say, "You never get a second chance to make a first impression"? Maybe the Apostle Paul did. He started his letter by putting in front of the congregation what is most important about him. He called himself a servant of Christ. A servant does his master's business. He is consumed with doing what his master wants. This is a word to all Christians. We have a Lord and Savior in heaven, and we are His servants.

This is no less true for the board of the PCC. We are servants of Christ here to serve His purposes for the unborn and His church, which holds fast to the word of life.

As our year begins, we would like to do so with gratitude and hope. In gratitude to the Lord, we thank Him for the tireless service of Kathi Indelicato and Laurie Syvertsen who have finished up their terms on the board. They served well in a period of building structure for the PCC and God has used them to set a good foundation for its future. May the Lord bless them for their faithfulness.

In hope, we look ahead to this year as God has formed a new board for His labor. It is made up of Sonia Justiniano (Chair), Gladys McCormack (Vice Chair), Marilyn Ajose (Treasurer), Jim Stoffers (Assistant Treasurer), Cecilia Daza (Secretary), Andrea Divito (Assistant Secretary), Paul Couch, Catie Couch, and Lynore Rerick Bruno. This board represents a number of churches and we are excited to see how all our different giftings will be brought together and used for the Lord's purpose.

Executive Director's Message



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Welcome to 2023!

Turning the page into the new year, the Pregnancy Care Center steps boldly into January speaking and breathing **LIFE**. The PCC will join with churches throughout Staten Island and all around the United States to celebrate God's precious gift of life, commemorate lives lost to abortion and together we covet to protect human life at every stage.

This year we will be visiting 19 churches on or around **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday!**

The challenges ahead are real and darkness seems to be gaining traction: abortion pill massive availability, online shadow banning, market machines funded by the government, google interference and blockages.

As you know, last year the PCC re-booted and we reimagined our ministry model. The Lord has *hidden us in plain sight*, and we are operating with your prayers and God's favor. Without a

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Please join us in praying for this New Year. Pray the Lord will change the hearts of many, so they may rejoice in the goodness of lives in the womb. Pray that God would lead us as His servants to do His will.

Thank you and God's peace to you all in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Outreach Coordinator — Jessica Bocaya

Greetings! It's always an honor to share wonderful news! We have had the awesome privilege of blessing a mom with a brand new crib. This mom was mentioned in one of our most recent newsletters and we would like to shine a light on her once again. Her story touched many of us and Tottenville Free Church reached out to us and offered to purchase a crib for this mom. Let me share a bit about her story with you ...

This mom was referred to us by one of our affiliate churches. She had rededicated her life to Jesus, committed herself to a church family and contacted us because she is a single mom with four children in desperate need of an apartment, a job, child care, baby items and a crib. After much hard work she persevered, praying through the storm and trusting in the Lord to provide everything for her. And guess what!! God showed up and we got front row seats to the goodness of God!

Today she has a new apartment, an amazing job that has agreed to pay for her to pursue her education, child care for all kids within the neighborhood and finally, the crib she had been saving up for and had dreamed of having for her baby boy, was provided, purchased brand new by the Tottenville church. This was truly the icing on the cake. I went directly to her home around Christmas and delivered the crib. She was so excited — hugging me, showing me around her new apartment and declaring the good works of the Lord!! She was so overwhelmed with joy and wanted to share all the wonderful



things the Lord has done for her family since she has returned to Him, just as the prodigal son. Once the crib was built, she was thrilled to share photos of her baby boy enjoying it so much! She wanted to say "thank you!"

We rejoice with Arianna and her four beautiful children, Sofia, Sienna, Cynthia, and baby AJ!

brick and mortar center, we converted to a 100% mobile model. With your financial support we were able to hire a part-time Outreach Coordinator, Jessica Bocaya, and a Social Media Specialist, Annabelle Sze-pietowski, a true dynamic duo!

We attended over 21 community secular outreaches and we simply loved on people. We listened to them, prayed with them, shared baby supplies with them, shared realistic alternatives to abortion with them, found them jobs or schools for their children, connected them to churches, and shared the gospel with them. Hundreds of people on Staten Island met the PCC for the first time.

Last year, seven babies were saved and four adults came to the saving faith of Jesus! Praise the Lord!

Please reach out to me by email if you are interested in volunteering. You can be trained as a counselor, join our outreach team or donation team, or our fundraising team. We need you!

In closing, the verse the Lord has given me for the new year is Joshua 1:9:

*"Have I not commanded you? Be **Strong and Courageous**. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*

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Featured Pastor's Corner (We will be highlighting a different pastor every month)



George Ippolito, Pastor
Tottenville Free Church

"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." Genesis 1:27

One of the blessings that comes with Sanctity of Life Sundays is that it calls our attention to a subject we can easily overlook: the preciousness of life ... all life. The sanctity of a person is not rooted in their utility, or in their age, nor is it in their academic ability or net worth. Rather, the sanctity of a human life is rooted in the fact that mankind bears the image of God.

Yes, that image has been marred by sin, but it remains. While the fact of mankind bearing God's image is stated in Genesis 1, the sanctity of that reality is driven home eight chapters later. When God told Noah, "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man" (Gen. 9:6), it was the sanctity that drove the penalty. While this verse can be appropriately used in contemporary considerations of the principle of capital punishment, what can easily be missed is that the punishment for murder is so serious because life is so precious. And the reason why life is so precious is because men and women bear the image of God.

So whether a child is in the womb, dependent upon his or her mother, or whether a person is elderly and depended on dialysis or medication, life is precious. Dependence or disability doesn't diminish that. Independence and ability doesn't augment it. Neither does location affect sanctity. It doesn't matter if a person is in the birth canal or a nursing home, life is sacred. And as a result, life is worth fighting for. But if the fight is to be found holistically, and life is to be valued properly, a person must see that God's eternally begotten Son, the ever-living One, took on Himself human flesh and human life, not only to live, but to die, so that all who repent and trust in Him alone for the forgiveness of sins might have eternal life. Life is that precious in the sight of God — Jesus came and died so that all who believe in Him might have it forever.

Volunteers taking the lead!



January's extraordinary volunteer is Carol Nutly Doody.

The PCC is so thankful for Carol's heart for the Lord and especially for the unborn! Carol served the PCC as a volunteer at our Flea Market last year, driving all the way from eastern Long Island to serve the entire day with us was a huge blessing! Carol

lives her life serving Jesus in tangible ways! Keep shining and serving!





Food for thought:

"Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life ..."

Psalm 23:6

As children of the living God, let's live this new year consistent with this promise!



2023 Donations are Welcome

An easy way to help the PCC raise money is by logging into Amazon Smile when placing orders. Choose: **The Crisis Pregnancy Center of NY DBA the Pregnancy Care Center of New York** on Amazon Smile.



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