

# The Pregnancy Care Center of New York

Newsletter

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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*

As we undergo daily routines in life with jobs, commitments, children, volunteer work, etc., let us not forget to be thankful in all that we have and know as blessing.

Let's focus on **CHRIST** and His sacrifice on the cross for us. While He was on earth, He did not focus on possessions, but went about His Father's business with unwavering obedience.

Let us be grateful, thankful and imitators of Him in everything that we do. Saving one baby at a time is what we do. No apologies needed.

As my church family always says: let us be the hands and feet of Jesus. Let Him shine through us. Thank you, Lord, for Your mercies and forgiveness and help us with our shortcomings. In Your precious name, Amen.

## *Outreach Coordinator – Jessica Bocaya*

Pregnancy centers have been accused of being “pro-birth” and not “pro-life.” This month I want to highlight Stacey and her baby, Jason, as it is a true testament to our mission as the Pregnancy Care Center here on Staten Island.

When Stacey came to us she was a single, twenty-one-year-old, first time pregnant mom. She didn't know what the future would hold and was looking for help and resources. We introduced her to Jesus Christ and have been helping her on her journey of motherhood and discipleship. Not only did Stacey choose life for her baby, but she chose life for herself by responding to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and accepting Christ

## *Executive Director's Message*



*Arlene Rutuelo*

I love Spring and everything it represents.

I think about that annual plant that seems to have withered away to a skeleton over the winter months. Suddenly, it begins to blossom with beautiful color and foliage!

*“Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”* Isaiah 43:18-19

As the Pregnancy Care Center (PCC) steps into the Spring, so much is happening around us. God is good all the time!

The word *overwhelmed* has a new meaning for me. I am not overwhelmed in the negative way, but I am overwhelmed by the Lord's provisions and direction for the PCC. It takes my breath away at times.

I want to share some exciting new initiatives and connections.

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into her life. Since then, the Lord has blessed her with a church family. Although her baby was born with a rare disease, he has been beating the odds at every turn.

This past week he celebrated his 3-month birthday, had a tracheotomy and g-tube although he was considered "high risk," he survived the procedure. Today, doctors said that he has been doing very well. The discharge nurse has approached Stacey asking to meet with her as well. Overjoyed by the updates, I had asked Stacey if we can meet up soon and her response was "I hope that next time we meet, I'll be with a stroller with Jason in it!"



I am thankful that the Lord would give us the heart and compassion to care for moms like these. We are honored to be able to walk alongside them, support them, and help encourage them in times of crisis.

To God be all the glory!

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



Pastor Ronald and Emma Squibb  
Lead Pastor, International Christian Church

*"For you formed my inward parts;  
You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."  
Psalm 139:13-14*

All life is sacred! We live in a culture today that does not place value on life. All life is sacred from the moment of conception to the moment of death! God values life, and as a follower of Jesus we need to value life as well. Life is a gift that God gives to us, and we need to value life because it is sacred!

Sacred means to be set apart as holy! Do we see that God has set apart our lives to be holy, useful for His purposes. When we see that all life is sacred, it changes the way we view life! The Word of God shows us that we need to value lives as individuals, and as followers of Jesus.

The PCC is networking with "40 days for Life — Staten Island," Deb Sucich is helping to bring the Safe Haven Baby Boxes to New York State. A coalition of influential people are working together for the safety of newborns. Safe Haven Baby Boxes was founded by Monica Kelsey in 2015 to give mothers/parents a safe and legal option to surrender their baby 100% anonymously. Safe Haven Baby Boxes' mission is to prevent illegal abandonment of newborns. [www.shbb.org](http://www.shbb.org)



Please pray that these doors open for New York State.

The staff and I are developing a robust Outreach calendar for the Spring/Summer/Fall. "Pop Ups" tabling around Staten Island events. We have found that being "mobile" and attending these outreaches bring us closer to residents on Staten Island. We are loving, serving and building trust in the community. The fruit is seeing more and more organizations referring their families and friends to us.

A reminder to sign up for the **Annual Spring Gala** on May 11, 2023. Invitation is in the newsletter. Pastor Dave Watson reminds me that this Gala has been and is the largest Christian gathering on Staten Island. It is an evening of unity, acknowledging that every human life begins at conception and is worthy of protection.

Please join us!

I covet your prayers!

Together for Life,  
Arlene



Genesis 1:26 tells us *"we are made in the image of God."* God's fingerprints are upon every life, and we were created in His image. All life is valuable to God, and it does not matter where we were born, what family we were born into, our nationality, race or status in this world. We are created in the image of God, and we need to treat every person with value.

If you value something, you will protect that thing. If you value life, you will protect life from the womb until the end of life. As a culture, we do not value life, and we see it in our casual attitudes towards life.

Realizing that life is sacred also means that life is a miracle that God entrusts to every single person. Psalm 139:14: *"I am fearfully and wonderfully made."* Life is a miracle and we need to realize that it is a gift from God. The creation of life is a miracle, and not just human capability. Every person is sacred because they are born with a soul! What are we doing with the miracle that God has entrusted to us?

Life is sacred and precious and God created us for relationship with Him. God sees that every person is sacred and precious, that is why He provided His Son Jesus, to come and die on the Cross so that we would spend eternity with God. Life is sacred and precious and God provided us the way to have eternal life. John 3:16: *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."*

We need to pray for a realization that all life is sacred and precious to God and it should be sacred and precious to us as followers of Jesus!

## *Volunteers taking the lead!*



Our volunteer this month is Jim Stoffers. Jim has served the Pregnancy Care Center for many years, as a volunteer and also currently serves faithfully on the Board of Directors.

Here are six reasons why Jim, like David in the Scriptures, would be called "A Man After God's Own Heart."

Jim is humble, respectful, trustworthy, devoted, obedient and repentant.

Jim's example is a great road map for how we are to live our lives. Thank you, Jim, for your faithfulness and service to the PCC.

## *Prayer Corner*

### **Prayer requests:**

- ♦ Please pray for Staff: Arlene Rutuelo, Executive Director; Jessica Bocayo, Outreach Coordinator; and Annabelle Szepietowski, our Social Media Specialist.
- ♦ Please pray for our Board: Sonia, Gladys, Marilyn, Jim, Cecilia, Andrea, Paul, Catie, and Lynore.
- ♦ Pray for our hotline counselors: We pray the Lord would direct more women and families to call us and visit our website.



- ♦ Jessica is expecting her baby on April 27th. Please pray for a safe delivery, good health for her and baby, and rest and bonding during her maternity leave.
- ♦ Pray for our upcoming Annual Gala on May 11, 2023. Speaker: Seth Gruber.
- ♦ Pray for upcoming PCC Outreaches.

**Praise reports:**

- ♦ Baby Jason made it through the recent surgery. Download APP for updates.

**Food for thought:**

*"I have set the Lord continually before me;  
Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken."*  
Psalm 16:8

Because the Lord is near me, I can find rest in Him.  
With the Lord at your side, you can be comforted and encouraged to preserve in faith.

Alistair Begg



You are invited to  
The Pregnancy Care Center of New York's  
22nd Annual Spring Gala

*"Precious in His Sight"*

Thursday May 11, 2023  
7-10pm

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697 Forest Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10310

Guest Speaker  
Seth Gruber

Recognition of Honorees  
Louise Phillips  
Arne & Laurie Syversten

\$100 per ticket will cover expenses for the evening  
A Love Offering will be taken  
RSVP by Thursday April 27, 2023



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By scanning this QR code on your phone:



Or by using this link:  
<https://secure.fundeeasy.com/ministrysync/event/home.php?c=24491>

We hope that you are able to join us!  
For more information, please email us at  
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*Our Guest Speaker*



Seth Gruber is the Founder and President of The White Rose Resistance, and host of the podcast "UnAborted." A nationally renowned human rights activist and sought after speaker, Seth is fighting for a world where every person has the right to be born.







## 2023 Donations are Welcome

Another easy way to increase your donation is by asking if your employer offers matching contributions to charities. Your donation of \$100 can become \$200 at no cost to you.



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