

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. Referrals for abortion will not be offered.

Board of Directors' Message

Greetings from the Board of Directors of the PCC!

I once went to a party for a friend. He had just gotten married and distance had kept a number of people who knew him from being able to attend. A group of us carpoled together and had the same expectation: It was going to be a casual dinner. Boy were we wrong! It turned out to be more like a wedding reception. And I found myself sitting at the head table, feeling a bit awkward in my jeans and sneakers.

Maybe you understand this feeling. Maybe this relates a bit to your experience at the Gala: not quite what you expected. Many of you shared your thoughts and we appreciate your willingness to do so. Also, the level of care it takes to do so. Thank you! We received a range of responses and that is understandable. It was our intent to shake off the dust and stir new zeal. We organized our time wanting to be faithful to our mission and zealous in our cause. We vetted our speaker and believed he could help us do this.

Back at my friend's party, I was feeling out of place. But one thing changed it all. My friend was happy I was there. He wanted me there. This is what we want to say to you. Whether you were excited or concerned from the Gala, we are glad that you were there. Our connection is important.

And we believe with great hope that God will take this Gala and do good. We trust in the God of everlasting life. We trust that God's goodness is more than a single event. We believe He can do far more than we can ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:21).

Executive Director's Message



Arlene Rutuelo

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I love when we finally get to the end of May, as I am sure you have heard, "April showers bring May flowers." This is my favorite time of the year!

Perfect weather, hopefully the Spring will last a few more weeks before the summer heat is upon us again!

Thank you for all that attended the 22nd Annual Spring Fund-raising Gala! As we mentioned in the past, this event is the largest Christian gathering on Staten Island. It is an evening of unity and acknowledging that every human life begins at conception and is worthy of protection.

The venue choice, the LiGreci's Staaten was truly superb this year!

It was so wonderful to see the Christian community together under one roof enjoying each other's company. Pastor Dave Watson is Staten Island's best Master of Ceremonies. We are thankful for his gifts, his love for

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If there is still something on your heart that you desire to communicate to us, we are glad to hear it. And as we look forward, we pray that the community of people who are eager for unborn life to be protected will do so with great zeal and trust in the Lord who says we are all precious in His eyes.

For the life of our unborn neighbors and to the glory of God!



Our Board and Executive Directors
Back Row: Lynore, Andrea, Jim, Marilyn, Catie,
Pastor Paul, Arlene, Sonia. Seated: Cecelia and Gladys

the Lord, and his dedication to the unborn. Thank you, Pastor Dave!

To all the volunteers that helped that evening, we are thankful for your servant hearts. Thank you!

Our guest speaker this year, Seth Gruber, certainly caused sparks to fly.

I am thankful for the robust conversations afterwards.

Seth Gruber cursed the darkness, and the Pregnancy Care Center of NY is about joining with you to light a candle in that darkness.

Together for Life,
Arlene

Outreach Coordinator — Jessica Bocaya

Greetings family of God! I am thrilled to connect with you once again!

What an amazing journey it has been! On April 21st, my family and I celebrated life in a very special way. This past year we were blessed with our new home in Tottenville and now, we have been blessed to welcome our newest addition to the family, our baby girl, Holiday Beth Bocaya!

The name "Beth" by biblical definition means "house." We decided to name her Holiday "Beth" because her arrival has now made our house a home.

Every child is significant, has value and is precious in the sight of the Lord. I am thankful to be called into motherhood and especially blessed to have been trusted with this mission to protect the lives of the unborn with the PCC.





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



Rev. Teresa McPhail,
Senior Pastor
Gateway City Church
267 Bay Ridge Avenue
Brooklyn, NY

The Sanctity of Life Means Our Son
"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born, I set you apart;
I appointed you as prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5 NIV

There was a young couple who wanted a baby. They were happily married, serving God in full time ministry. Life was good. However, after a couple of years of not conceiving, the wife went for test after test, sonogram after sonogram, and many procedures. The result was that she had very severe endometriosis. Since then, many medical advancements have come to treat such diseases that cause infertility but in the 1980s there were not such treatments.

So the couple decided to go for adoption. This was an arduous and complex procedure to go through, especially in New York. After lawyers probing into every aspect of your life, social workers continuing to probe, home visits, medical histories, financial history, etc., the couple's home and life study was approved.

So the couple started to contact adoption agencies in New York and across the country. They advertised in newspapers as instructed by their attorney. From those ads a young woman called. Her name was Cathy, she was from Pennsylvania and was looking for a couple to adopt her baby. She called on April 13, 1989. Though it didn't work out, Cathy decided to keep her baby, the couple knew from the Lord that He was doing something significant for them. God's stirring inside them by His Spirit was very strong. By now you know it was my husband and me.

Two years later, my husband's brother called and said he had a young woman who worked for him and is pregnant and wants to find a couple to adopt her baby. Her name is Cathy and she wants to speak to you. We spoke with this Cathy who lives in Pennsylvania where my brother-in-law lives. The date was April 13, 1991. She said she was about to give birth any day. We drove to Pennsylvania to meet her. As we sat in the restaurant with her, she told us she thought of abortion because she already had a child alone but she could not do it. Cathy told us her mother is a Christian and told her that abortion was against God's plan.

Our son, Joseph, was born two days later. We saw him one hour after birth and took him home at two days old.

Before Joseph was formed in Cathy's womb by God, God knew him. The Lord told us and prepared us for Joseph's arrival two years to the day. The Lord set him apart for us and has appointed him as a prophet. Joseph's life speaks destiny, the miraculous, and the goodness and mercy of God every single day.

To anyone thinking of aborting their child, please know there is a couple out there that will love and care for that baby growing inside you. Please let the Lord form your child, set your child apart and appoint your child as a prophet of life. God has an ordained plan for that baby's life.



On January 23, 2021, my husband, Rev. Dr. Roger McPhail, Founder of Gateway City Church in 1990 and Mission New York Pastors' Network, went home to be with Jesus. My son, Joseph and I cherish every moment we had with this wonderful man. We are a blessed family.

Volunteers taking the lead!



Our volunteer this month is Gregory Ajose-Martinez.

Gregory is a sophomore at St. Peter's Boys HS on Staten Island. He is committed to excellence in both his studies and extracurricular activities. He is a member of the Scholars Program, maintaining a 95-academic average. He is an avid writer and has contributed articles that have been featured in the school newspaper "The Eagle." Gregory plays guitar in the high school band, and is a member of the varsity football team and the wrestling team. He was named Wrestling Team 2022-2023 Student Athlete and he was one of only two student-athletes who advanced to represent St. Peter's Boys HS at the 2022-2023 NYS Catholic High School Athletic Association Individual Wrestling Championships.

Gregory is an active member of our High School Community Volunteer Service Program, always willing to assist and always available to the PCC for events and outreaches in the community! We appreciate his service to the PCC of NY!

Prayer Corner

Prayer requests, please pray:

- ♦ Three new clients, all 15 and younger.
- ♦ Our Board: Sonia, Gladys, Marilyn, Jim, Cecilia, Andrea, Paul, Catie, and Lynore.
- ♦ Our hotline counselors: We pray the Lord would direct more women and families to call us and visit our website.
- ♦ Jessica Bocaya. Her daughter Holiday is doing well and the family is enjoying their newest member.
- ♦ Upcoming PCC Outreaches.
- ♦ Our Staff: Arlene Rutuelo, Executive Director; Jessica Bocaya, Outreach Coordinator, and Annabelle Szepietowski, Social Media Specialist.
- ♦ Baby Jason, he has a toe infection, and his discharge has been delayed for two weeks.
- ♦ The 21-year-old mom who was arrested for abandoning her baby at Staten Island University Hospital North.

Praise reports:

- ♦ We praise God for His protection and faithfulness! We praise God that the baby abandoned in a trash can at SIUH was found alive and according to reports is doing well. Thank you, Lord, for your protections.



- ♦ We thank you God for all the answered prayer regarding the 22nd Annual Gala and for the faithful support of our donors which allows us to make our services available.
- ♦ We thank God for providing volunteers for the PCC of NY.
- ♦ We thank God that young girls and women continue to choose life for their unborn babies.
- ♦ We thank God for our Staten Island community that participates in our events, prays for God’s hand on our work and contributes generously to our services.

Annual Gala Highlights

2023 Honorees at the 22nd Annual Gala



Executive Director Arlene Rutuelo, Honoree Louis Phillips,
Honorees Laurie and Arnie Syvertsen, and Board Chair Sonia Justiniano

As part of our 2023 Fundraising campaign, we are working towards creating a geofencing marketing platform — a virtual perimeter for a real-world geographic area.

Imagine a pregnant woman walks into an abortion clinic and an immediately triggered advertisement for the Pregnancy Care Center pops up on her phone. This geofence can strengthen and lengthen our reach immensely, giving us the ability to connect with women and men we otherwise wouldn’t have, and possibly saving a life.

It’s not too late to contribute to this campaign and the important work of the Pregnancy Care Center for this coming year. For those who were not able to attend our gala, and still would like to make a donation, you can do so by scanning the QR code. Make sure to choose ‘Gala’ under ‘Fund.’

"Precious in His Sight"
2023 Special Appeal

I am committed to making the Pregnancy Care Center of NY unavoidable in every space women in crisis pregnancies are present.

Let's save 52 babies in the coming year! Here is my pledge for:

\$20 per week _____
 \$80 per month _____
 \$1000 for the year _____
 One time gift of _____

Please make checks payable to:
 Pregnancy Care Center of New York
 Or
 Please scan the QR code for credit card payments



Let us be committed to making the Pregnancy Care Center of NY accessible in every space women in crisis pregnancies are present.

Thank you for your continuous support in saving unborn lives.

Donation Link: <https://pushpay.com/g/pccofny>

Food for thought:

*“Is not My word like fire?” declares the Lord,
“and like a hammer which shatters a rock?”*
Jeremiah 23:29

*“A Bible that’s falling apart usually
belongs to someone who isn’t.”*

Charles H. Spurgeon

baby bottle boomerang fundraiser

**START: MOTHER’S DAY
END: FATHER’S DAY**

May 14, 2023 - June 18, 2023
Please pick up your empty baby bottle in your church lobby on Mother’s Day and return filled with coins, check, and dollars on Father’s Day.

What a fantastic way to celebrate Moms and Dads who choose life for their children!

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.

MATCHING GIFTS

1. YOU DONATE
2. THEY MATCH
3. DOUBLE THE IMPACT

You can donate by going to our website: <https://www.pccofny.org> or our App and go to DONATE. All donations are tax deductible. You can make a one-time gift or set up regular monthly support on our secure site. If you prefer send a check, please send to: PO Box 141128, SINY 10314.

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