

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.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER CHARITY GOLF OUTING

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 4TH
ANNUAL PCC CHARITY GOLF OUTING.
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE PCC.
INVITE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND
NEIGHBORS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS
WORTHWHILE ACTIVITY.

WHEN

-SATURDAY
-OCTOBER 21, 2023
-BREAKFAST AT 8:30AM
-LUNCH AT THE TURN
-TEE TIME STARTS AT
9am

WHERE

SILVER LAKE G.C.
915 VICTORY BLVD.
S.L., N.Y. 10301

COST

\$150 PER GOLFER
INCLUDES GOLF, B-FAST, and
LUNCH
Make checks payable to:
THE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

CONTACT

MARION ANDES
917-280-0913 OR
MARIONANDES@YAHOO.COM

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FUNDS FOR THE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER TO CONTINUE
OFFERING ALL OF THEIR SERVICES FREELY AND
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ORGANIZATION FOUNDED TO OFFER COMPASSION,
HOPE, AND HELP TO ANYONE FACED WITH PREGNANCY
DECISIONS BY PRESENTING THEM WITH REALISTIC
ALTERNATIVES AND SUPPORT. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT
EVERY HUMAN LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION
AND IS WORTHY OF PROTECTION.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PCC
GO TO WWW.PCCOFNY.ORG

TO REGISTER FOR GOLF OR TO HELP SPONSOR THIS OUTING
CALL OR EMAIL MARION ANDES (SEE INFO AT LEFT)

GOLFERS:

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PHONE: _____
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Executive Director's Message



Arlene Rutuelo
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Welcome to September!

I pray your summer was filled with wonderful times of refreshment and enjoyment with your family.

Care Net, the national Pregnancy Care organization that we are an affiliate of, noted recently that the federal government just announced it will fund a "national abortion hotline."

When a woman finds out she is facing an unplanned pregnancy, she needs compassion, hope, and accurate information regarding all her options, including the emotional cost and health risks associated with abortion. Yet the government wants to fund a hotline where the only choice offered is abortion, while ignoring the science about its risks. That's why the government is using the controversial Title X grant program, a key funding source for abortion giants like Planned Parenthood, to finance their new referral line.

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Board of Directors' Message

What are the three words my grandson, Jordan, dreads this time of year? It's time to go "back to school." After a summer of sleeping in, swimming, video games, and friends, he has grown resistant to the idea of learning and growing mature. He would be perfectly happy to stay in his pajamas all day, every day, and repeat the above-mentioned activities. Along with this year's school supplies list, a summer work package was included with exercises in Math and ELA. These exercises get him back in the swing of reading, writing and arithmetic before entering the classroom.

The author of Hebrews wrote to new Jewish Christians who were grappling with the idea of Jesus and the Good News. Moving away from the commandments, the rituals and the prophets seemed to repudiate their heritage and Scriptures. Being persecuted by the Romans and Jews while embracing this newly found faith may have been too difficult to bear. Wouldn't it be easier to return to Judaism? The author of Hebrews exhorts them by saying, *"So let us stop going over the basics of Christianity again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding."* Hebrews 6:1 NLT

Those of us who confess Jesus as Lord have a call to spiritual growth. One way of evaluating spiritual maturity is by looking at the choices we make: *

Mature choices	versus	immature choices
Teaching others	rather than	just being taught
Developing depth of understanding	rather than	struggling with the basics
Self-evaluation	rather than	self-criticism
Seeking unity	rather than	promoting disunity
Desiring spiritual challenges	rather than	desiring entertainment
Careful study and observation	rather than	opinions and half-hearted efforts
Active faith	rather than	cautious apathy and doubt
Confidence	rather than	fear
Feelings and experiences evaluated in the Light of God's Word	rather than	experiences evaluated according to feelings

Those of us who are dedicated to protecting innocent unborn lives are alarmed by this latest example of dangerous government overreach. This new abortion hotline will compete with pro-life hotlines that help women and men find life-affirming alternatives to abortion and share accurate information about their unborn baby's development. We are in danger of being overshadowed by the government's deep pockets and pro-choice propaganda.

We continue to ask for your prayers as we continue to serve women and men on Staten Island.

If you are interested in hearing what God has done with the Pregnancy Care Center this past year, what is ahead, and how you can help us in the future, please join us Saturday, October 7th at 1 pm. We will be hosting an Informational and Training Seminar at Gateway Church. You will find the flyer in this newsletter.

The Body of Christ together will prevail against the evil of abortion.

In Christ,
Arlene



The comfort and convenience of summer break does not supply enough for Jordan to grow into a fully mature young man. Every school year he is provided with the academic environment and tools needed to learn, but he must choose to pursue academic excellence. For those of us who confess Jesus as Lord, He has provided the final and complete sacrifice for our sins and the only way to eternal life, but we must choose to believe and give ourselves unreservedly to Him so that we may grow in maturity, *"And so, God willing, we will move forward to further understanding."* Hebrews 6:3 NLT

Peace be with you,
Sonia

*The Choices of Maturity (chart), Life Application Study Bible, NLT. Page 1965

Outreach Coordinator – Jessica Bocaya

After lots of hard work and outreach efforts I had been waiting to see if we would witness the fruit of our labor. After all, it's always a joy to see people coming to Christ, choosing life, and bringing their families to our supporting churches to worship. On one Sunday, I was so encouraged as I wasn't expecting to meet with any clients, but to my surprise, during worship, I felt a tap on my shoulder. One of the clients we had shared the Gospel with on the streets, and invited to church, was finally there to visit! She enjoyed the service and she wanted to express her gratitude to us. It was such a joy to be reminded that the Lord is working in the hearts of people we have encountered during our outreaches! Please keep this young lady in prayer as she had expressed that she had been hurt by the church in the past and no longer wished to return.

But to God be the Glory, she enjoyed the service so much that she said she would return with her husband and her four children. The Lord has been pursuing her with His unconditional love and grace. She has finally opened her heart to Him once more. God has a way of gently pushing us forward and onward for His kingdom!

Although our mission is for the unborn, the Lord wants to save babies in the womb and He wants to save them with the gift of eternal life. When one pregnant mom gives her heart to the Lord, and she runs and tells her husband, and he comes to "taste and see that the Lord is good," we not only save the unborn, but we bring the message of salvation to the entire household. This is a reason to rejoice. Hallelujah!

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



Pastor Josiah Maddox and family
Clove Lake Lead Pastor
Salem Church

"And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.' "
Matthew 22:36-40

It's a privilege for Salem Church to partner with the PC of NY because of the incredible and tangible way they love God and love people. This is vital to who we are as followers of Christ and the family of God in New York City.

When I was in college, I met this girl. Her name was Josie, and hanging out with her changed some things for me. During my first year, before I met her, I failed a class for the first time in my educational career. But then Josie came along and said, "I'm going to be studying in the library, so if you want to hang out with me, we're going to be studying in the library." I got straight A's after that and then I married that girl when we graduated! **What was important to her became important to me.** After being married for a while, there was this show everyone was talking about, but it really was not my thing. You probably know; it is called Downton Abbey. My wife wanted to watch it and she got sucked in. I've now seen every episode. **The closer I was to her, the more I enjoyed the things she enjoyed.** When we visit a new city or go on vacation, I love to walk and explore. We end up walking a lot! My wife has always been a good sport and put up with me putting up big numbers on our step counts. Now walking and exploring is something we look forward to whenever we get the change to do it. **She wants to do the things that I want to do.**

You see, when we love someone, we love what they love! So, what about with God? In Christ we get the beautiful privilege of an intimate relationship with our Creator and Savior. We have found the One our soul loves and, as that intimacy grows, our heart is drawn to love what He loves. He shapes that in us, as we spend each day with Him. So, what does God love? You can explore all of the scriptures to find it, and you should, but He sums it up in what He tells His people to love. *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment."* Seek that intimate relationship with Him above all things. Then love the people He loves. *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* **From the baby in the womb to the woman desperately looking for hope and answers, our God loves each person and commands us to love them too.** May our hearts be drawn to do so out of the overflow of our relationship with Jesus.

We will continue to pray for, partner with, and count on the work of the PCC of NY as they serve women, build up families, and defend babies, because they love what Jesus loves!



Volunteer of the Month

I pray everyone has a Karen in their life. No, not a "Karen" you hear about in mainstream culture. But someone like Karen Materia who listens to those around her and share the best she has without hesitation. Karen's love for life is undeniable from the moment you first meet her.



Our first encounter was at a Parents-in-Prayer meeting this past school year at Gateway Academy. Praying for the needs of the faculty, staff, and students, allowed for robust conversation amongst participants. A fairly new believer in Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior, Karen reminded me that "... *as iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens (and influences) another (through discussion).*" Proverb 27:17 Amplified Bible. She motivated me to be a better listener and to measure my words.

Our heavenly Father's timing is always perfect. The PCC of NY is always prayerfully seeking phone counselors that can listen as well as share life affirming alternatives to women in crisis pregnancies. Karen can easily do both. When approached to consider serving in this capacity, she did not hesitate and did not look back. Just today, Karen shared that she looks forward to coming alongside a woman in crisis and making a difference in her life.

It is my prayer that Karen continues to surrender every aspect of her life to our Lord and Savior and increasingly see His goodness as she fulfills His purpose and plan. Once again, I pray everyone has this type of Karen in their life.

Peace, Sonia Justiniano

Prayer Corner

Prayer Requests:

- ◆ Pray for the three young ladies that are contemplating abortion. Please pray that the Lord would intervene.
- ◆ Pray for a PCC location. We have been seeking a location and we are asking that the favor of the Lord would be upon us.
- ◆ Pray for our upcoming events that the Lord would bless us with opportunities to encourage our churches, volunteers, and staff as we minister through outreach and training.

Praise Report:

- ◆ Praise God that although we are not directly connected with the abortion-minded clients, we are involved through prayer, and we are able to send a blessing package to one of the moms through her relative.
- ◆ Praise God that Stacey and Jason came to the English and Spanish services at ICC church! Also, we were able to connect Stacey with a job interview and help her with her resume, so that she can seek employment. She was interviewed recently and is waiting for an update.



September 27 - November 5
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

HELP SAVE LIVES IN STATEN ISLAND!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion
- Over 200 abortion workers converted
- Over 100 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Vigil location: Outside SIUH North, 475 Seaview Ave., 10305 (corner of Mason Ave.)

Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily Sun-Sat

Local contact: Debbie

40DaysSI@gmail.com

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

40daysforlife.com/statenisland

Pregnancy CARE
CENTER OF NY

**Pregnancy Care
Center of New York
Training Seminar**

**Saturday, October 7, 2023
1-4 pm
Gateway Church
200 Boscombe Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309**

Get Involved at the PCC:
Counselors needed- phone &
in-person counseling encounters
We will train you!

Do you have a special expertise that the PCC can use?
Physicians, nurses, educators, consultants, attorneys
and CPA's are needed.
Event & Outreach Supporters
Financial & Fundraiser Supporters

Meet with our Staff:
Arlene Rutuelo- Executive Director
Jessica Bocaya- Outreach Coordinator
Annabelle Szepietowski- Social Media Specialist
Dr. Joyceann Fileccia- PhD, RN, LCPC, LCCC

Please RSVP via email to Arlene@pccofny.org

From our Friends at 40 Days for Life—Staten Island

From Wednesday, September 27th to Sunday, November 5th, you are invited to join us for 40 Days for Life — 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

We will be peacefully praying during a 40-day vigil outside of SIUH North, 475 Seaview Avenue (corner of Mason and Seaview), each day from 7 am to 7 pm.

To sign up to receive updates, go to:
<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/statenisland>

Join us for our kick-off Mass on October 8th with Bishop Peter Byrne at Blessed Sacrament Church with the Sisters of Life for 9:30 am Mass followed by refreshments and materials distribution in the parish hall.

If you would like more information, please contact: Debbie at 40DaysSI@gmail.com



Food for thought:

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV

Christ was not guilty, and could not be made guilty; but he was treated as if He were guilty, because He willed to stand in the place of the guilty. Yea, He was not only treated as a sinner, but He was treated as if He had been sin itself in the abstract. This is an amazing utterance.
The sinless one was made to be sin."

~ Charles Spurgeon

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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