

# 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. Referrals for abortion will not be offered.***



The Pregnancy Care Center of NY works closely with twenty-five churches.

We want to honor the Pastors and acknowledge their service to Staten Island and Brooklyn communities.

We are thankful for your servant hearts for the people of God and for your dedication to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

You are loved and much prayed for!

## *Board of Directors' Message*

*"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me, Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me." Psalm 23:4*

As a seasoned Christian and a single mother of 3 children, for many years fear had such a strong grip on me. Fear of my future, fear of my children's future (statistically, it doesn't go well for single parents), fear of my untimely death and what that would mean for my children, fear of my children making the wrong decisions and how that would alter their future. But I think the biggest fear, was

## *Executive Director's Message*



*Arlene Rutuelo*



*"Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." 1 John 4:4*

Last month I shared with you that Care Net, the national Pregnancy Care organization that we are an affiliate of, announced recently that the federal government just announced it will fund a "national abortion hotline."

New York City not wanting to be "outshined" by the Federal Government recently jumped into this campaign of death.

Recent headlines read, "NYC Mayor Adams Makes Abortion Care Available Via Telehealth to New Yorkers Through NYC Health + Hospitals."

According to the Official website of the City of New York, "Mayor Eric Adams and NYC Health + Hospitals today launched telehealth abortion access through Virtual Express Care – becoming the first public

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what if they never came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ? My thoughts were consumed with the “what ifs”.

I am sure many of you can relate to this. Fear is a formidable opponent and not quite seen as the sin that it really is. I came to the point, or should I say that God brought me to the point, that I got tired of being tired of fighting this ever-present foe called Fear. I remember coming to the realization that if God is who He claims to be as read in the pages of Scripture, then I had to get to really know who He really is, His attributes, what He loves, what He hates, etc.

I began by reading the Bible cover to cover. If I wasn't reading the Bible, I was reading about the Bible according to male and female theologians that I knew to have the correct hermeneutics or listening to great podcasts by godly men and women discussing the Bible. I immersed myself in the Word. Guess what – I came out a different person! I still have a long, long way to go, but my biggest takeaway was that I serve a sovereign God. Nothing will happen to me that He Himself has not allowed to happen, and that whatever happens to me, good or bad, will always be for His Glory and for my good (Romans 8:28). Psalm 23 has always brought me so much comfort, I believe it is a depiction of the relationship God has with his sons and daughters. I have nothing to fear, He is with me! And although I have a better understanding of who God is, that's not to say that fearful thoughts don't creep in from time to time, but I am reminded of Ephesians 6:16, that tells us that it is faith in Christ that enables us to extinguish every lying arrow that is aimed at us. It really is hard for the enemy to trick us into believing his lies, when we know the truth, and the truth can only be found in the pages of Scripture.

One of my favorite scriptures that has always ministered to me is 2 Corinthians 10:4, *“For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.”* Pastor John MacArthur teaches, “Believers are not instructed in the New Testament to assault demons or Satan (Jude 9), but to assault error with truth. That is our battle.”

Cecilia Daza

Health system in the nation to do so – and further expanding New Yorker's access to abortion care while Americans' reproductive rights remain under attack across the nation. Beginning this week, patients in New York City seeking abortion care will be able to schedule a Virtual ExpressCare appointment to speak with a New York state-licensed health care professional by video or phone, on-demand, for an assessment and counseling. If clinically appropriate and prescribed, patients will be able to receive a medication abortion kit at their New York City address within a few days.”

Abortion in New York State has been legal since 1970, three years before Roe v. Wade, and New York appears to be vying to be the capital of abortions in the world.

Shame on them for pushing the death of a child as Health Care.

I love what President Ronald Reagan said, “I've noticed that everybody who is for abortion has already been born.”

I pray that abortion numbers would be severely dwindling, and even with all this political pandering push new services for more abortion access, it is my hope that New Yorkers would finally start to wake up to the horrible realities of abortion.

The PCC of NY has plenty of work ahead. God is clearly moving here on Staten Island. Please continue to cover us in prayer as we take bold steps forward.

Do not be discouraged!



Together for life,  
Arlene

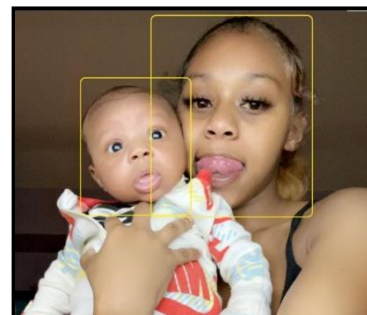


## *Outreach Coordinator – Jessica Bocaya*

Hello friends! Our hearts are troubled by the news regarding abortion hotlines that are available which are giving women, especially minors, access to abortion through this confidential service. The NYC.gov website provides information stating the following, “If you are a teenager, you can get sexual health services, including abortion care, at a clinic without your parents’ permission or knowledge.”

Our mission is to reach those facing crisis with unplanned pregnancies here on Staten Island; however, we are finding that we are not limited to any stage of pregnancy. In states that offer termination as late as nine months, we know that life can be robbed at any time. Sadly, this hotline has made it easily accessible for anyone by offering travel, lodging, financial support, and confidential services. It’s time for believers to take the lead and move by the power of the Holy Spirit! The Lord has prepared and equipped us for such a time as this!

We’ve been encouraged and our faith has continued to increase as we see more women seeking our help and giving us the opportunity to walk alongside them in their pregnancy journeys. This month we celebrate life with four of our clients who gave birth and have been attending one of our supporting churches. Please join us as we welcome Chief Robert London, Kh’ari, Joanna and Selena Kyra Annalie Bonilla to the world! Four babies have been added to this generation and we pray that they will lead the charge in advocating for life! May salvation come to the home of every one of our clients, saving their families and future generations! Amen.





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



Rev. Jason J. McGuire,  
Executive Director,  
New Yorkers for  
Constitutional Freedoms

On October 2, 2023, New York City Mayor Eric Adams announced that NYC Health + Hospitals will begin letting pregnant women obtain abortion pills by mail without having an in-person appointment with a medical professional. Instead, women will not be allowed to obtain abortion pills simply by consulting with medical professionals using telemedicine. The Mayor's Office has asserted that NYC Health + Hospitals is the first public health care system in the nation to take this step.

According to *Gothamist*, Mayor Adams commented, "Access to safe, legal abortion care is the cornerstone of public health. In New York City, it will always be. We will not stand idly by while [attacks] continue and the far right seeks to strip our citizens of their basic rights."

The *New York Post* reported that the Virtual Express Care program would make physicians and counselors available for telehealth appointments seven days per week. To participate in the program, women would be required to be 10 weeks pregnant or less.

Putting aside Mayor Adams's obnoxious tone and his blatant lie about abortion being a "cornerstone" of public health, his announcement is deeply troubling. First, making abortion pills more readily available will likely lead to an increase in pill abortions and, therefore, an increase in unborn lives lost in New York City. Second, an increase in pill abortions likely means an increase in medical complications for women. The pro-life Charlotte Lozier Institute (CLI) asserts that pill abortions carry higher risks of complications for women than surgical abortions do. Furthermore, the CLI indicates that offering women abortion pills without an in-person examination would endanger women whose ectopic pregnancies have gone undiagnosed. Third, there are outstanding questions about the legality of sending abortion pills through the mail; until those issues are resolved, it is legally questionable for the City to take this latest step.

It is unfortunate that Mayor Adams's professed Christianity has not led him to a deeper respect for unborn human life, or for the health and well-being of women.

## Prayer Corner

### Prayer Requests:

- ◆ A client that has reached out to us through our hotline is asking for pregnancy confirmation. Pending the result, she is willing to have her baby and will consider adoption as an option. Please pray that the Lord will grant us wisdom.
- ◆ "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." James 1:5
- ◆ We pray for Israel. Innocent children elderly, mothers and fathers have been affected by the recent attack where hundreds of people were killed and injured. Please pray for justice, peace, healing, and



restoration. Pray as King Jehoshaphat did, *“We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.”*  
2 Chronicles 20:12

- ◆ We have found a possible location to call home! Please lift this location in prayer as we plan to visit the Site this week to determine if it will be fit for our new center. Pray, asking, *“Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!”* Psalms 90:17

### **Praise Report:**

- ◆ Four of our clients gave birth to their children this past month! Four precious babies were born into this world! To God be the glory!
- ◆ Thank you all for continuing to keep Stacey and baby Jason in prayer. Thanks to our volunteer staff member, Andrea Curry of Gateway Church, Stacey was offered an interview at a medical agency. Soon after the interview, Stacey received a call offering her a position to start as early as next week! We are overjoyed to be able to witness God continuing to move in an extraordinary way in this family’s life.
- ◆ Safe Haven Box – as we continue to pray for God to open these doors, we are watching our prayers being answered one step at a time. Conversations continue, and we are navigating through the logistics and legalities of having safe haven boxes made available here on Staten Island.
- ◆ Praise God for our Volunteer Training which began in October. We continue to equip volunteers to love and serve those who call the PCC for help. We are so grateful to those who volunteer their services year after year, and for the new volunteers who have joined our team!



Let’s welcome Pastor Jeremiah Stephens, the new Lead Pastor of Bethel Evangelical Free Church.

Pastor Michael Luciano from Gateway Church, pictured here with his wife, Mandy Luciano, recently posted on Facebook:

“It was a joy to attend the installation service for the new Lead Pastor of Bethel Evangelical Free Church, Pastor Jeremiah Stephens. He, his wife, Kimberly Stephens, and two wonderful daughters are going to be a blessing on our Island! And ... he’s a Yankees fan! A pre-requisite for all church search committees in NYC in my opinions! Welcome to the Isle! Let’s serve Him together!

Pastor Jeremiah Stephens is eager to continue Bethel’s longstanding commitment to supporting life through the work of the PCC of NY!



## EXCITING NEWS

We have a mobile Billboard driving around Staten Island!  
Let us know if you see it!!

A Special Thank You to Nick Tortora for this blessing!

The billboard features the Pregnancy CARE Center of NY logo in the top left corner. The main text reads "LET US HELP YOU CHOOSE LIFE" in large, bold, black serif font. Below the text, there is a phone icon followed by "718-667-HELP (4357)" and a globe icon followed by "PCCOFNY.ORG". On the right side of the billboard is a photograph of a pregnant woman with long, dark, curly hair, wearing a grey tank top, looking down at her belly.

For those interested in Volunteer Training,  
Part 2, will be held on:  
Saturday, December 2, 2023  
from 1 to 4 pm.





**Food for thought:**

*“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

**Romans 15:13**

*“Hope is one of the theological virtues. This means a continual looking forward to the eternal world is not (as some modern people think) a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do.”*

*~ C.S. Lewis*

## *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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