

# 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.***



## *Board of Directors' Message*

As we consider the month of February, we can be a bit bombarded with messages of love. The world's view of love can seem insincere, shallow, and commercial. Yet, God's Word reminds us of this truth, "This is how we know what love is, Jesus Christ laid down His life for us..." (1 John 3:16).

As we consider the mission of the PCCofNY in this season, it seems there is much waiting and patience required. We, as a board, praise God for next steps with a physical location and new opportunities to digitally reach our community. It is an exciting time, but also a time to rest in God's love and grace as He directs our steps. We are grateful always for your prayers and support, and continue to ask you to lift us up as God meets all our needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

## *Executive Director's Message*



*Arlene Rutuelo*

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*Look among the nations and watch-and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.  
Habakkuk 1:5*

Buckle up Staten Island, the Lord is moving!

As the Executive Director of the Pregnancy Care Center of NY (PCCofNY), I get the privilege of having a front row seat to see the hand of God move among us.

2024 has kick started a new course for us on Staten Island! I give credit to two faithful groups of believers that come together to pray specially for the PCCofNY each week, and I can clearly see a significant shift spiritually.

Some new doors have begun to open for our ministry and even from casual conversations, are leading  
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## *Outreach Coordinator – Jessica Bocaya*

Praise the Lord!! This has been quite a month of developing community partnerships and establishing ourselves within the community. As the Google Ad campaigns have launched, we have seen an outpouring of inquiries flooding in from different areas. We have gotten to know our partners and we are so blessed to be able to come together in order to serve the women in need that reach us from other geographic locations. This month alone, we have been able to help six women set up appointments coming from the Bronx, Manhattan, and Queens. These appointments ranged from confirming pregnancies and introducing options to abortion-minded women. The Lord continues to expand our territory and we are humbled by the move of His mighty hand.



Baby Zakariya born January 29, 2024

7 lb 6 oz, 21 inches

us to incredible advancements for protection of the unborn.

Here are some new developments:

- We have initiated a new marketing strategy: Google Paid Ads and GO Virtual Fencing. They are carrying out life affirming PCCofNY ads to the internet. The phones are ringing and email “leads” are hitting our mailboxes, and we are serving vulnerable abortion-minded women. Many are from the surrounding Tri-State area, but we connect them to PCC’s in their zip codes.
- As many are already aware, we have recently signed a lease for our new Center in the Dongan Hills section of Staten Island. Floor plan designs, Architects plans, and then we go out to bid for a General Contractor to begin renovations

But first...**Some AMAZING news!**

The Lord stepped in and connected us to CompassCare ([www.compasscare.info/](http://www.compasscare.info/)).

CompassCare is one of the largest medical Pregnancy Care Organizations in New York State. We are taking steps to partner with them for a satellite site. One of our rooms in the new Center will be an Ultrasound Room. Under the medical supervision of CompassCare! Please pray for us in the weeks and months ahead as we work on the legal details to make this a reality. We covet your prayers.

We ask the Holy Spirit to help the PCCofNY to be unavoidable in every space abortion-minded women are on Staten Island.



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



Pastor Paul Couch  
Bethany Lutheran  
Brethren Church

“By this we know love, that He laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.” 1 John 3:16

Who doesn't love a combo pack? My kids love Lunchables because they don't have to collect all the food into one spot. It has already been done for them.

The combo pack always has two things that go together. God loves combo packs too! When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment is, He couldn't help but give the second, because they go together. He said to love the Lord God with everything is number one, and the second is like it: love your neighbor as yourself (see Matthew 22:37-40).

The Apostle John sees this too, which is why he links together Christ's love for us and our love for others. The two go together. So great is the love that God has lavished on us that His one and only Son would die for us so that we could be

Called the children of God (see 1 John 3:1). This love and goodness changes who we are and where we will be forever. And it gives us purpose: to love others as we love ourselves.

We live our lives for the blessing of other's lives. Every life is significant. Every life was created in the image of God. Every life has been given meaning because Christ laid down His life for everyone.

As we consider this month that has Valentine's Day in the middle of it, “let us not love in word or talk, but in deed and in truth” (1 John 3:18).

Let us love all people. And may that include the most vulnerable people: the unborn. Humanity is a combo pack of sorts: we all go together and that is by design. For God so loved the world...

God's Peace,  
Pastor Paul Couch  
Bethany Lutheran Brethren Church

## *Prayer Requests and Praise Reports*

### *Prayer*

- New Location- Please pray that any delays in the renovations of our new location will be used for God's glory. May the Lord keep us at the perfect pace as we continue to work out the details of this project.
- Geofencing/Google Ad campaigns- May the Lord expand our territory and help put the Pregnancy Care Center on the map so that families in need everywhere can consider us when they find themselves facing a crisis pregnancy.
- Gala- Pray that the Lord will stir the hearts of all those involved in the planning, preparing and participating of the event. We are asking the Lord to help us put together a program that honors Him.



#### Praise

- We praise God for the new location! We are looking forward to when we can announce a grand opening.
- Partnership with CompassCare- We are excited to introduce sonograms at our new center!
- Partnerships with other pregnancy centers at other locations.







## *In The Media*



## Hochul Promotes Planned Parenthood's Priorities

On January 24, 2024, Planned Parenthood held a [rally](#) to celebrate its grisly agenda at the Legislative Office Building in Albany. Sadly, Gov. Kathy Hochul and other Albany politicians were on hand to show their enthusiasm for abortion.

One of Planned Parenthood's main priorities this year is to secure passage of the so-called Equality Amendment. The Amendment, which is scheduled to go before the voters on Election Day this November, would enshrine New York's extremist policies on abortion, sexuality, and transgenderism within the New York State Constitution. According to [Gov. Hochul](#), "We need to make sure that no future governors, no future legislators can ever strip away these rights that we have here in the great state of New York."

Assembly Minority Leader Will Barclay (R-Pulaski) [asserted](#) that "Democrats view [abortion] as a winning political issue and that's why it's part of their daily narrative." Leader Barclay added, "What they won't say is that New York maintains one of the highest abortion rates in the country and was completely unaffected by federal actions."

The *New York Post* [reported](#) that one purpose of placing the Equality Amendment on the ballot was to help Democratic politicians win re-election this fall. Consultant Hank Sheinkopf, a Democrat, stated that abortion "is the club. Abortion is the issue that gives Democrats the edge where they have no other edge — they lose it on the border crisis, they lose it on crime, and they even lose it on the economy." State Sen. George Borrello (R-Sunset Bay), agreed, adding that Democrats "have a horrible record to run on. The quality of life has declined. New York is overrun with migrants. Abortion is the dog whistle issue. New York already has the broadest abortion law in the country."

Regardless of the true motive behind the Equality Amendment, it is important that Christian New Yorkers are informed about its destructive provisions. NYFRF is scheduled to hold its own Albany rally on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. To learn more about the Equality Amendment and other key issues facing our state, please join us.

## *In The Media*

Credit: LIVEACTION NEWS

Live Action News publishes pro-life news and commentary from a pro-life perspective

Jill Biden invites woman who aborted disabled baby to State of the Union

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First Lady Jill Biden has [invited](#) Kate Cox — the Texas woman who sued the state so she could kill her disabled preborn baby closer to home — to the State of the Union address as her guest in March. Cox has accepted that invitation.

Though [Cox](#) had been willing to take the risks associated with her pregnancy for a baby who was assumed to be ‘healthy,’ once her baby received a diagnosis of Trisomy 18, she suddenly claimed that she needed an abortion to save her own health. Though children with Trisomy 18 have long been labeled “incompatible with life,” in recent years that label has been removed and children have shown they can live longer when given proper medical care. However, Cox saw a healthy baby as worth any potential pregnancy-related risks and a disabled baby as unworthy of those risks. She specifically asked in her lawsuit for the ability to kill her preborn baby through a D&E abortion, which would dismember the baby limb from limb — and argued that this was better for the child than being born alive and intact and being held and cared for.

“On Sunday, the president and first lady spoke to Kate Cox, who was forced to go to court to seek permission for the care she needed for a nonviable pregnancy that threatened her life, that threatened her life,” White House spokesperson Karine Jean-Pierre in a press briefing last week. “They thanked her for her courage in sharing her story and speaking out about the impact of the extreme abortion ban in Texas.” She added, “Her story is incredibly powerful, devastating. And it speaks to the moment that we are in now, when we talk about women having the right to make these deeply personal decisions about their health care that was taken away by the Supreme Court.”

But Jean-Pierre’s statement is not correct. If Cox’s life had truly been in jeopardy — and if a doctor had stated that her life was at risk — Cox would have been able to abort her baby in Texas. Instead, she lost her case and [traveled](#) to pro-abortion New Mexico to have the abortion. The majority of preborn children are currently protected from abortion in Texas; however, the state law has an exception that states preborn babies can be intentionally and directly killed in the womb if their mother’s life is at risk (though this intentional killing is [not truly medically necessary](#)).

Last year, Biden invited [Amanda Zurawski](#), who claimed she had been denied a medically-necessary abortion, to the State of the Union. However, Zurawski had experienced preterm labor as the result of an incompetent cervix. Abortion is not a treatment for an incompetent cervix. The Mayo Clinic [lists](#) multiple treatment options — progesterone supplementation, cervical cerclage, a pessary — but intentionally killing the preborn child is not one of them. While doctors should not have sent Zurawski home without proper treatment, she was eventually able to deliver her baby, who was born too early to survive. Preterm delivery in an emergency situation like Zurawski's is not considered an induced abortion and is not prohibited by any pro-life laws, because the intent of such an early delivery is not to directly cause the death of the child.

Notably not invited to the State of the Union? Women who chose life for their babies with Trisomy 18, including Elisabeth Scott. Scott's pregnancy mirrored Cox's, however, she ensured that both she and her daughter received proper medical care. Little Brianna is now four and her story can be read [here](#). Other mothers have said no to abortion when facing a diagnosis of Trisomy 18 as well — but of course, none of these truly heroic women who fought for the equal dignity and treatment of their children will be invited to the State of the Union, either.

[Jennifer Thenhaus](#) chose life for her daughter Melody, who is now 10. [Jessica Morales](#) is mom to Andrew, who is now three. [Jessie](#) is the mom of Abel, who lived for a few months with Trisomy 18. [Karen Santorum](#) is mom to Bella, who is now 15 years old; Jesi Smith is mom to Faith, who is also 15.

Families of children with Trisomy 18 were [outraged](#) over the media's coverage of Cox's story, speaking out against it and sharing their own stories to show that their children's lives are valuable, have purpose, and should not be thrown away — and they are human beings who don't deserve dismemberment. But the dignity of preborn children isn't likely to be honored at the State of the Union. Instead, it will be the intentional death of a child by the so-called "right" to abortion that is highlighted and applauded.

[The DOJ put a pro-life grandmother in jail this Christmas for protesting the killing of preborn children. Please take 30-seconds to TELL CONGRESS: STOP THE DOJ FROM TARGETING PRO-LIFE AMERICANS.](#)



## Food for thought:

### Psalm 9:9-10 ESV

*The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.*

### Quote:

*"Men complain of their little fight: the remedy is in their own hands; let them set themselves to know God...But for all this, you must make time. You cannot know a friend from hurried interviews, much less God. So you must steep yourself in deep, long thoughts of His nearness and His love."*

~ FB Meyer

## 2024 Donations are Welcome

An 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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