

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

*“Search for the Lord and for his strength, continually seek him.”
1 Chronicles 16:11 NLT*

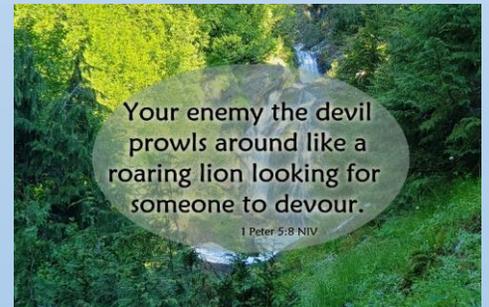
After years of obstacles, including a worldwide pandemic, the PCCofNY presses on towards the opening of a new office this fall. A place where vulnerable women and men can be ministered to. That deserves a resounding, Hallelujah and Amen! The Board of Directors are excited to be part of the ushering in of a new season and thank all who have been part of making this happen.

However, we do not want to get lost in a flurry of activity. There is a real battle, and we must stay the course. King David composed the above-mentioned verse as part of a thanksgiving psalm. It was to be sung by the Levites when the Ark of the Covenant was brought to Jerusalem and placed in the tent David pitched for it.

David counsels that we should “search for the Lord,” turn away from everything else and enter the Lord’s presence primarily through prayer and Bible reading. He also counsels that we should search for His “strength.” Trying to accomplish anything outside of His strength and ability is a losing proposition.

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Executive Director's Message



Arlene Rutuelo



In recent news, Pro-Abortion, New York Attorney General, Letitia James is suing Pregnancy Care Centers across New York State. Although the PCCofNY is not named in this suit, it affects every Pro-Life Pregnancy Care Center in New York.

Despite having no evidence or complaint by women served, Letitia James filed a politically motivated lawsuit against Pregnancy Care Centers for saving lives through “abortion pill reversal.” She falsely claims, “...abortion cannot be ‘reversed...’”

CompassCare further states,

“Progesterone therapy simply overwhelms the effects of Mifepristone by safely providing more progesterone than the chemical abortion drug can inactivate. Using this method, CompassCare has a nearly 90% success rate in reversing chemical abortion. If she has her way, Letitia James will force women to have an abortion they do not want.

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And finally, he counsels that we should “continually seek Him.” This does not mean that we neglect our relationships with others and to the natural world but focus our attention on Him. The Word is clear, the Lord God is a regarnder of those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 6:11)

Sonia Justiniano

Outreach Coordinator- Jessica Bocaya

I can hardly believe we are in the month of May already. Just a few weeks ago, I was preparing for the Gala, wondering what I will say, what do I wear, and who do I invite? And now, fast forward, I am still trying to collect my thoughts and give praise to the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness. At the Gala, for the first time, I had made the decision to invite people that have never heard of our organization and have never been at a Gala like the one we hosted. They asked me, what should we wear? What should we bring? What should we expect? Is there dancing? In fact, after the event, I was hesitant to follow up with them and ask what their experience was like. I was just so unsure as to how they have received us.

Days after the event, I had finally received the loveliest messages from several of our invited guests. One message in particular came from our friend, President Elect of Soroptimist International. Her message in particular truly touched my heart and I want to share a small portion of it with you.

“The room was filled with the spirit of LOVE and UNITY.”

This is the very thing that Jesus Christ said we should be known for. Our LOVE and UNITY. To God be all the glory!

“By this everyone will know you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35

“...that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” John 17:21

The Thomas Moore Society is committed to provide pro bono legal representation. This lawsuit will continue in New York, but no matter what, we will not stop serving and saving women and babies from abortion.

I ask that we all pray for Letitia James and her entire staff, as she is not the enemy.

Stay Alert! Watch out for your enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring Lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him and be strong in your faith!

2 Peter 5:8-9

Standing firm with you!
Arlene



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



Pastor Paul Couch

Bethany Lutheran Brethren
Church

Happy Mother's Day!

Have you ever been curious about what we don't know about the life of Jesus? SO much of His life is not shared with us in the Scriptures. I am not in any way implying that we don't know enough: we know plenty! But what about some of the everyday things that went on in His life prior to His public ministry? Do you think He ever gave His mother flowers?

This month holds a day precious to many: Mother's Day. It can be both a day of celebration, but also of sadness, For those who know this, there is no need to expand. May the comfort of the Lord be upon you.

Motherhood is a calling that the Lord places on many women. It is honorable, challenging, and a blessing. This calling is pleasing to God as we hear Him command, "honor your father and mother" (Exodus 20:12). So we should have no doubt that Jesus honored His mother always.

Consider Him on the cross. In His pain, bearing the weight of the sin of the world and God's wrath toward it, He thinks of His mother and her provision. Standing at the cross is both Mary and his disciple John. Jesus secures for His mother what she needs with these words, "Woman, behold, your son!" and to John, "Behold, your mother!" (John 19:26). Even in His dying, Jesus honored His mother and made sure she would be cared for.

So why, when someone blesses her, does Jesus redirect this blessing? Before His death Jesus did much teaching. He had just been teaching about prayer and demons, when a women cries out, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" (Luke 11:27). This was an obvious place for Jesus to respond with a "yes," but instead He says, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" (Luke 11:28). Clearly, He does not redirect this blessing because His mother is not blessed. She most certainly is. Gabriel testified to that! Jesus has a point He wants to make. I believe He offers this counter statement because He wants us to see what the source of true blessing is. It isn't in our callings. It isn't even in ourselves. It is in the word of God. And it is received by those who hear it and keep it. The blessing is found in those who have received God's word and hold fast to it.

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Before you tally all of the times and places where you fell short of doing all that God commands, go back to Jesus on the cross. Remember that He fulfilled even there the command to honor His mother. And remember that moments after this honoring He said, “it is finished!” (John 19:30). Not only was He caring for His mother in that moment. He was also caring for you. He had finished bearing the weight of all of man’s sin and paying the punishment of God’s wrath. His words declare that the payment was made in full. All is covered. All is paid for. Those who receive this good news about the One that John called “the Word” receive God’s word and keep it. Those who hold onto Jesus are blessed!

I don’t know for sure if Jesus ever gave His mother flowers, but I do know He honored her. So let us honor mothers and bless their calling. And may the children of their wombs all be born to this world so that they might hear of God’s grace through His blessed Son, Jesus our Lord, and be blessed themselves with eternal life.

Happy Mother’s Day!

Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

Prayer:

- Please pray for the unveiling of the pregnancy center as we begin planning out the details of our soft opening.
- Please pray for the nurses training conducted by the medical staff at CompassCare. We pray that the Lord will bring the workers that are on fire for this ministry.
- Please pray for the financing for the Geo Fencing, as well as Google Ad campaigns. We pray for qualified local leads to pour in.

Praise:

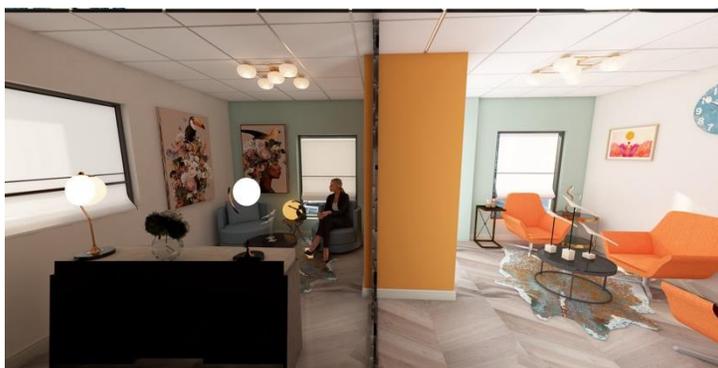
- We praise God that we are on pace to open soon, no later than this summer and the medical aspect will be ready by the fall!
- We praise God for the General Contractor who has worked tirelessly to ensure we are making progress on the build of the center.
- We praise God for the success of the Gala! We are still hearing echos of wonderful comments regarding the experience at the event! The Lord continues to richly bless us!



Annual Fundraising Gala- April 18, 2024



3D Photos of our New Center!



In The Media

As of Friday, April 19, the 2024-2025 New York State Budget is 19 days late, but there is an end in sight. Following a cyberattack that crippled the Bill Drafting Commission earlier this week, Albany is starting to pass Budget bills.

While negotiations on some issues are ongoing, some budget bills have been released to the public. One such budget bill is the bill pertaining to health and human services (Bill S.8307-C-Budget/A.8807-C-Budget). New York Families Action recently alerted our supporters to two anti-life measures that were included in a previous version of this bill. The first such measure was the Free Abortions for Out-of-Staters Act, which would increase access to abortion, pay for abortions for women who cannot afford them, and offer “practical support” to women seeking abortions. The second was a bill that would expressly allow minors to consent to abortion without parental involvement.

New York Families is pleased to announce that these two anti-life measures were deleted from the most recent version of the health and human services budget bill. We will continue to monitor budget-related developments in an effort to stop these measures from resurfacing. We thank all of our friends and supporters who responded to our recent action alert by contacting their legislators.

It is possible that this language could still pop out sometime this weekend in a yet-to-be-released budget bill known as the “Big Ugly,” which includes many controversial policies, but that seems unlikely at this point.

One of the reasons that our organization invests so heavily in the technology that allows our supporters to easily contact their legislators is so you can participate in pro-life victories like this one. Let’s keep winning these legislative fights! [Please consider a financial contribution to our work today.](#) It would be a great encouragement to us as we grind it out in these final hours of the Budget battle.

Thank you for your responding to our calls to action and for your prayer and financial support.

Jason J. McGuire

Executive Director, New York Family Action

Upcoming Events



BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG FUNDRAISER

May 12, 2024 - June 16, 2024

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!

YOU MAY ALSO GIVE ONLINE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE.





Food for thought:

James 1:26-27 NKJV

If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. Pure and undefined religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

Quote:

"True religion is not mere ritualism. Nor does the observance of religious formalities truly reveal the state of one's heart. For example, while the ongoing absence of attending church services does indeed show a frightening disinterest in Jesus' Lordship, true religion goes beyond attendance. True religion is marked by the inner working of the Holy Spirit, and shows itself in the way a Christian controls his or her speech, shows love to those in need, and keeps a distance from being tainted by worldliness" ~ George Ippolito

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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