# 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 servanthearted 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.

# Hands-On Mozzarella Class

### Make Your Own with Chef Joe Murdocca

Sunday, October 20, 2024 5pm- 8pm Bethany Lutheran Brethren Church 233 Westcott Blvd. Staten Island, NY 10314

### \$80 per person (Group rate of 5 or more people, \$75 per person)\*

**Included in the Price:** 

- \* Presentation: History about the Product
- \* Mozz Sampling
- \* Make Your Own to Take Home
- \* Great Night; Impress Your Friends & Family
- \* Chick-fil-A & Refreshments will be Served

Limited Space, Register Now

https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/?e=28375



\* Payment in advance required. No payment at the door. Class size limited to 50 people.



Executive Director's

Arlene Rutuelo

On Election Day, New York voters will decide whether to approve the <u>Equal</u> <u>Rights Amendment (ERA)</u>, a proposed amendment to the New York State Constitution. The ERA is also known as Proposal One. Proposal One is an antilife measure that could place pregnancy resource centers in harm's way and infringe upon religious liberty. We are writing to alert you about this dangerous proposal, which is supported by Planned Parenthood and a host of other pro-abortion groups.

Proposal One would add a series of new protected characteristics to the New York State Constitution's ban on discrimination. Those characteristics include "sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy." While the phrase "reproductive healthcare and autonomy" is vague and undefined, courts would likely understand it to refer to the so-called "right" to abortion.

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## Board of Directors' Message

Peter and John, soon after the ascension of Jesus Christ to heaven, came upon a lame man in the temple begging and they were moved to compassion. Peter said to him, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" (Acts 3:6). And he did!

The PCC is facing a difficult challenge right now. The resources we need (or at least we believe we need) are not entirely present. We are concerned about our future. But this passage gives us hope. When we don't have what we think we need to help the situation, by the grace of God, we likely have what something better. Money is not the primary resource in God's mission to save the world: it is compassion. This we have in abundance.

We continue to have staff filled with compassion and opportunities to show it. We are well placed, thanks to great networking by our staff, to help connect pregnant women or young moms to resources beyond our own ability. We are able to care.

Many of you have been praying for us during this season and helping out with additional funds. Thank you. Your kindness does not go unnoticed, and it reminds us that we are not alone in this work.

We are going day by day, trusting that the Lord who is gracious and compassionate will meet all of our needs in Christ Jesus. Thank you for your partnership in this. May God bless our comings and goings and provide us with abundance out of His glorious riches (Philippians 4:19).

### Outreach Coordinator-Jessica Bocaya

Legal observers state that Proposal One is dangerous because it could open the door to damaging anti-life court decisions. Currently, New York law states that abortions are allowed after 24 weeks' gestation in cases where an unborn baby is not viable, or an abortion is needed to protect a pregnant mother's life or health. This limit on late-term abortion could be challenged in court under Proposal One. If the New York Court of Appeals were to hold New York's 24-week limit unconstitutional under the ERA's ban on "reproductive autonomy" discrimination, New York could be left without any limits at all on late-term abortion. Furthermore, under Proposal One, courts could allow faith-based organizations to be sued for "reproductive autonomy" discrimination if they decline to perform abortions. Courts might even allow pregnancy resource centers to be sued for "reproductive autonomy" discrimination because we do not provide women with information and referrals about abortion services.

Proposal One will be located on the back of each voter's ballot on Election Day. Please vote against it, and please invite your like-minded friends and neighbors to do the same.

Thank you for standing with us for the cause of life.

This month we have focused our prayers on salvation for our clients and for their entire families to come to know Christ. So far, we have witnessed a husband and wife give their lives to Jesus. The father went to a men's retreat and made the commitment to follow Jesus and then days later, the mother made the same commitment during a mental health workshop at ICC that she had attended. We rejoice with them both. The journey has not been easy for this family, but they are committed to Christ, and we know that through Him all things are possible.

We continue to pray for our client who is a young, single, first-time mom that has been faithfully attending CPC where she is being loved and discipled by one of our volunteer moms! We received an update from our volunteer letting us know that she had invited our client over for dinner and the two ladies are getting along very nicely!

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The Pregnancy Center has decided to provide a sponsorship for our clients to attend an upcoming women's retreat with ICC church. We believe that the love poured out to them will make a tremendous impact on their lives.

We are asking that you keep these two families in prayer. For the client attending CPC, please pray for the reconciliation of her growing family. Pray that she will not have to raise her child alone but that the Lord will unite her to her significant other and that they will both serve the Lord together.

## **Prayer Requests & Praise Reports**

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for more clients to come to Christ and that whole families will be saved. Pray for the reconciliation of families.
- Pray for our upcoming mozzarella workshop- we pray that we will be sold out and people enjoy the experience.
- Due to the unforeseen decrease of financial support, due to the poor economy, we are seeking to temporarily sublease our PCC office space. Pray for the suitable tenant, and for additional funds to serve the community.

Praise Reports:

- Praise God for the salvation of two clients this month.
- We had a successful golf outing fundraiser! Thank you to all who joined us!
- Praise God for baby Giselle who was born this month! She is our newest arrival and addition to the PCC family.





# Highlights













Thank you to Marion Andes from Gateway Church for chairing our Annual Charity Golf Outing. And thank you to all our supporters and donors for coming out!

### In The Media





September 29, 2024

Showcasing her deep and abiding commitment to the pro-abortion cause, Vice President Kamala Harris has come out in support of a damaging U.S. Senate rules change. In the future, if Democrats controlled both houses of Congress and the White House, the Vice President's proposed rule change would likely make it possible to pass a federal law imposing a "right" to abortion on all 50 states.

The United States Senate is sometimes referred to as the world's greatest deliberative body. Over many years, the Senate has developed a set of complex rules and procedures to govern its operations. One of those rules is the <u>filibuster</u> rule, which allows individual senators to block or delay action on a nomination or a piece of legislation. Under Senate rules, if a cloture motion — a motion to limit debate and end a filibuster — regarding a given bill receives favorable votes from three-fifths of sitting U.S senators, the bill proceeds to a final vote. If fewer than three-fifths of Senate members vote in favor of a cloture motion, the bill fails.

According to <u>CNN</u>, "nearly two dozen US states have banned or limited access" to abortion following the Supreme Court's 2022 decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization. Accordingly, pro-abortion members of the Senate are highly motivated to pass federal legislation to reinstate the abortion-on-demand regime that existed for nearly five decades under Roe v. Wade. In fact, Democratic members of the U.S. Senate are so eager to pass a permissive abortion law that the vast majority of them are willing to create an exception to the filibuster rule so that they can prevent pro-life senators from blocking such legislation. Vice President Harris has now joined those pro-abortion senators in supporting such an exception; the Vice President has <u>stated</u> that "we should eliminate the filibuster for Roe, and get us to the point where 51 votes would be what we need to actually put back in law the protections for reproductive freedom and for the ability of every person and every woman to make decisions about their own body and not have their government tell them what to do.'"

Pro-life voters should be absolutely clear about what it would mean for the Democratic Party to take control of the White House and both houses of Congress this November. Such an outcome would most likely lead to the enactment of a pro-abortion law that would erase the pro-life progress that has been made in states throughout the country since 2022.



Food for thought:

#### John 17:17 ESV

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

### John 14:6 ESV

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

### 1 John 5:6 ESV

This is he who came by water and blood- Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

#### Quote:

"God's truth has been given to us in three "editions": His Word is truth; His Son is the truth, and His Spirit is the truth. We need all three if we are to experience true sanctification, a sanctification that touches every part of our inner person. With the mind, we learn God's truth through the Word. With the heart, we love God's truth, His Son. With the will, we yield to the Spirit and live God's truth day by day. It takes all three for a balanced experience of sanctification." ~ Warren Wiersbe

### 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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