

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

Time seems to move fast in November as Thanksgiving and the Christmas season move into focus. It's often encouraged that we pause in the midst of this busy time to consider all that we are thankful for. We are thankful for new life, God's goodness, and the constant work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

This last item, the Holy Spirit's work, can be hard as He points out our sin and also our limits. This brings us face to face with our great need for His grace and direction in our lives. As a board we recognize our need for His wisdom as we move ahead.

Please pray for us as we desire to walk in wisdom, recognizing that some of what we thought would happen this year did not go that way. As is often the case, God's wisdom outdoes our own.

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Executive Director's Message



Arlene Rutuelo

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I recently read this quote online from the Mission Alliance,

"God cares about the election, because the results impact people's lives and because the ways we engage in policies too often mire our souls in fear.

We can trust that our unworried and unhurried God does not abandon the world to chaos. God has known from eternity what would happen on November 5th, 2024, and has not been worried about it. God knows what comes next and remains unshaken."

That being said, the 2024 election is in our rear-view mirrors, let us pray for a more united USA, and all get back to the business of the Kingdom, and serving King Jesus.

But, let us covet to pray for our President-elect and all the elected officials that serve at the pleasure of the Lord.

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We are grateful that God is still faithful, even when we are faithless and He can do exceedingly, abundantly more than we ask or imagine. We are always grateful for His mercy and forgiveness, but it is in times of need and lack, when we can more clearly receive that grace and pray that it transforms us to be more like Him.

Thank you for your support of the P.C.C., your time, your money, your prayers, all have been appreciated and desperately needed. "I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me, and heard my cry. He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my steps." ~Psalm 40:1,2

Outreach Coordinator- Jessica Bocaya

This month we had the wonderful opportunity to sponsor clients to attend the women's retreat with the ICC Women's Ministry group for a weekend of refreshing at Blue Mountain Retreat Center. One of our clients took us up on the offer and agreed to spend the weekend at this beautiful resort with us and what a time of rejoicing it was! Our client was blessed with nearly 80 women sharing an outpouring of their love, comfort and words of encouragement with her. She was met with a group of ladies including myself that shared a cabin with her and loved on her from the moment she arrived. She was able to share her own personal journey with us and we stood together in agreement with her to pray for the future of her family and her baby coming soon, expecting to arrive on New Years Day! It was such a beautiful way to minister to our client on such a personal level. We woke up in the morning together to do devotion, pray, seek the face of the Lord. We spoke about Jesus and stood in awe of his wonder working power as we experienced His presence from the very setting of the sun! All day we praised His name together. It was truly one of the most magnificent weekends of our lives! As we departed the retreat center, we committed to continue praying for our client. We pray that the Lord would bring her partner back home and in his right mind. We pray for his salvation.

We pray for forgiveness and reconciliation of the family. And most importantly, we pray for a healthy and safe delivery for the baby coming soon.

Praise the Lord!



We have a responsibility each day to let our light shine, to love each image bearer we come in contact with and share the good news of the Gospel with them.

PCCofNY CENTER UPDATE

In case you have been wondering about the PCCofNY Center in Dongan Hills and why we have not officially opened it yet, I would like to share with you the current status.

The opening has been put on hold because our support has decreased by approximately 14%, while expenses have steadily increased, consequently delaying our plans. In an effort to fill this financial gap, this fall the PCCofNY entered into an ongoing fundraising campaign "1000 Reasons For Life." The past few months have been used to make necessary adjustments. Lord willing, we are now expecting to open the Center to clients in December.

The really exciting news is the PCCofNY is and has been operating the "mobile model" and we have 27 babies saved this year! In comparison to 2023 we had 9 babies saved! We praise be the God for increase!

We covet your prayers and your continued support! Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any additional questions or concerns!

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!
In Christ,
Arlene

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Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the financial provision for the PCC. We ask that the Lord would reveal areas in which we need to be surrendered to Him. We must trust in the Lord.

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord- Jeremiah 17:7

- Pray for the salvation of our client's spouse. We ask that he would know Christ and return to his family.
- Pray for our nation in the wake of the election. May the Lord order our steps moving forward.

Praise Reports:

- We hosted a wonderful volunteer "Thank You" event at our new center on Veteran's Day.
- Praise God for continued protection of the Sanctity of Life.

Volunteer of the Month



Our work at the PCC of NY could not be accomplished without the help of our volunteers, those faithful and dedicated servants who come alongside the PCC of New York and roll up their sleeves. We enjoy highlighting the work of our volunteers to give God the glory for the work that He's been doing in the lives of His people. One such volunteer is Andrea Divito. She's been serving with the PCC since the initial stages of the Center's creation. Here's her story:

Andrea was raised in a Jewish family and taught that the Jews were God's chosen people, but beyond this she did not have much religious training. In 1979, she was invited to a Keith Green concert by a Christian friend who had been inviting her to church. Not long afterward while working at Waldbaum's, she met a young rabbi and his wife who taught her about the Jewish faith. She was intrigued and asked a Christian friend to get her a Bible. She thought since she had read Shakespeare, she was sure to understand the Bible. Andrea was referring to the Jewish Bible and was surprised to learn that the Old and New Testament were bound together in the Christian Bible.

The story of Noah's ark resonated with her because she had seen it on PBS and had learned that a piece of the ark was found on Mount Ararat. She didn't believe the New Testament because it started with a virgin birth, and she reasoned that as this couldn't possibly be true, the rest of it must be false. But as she read the story of the angel visiting Mary to let her know that she was with the Christ child, the Holy Spirit opened Andrea's eyes to believe in Jesus Christ. She came to believe that if God could have an ark, He could also have a miraculous virgin birth. She took her Bible to work the very next day and began to share what she was learning. For Andrea it was a huge shift. She had always held very liberal views on abortion, but it occurred to her that now with Christ was in her life, this view was unsustainable in light of Scripture. *(Continued on page 4)*



Two years later an Assistant Pastor who knew that she was pro-life called her to assist with a Wagner College student who was pregnant and wished to put up the baby for adoption. The Assistant Pastor asked Andrea if she could house the expectant mom for a month, and Andrea agreed. The baby was born on July 4th of that year. The neighbors didn't like that this young woman lived in their neighborhood as she was single, pregnant, and African American. Andrea was furious about their prejudice and decided to move out of the neighborhood. Andrea's mom helped her to buy a home so that Andrea would be able to continue her work with girls and women experiencing crisis pregnancies.

Social workers from the hospital began calling on Andrea as a resource and, at times, she housed two or three young pregnant women in her home. One social worker let her know that she could become a foster parent for the underage girls and helped Andrea to formalize her work. After many years of successes and challenges with these young women, Andrea was well positioned to join the board of the PCC (then referred to as the Crisis Pregnancy Center) when it was still in its infancy. God had worked in Andrea's life to be able to provide very practical assistance to many pregnant young girls, and women, who wanted to carry their baby to term which was consistent with the PCC's mission.

Andrea has faithfully served in a variety of roles within the PCC for years returning to board service four years ago when the movie Unplanned was being promoted. Andrea made a presentation to the board of the PCC to sponsor a showing of Unplanned in a Staten Island theatre. It's amazing how God worked in the life of this young Jewish woman, to call her to Himself, and to use her whole adult life in service to Him. And to this we say, "to God be the glory!"

Highlights



Photos from our Mozzarella Making Class on October 20th!

In The Media



New York Families Reacts to Proposal One's Passage

Rochester, NY – Jason J. McGuire, executive director of New York Families Foundation issued the following statement following the passage of Proposal One:

“The passage of Proposal One marks another step in the wrong direction here in New York. While Proposal One was cloaked in the language of fairness and equality, its true purpose has nothing to do with either of those things. Proposal One may well lead to extremist court decisions that erode religious freedom, remove New York law’s last remaining shreds of protection for unborn human life, and impose lies and confusion about sex and gender upon our families and institutions.”

“A loss is a loss but consider this: Proposal One passed with only 56.59% of the vote (unofficial), while Florida’s pro-abortion Amendment Four failed with 57.07% of the vote (unofficial) (Florida requires 60% approval for ballot measures). A deep-blue state received a lower approval percentage for its abortion amendment than a red one did. Given the immense political advantages enjoyed by Proposal One’s advocates, it is encouraging to note that Proposal One received less support from voters than many would have expected.”

“There are only two genders, and human life deserves respect at every stage of development. New York Families will continue to speak the truth in love on these matters, looking forward to a day when our state’s laws and policies will reflect that truth.”



ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

Saturday February 15th, 2025
9 AM- 3 PM

Bethany Lutheran Brethren Church
233 Westcott Blvd.
Staten Island, NY 10314

We welcome donations of gently used clothing,
housewares & toys

DROPOFF: Friday, February 14, 2025
10 AM- 5 PM

For more information, call us at 718-667-4357
or email info@pccofny.org



Food for thought:

Galatians 5:13-15 NKJV

“For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!”

Quote:

“Perhaps you’ve seen footage of tightrope walkers walking between buildings or mountains. Many carry a long, narrow beams that helps them balance. If they tilt too much to the left or to the right they will fall. There’s a sense in which that is analogous to the Christian life. On one side, you can say, is the pull towards legalism, but on the other side is the temptation towards license, a kind of ‘I’m free and forgiven so I can do whatever I want’ mentality. Both are deadly. Christian freedom includes a freedom from seeing work-doing or law-keeping as a means of becoming forgiven, or staying forgiven, but it is not a freedom to do whatever we want: rather, having been freed from the bondage of sin, the Christian is given the desire and capacity to do what God wants. And the principles that God has provided to direct a Christian’s freedom are not savagery and selfishness, but love and service.” ~ 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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