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Fall Dinner: November 6

People for Life's annual Fall Dinner will be held this year on Friday, November 6. We hope you will join us for a nice evening of pro-life comradery and a fantastic pro-life speaker. A final reservation count is needed by November 1. But make your reservations as soon as possible, as space will be limited.

The Dinner was originally scheduled for late September. The date was changed to accommodate a replacement guest speaker after our original speaker had to bow out due to unexpected developments.

The Dinner will be at a new location, the Colony Banquet Center at 3014 W. 12th St. in Erie. The buffet-style meal will feature stuffed chicken breast, sliced sirloin, lemon pepper scrod, and all the trimmings. Doors will open at 5 p.m. The program, with dinner, begins at 6 p.m. A cash bar will be available.

Reservations are more affordable this year, at \$35 a person. There is also a \$5 discount for students. Register online at peopleforlife.org/dinner, register over the phone by calling (814) 882-1333, or drop by People for Life headquarters in-person.

We were exceedingly fortunate to secure Dr. Monique Ruberu as our Special Guest Speaker, on short notice, too. She is a highly sought-after international speaker and has appeared on EWTN programs such as: *The Journey Home*, *EWTN Pro-Life Weekly*, and *At Home with Jim and Joy*. She was a featured speaker in September at the Pennsylvania March for Life in Harrisburg.

Dr. Ruberu, a board-certified Ob/Gyn, operates Natural Women's Health, a private holistic gynecology practice aligned with Christian moral and ethical principles. She is closely involved in pro-life advocacy as a board member and director of the 40 Days for Life project in Philadelphia. The mission of 40 Days for Life is to take pro-life advocacy directly to the doorstep of the abortion industry by holding vigils and placing trained sidewalk counselors at locations where abortions are being carried out.

Our speaker will discuss the IVF process from a pro-life perspective and talk about the latest advances in natural fertility treatments. She will also share her perspective as an

Ob/Gyn on a range of abortion-related topics, including: chemical abortion, aka the abortion pill or mifepristone; the abortion pill reversal protocol; and the false charges that state laws protecting the unborn threaten the lives and safety of women.

Dr. Ruberu is the author of *Rising with Roses* in which she shares her personal story of spiritual renewal. She is currently writing her second book, *Nobody Told Me*, which will equip women with the knowledge they never acquired about their hormones, cycles, and overall health. Dr. Ruberu sees herself, above all, as a devoted wife and mother of three, whose mission happens to be helping women flourish in body, mind, and spirit.

Copies of *Rising with Roses* will be available at the Dinner, and Dr. Ruberu will be happy to add her autograph.

Proceeds from the Fall Dinner will benefit the People for Life Education Fund.

Voting is a solemn responsibility.

Choose Wisely on November 3

Election Day in Pennsylvania is Tuesday, November 3. If you have already cast your ballot, thank you! If not, we hope the following facts about the candidates on Erie-area ballots will have you pounding on your polling place doors bright and early on Election Day (or as soon as you can get there!). The polls will open at 7 a.m.

GOVERNOR / LT. GOVERNOR

Incumbent Josh Shapiro (D) is running for his second term as governor. According to Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest purveyor and promoter of abortion, "The choice is obvious for anyone who believes in access to [abortion killing]... Planned Parenthood is with Josh Shapiro one hundred percent." No surprise.

One of Shapiro's first projects as governor was to spend tax dollars on a "You have the right to choose in Pennsylvania" website to steer Pennsylvania women to abortion facilities. Shapiro also scrapped funding for pro-life pregnancy support

centers. A member of the Reproductive Freedom Alliance, a group of more than 20 pro-abortion governors, Shapiro advocates for Medicaid-funded abortions and pledges to veto any legislation that might impede unlimited "reproductive rights."

Stacy Garrity (R), now in her second term as state treasurer, is Shapiro's challenger. In contrast to Shapiro, Garrity opposes taxpayer funding for abortion, supports comprehensive counseling and support for pregnant women and their babies, and is being attacked by the pro-abortion special interest groups. Garrity is endorsed by the PA Pro-Life Federation PAC.

Shapiro's running mate, incumbent Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis (D), is a member of a coalition of pro-abortion lieutenant governors. He applauds Governor Shapiro's vow to veto any and all pro-life legislation. Garrity's running mate Jason Richey (R) takes a pro-life position and is endorsed by the PA Pro-Life Federation PAC.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

In the 16th Congressional District, incumbent Mike Kelly (R) has consistently been a model pro-life public official, compiling a 100% pro-life voting record over his eight terms in Congress. He is endorsed by the PA Pro-Life Federation PAC.

Kelly has attended People for Life's Pro-Life Breakfast nearly every year since his election to Congress in 2010. In 2023, he became the first U.S. Representative to attend the Erie March for Life and has not missed one since. His annual receptions after the Washington, DC March for Life are a familiar and much-appreciated treat for hundreds of marchers from western Pennsylvania.

Challenger Justin Wagner (D) appears to be a zealous pro-abortion ideologue. Whereas other pro-abortion candidates have toned-down their rhetoric since the primary election, Wagner's website still has a lengthy "Defend the Right to Bodily Autonomy"

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section, where he pledges to be “a fierce defender of reproductive rights.” He wants to codify *Roe v. Wade* by enacting the Women’s Health Protection Act, which would require abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy in all 50 states. He would fight to end the Hyde Amendment, which prevents taxpayer dollars from paying for Medicaid abortions and has saved at least 2.6 million lives since 1976. Wagner also wants to make sure the mifepristone abortion pill can be mail-ordered even into states where abortion is restricted and babies are protected.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATE

Incumbent state Senator Michele Brooks (R) is running for reelection in state Senate District 50. She has a long and consistent pro-life record, serving three terms in the state Senate after serving three terms in the state House. Resolutely pro-life, she has spoken several times at the Erie March for Life. She is endorsed by the PA Pro-Life Federation PAC.

Brook’s challenger, Sue Mulvey (D), mounted a successful a write-in campaign in the May Democratic primary. We are not aware of any recent statements by Mulvey on abortion. But while campaigning for the state Senate in 2018, she was on-record as a

supporter of legalized abortion killing.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE HOUSE

Pat Harkins (D) and Robert Merski (D), the incumbent representatives in state House districts 1 and 2, respectively, are unchallenged. Both of them have pro-abortion records. They recently voted for HB 1957, which would enshrine a “right” to abortion throughout pregnancy in the state constitution.

In state House District 3, incumbent Ryan Bizzarro (D) has been a consistent vote for abortion and its expansion. Bizzarro voted for HB 1957, the pro-abortion constitutional amendment. In 2024, Bizzarro was endorsed by the pro-abortion Pennsylvania National Organization for Women. Bizzarro’s challenger Donna Rae Reese (R) takes a pro-life position and has been vocally critical of Bizzarro’s votes for HB 1957.

In state House District 4, incumbent Jake Banta (R) is seeking a third term. Banta voted against HB 1957. He was been very complimentary of the work of People for Life and Women’s Care Center. Banta’s challenger is Kathryn Divittorio (D), a former Corry Area school director. Her position on human life issues is unclear.

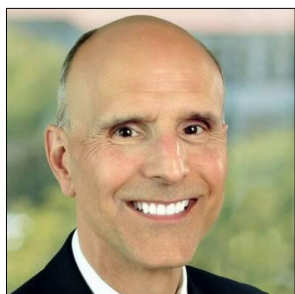
In state House District 6, ten-term incumbent Brad Roae (R) has a 100% pro-life voting record. He is a frequent attendee and

speaker at People for Life events and is always very visible at the PA March for Life in Harrisburg. Roae is endorsed by the PA Pro-Life Federation PAC. Challenger Michael Walker (D) says he supports the pro-abortion policy laid down under *Roe v. Wade* (effectively, abortion through all nine months) and taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood.

State House District 7 incumbent Parke Wentling (R) is running for his sixth term. He has a 100% pro-life voting record and is endorsed by the PA Pro-Life Federation PAC. Prior to his being redistricted out of Erie County, he frequently attended the Pro-Life Breakfast. Challenger Christopher Ford’s (D) position on human issues is unknown.

In state House District 65, incumbent Kathy Rapp (R) is running for an eleventh term. She has a long and consistent pro-life record and has been a forceful pro-life leader in the state House of Representatives. Challenger Destiny Howard (D), takes a pro-abortion position. Running in the Democratic primary earlier this year, Howard styled herself as a strong supporter of HB 1957, and her Facebook profile featured a very unfortunate collection of pro-abortion clichés and falsehoods. Since then, her online pro-abortion footprint seems to have been downsized, probably to avoid turning off too many voters in the general election.

Breakfast With Dr. George Delgado



George Delgado, MD

the annual Pro-Life Breakfast, of course.” Good answer! And we are willing to bet the forty-ninth edition, on January 16, 2027 will not disappoint.

The buffet-style Breakfast will be held in familiar surroundings once again, at Erie’s Bayfront Convention Center. It is a great place to gather with hundreds of the nicest pro-life people one could ever hope to meet, from all corners of the community.

Many of the guests are going to agree, we predict, that the best part of Pro-Life Breakfast 2027, and (who knows?), maybe the entire Erie winter, will be our Special Guest Speaker, George Delgado, MD.

Recognized as the leading pioneer in abortion pill reversal, Dr.

Cold weather is on the way. So, what may we ask, is the best thing about winter in Erie, PA, or at least in the month of January? You might be saying, “Why,

Delgado is the founder of the Abortion Pill Reversal Network and the author of the definitive book on the subject, *Abortion Pill Reversal: A Second Chance at Choice*, published in 2025. He is also: Medical Director of Culture of Life Family Health Care in Escondido, California; president and founder of the Steno Institute, which focuses on pro-life health science and clinical research; and chief medical officer of Aureum Therapeutics, Inc., a biotechnology company. Dr. Delgado also serves as a board member of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG).

Dr. Delgado first came to our attention through his recently-published book. After learning more about his amazing career, we contacted him last February, and he agreed to

come to Erie for our Breakfast. Executive Director Tim Broderick heard him speak in Washington, DC this past June at a general session of the National Right to Life Conference. Tim was moved by what he experienced: the Doctor’s comprehensive knowledge of chemical abortion and abortion topics in general, his personal experiences helping women desperate to give their unborn children a second chance at life, his unflinching determination in the face of pro-abortion resistance to his work; his relaxed and easy-to-understand speaking style; and perhaps most importantly, his obviously deep respect for life and loving concern for his patients and all women impacted by abortion.

Plan now to be part of the 49th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast. Online registration is available at tinyurl.com/ProLifeBreakfast2027.

Reservation requests can also be directed to People for Life HQ, 1625 W. 26th St., Erie, PA 16508. Include a name, if possible, and \$30 for each guest, \$15 for ages 3-12.

Follow the Breakfast at Facebook.com/ProLifeBreakfast. And please start telling your friends and family about Dr. George Delgado, the original Abortion Pill Reversal doctor!

2026 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR 2027

Online Calendar: peopleforlife.org/calendar

Nov. 3	Election Day: PA General Election, polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Nov. 6	Education Fund Fall Dinner, 6 p.m. – Colony, W. 12th St.
January 10	Reservations due: Pro-Life Breakfast
January 16	49th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast – Bayfront Convention Center
January 21	March for Life Bus Trip leaves Erie, 11 p.m.
January 22	Washington, DC March for Life
January 23	March for Life Bus Trip returns, approximately 1 a.m.
April 19	General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. – People for Life Headquarters
May 1	50th Erie March for Life
May 17	Annual Election of Officers, 6:30 p.m. – People for Life HQ

2027 National March for Life: March or Sponsor a Marcher

The 2027 Washington, DC March for Life will take place on Friday, January 22, the actual date of the Roe v. Wade decision, which opened the floodgates of abortion killing across all 50 states. The March for Life is a powerful witness to the truth that no human being is disposable—that every life matters. Protest fads come and go, but the March for Life has stood the test of time, remaining a major event in our nation's capital for over 50 years. The March is also a powerful experience, especially for young people. People for Life has helped make that experience available to northwestern Pennsylvanians with our annual Bus Trip since the very first March for Life on January 22, 1974.

Generous Erie-area donors have helped us fill as many as five buses by sponsoring some of the marchers, deserving high school and college students primarily, as well as families on tight budgets.

If you would like to ride the bus with us this January, you can sign up online right now at tinyurl.com/MarchforLife2027 or direct your payment of \$70 per seat to People for Life HQ, 1625 W. 26th St., Erie, PA 16508. The experience is well worth the price. But if it is not within your budget, we want to work with you. Let's make a deal!

Those who have the resources are invited to help our annual March for Life Bus Trip continue to stand the test of time by being a Bus Sponsor. We need donors who are able to cover the full cost of one seat, which happens to be exactly \$100 this year. Alternatively, \$70 will cover the share of the cost that we are passing on to each marcher or allow two marchers to get their bus seats at half price. Either way, People for Life will chip in what is needed to cover the full \$100 per seat; the March for Life is that important! Early sponsor donations will help us

determine how many buses to reserve before buses are no longer available.

By taking the bus, you will not only be making a statement in Washington. You will also be creating a newsworthy event, right here at home, that is likely to be covered by the local news media. That will mean additional publicity for the March for Life and the pro-life cause.

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we do, we help show people, by example, that these are not merely matters for private personal opinions, but matters of grave urgency that require high-priority action by all conscientious Americans: men and women, young and old, devout believers and free thinkers, alike.

See lots of heartwarming pictures from the 2026 outreach booth season on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Memorials & Tributes

<i>Given by</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Given by</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>
Roberta Cooney	Robert E Cooney	Marian Adelman	Elizabeth (Betty) Walton
Timothy & Patricia Berrier	Tom Klins	Angeliki Agrafiotis	Vasilios & Nafsika, Parents
Erika Fischer	David Majewski	<i>Given by</i>	<i>In Honor of</i>
Marla Pellegrino	Mother, and all mothers biological and adoptive	Timothy & Patricia Berrier	June Klins
Anonymous	Diane Murphy	Bernadette & Sean Carroll	Charles & Antonina Siggia 90th Birthdays
Kimberly & John Danylko	Diane Murphy	Sal Culotta	Charles & Antonina Siggia 90th Birthdays
David Fragale	Diane Murphy	Eleanor & Phil Cunningham	Charles & Antonina Siggia 90th Birthdays
Danielle & Michael Hermann	Diane Murphy	Lori & Ray Garske	Charles & Antonina Siggia 90th Birthdays
Timothy Kaercher	Diane Murphy	Jim & Kate Fatter	Charles & Antonina Siggia 90th Birthdays
St. Bens '69 classmates	Diane Murphy	Joseph Martini	Charles & Antonina Siggia 90th Birthdays
Patricia Popovich	Leonard Popovich	Barbara Schultz	Charles & Antonina Siggia 90th Birthdays
Marian Adelman	Gloria Taylor	Paul Weiser	The Easter Season

JOIN PEOPLE FOR LIFE OR DONATE

NAME _____ DATE _____
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1. DONATION: \$1,000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$10 ☐ Other Amount _____

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3. TRIBUTE DONATION AMOUNT _____ In Memory of ☐ or In Honor of ☐

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Donations may also be made using the DONATE button on peopleforlife.org or by calling-in your credit card information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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 Call for evening and weekend hours.

PA March Bus Trip

A nearly-full bus with 52 pro-life advocates onboard made the five-hour trip to Harrisburg on September 21 for the 6th Annual Pennsylvania March for Life. The PA March is said to be the largest gathering ever to take place at the state Capitol.

We had a lot of help filling the bus this year, from: Gannon Students for Life (11 marchers), Cathedral Prep (8 marchers), Our Lady of Peace Parish (9 marchers), and the Federated Church of East Springfield (7 marchers including a missionary evangelist visiting from India). Fathers Ben and Luke Daghir, twin brothers, led the groups from Prep and OLP respectively. Great weather made for a very pleasant day.

Upon arrival at 10:30 a.m., a group of People for Life members made the rounds to the offices of nearly all the legislators who represent northwestern Pennsylvania, pro-life and pro-abortion alike. The legislature was not in session that day. So, in most cases, we had to leave messages with staff members. However, pro-life stalwarts Rep. Brad Roae, Rep. Kathy Rapp, and Sen. Scott Hutchinson were there for the March. It was very good to see and talk with them.

We also had a nice meetup with a busload of our friends from Crawford County Citizens for Life. Former U.S. Senator Rick Santorum was one of the speakers. A few of us were able to greet him as we finished the 45-minute march around the Capitol. The Senator spoke to a sellout crowd at our Pro-Life Breakfast way back in 1998.

The Bus Trip, our fifth annual, received financial support from several local sponsors. A considerable portion of the expenses, however, had to be absorbed by People for Life.

Life Run 2026

People for Life's Annual Life Run 5K/10K & Fun Walk was close to picture perfect this year. With sunny skies and seasonable temperatures in the vineyards of Harborcreek and North East townships, it was an ideal day to enjoy the great outdoors. The grapes were still on the vines in all their fragrance, which is not always the case on Life Run day, the

Second Saturday of October. Most importantly, our runners and walkers, some from as far away as Pittsburgh, seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Nearly all of People for Life's officers and board members helped put on the event, along with a bumper crop of at least 22 other volunteers. One young, first-time volunteer came all the way from Jamestown, NY, willing to help in any way he could. Several other youthful volunteers came from Cathedral Prep and Gannon Students for Life.

In addition to the volunteers, many thanks are due to: Brian Shank for his DJ services, Tim Burch and Burch Farms for free wine tasting, Harborcreek and North East townships for their cooperation, everyone who helped spread the word about the event, and our great advertiser-sponsors. We cannot mention every one of them here due limited space, but the top, \$500, sponsors were: Dave Hallman Auto Group, Brighter2Morrrows Counseling, Lucky Dog Doggie Daycare and Boarding, and Dr. Frank Pregler. A complete list of sponsors will be available soon on PeopleforLife.org.

See the Life Run 2026 photo album on Facebook.com/LifeRunErie and Facebook.com/PeopleforLife.

Outreach Booths

We spent a lot of time and effort this past summer on pro-life outreach at community events: Erie Rib Fest; Lake City Carnival; Cherry Festival; Dan Rice Days; and the Wattsburg, Waterford, and Albion fairs.

Fairgoers at Wattsburg were surprised to see People for Life in our tent on the midway, after spending over 30 years in the Home Show Building. There was less protection from bad weather, but the increased foot traffic and visibility were well worth the inconvenience. We invested in a very stout tent about 25 years ago, which helps a lot.

We found ourselves right next to the Democratic Party booth, of all places. Interactions were entirely civil if not overly jovial. The irony

of the situation proved to be very obvious to many of the passersby. Some of the reactions were pretty interesting.

Unfortunately, our trademark *I Love Life* balloon giveaway was limited to a few days at the Waterford Fair this year. Helium is once again under rationing because of disruptions caused by the Ukraine/Russia and Iran conflicts. We did the best we could with *I Love Life* stickers, instead.

On the bright side, we were blessed with an unusual abundance of very talented outreach volunteers, including four members of Gannon Students for Life and several young people from the Clymer, New York area, male and female volunteers in both cases. Special thanks go out to each and every one of our outreach booth staffers. They were the face of People for Life and the pro-life cause this summer and were a class act, for sure.

Our booths are educational in the sense that we explain why abortion, assisted suicide, and euthanasia are wrong, while our fetal models show that unborn babies are humans, too. But most importantly perhaps, by coming out among the general public as

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