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NEWSLETTER

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2022 MARCH FOR LIFE – WASHINGTON, D.C.

The 2022 March for Life activities will take place on Thursday and Friday, January 20 and 21, to mark the 49th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's infamous Roe v. Wade abortion decision. The March for Life is the largest annual pro-life gathering in the world.



Last year, due to COVID-19, only invited pro-life leaders marched. This year, all pro-lifers are invited to attend! However, due to pandemic restrictions imposed by the D.C. government, some scheduled in-door March for Life activities have been changed.

The Capitol Hill 101 workshop at the Renaissance DC Downtown Hotel, originally scheduled in two sessions, has been reduced to one session. This session, on Thursday, January 20, at 11 AM, will be live in-person, and also available via live-streaming, for free.

The March for Life Expo, which would have featured exhibit booths sponsored by dozens of pro-life organizations, has been canceled.

Outdoor activities will go on as scheduled. On Friday, January 21, the March for Life Pre-Rally Concert begins at 11 AM on the National Mall and the March for Life Rally, with featured speakers, will follow from Noon to 1 PM. After the Rally, the March for Life will begin from the Mall at 1 PM and end on Capitol Hill in front of the U.S. Supreme Court. For those who cannot attend in person, these events will be televised live on EWTN beginning at 9:30 AM.

Following the March on Friday, at 6 PM, the annual Rose Dinner will be held at the Renaissance DC Downtown Hotel. The in-person event is sold out. However, the speakers' portion of the event will be live-streamed from 8 – 9 PM, for a cost of \$25.

Go to www.marchforlife.org to register for the live-streaming events – Capitol Hill 101 and the Rose Dinner.

For more information regarding the March for Life and related events in Washington, D.C., go to www.marchforlife.org . Help make March for Life 2022 in Washington, D.C. the largest ever!

In Connecticut, in Windsor Locks, a Mass for Life will be celebrated on Monday, January 17 at 7 PM at Mary Gate of Heaven Parish (St. Mary's Church, 42 Spring St., Windsor Locks). A

Rosary will begin before Mass at 6:30 PM to pray for an end to abortion in our nation and throughout the world.

In Trumbull, on Friday, January 21, from 7 - 8 PM, at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 220 Shelton Road, there will be a Holy Hour for Life, in person and live-streamed. The Holy Hour will include Eucharistic Adoration, praying of a Pro-life Scriptural Rosary, and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

In Stamford, on Saturday, January 22, there will be an 8:00 AM Mass for Life at St. Bridget of Ireland Church, 278 Strawberry Hill Avenue. Following Mass participants will pray the Rosary as they walk to 35 Sixth Street where they will pray at Planned Parenthood before walking back to St. Bridget's for coffee, donuts & fellowship.

Two years ago there were plans for National March for Life to sponsor a March for Life right here in Connecticut. Due to the pandemic, that Connecticut March for Life did not happen in 2020 nor in 2021. However, it is increasingly likely that a March for Life will be held this Spring in Connecticut. More information to follow when a time, date and place are announced.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - 2022 SPRING CAMPAIGN

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 TO SUNDAY, APRIL 10

BRIDGEPORT

DANBURY

40 Days for Life - Previous campaigns:

- Since 2007, in 63 countries and over 1,000 cities!
- 114 abortion facilities closed for good following local *40 Days for Life* campaigns!
- 229 abortion workers have quit their jobs and walked away from the abortion industry!
- 20,689 babies saved from abortion — and those are just the ones we know about!

Pray, fast, community outreach, continuous vigil at abortion clinics

Pray to discern your personal role in this *40 Days for Life* prayer vigil! There are three ways to get involved in the Spring campaign - as an individual, as a church or parish community, or through an organization, such as Connecticut Right to Life, a Knights of Columbus council, a school, etc. Each group is asked to “Adopt-a-Day.” More information at www.40daysforlife.com

On the chosen day, you can witness for life in either of two ways for one or more hours – by praying and fasting at your parish church, or by witnessing at one of Connecticut’s abortion clinics in the following locations:

BRIDGEPORT

Planned Parenthood, 4697 Main Street – on the public sidewalk entrance to Commerce Park. For information, contact Barbara Grabowski 203-232-7134 or bgrabows@aol.com

DANBURY

Planned Parenthood, 44 Main Street, Contact Sharon at 203-769-1120 or sm.boland@yahoo.com

For further information about *40 Days for Life*, and, in particular, more detailed information about the individual locations listed above, go to www.40daysforlife.com

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Last May the legislature approved Raised Bill 835 that authorizes the state attorney general to investigate supposed deceptive advertising complaints against pregnancy care centers (PCCs). If a complaint were proven, the pregnancy center could be fined from \$50 to \$500 and charged for attorney fees and costs. A civil suit challenging the law is expected to be heard in June, 2023.

Since that bill has now passed, we can expect the pro-aborts to come up with some new bill to further entrench abortion in Connecticut. Stay tuned.

Assisted suicide may also be expected to come up once again this year. Since suicides are up due to the pandemic, the climate may not be favorable to try to legitimize suicide. But they did get a bill out of committee last year and may want to try once more before the elections

However, since it is an election year, and this year's session is supposed to be limited to budgetary issues only, perhaps they will hold off until next year. We can only hope, and pray, but we will be prepared to oppose anything they do come up with this year that favors abortion, assisted suicide, or attacks pro-life principles or organizations.

This year's legislative session begins on Wednesday, February 9 and ends on May 4.

U.S. CONGRESS

President Biden's Build Back Better bill has been sidelined, at least for now, meaning the Hyde Amendment's ban on federal funding of most abortions remains in place for now. Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT 3rd Dist.) was sponsor of the bill in the House and was one of the most vocal advocates for repeal of the Hyde Amendment. DeLauro certainly realizes that it is the poor who will use federal funds to obtain abortions. With a current black population of 47 million, and 19 million black babies aborted since Roe, the black population is about 40% smaller than it would be without abortion. Thus, she should know that federally funded abortions will kill an even greater, disproportionate, number of black babies, yet, pro-lifers and others are called "racist," while it is those favoring abortion who are supporting genocidal abortion policies.

U.S. SUPREME COURT TO DECIDE MISSISSIPPI ABORTION CASE

On December 1, 2021 the U.S. Supreme Court heard the pre-viability abortion case, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*. This case concerns a Mississippi law that would limit abortion after 15 weeks, thus banning most late-term and some pre-viability abortions. Possible rulings - the Court could strike down the law, thereby keeping *Roe v. Wade* in force; uphold the law, thereby inviting further state restrictions on pre-viability abortions; or return the issue to the states, thereby allowing states to enact restrictions even earlier in pregnancy, or even to outlaw abortion, state by state. A ruling in the case could come any time from now until the end of June.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Post-abortive men and women, ranging in age from the teens to the mid-eighties, have participated in past retreats to receive God's love, forgiveness and compassion after suffering from the effects of an abortion. For more information, call Marie at 203-631-9030, email mlaffin@prolifeministry.org or visit the website at www.rachelsvineyard.org. The retreat will be held in Farmington. The fee of \$175 includes meals, a private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance.

PRAYER VIGILS/SIDEWALK COUNSELING

Danbury – Planned Parenthood - Saturdays, 10 – 11 AM; contact Deidre at drcon@att.net

Stamford - Planned Parenthood, 35 Sixth St., on Wednesdays and Fridays 8:30 AM – 10:15 AM
Contact Tom tomamann01@gmail.com

ONGOING

Newtown - St. Rose of Lima Church - Pro-life Mass first Friday of each month

- Pro-life Rosary first Saturday of each month

Norwich - St. Patrick's Cathedral - 1st Saturdays Pro-life Mass - Linda at rizz44@sbcglobal.net

Waterbury - Carolyn's Place - Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 AM – 2 PM - mobile ultrasound van at the Green

2022 CALENDAR OF PRO-LIFE EVENTS

January

17 (Monday) **Mass for Life**, 7 PM, St. Mary's Church, Windsor Locks

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20 (Thursday) **Capitol Hill 101 (workshop 11 AM – in person and via streaming video)**

21 (Friday) **Pre-Rally Concert (11 AM)**

Rally (Noon)

March for Life (1 PM)

Rose Dinner (6-9 PM in person – 8-9 PM via streaming video)

21 (Friday) 7 - 8 PM, **Holy Hour for Life**, St. Catherine of Siena Church, Trumbull

22 (Saturday) 8 AM, **Mass for Life**, St. Bridget of Ireland Church, Stamford

February

9 (Wednesday) - **2022 Session of the Connecticut General Assembly begins**

March

2 (Wednesday) **40 Days for Life begins**

25-27 (Friday-Sunday) – **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** – Farmington

April

10 (Sunday) **40 Days for Life ends**

MAY

4 (Wednesday) **2022 Session of the Connecticut General Assembly ends**

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