

2010 ABORTION STATISTICS: GRIM NEWS

The number of abortions increased dramatically in 2010 at both Reading Planned Parenthood (269 increase) and Allentown Planned Parenthood (200 increase)! This is horrific!! To contemplate the death of even one child is depressing, but to think that children are being killed by the thousands, is a real catastrophe. How many dead babies is it going to take to get peoples' attention?? How is it in this country of the free, the most dangerous place for a child to be in his mother's womb?? We surely are not stopping abortion.

Totals:

Allentown Planned Parenthood:

2010: 963
 2009: 763
 2008: 687

Reading Planned Parenthood *:

2010: 915
 2009: 646
 2008: 797

Allentown Women's Center and Allentown Medical Services don't report, but each does about 3,000 abortions /year. Factoring in the other abortion facilities, total abortions for 2010 is about 8,000.

Additional abortion providers:

Lehigh Valley Hospital

2010: 10
 2009: 4
 2008: 30

Reading Hospital and Medical Center

2010: 5
 2009: 1
 2008: 2

St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem

2010: 6
 2009: 11
 2008: 14

* York Planned Parenthood did not report in the 4th quarter and we understand they have not been doing abortions since then. That might account for some of the increase in abortions here.

The % of out-of-wedlock births for Berks County for 2009 was 44%. This means only 56% of Berks County babies will be born into a family with married parents.

In Vitro Fertilization Abortion Rates

Women's Clinic, Ltd., 301 South Seventh Avenue, West Reading - According to their website: "Our 2010 success rates are as follows: 48 Embryo Transfers, 2.4 Average # of Embryo Transferred, 29 confirmed pregnancies, 60.4% Clinical Pregnancy Rate per Embryo Transfer compared to the National Average of 40%." One has to deduce the failure rate which is the death of an embryo and another form of abortion.

The other IVF clinic in our area is the Scientific Research Institute, 1340 Penn Ave. in Wyomissing. Please consider going to these IVF facilities the first Sunday of the month at 3 PM to pray. If you can't go there, then please try to remember to pray for their closing.

About 43,000 abortions were reported in PA for 2010. Half of those were completed in the Philadelphia area.

Start going to abortion mills to pray and witness! Don't just sit back and think you can't make a difference! Go to Harrisburg and knock on a few doors. Think about running for office!

OPPORTUNITIES TO WITNESS 4 LIFE

** Tuesdays, 8 to 12 N at **PLANNED PARENTHOOD**, 4th and Franklin Sts., Reading. Killing day. Be a witness! We pray as a group at 9:30 AM. If you can't be at PP, then pray where you are.

* Wednesdays, 9 AM to 10:00 AM, prayer at **Planned Parenthood** and help give out NFP literature, etc. Please note new change of day.

** 1st Sunday of the month, 3-4 PM. **Reading Hospital** and **Reproductive Science Institute**, 1340 Penn Ave. Wyomissing. Go there or pray where you are to end the killing of babies through IVF.

* Other abortion mills in the area (Allentown Diocese) where you can witness: **Allentown Women's Center**, 1409 Union Blvd. Rear. Abortions on Tues., Thurs, Fri., Sat. **Allentown Planned Parenthood**, 51 N. 9th St., abortions: Fri. AM. **Allentown Medical Services**, 2200 Hamilton Blvd., Abortions: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat.

* Sunday, May 8th. Happy Mother's Day

* Tuesday, May 17th. Primary. Vote!!

* Tuesday, June 14th, Pro-Life Berks on BCTV. Guest: Kathy Meckes, Dir. of Lifeline. **Live. Reruns of program can be seen at bctv.org.**

* The outdoor, **Pro-Life Cross Display** will be set up in front of St. Catharine's Church, Exeter, from May 4th to May 18th if you would like to drive by and see it. If you would like to have a display at your church or business, please call Pro-Life Berks, or John Boncoddio at 610-927-2360.

MAY, 2011: 13 YEARS OF ABORTIONS AT READING PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Thirteen years ago Reading Planned Parenthood

See Pro-Life Berks . Go to [prolifeberks2](http://prolifeberks2.com), [prolifeberks](http://prolifeberks.org), or the name of local abortion mill.

We're on the internet: www.prolifeberks.com and at prolifeberks.org for information and for local pro-life events.

(RPP) began doing abortions. Local pro-lifers immediately rallied to the cause. For the first year, or so, every corner at 4th and Franklin Sts. was filled with pro-lifers. Some simply prayed, some carried signs, and some were quite vocal. It was common for a driver to give one "the bird", or pointing to heaven with the middle finger, as we say. At first no one knew quite what to do, but slowly we learned how to quietly talk to the girls going in to have their abortions. At the time, the volunteer escorts were aggressive and vocal. After a time, they made some mistakes and they were no longer allowed, provided more opportunity to do sidewalk counseling. Many babies have been spared as a result, thanks be to God.

Some of us have been there every week for the last 13 years. It's sad to think how long its been and how many babies have been killed there over the years.

After some months of being there, Pro-Life Berks was organized. Our priest, Father Aram Berard, SJ, was with us every week and it was a joy to have him there. He would write an article for us each week. Those articles were all saved by Fabio Gabrielli and will be available shortly on our website, www.prolifeberks.org.

The first abortionist was "Dr." Tim Liveright. He was replaced by Tim Lakeoff, then by Susan Blank, then Lee Tripp and now, once again, Tim Liveright is again the current abortionist, very sad to say. Pray for him.

Much innocent blood has been shed at the corner of 4th and Franklin St., and we need to be there now more than ever. Won't you help make a difference? How can one sit back and ignore the killings every week! Let's cover those corners once again!

Pro-Life Berks started in 1998 when Reading Planned Parenthood (PP) began killing babies. We distribute a monthly newsletter; pay for anti-killing billboards; host a bi-monthly TV program on BCTV; do sidewalk counseling, pray and witness at PP, and still babies are being killed at PP now on Tuesdays from 8 to 12 N. Pro-Life Berks is a peaceful, prayerful organization dedicated to the defense of human life from fertilization to natural death. We oppose the use of force against both person and property, and condemn abortion-related violence in all forms. Send \$12 to receive this monthly newsletter. Any contribution you make to Pro-Life Berks is tax-deductible. PLB BOARD: Carolyn Bonkoski, John Boncoddio; Lance Thomas., Joe Koren - Treas. ; Mary Alice Kuhns; Kathy Kuhns - Sec. and Editor. PLB Advisory Board: Troy Newman, Peter Cianci, Fabio Gabrielli, John and Michele Woellner, and Margaret Tully. Need assistance? Contact Pro-Life Berks, P.O. Box 6024, Wyomissing, PA , 19610, www.prolifeberks.org, or prolifeberks@aol.com

Pro-Life Berks May, 2011

Happy birthday to **Joe Iezzi** who turned 89 on May 1st! Joe still comes down to Planned Parenthood almost every abortion day and sits and waves to the cars going by. A real ambassador. His address is 10E Fairway Road, Reading, PA, 19607 if you would like to send him a card. God bless you, Joe.

Fetal Body Parts Sold. Babies are used by the government, universities, pharmaceuticals, laboratories, and also for biomedical research. They are ground up and their cells are implanted in people who have had strokes and Parkinsons. Their cells are also found in cosmetics, food additives and used in some forms of therapy. A professional noted that the best heart tissue is obtained from a child of 22 weeks gestation.

As of 1999, sample fees for baby body parts are: brain - \$999, intact trunk with or without limbs - \$500, spinal cord - \$325, bone marrow - \$350, pituitary gland - \$300.

“They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and their daughters... and the land was polluted with blood...” Psalm 105:38 Do we no longer fear God? Written and sent in by Maryann Yarina, West Wyoming

** Note: “Worth More Dead Than Alive”, an article in the Jan.-Feb., 2011 issue of Defend Life covers Capital Biosciences, Inc., a company sells human fetal tissue from aborted babies. Located along “DNA Alley”, Montgomery County, Md., the company offers 36 human fetal body parts for sale. An aborted baby from whom these parts were derived may not have been worth much alive. But just one specimen from each body part category puts each baby’s gross sales value at over \$17,000.*

Efforts to Defund Planned Parenthood Move to the States: After failing at the federal level, states are under way to defund Planned Parenthood at the state level. “Efforts are underway Kansas, New Hampshire, North Carolina, and Texas.” *Source: Newsmax.com, Sent in by Pat Tucci.* Indiana governor to sign the bill there! Let’s pray we can cut all funding to abortuaries in our state! Contact your state reps.

Speaking of misdirected money, the Susan G Koman Foundation gives hefty amounts to Planned Parenthood, supposedly for breast cancer screening. The foundation claims it exists to find a cure for breast cancer. Don’t they know about the connections between breast cancer and abortion/birth control? Don’t they know that none of the Planned Parenthood clinics do mammograms?

Notre Dame University Faculty Senate rejected a resolution which would have affirmed ND’s commitment to the dignity and sanctity of the human

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person. The vote was 8 to 22. *Sent in by Sylvia Loeper Pray for Bishop Kevin Rhoades, bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne. Does Alvernia have such a faculty resolution? If they do, then they are a real beacon on the hill (Mt. Alvernia is the mountain where St. Francis of Assisi received the first known stigmata.)*

Appeals Court overturns a previous decision to nullify Pres. Obama’s executive order allowing the NIH to fund up to 75 new lines of stem cells derived from human embryos! *Source: LifeSiteNews.com*

Obamacare Opt Out Bill, SB3, was approved by the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee on 1-27-11, but two months later, is still in the Senate Appropriations Committee. The Ultrasound Bill has been prepared, but not introduced. [This bill would require that every abortion-minded woman see an ultrasound before she goes through with an abortion.] HB 383 was introduced on 3-1-11, providing Conscience Protection for health care workers. “Family Planning” remains in Gov. Corbett’s budget. *Source: Pro-Life Union of S.E. PA April newsletter.*

MORE BABIES SAVED

Thanks be to God that recently several babies were saved from the suction machine. For example, kudos to Mary Ann Pohl, of Allentown, who counseled two women outside Allentown Planned Parenthood. They eventually decided to keep their babies. A big thanks, once again, to Dr. Mary Ann Brynjahr, a truly wonderful, pro-life doctor for her care of the girls and the babies. We give thanks for all the babies saved and pray for the parents. Sidewalk counseling really does work. It’s a lot of time and effort for a few babies, but it’s worth it!

“Rescue those who are being dragged to death; and from those tottering to execution withdraw not.” Proverbs 24:11. Sent in by Mary Hartnett.

Kay's Korner

Passive Euthanasia. The vulnerable are always targets of the anti-life death squads. I recently learned that a local Hospice is willing to withhold nutrition and hydration from a patient. I am familiar with the dying because of my experience and as one who saw the death of several family members. If there is anything I have learned, it is that dying is not "easy" and that a patient will die even if you give permission for comfort measures such as nutrition and hydration. This was always my bottom line. My father had leukemia and, at the end, had almost no platelets in his blood. (This is the element needed for the clotting of blood.) While in the hospital, he fell out of bed and developed a subdural hematoma. (A blood clot to the brain.) There was zero hope for recovery. His condition (bleeding) ruled out surgery. I asked for comfort measures and they were provided. The tube feeding slowed down the diarrhea which was causing painful ulceration, and he was able to receive Tylenol through tubing when he was restless. Because of hospital "policy", I had to sign a "do not resuscitate" order - which I did. I didn't believe they would do such a thing to a man who had no hope for recovery, but they said they would. I was willing to let my loved ones go to God when it was His time, but I wanted the comfort measures. Our family took turns sitting with my dad and we prayed. He left for God after my mom walked in and said hello. His death was so peaceful, she didn't even notice it right away. God is good! It took my strong coalminer dad 9 days to die, but it was in comfort and with prayer. I don't know if this is still possible today. So many hospitals have ethics committees who make the decisions on "futile care". Very sad. - Kay Mulligan

A 40 Days for Life Thanks!

A big thank you to all of you who came out to pray at Reading Planned Parenthood during the 40 Days for Life Vigil. Thanks also to those who fasted and prayed during this time. Your prayers not only impact the clients and staff, but also those people who walk or drive by and see people willing to pray on the street. We'll never fully know how our witness impacts others. We think at least one baby was spared, thanks be to God.

STUDY: CONTRACEPTION USE UP, ABORTIONS DOUBLE; RESEARCHERS CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHY.

Lance Thomas sent in an interesting article which summarizes an article in the January issue of the journal *Contraception*. Imagine, an entire magazine devoted to birth control! The article contains results from a 10-yr study "to acquire information about the use of contraceptive methods in order to reduce the number of elective abortions."

The study began in 1997 of Spanish women of childbearing potential (15-49 years). "The results were: overall use of contraceptive methods increased from 49.1% to 79.9%. The most commonly used method was the condom (an increase from 21% to 38.8%), followed by the pill (an increase from 14.2% to 20.3%). Female sterilization and IUDs decreased slightly and were used by less than 5% of women in 2007. The elective abortion rate increased 5.52 to 11.49 per 1000 women. **CONCLUSIONS: The factors responsible for the increased rate of elective abortion need further investigation.**"

"As Susanne at *Big Blue Wave* noted: So in the ten year period that contraception use increased by about 60%, the abortion rate doubled. In other words, even with an increase in contraception use, there weren't fewer unwanted pregnancies, there were more."

"Any person with common sense could cue the researchers that the more casual sex one has, the greater likelihood there will be of pregnancy, contraception notwithstanding. Contraceptive use only provides a false sense of security. As most recently evidenced on the *MTV abortion special*, minor girls and young women are too immature or irresponsible to handle contraception properly, for starters. Men aren't so good at it either, since even as the pro-abortion group *Guttmacher* notes, the failure rate of condoms is a whopping 17.4%." *Source of article not provided.*

This is yet another good article on the connection between birth control and abortion. It is *the* most important reason for the increase in abortions in our country since the '60s when "the Pill" came into regular use. This is not new information. It's pathetic how we still do not have a meeting of the minds on this issue, even in the Catholic Church. How long is it going to take to get NFP classes in every church?? How long is it going to be until all pro-life groups and individuals get serious about ending abortion?? Here's where to start. It's time for the pro-life movement to grow up.

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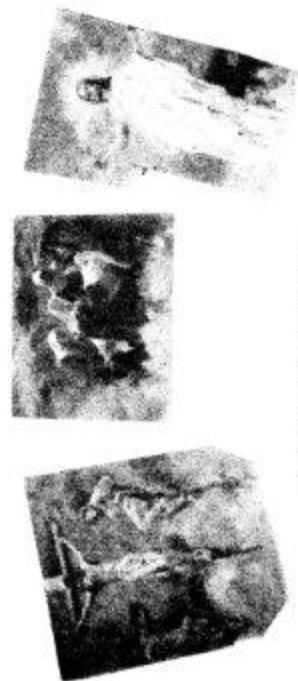
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Mother's Day is May 8th
Thank God for all those mothers who
chose life!

Contraception use increases abortion rate
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EASTER OBITUARIES

CALVARY. Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the Ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture and loss of blood.

Jesus was the descendant of Abraham and was a member of the house of David. He was the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by his mother Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling the parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and three fish, and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before his death, he held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which he foretold his death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman guards were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.