

March, 2011

OPPORTUNITIES TO WITNESS 4 LIFE

** Tuesdays, 8 to 12 N at **PLANNED PARENTHOOD**(PP), 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, Reading Hospital, 2 - 3 P

* 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.

* April 12th, 8:30 PM. Pro-Life Berks on BCTV. Guest: Rep. Mark Gillen. Live.

* Pro-Life Berks on **YouTube**: prolifeberks2 or prolifeberks, or the name of local abortion mill. **www.prolifeberks.com and at prolifeberks.org** for information and for local pro-life events.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN
AND PRAYER VIGIL
MARCH 9TH TO APRIL 17TH**

8 AM TO 5 PM, DAILY,
IN FRONT OF READING
PLANNED PARENTHOOD
4TH AND FRANKLIN STS.
Please plan to be there!

Also at the **Allentown Women's Center**,
1409 Union Blvd., 8-5 PM.
Bring a friend or a group to pray.

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

The special election for the PA 11th District senate seat, formerly held by the late Sen. Mike O'Pake, will be on March 15th, and the candidates are:

Judith Schwank (D) is **pro-abortion**.

Larry Medaglia, (R) is **pro-life**.

Judith is being supported by the Pennsylvania Women's Campaign Fund (PWCF) which helps women who are pro-abortion get elected to office.

According to the Mission Statement on their website, they support women who, in part, have, "supported the right of all women to safe, legal and accessible abortions, comprehensive reproductive health services, and family planning services"...

The PWCF is hosting a fundraiser locally for Judith on March 4th. The speaker for the event is pro-abortion, U. S. Rep. Allison Schwartz. (D), Philadelphia.

According Schwank's website, one of the local supporters for this event is Carolyn Holleran. Carolyn and her husband, Jerry, are both well-known Catholics and generous contributors (\$3+ million) to Alvernia University. There's even a Holleran Center for Community Engagement, whatever that is. The director, Ginny Hand, is also on the list of local, PWCF, pro-abortion women supporting Judith.

It's sadly ironic that an article in the *Reading Eagle*, 11/22/09, which describes the Holleran's new, energy efficient home, had the caption, "LEEding by example." LEED certification grants that a structure is energy efficient. Does she intend to lead by example with her pro-abortion politics? Can you imagine if that \$3+ million was used for an Elimination of Abortion and Contraception and Protection of Marriage and the Family Center? Now that would be leadership.

Too bad the Church can't give a guarantee that a person (or institution) who says they are Catholic are, well, Catholic!

DYING TO SELF

We see such miracles every day and refer to them as answered prayers. It's the way that the God of miracles coordinates our lives when we are in tune with Him and are selfless....

-- When you are forgotten or neglected and you don't hurt with the insult, but your heart is happy -- that is dying to self

-- When your advice is disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you refuse to let anger rise in your heart, and take it all in patient, loving silence -- that is dying to self

-- When you lovingly and patiently bear disorder, irregularity, tardiness, and annoyance --- and endure it as Jesus endured it -- that is dying to self

-- When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation or record your own good works, or itch for praise after an accomplishment, when you can truly love to be unknown...that is dying to self

-- When you see your brother or sister prosper and can honestly rejoice with him, and feel no envy even though your needs are greater -- that is dying to self

-- When you are content with any food, any offering, any raiment, any climate, or any society -- that is dying to self

--When you take correction, when you can humbly submit inwardly as well as outwardly, with no rebellion or resentment rising up within your heart -- that is dying to self

....When we have resistance, we have to remember that there may be spiritual forces unique even to certain areas that can intermingle with our own vulnerable spirits. These need to be cleansed -- at the same time that we invoke angels. I see a number of cases where what seemed like a disaster caused by the evil of another was simply ignored and followed by graces that greatly exceeded what the evil took away.

Source: By Michael Brown, Spirit Daily, "God can go into your past and remedy the damage", Feb., 2011.

24 hr. hotline numbers for abortion-minded women: National: 1-800-395-help, PA: 1-800-345-5009, New Jersey: 1-800-662-2678, Regional:610-626-4006. LIFELINE of Berks County:610-374-8545, Mercy CPC: 610-376-3949, Care Net Kutztown: 610-683-8000, Care Net Lehigh Valley:610-821-0943, Catholic Charities, Reading: 610-376-7144

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 Woelner, and Margaret Tully. Need assistance? Contact Pro-Life Berks, P.O. Box 6024, Wyomissing, PA , 19610, www.prolifeberks.org, or prolifeberks@aol.com.

Sent in by Kathleen Mondok

Note: The above article is dedicated to the many priests and nuns who lead by example for the rest of us. May God richly bless them in His service.

This article is also especially dedicated to the faithful pro-lifers who regularly (weekly) come out to pray, to be a witness and to possibly counsel abortion minded women at the local abortion mills in Reading and Allentown. Some have been coming out for many years, in all types of weather and often in hostile situations. It's not easy.

It's also often hard to describe what goes on there without sounding self-serving or even whining. Sometimes there is such joy at a mother's change of heart, knowing that little baby is being spared an early death, that it's hard not to talk about it. Please, just keep these folks, and the work they do, in your prayers. If you can't come out to an abortion mill, please pray for the babies who are at risk on abortion day.

TO REMEMBER

Today Our Lady addresses us who defend life with the same words she addressed to Juan Diego: "Hear and let it penetrate you're hearts, my dear little ones. Let nothing discourage you, nothing depress you; let nothing alter your heart or your countenance. Do not fear vexation, anxiety or pain. AM I NOT HERE, YOUR MOTHER? Are you not in the folds of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else that you need?" *Sent in by Joyce Mazalewski*

CONCERN ABOUT REICKI

"Why did my dying daughter have to be subjected to someone offering her Communion and Reiki?" That was the question Rose Tucci was asked by a friend whose daughter recently died in St. Joseph's Medical Center. Evidently, a woman had approached this woman's daughter and had offered her both Communion and Reiki at the same time. When the issue was relayed to the Diocese, Helen P. Kellerher, Secretary for Catholic Human Services, responded and stated that she was in contact with hospital officials who assured her that Reiki is not acceptable at St. Joseph Medical Center. She was also told that all Eucharistic Ministers would receive in-service training to assure compliance with the hospital policy. "It is difficult to handle on a single basis since we do not know who the person was that brought communion to your friend's mother [daughter]."

Reiki claims to be a spiritual energy therapy. "In March of 2009, the Committee on Doctrine of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a decree (*Guidelines for Evaluating Reiki and Other Alternative Therapy*) halting the practice of Reiki by Catholics used in some retreat centers and hospitals. The conclusion of the decree stated that *'since Reiki therapy is not compatible with either Christian teaching or scientific evidence, it would be inappropriate for Catholic institutions, such as Catholic health care facilities and retreat centers, or persons representing the Church, such as Catholic chaplains, to promote or to provide support for Reiki therapy.'*" (Source: *Wikipedia Encyclopedia*)

Kudos to Rose for her alertness and follow-up on behalf of the patients at St. Joe's. Now, if we would only stop hearing about this Catholic hospital giving out contraceptives....



REP. HOLDEN VOTES AGAINST DEFUNDING PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Rep. Tim Holden was not one of the ten Democrats to vote for the Peace Amendment, the bill to defund Planned Parenthood, in the House of Representatives. The bill passed by a large majority and is now on its way to the Senate.

I visited his office in Reading and also talked to his staff in Washington to find out why Rep. Holden voted against the bill. Here is his official response per his staff person, Trish Reilly:

STATEMENT OF THE HONORABLE TIM HOLDEN RE: Peace Amendment

Planned Parenthood funds essential front-line health care for women, children, and low-income, at-risk adults. Blocking funding to Planned Parenthood is short-sighted, because, as we all know, screenings save lives (and money) in the long run through early detection.

Clinics do not receive any federal money for abortions. We have the Hyde language as current law that explicitly prohibits one cent of federal money for praying for any abortion ever. As a pro-life Democrat, I have supported and will continue to support this prohibition.

Cutting off funds to clinics means no access to lifesaving reproductive health care, birth control, testing and treatment of STDs, HIV testing, cervical cancer screenings, pap tests, breast exams, and education on a wide berth of family health topics.

RESPONSE: This is another fine example of a Catholic who does not know, or care, about his faith. Hello! Abortion and contraception are not Catholic! We could end right there. He says PP helps children. And killing babies by abortion is helping them? Giving teens contraception is helping them? Education? On how to apply a condom?? Testing and screenings can't be done at other, non-abortion facilities? Lifesaving reproductive care only at PP? What a leader.

KAY'S KORNER -

The February 17, 2011 issue of *The Wanderer* warns that the Obama administration is prepared to attack a federal law that protects health-care providers from being forced to participate in abortions (or euthanasia?). This freedom of conscience law comes under the Public Health Services Act, Section 245, and the Weldon amendment.

Can you imagine what would happen if all medical professionals lacked a conscience? Would you want to entrust your care, or a loved one's care, to such a system?

Abortion by Internet. The new assault on women and children. Deadly RU486 (Mifiprex) can now be given after a visit to a Planned Parenthood clinic. The teen/woman sees a nurse practitioner who examines her, contacts a doctor by internet, who hit's a button and dispenses 2 pills. One pill is taken in the clinic and one is to be taken the next day at home. The teen/woman is expected to decide if the bleeding that occurs is excessive and requires hospitalization for immediate surgery. When will teens/women stop the abuse?

Philadelphia's latest notorious abortionist, Kermit Gosnell, also had his license suspended in Delaware. Delaware later-term abortions are illegal after 20 weeks and in PA the cut-off is 24 weeks.

-- Kay Mulligan

GOSNELL, BRIGHAM, OBAMA: THE SAME POT?

"...The introduction to the 281-page grand jury report says: 'This case is about a doctor who killed babies and endangered women. What we mean is that live, viable, babies in the third trimester of pregnancy -- and then murdered these newborns by severing their spinal cords with scissors. The medical practice by which he carried out this business was a filthy fraud in which he overdosed his patients with dangerous drugs, spread venereal disease among them with infected instruments, perforated their wombs and bowels -- and, on at least two occasions, caused their deaths. Over the years, many people came to know that something was going on here. But no one put a stop to it.

And this is exactly how the 'pro-choicers' apparently want it to stay.'" (Source: *The Wanderer*, "Blame Pro-Lifers for Gosnell!" by Brian Clowes, 2/3/11, p. 12.

Thankfully, the media has given Gosnell's gruesome murders plenty of coverage, and at last people are listening and taking in that abortion is murder and that abortionists are murderers - some worse than others. In the case of Dr. Kermit Gosnell, it was extremely upsetting because some of the babies were born alive and then killed and in a gruesome way - by cutting their spinal cord with a scissors.

The question then arises, what does Pres. Obama think of these murders? What does he think of babies who are born alive being killed? Does he support Gosnell and his gruesome practices? After all, it was Illinois Senator Barack Obama, in 2002, who voted against the Induced Infant Liability Act, which would have protected babies that survived late term abortions. Twice, the bill came up in committee and which he served. At the first reading he voted "present", and at the second he voted "no." "His radical stance on abortion puts him further left on that issue than NARAL Pro-Choice America," said Amanda Carpenter, *Human Events.com*, 12/26/06.

As a Senator, Obama also opposed measures to criminalize those who transport minors across state lines for the purpose of obtaining an abortion. Why, he must also agree that abortionist Steven Brigham is not to be prosecuted for transferring patients from New Jersey to Maryland the way he did.

Does Pres. Obama care in the slightest that Gosnell, who is African American, had his office in an African American neighborhood and that most of his patients were African American. To be further left that NARAL is difficult, to say the least. Does this man have any limits on killing innocent children? Does Obama care, in the least, about women harmed, and even killed, by abortionists? Pray for him.

Thanks be to God our governor and state legislature are not afraid to tackle the abortion mills. Gov. Corbett has already fired some PDH staff and instituted many changes, including changes in regulations. For now, there will be, at least, yearly inspections. There is legislation introduced to mandate a special licensing process and raising the standards for abortion mills, and greater fines for infanticide.

We pray for the day when these facilities are closed for good. oAbortions were once meant to be rare. Now abortion is so common, it's often used as birth control.

In New York City, 41% of all pregnancies end in abortion. Abortion is no longer rare. This must change.

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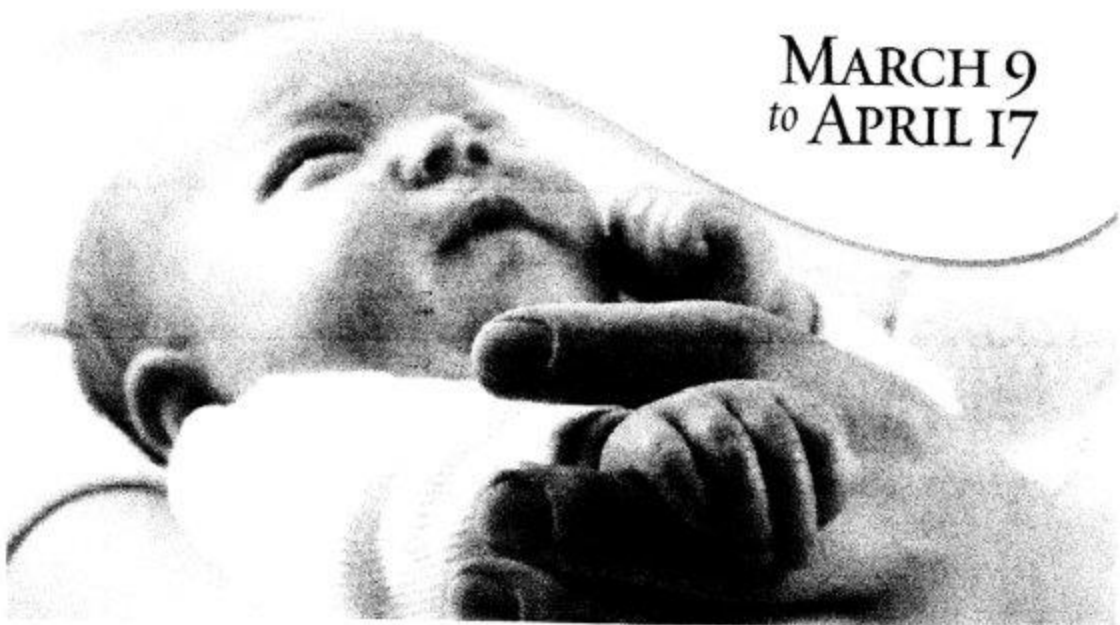
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