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Choose Life!

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Be Sure to Vote!**



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Upcoming General Election - Exercise Your Right to Vote!

The November 8th general election represents a chance for us to exercise one of our most basic rights . . . the right to vote. Your vote in favor of Life is critical! Every vote matters, and in mid-term elections, when participation tends to be lower than presidential elections, your vote takes on added significance.

All indications are that Pennsylvania may well decide whether our next Congress is pro-life or not. The pro-abortion forces have made our state a focus of their strategy for maintaining their current congressional majority . . . we cannot let this happen.

At the state level, we have the opportunity to elect a pro-life governor. Our pro-life state legislature has been stymied these past eight years by Governor Wolf. Now that Roe is history, the importance of having a friend of life in the state's top spot is magnified.

This newsletter contains the positions on life issues of those running at the federal and state levels, per the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation and LifePAC. Please know where the candidates stand and then exercise your precious vote. The unborn are depending upon you!

Important dates with respect to the election include:

- October 24th - last day to register to vote.
- November 1st - last day to apply for mail-in or civilian absentee ballot.
- November 8th - last day for county boards of elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8pm).
- November 8th - general election in-person voting (7am to 8pm)

Remember, make your vote count!!!

Voting with a Clear Conscience

Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life has come up with 10 steps to assist citizens in voting with a clear conscience:

1. **Vote!** Make sure you actually vote: voting is a moral obligation.
2. **Know the candidates.** Be sure you know where the candidates stand on the issues.
3. **Reject the disqualified.** A candidate advancing immoral policy positions is disqualified from public office.
4. **Distinguish policy from principle.** Often, candidates have different policies for pursuing the same principle. But on life issues, today's candidates differ on principle: whether unborn life is worthy of protection.
5. **Weigh other issues properly.** Not all issues are equal . . . life issues are paramount.
6. **Keep your loyalty focused on Jesus.**
7. **Remember, the Party matters.** Elections put both individuals and parties into power. Both have positions on life.
8. **Distinguish “choosing evil” from “limiting evil.”** Choosing the lesser of two evils is preferable to not voting. After all, one of the two *will* be elected.
9. **Support the candidate with more than your vote.**
10. **Mobilize other voters.**

Post-Dobbs Developments

Since the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Roe in the Dobbs v. Jackson case on June 24, 2022, there have been continuing developments on the subject of abortion.

The Good News

LifeNews.com reported on Aug. 24, 2022 that

- 13 States are now abortion-free.
- 62 abortion businesses have been closed.
- Thousands of babies' lives have been saved.

The Bad News

- Pharmacists are being forced to provide abortion pills – The Biden administration has warned pharmacies that they will be liable under federal anti-discrimination law if they do not provide abortion-causing drugs.
- Biden signed an executive order to allow Medicaid monies to help women pay for travel between states to get an abortion.
- Governor Tom Wolf has filed a lawsuit with the PA Supreme Court, declaring that there is a right to abortion in PA. This lawsuit is an attempt to block the PA Life Amendment, which is being pursued in the PA Legislature.

Donations

In Memory of:

Herman (Bud) Wellman by
Madeline Wellman
Ed Hoyt by Barb Hoyt
Gene & Helen Manuel by
John & Cynthia Reddick

Other Donations:

- Sharon Hackbart
- Michael & Joyce Davanzati

Thank You!

Special thanks to the generous donors who made the bus trip to Harrisburg for the Pro-Life Rally/March in September, including three county chapters of the Knights of Columbus, the Royal Grange #1972 and others who chose anonymity. The life-affirming trip would not have been possible without you!

Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation Essay/Oratory Contests

Essay Contest

- ◆ Open to PA students in grades 7-12.
- ◆ Write a pro-life essay about abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide, euthanasia or stem cell research.
- ◆ Word limit: 500 for grades 7-9, 750 for grades 10-12.
- ◆ Essays must include a completed cover page from: www.paprolife.org/for-students.
- ◆ Winners in each age group will receive cash prizes: 1st - \$200, 2nd - \$150, 3rd - \$100

Please submit entries by **March 1, 2023** to lifelines@paprolife.org or mail to:

PA Pro-Life Federation
4800 Jonestown Rd, Suite 102
Harrisburg, PA 17109-1741

Video Oratory Contest

- ◆ Senior contest open to Pennsylvania students in 11th and 12th grades.
- ◆ Junior contest open to students in 9th and 10th grades.
- ◆ Cash prizes awarded for first through third place winners. Senior contest grand prize is an all-expense paid trip to the 2023 National Right to Life Convention.
- ◆ Email speech link to lifelines@paprolife.org by April 15, 2023.
- ◆ Please visit paprolife.org/for-students for rules/instructions.

Pennsylvania March for Life

We wish to thank all those who traveled to the PA March for Life in Harrisburg on September 19 – and all those who donated to help defray the cost of the buses. Two buses from Butler County traveled to the March: one from Cranberry and one from Butler City, which also stopped in Middlesex Twp.

There were an estimated **6,000** people at the Rally and March. Many of our Butler County legislators attended and participated in the Rally. The following day there was a Planned Parenthood Rally in Harrisburg; photographs showed about **80** people attended that Rally!

We were blessed with beautiful weather and energizing speakers. A mobile ultrasound unit was parked next to the stage during the rally. A woman who lives in Harrisburg came to the unit and asked for an ultrasound, saying she was not sure if she was pregnant. The ultrasound showed she was 17 weeks pregnant. She asked for prayers and an appointment was made for her with a local pregnancy help center for the next day. What a perfect testimony to the Pro-Life work that we are all doing!

Our work in Harrisburg will continue, now that the US Supreme Court has said that abortion decisions can be regulated by the states. **We need to continue to elect Pro-Life Senators and Representatives in PA, as well as a Pro-Life Governor!**

National March for Life

The U.S. March for Life will continue! Mark your calendars: **Friday, January 20, 2023**. Buses are already being planned from Butler County. Watch for the January PHL newsletter for more details. The 2023 March for Life will mark 50 years since the original Roe v. Wade decision legalized abortion in all 50 states.



Candidate Positions on Life (State/Local Races)

LIFEPAC was organized in 1980 as a Political Action Committee dedicated to uphold the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Its stated mission is to seek, identify, and support candidates for public office who are dedicated to the sanctity of human life. LIFEPAC gathers information on candidates through signed responses to questionnaires, personal interviews, public statements and actions.

According to LIFEPAC, the following candidates are pro-life and involved in statewide or local elections. Only candidates who are pro-life are listed.

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Pro-Life Candidate</u> |
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| Governor | Douglas V. Mastriano |
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| Lt. Governor | Carrie Lewis DelRosso |
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| United States Senate | Doctor Mehmet Oz |
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| U.S. Congress | District 16 | Mike Kelly* |
| | District 15 | Glenn Thompson* |
| | District 17 | Jeremy Shaffer |

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| PA State House | District 8 | Aaron Bernstein* |
| | District 11 | Marci Mustello* |
| | District 12 | Stephenie Scialabba |
| | District 17 | Tim Bonner* |

* indicates an incumbent

Where do the Candidates Stand on Life Issues?

★ PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR'S RACE ★



WHERE DO THEY STAND ON TAXPAYER FUNDING OF ABORTION?

Doug Mastriano **SUPPORTS** a ban on having our hard-earned tax dollars pay for abortion. He **SUPPORTS** stopping tax dollars from funding the abortion industry.

Josh Shapiro **OPPOSES** a ban on taxpayer funding of abortions. He **OPPOSES** stopping tax dollars from funding the abortion industry.

WHAT ABOUT LEGISLATION THAT PROTECTS PREBORN BABIES?

Doug Mastriano **SUPPORTS** legislation that protects preborn babies and their mothers from the harm of abortion. He has sponsored legislation that respects innocent human life.

Josh Shapiro **OPPOSES** legislation that protects preborn babies and their mothers from the harm of abortion. He is endorsed by pro-abortion PACs.

WHAT ABOUT FORCING RELIGIOUS GROUPS TO PAY FOR ABORTION?

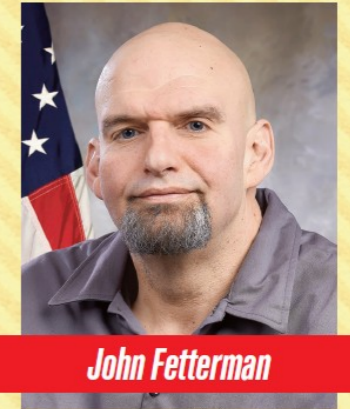
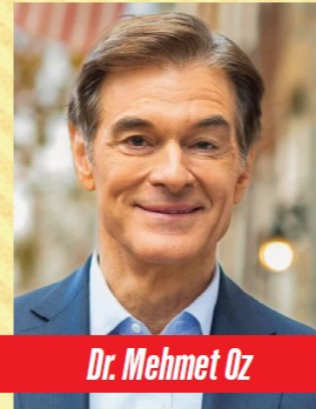
Doug Mastriano **SUPPORTS** a ban on forcing religious groups to pay for abortions. He **SUPPORTS** the *Little Sisters of the Poor* in their efforts to be shielded from the federal abortion mandate.

Josh Shapiro **OPPOSES** a ban on forcing religious groups to pay for abortions. He took the *Little Sisters of Poor* to Court to try to force them to pay for abortion-causing drugs.

Source: PA Pro-Life Federation

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★ PENNSYLVANIA U.S. SENATE RACE ★



WHERE DO THEY STAND ON TAXPAYER FUNDING OF ABORTION?

Dr. Oz **WILL NOT USE YOUR TAX DOLLARS** to pay for abortions.

John Fetterman **WILL USE YOUR TAX DOLLARS** to pay for abortions.

Where do they stand on dismemberment abortions, in which **fully-developed, living babies are killed in the womb?**

Dr. Oz **SUPPORTS PROTECTING BABIES FROM DISMEMBERMENT ABORTIONS.**

John Fetterman **OPPOSES PROTECTING BABIES FROM DISMEMBERMENT ABORTIONS.**

What about abortions during all nine months of pregnancy up to birth?

Dr. Oz **SUPPORTS PROTECTIONS FOR PREBORN BABIES AND THEIR MOTHERS.**

John Fetterman **SUPPORTS ABORTION** during all nine months of pregnancy up to birth. He is backed by pro-abortion PACs.

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