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NEWSLETTER

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Mother's Day Carnations

Spring is in the air, Easter is upon us and Mother's Day is right around the corner. Do you know about our wonderful Mother's Day tradition? Each year local churches offer carnations to honor or memorialize mothers. The carnations are handed out for a donation to be returned to PHL. This is a great way to celebrate our moms who gave us life while supporting PHL's mission of honoring all life from conception to natural death. If your church might be interested in doing this, please contact our office at 570-343-5099.



Remembering Peter Gaffney



We are so saddened by the loss of our dear Maria Gaffney's husband and great friend of PHL, Peter. In his memory, we wanted to share his life with you.

Peter was born in Manhattan, NY where he attended a Catholic high school and later graduated with a bachelor's degree from St. Francis College in Brooklyn. He continued his schooling at St. Joseph's seminary in Yonkers, NY where he received his Master of Divinity.

Peter retired from stock trade customer service in NYC and worked as a religious instructor. He was a lifelong member of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church where he served on the advisory and fund raising committees. Peter was an avid gamer, both board and video. He was also an ardent supporter of the Ukrainian war effort. In addition to his wife, Peter is survived by two children; his daughter Theresa and husband Shane Nesmith and his son Joseph Gaffney.

Our thoughts and prayers continue for Maria, his family and friends.

In Honor of Retiring Board Member Cathy McGuire

Cathy McGuire, retired Board Member, has been active in the Pro-Life movement since the early 1980's. For years she attended the March for Life in DC along with her young children, drove a big truck with pro-life images on all sides in PA and FL, assisted her late husband, George, in his duties as President of PHL Wayne - Pike Chapter, volunteered for many years at St. Joseph's Baby Pantry, and in the PHL Scranton office. She has been the Chairwoman of her church's Pro-Life Committee organizing Pro-Life speakers for parishioners, collecting baby items for St. Joseph's Pantry, selling carnations on Mother's Day for PHL, instituting a Day of Adoration during the March for Life and much more. She has been an inspiration to us and serves as our Pro-Life role model. We have been blessed to witness her lifelong work and prayers for the protection of all human life from the womb to tomb.



50th Anniversary Prayer Breakfast a Success!

A special thank you to all who attended our 50th Anniversary Prayer Breakfast in the fall. Featured speaker Dr. Bruchalski, a former abortionist who became a pro-life doctor, was incredible! And, we were honored to present former President Patrick Williams with the Helen Gohsler Award and Anne Domin, original member/founder of PHL, with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mark your calendars for next year's Breakfast: Saturday, October 25, 2025!



Do You Know Umbert?

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Gary Cangemi was a cartoonist who created the cartoon, “Umbert the Unborn” for the National Catholic Register. “Umbert” was a cartoon character alive in his mother’s womb and we, as readers of the cartoon, are privy to Umbert’s thoughts. The cartoon left its readers with the realization that unborn children are very much alive with organs that work, including the brain in charge of thoughts and feelings. Since Gary’s death on March 18, 2017, people have been searching for cartoonists who could copy Umbert’s likeness. Gary has made a huge difference in educating countless people about the value of the lives of the preborn children who can make a difference once allowed to be born and live a life sharing their developing talents.

Gary Cangemi touched the lives of many college students by educating them about this through the humor of his cartoon. No one has been able to capture Umbert’s likeness or thoughts since Cangemi’s death. Keep your eye on our website for Umbert’s legacy to live on!



Remember & Honor Your Loved Ones

At PHL, we strive to protect all life from conception to natural death. It is in death that our journey ends on this earth, but here is an opportunity to leave a legacy of life. Why not consider adding PHL as a suggestion for memorial contributions? If you've ever had to plan the services for the passing of a loved one, you know how unsettling it is when that person's wishes are unknown. Memorials are a great way to be honored and remembered.

These gifts can also be honorariums to someone that is alive and dear to you. This would be a wonderful way to let someone know how you value their life while contributing to our cause of protecting all life.

Honorariums and memorials are easy to set up and can even be a recurring monthly gift. Please visit this link www.humanlifepa.org/donate to start your gift today. Once received, we will acknowledge your gift to the honored person or to the family of the memorial recipient.

Memorials

Carole Bruehl - From:	David Donde
Fiore and Patricia Mattei	The Grimm Foundation
Ralph DelPrete - From:	Nancy Brennan Koester
Fiore and Patricia Mattei	Kimberly Kelly
Karen Dempsey - From:	George Marcinek
Mary Lou Lafferty	Louise Spindler Jr
Dempsey	Renee Sposto
John DesMarteau	Peter Gaffney - From:
David Donde	John Brzycki
William Doyle	John and Carol Hasse
Barbara Giovagnoli	Kenneth and Karen Lilik
The Grimm Foundation	Gerald Kohut - From: Fiore
Michele Hazzouri, MD	and Patricia Mattei
Nancy Brennan Koester	Ann Moskakzyk - From:
Bob Raphael and Jennifer	Patrick and Valerie Dennis
Nany	Shirlee Onda - From: George
Thomas and Susan Reilly	and Diane Zevan
Mary Joyce Rittenhouse	Gary Propersi - From: Fiore
Robert and Nancy Saks	and Patricia Mattei
Carl and Louise Spindler	Gerald Rodski - From: Dennis
Kim Stampien, DMD	and Barbara Grimes
Patrick Dempsey - From:	Frank Wanchisen - From:
Mary Lou Lafferty	Fiore and Patricia Mattei
Dempsey	
Jacqueline Devany	In Honor of
Christopher and Ann	Cathy McGuire - From: John
DiMattio	and Carol Haase

We Need Your Email!



We love that you are reading our newsletter and hope you find it informative and enjoyable! Can we ask for your assistance in helping us gather emails? As you can imagine, mailing newsletters costs money – money that we would rather spend educating our community about the pro-life movement. So we are looking to provide our newsletters exclusively via email in the near future. If you haven't already provided us with your email or if you know anyone who would like to receive one, please contact us at 570-343-5099 or pahumanlife@yahoo.com. Thank you!!!

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**I'M A CHILD
NOT A CHOICE!**



EVERY HUMAN LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION
Your life began the moment a male sperm and a female ovum unite to form a fertilized egg, creating a new unique human being whose heart begins to beat within three weeks of conception.

HELP US MAKE ABORTION UNTHINKABLE
*Your contributions are welcome to help us continue sharing messages such as this one.
Your generosity is deeply appreciated.*

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SAVE THE DATE!!!

Annual Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Fiorelli's

Doors open at 8 AM

Tickets only \$25 and include:

- Full-course breakfast featuring a belgium waffle bar
 - Engaging speakers
- Opportunity to win valuable gifts/prizes at our Basket Raffles

We can't do the important work of protecting life from conception through natural death without YOU! Won't you consider becoming a SPONSOR by purchasing a table so our high school and college students can attend FREE? Sponsorships start at \$25 but you can sponsor an entire table for just \$200.

Call our office at 570-343-5099 for more details.

