

# St. Agnes-St. William of York

## Respect Life Newsletter - January - February 2019 Edition

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A belated Happy New Year. The past two months have been both busy and unsettling from a pro-life perspective. In January, the 46th Annual March for Life was held in DC; the New York state legislature passed one of the most liberal abortion laws in the nation; and an abortion law allowing infanticide was introduced in the Virginia state legislature. In February, the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Act requiring medical treatment and care of babies that survive an abortion was blocked in the US Senate; and the New Mexico House passed legislation that would allow abortion-on-demand for any reason, taking away parental notification for minors and conscience protection for health care professionals.

Why the apparent urgency? The urgency behind much of this legislation seems to be a fear that changes in the composition of the Supreme Court will lead to the overturning of Roe vs Wade, one of two Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion in the US. Unfortunately, Maryland is not immune to this rush to propose and adopt life-ending legislation. The Maryland State legislature is currently considering both extreme abortion and physician assisted suicide legislation. In this newsletter we will explore, among other things, the legislation, what it means and ways you can get involved.

There is also positive news. Members of our parish community participated in the 46th Annual March for Life and the coordinator of 40 Days for Life Catonsville, Kim Frazer, received an award by the archdiocese for her pro-life work.

### **RESPECT LIFE NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. AGNES AND ST. WILLIAM OF YORK:**

- **St. Agnes/St. William of York Respect Life News:**



- **46th Annual March for Life Pilgrimage to DC:** Once again, members of our parish community and other regional parishes made the trip to DC and participated in the March for Life. Joining us this year were several members of our parish youth group and its coordinator, Branan Durbin.

A massive number of people converged on DC and marched for life this January! It was certainly the largest March that I have ever attended. I hope you will check out [this slideshow](#) and take note of the sea of energetic, yet peaceful young people that



Members of St. Agnes/St. William of York Youth Ministry

made its way up Constitution Avenue. One of my favorite parts of the slideshow is a video of young men singing in Latin. Hopefully the slideshow will dispel any negative impressions you may have gotten from the media's portrayal of an encounter between members of two protest groups not affiliated with the March, and Covington Catholic High School students waiting to be picked up by their busses at the end of the March.

On the home front, parishioners Sabina and Jim Armshaw took in a grandson and two of his friends the weekend of the March. The three young men, students at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, were unable to get three of the 500 seats on busses chartered by the school. Undaunted, the young men drove to Baltimore and stayed overnight with Jim and Sabina. The next morning they took the train to DC where they participated in the March. Now that's initiative!!!

A rally on the Mall preceded the March. President Trump's speech was streamed. Vice President Pence delivered his speech in person. Other speakers included politicians from both parties, Elvita King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Ben Shapiro, a popular writer, political commentator and lawyer, and Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood manager, and now prominent national pro-life leader.

One of my favorite speakers was Dr. Kathi Aultman, a retired Ob-Gyn and former abortionist and Planned Parenthood director. Dr. Aultman related that, when she was in medical school, it was difficult for pro-life students to get into medical school and to obtain residencies. Pro-life professors could lose their teaching positions if they expressed their pro-life views; and Ob-Gyn residents were required to do abortions, unless they objected on the grounds of conscience.

One line in Dr. Aultman's speech stood out to me. She said, "If it was wanted, it was a baby; if it wasn't, it was a fetus". We live in a topsy turvy world in which killing a child in the womb has become a form of "health care" and taking the life of an elderly or disabled person has become an act of compassion. [Here is a link to Dr. Aultman's talk](#) if you are interested in hearing what led to her conversion.

- **Meeting of the St. Agnes/St. William of York Respect Life Committee on February 1:** Because of everything that is and will be going on the first quarter of the year, we had a lot to discuss at our first meeting. In addition to the January March for Life in DC, there is the upcoming legislative session in Annapolis, the Maryland March for Life in Annapolis, and the Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign. We spent much of the meeting discussing the nationwide rush to pass life-ending legislation. We discussed the Maryland legislation that could lead to a Constitutional amendment that would make abortion a constitutional right, and physician assisted suicide legislation. This is the fourth time in five years that PAS legislation has been introduced. The Oregon-based organization behind the legislation is "Compassion and



"A Person's a Person No Matter How Small", Dr. Seuss



2019 March for Life in DC

Choices". It was formerly known as the Hemlock Society. Unsurprisingly, physician assisted legislation is following a pattern that is similar to that followed by abortion legislation. The language used to promote the legislation is deceptively persuasive. The terms "euthanasia" and "suicide" have been replaced by such terms as "aid in dying", "end-of-life option" and "death with dignity". Physician assisted suicide legislation has already been passed in six states and the District of Columbia. 17 state legislatures are currently considering PAS legislation. Portions of this newsletter is the product of our discussions at our meeting.

Our next meeting will be on April 16, 2019 at 10 am in the St. Agnes Activity Center. All are welcome.

- **St. Agnes/St. William of York Upcoming Events:**

- **Tuesday, March 5 - Respect Life Holy Hour:** Our monthly **Respect Life Holy Hour** is held on the first Tuesday of every month at St. Agnes. The monthly Holy Hour begins at 5:45 pm and ends with Benediction at 6:45 pm. It includes praise and worship music, the Angelus, time to pray for private and special intentions and the respect life rosary. Now more than ever it is necessary that we pray for life and our nation. Hope to see you there.

**LOCAL AND REGIONAL RESPECT LIFE NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Local and Regional Respect Life News:**

- **Kim Frazer, Coordinator of the 40 Days for Life Catonsville Campaign Awarded the Archdiocesan Culture of Life Medal of Honor:**

Anyone meeting Kim for the first time has to be caught up by her energy and enthusiasm for the pro-life movement. I first met Kim when she took over as the coordinator of the 40 Days for Life Baltimore/Catonsville campaign. As many of you know, the Catonsville prayer campaign is held outside of the Hillcrest abortion facility in Catonsville. The facility is located on the sixth floor of the Suburban building situated at the intersection of Route 40 and Johnnycake Road.

The location of the abortion facility makes encounters between pray-ers and people entering the building rare. The public walk on which we pray is a considerable distance from either of the two entrances to the building. The view of the building is often obstructed by cars parked in a large parking lot that separates the public sidewalk from the building. When our view of the building is not obstructed by parked cars, it is obstructed by large trash bins and high trees. When we manage to see people enter the building, it is difficult to identify their intent. Do the people entering the building work in one of the many other businesses located in the building? Are they there to conduct business in one of those businesses? Or are they headed for the



*Courtesy of Craig Rockenbauch*

sixth floor? Occasionally the motivation of someone headed toward the building can be identified by their apparel or their body language. Many of us keep an eye on a sixth floor window overlooking Johnnycake road. From the road we can observe the 6th floor elevator lights appear when the elevator doors open.

Why do I go into all of this? It is because, after all of the years that Kim has managed the campaign, I have never heard a single hint of frustration or defeat in her voice or demeanor. Twice a year she organizes the 40 Days for Life Catonsville campaign, including the kick-off, mid-campaign and closing events. She also maintains the [40 Days for Life Facebook page](#).



*Courtesy of: Craig Rockenbauch*

Kim has also overseen the opening of West Baltimore Pregnancy Choices (WBPC), located in the Chin Baptist Mission Church which is situated across from the Suburban building. Opening the WBPC has been a labor of love that involved locating a suitable room, negotiating the rental contract, furnishing the room and arranging for people to volunteer in the room. Of course, this endeavor has not been an individual pursuit. Kim seems to know everyone and is very adept at soliciting help from faithful friends. Her openness to people is one of the many gifts she brings to bear on her ministry. Did I mention she is a wife, a mother of two, and an engineering program manager with the Federal Government?

It, therefore, came as no surprise when Kim told me that she would be awarded the Culture of Life Medal of Honor at the Life is Beautiful Mass at the Baltimore Basilica on January 13. I can think of no one more deserving. Congratulations Kim!!!

For more information on Kim, the award and the Life is Beautiful Mass, you can read [this article](https://www.archbalt.org/ellicott-city-parishioner-honored-at-life-is-beautiful-mass/) (<https://www.archbalt.org/ellicott-city-parishioner-honored-at-life-is-beautiful-mass/>) on the archdiocesan website. There is a great picture of Kim being acknowledged by Archbishop Lori.

- **Proposed Legislation before the Maryland General Assembly:** During the 2019 legislative session, the Maryland legislature will consider controversial abortion and assisted suicide legislation.
- \* **PAS (Physician Assisted Suicide) Legislation:** The "End-of-Life Option Act" was introduced on January 29. The public hearing for House Bill 399 ([Link to the House bill](#)) is scheduled for February 15. The hearing for Senate Bill 311 ([Link to the Senate bill](#)) is scheduled for February 19. Details on the hearings follow.

\* **Things You Can Do:**

✓ **Stay Informed:**

- ▶ **Watch the Video, *Shining the Light on Physician Assisted Suicide*:** This documentary is the work of a Maryland couple who felt called to get involved in the issue of physician assisted suicide. I suggest that adults view the documentary before they allow youthful family members to watch it. Here is a link to the video - <https://thedignitymandate.org/documentary>.

The couple responsible for the documentary was featured in an EWTN Pro-Life Weekly news segment. Here is a link to that news segment - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nekoOrofWr8>.

- ▶ **Watch the Video, *Vulnerable: The Euthanasia Deception*** - This is a documentary about the history of Euthanasia in Belgium. The video contains testimonies by doctors, patients and the families of patients affected by Belgium's liberal euthanasia laws. Over time Belgium's laws have been expanded so they are currently the most liberal in the world. In 2014 death by euthanasia was extended to all minors in Belgium. Here is the promo for the documentary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qcbGK2tTvsI>.

The documentary recently aired on EWTN. It may air again. I have a recorded copy of it that I can share with you.

- ▶ **Watch Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Video, *Atheism and Assisted Suicide*** - It is an insightful talk on today's culture - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d1NIHOfwYQQ>
- ▶ **Attend the Talk on *The Dangers of Physician Assisted Suicide*** - The talk will held on Friday, February 15, 2019 at Our Lady's Center in Ellicott City. Details are available on page 7.
- ▶ **Sign up for Pro-life Updates at the Maryland Catholic Conference's Website** - <https://www.mdcatholic.org> (Sign up at the bottom of the page.)
- ▶ **Get National and World News From a Catholic Perspective:** The EWTN television and radio networks provide news from a Catholic perspective. "EWTN News Nightly" at 6 and 9pm delivers the daily news. "EWTN Pro-life Weekly" and "The World Over" deliver world and pro-life news twice weekly.
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✓ **Engage:**

- ▶ **Share With Friends.**
- ▶ **Contact Your State Legislators and Leaders by Email, Letter or Phone.** You can easily identify and [email your legislators by following this link](#). If you prefer to phone or write a letter, following the same link. Clicking on a legislator's name will give you access to both their Annapolis

phone number and address.

- ▶ **Attend Scheduled House (2/15) and Senate (2/19) Hearings on the Proposed Assisted Suicide Legislation** - See page 7 for details.
- ▶ **Attend Catholics in Annapolis (Lobby Night) on February 21** - Lobby night is a wonderful opportunity to share your views directly with your state legislators. See page 7 for details.
- ▶ **Attend the Maryland March for Life on March 4.** See page 8 for details.
- \* **Declaration of Rights - Right of Bodily Integrity and Privacy Bill** - [House Bill 1031](#) proposes an amendment to the Maryland Constitution. It states "THAT THE PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO BODILY INTEGRITY AND PRIVACY TO MAKE PERSONAL DECISIONS ABOUT CHILDBEARING AND PROCREATION WITHOUT UNWARRANTED GOVERNMENT INTRUSION." The language of the bill is extremely vague. One wonders who will determine the meaning of the expression, "unwarranted government intrusion".

If this bill is passed, the proposed constitutional amendment will be voted in a statewide referendum during the 2020 elections. According to an August, 2019 Baltimore Sun article, " ... while (Governor) Hogan doesn't know that a constitutional amendment is necessary, he is comfortable with the idea of putting it on the ballot (in 2020) and trusts that voters would make the right decision.."

It is important that Marylanders contact their legislators and voice their views on this legislation.

### **Things You Can Do:**

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- ▶ **Read the Response by The Maryland Catholic Conference to This Legislation** - [Link to MCC's 2/8 Response](#)
- ▶ **Read the Proposed Bill** - [Link to House Bill 1031](#)
- ▶ **Review periodically the status of this legislation** - [Link to House Bill 1031 Information](#)
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- ▶ **Contact your US Senators** - Urge your US Senators to support the *Born Alive Abortion Survivor Protection Act* that was recently blocked in the US Senate. (<https://www.voterveice.net/NCHLA/Campaigns/62901/Respond> )

• **Local and Regional Respect Life Events:**

- **Friday, February 15, 2019, 1pm - Talk on the *Dangers of Physician Assisted Suicide at Our Lady's Center in Ellicott City, MD:*** Nancy Valko, recognized by the USCCB in 2016 and spokesperson for the National Association of Pro-Life Nurses, will speak on the dangers of Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS). The talk is free. Prior to the talk there is a noon mass.
- **February 15, 2019 - House Hearing on End-of-Life Option Act (A Physician Assisted Suicide Bill):** The House committee hearing for this legislation is scheduled for 1:30 pm on Friday, February 15 **in the Department of Legislative Services Building, Joint Hearing Room, Annapolis, MD.**

**Note:** John and Cathy Stefano (Maryland Catholic Conference (MCC) contacts for St. Louis Parish) ask that you let them know if you'e coming. The MCC and other groups are trying to partner and show our legislators a united front. You can contact them at 410-730-2613 or [jcstefano@verizon.net](mailto:jcstefano@verizon.net).

- **February 19, 2019 - Senate Hearing on End-of-Life Option Act (A Physician Assisted Suicide Bill):** The Senate committee hearing for this legislation is scheduled for 12 pm on Friday February 19 **in the East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD.**

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- **Thursday, February 21, 2019, 3 - 8 pm, Catholics in Annapolis (Maryland Catholic Conference Lobby Night):** Catholics in Annapolis (MCC Lobby Night) is an opportunity for you to meet your State legislators and to share your views on pending legislation. Saint Louis/Saint Francis parishes and the Maryland Catholic Conference are sponsoring buses which will leave Saint Louis Parish in Clarksville at 2pm. You can sign up for the bus by calling 410-730-2613 or by emailing [jcstefano@verizon.net](mailto:jcstefano@verizon.net).

Access the day's schedule and RSVP/register at <https://www.catholicsinannapolis.org>. Apparently they want a head count of people attending. If you use the above link to RSVP/register, there is the option to sign up for the St. Louis bus. Parishioners from St. Louis are very frequent and ardent attendees of Lobby Night. You might be able to get some good advice on the day's activities on the trip to Annapolis.

- **February 23, 2019, Project Rachel One Day Retreat in the Ellicott City Area:** This one day retreat is designed for women seeking emotional and spiritual healing after having had an abortion. See the flyer on page ??? for details.
- **February 26, 2019 Bishop Madden's Prayer Walk:** Every month, Bishop Maddens invites pray-prayers to join him to the walk and pray at specific Baltimore locations and individuals that have been affected by violence. This February, the walk will begin at Saint Peter Claver Church (1546 N. Fremont Ave). The evening will begin with a light meal at 5:30 p.m. and end before 7:30 p.m.
- **February 28, March 28, 2019 - 5 pm - 6 pm, 2019 End of Life Planning Seminars:** The Pastorate of St. Francis-St. Mary and Holy Family is hosting three seminars on end-of-life planning. Check out the details in the flyer on page 12.
- **March 2, 2019, 9 am - 4 pm, Sidewalk Counseling Training:** Learn the peaceful, prayerful method of sidewalk advocacy from Sidewalk Advocates for Life. Help people going into the abortion facility choose life. The class location is West Baltimore Pregnancy Choices(WBPC) (across the street from the Hillcrest abortion facility) 9am-4pm. Contact Mar Tyrell to register/questions 410-995-9894 [theroadsplit@gmail.com](mailto:theroadsplit@gmail.com)
- **March 3, 2019, Donut Sunday at St. Agnes (after the 9:00 am mass):** Members of the St. Agnes/St. William of York respect life committee will be available to discuss and provide information on the legislation before the Maryland General Assembly, the 40 Days for Life spring campaign and other issues. We hope you will stop by and chat.
- **March 4, 2019, Maryland March for Life, - <https://www.mdmarchforlife.com>**  
The Maryland March for Life is over 40 years old. Marchers walk through Annapolis and attend a Rally at Lawyer's Mall. Before the March, there is a Youth Rally and Religious Services (both a mass and non-denominational Service). After the rally at the Lawyer's Mall, marchers are treated to Chick-fil-A. **NOTE:** Use this link to RSVP/register for the March (**AND** a Chick-fil-A sandwich).

Here is the schedule for the March:

4:30 Youth Rally  
5:15 Religious Services (Mass & Non-denominational Service)  
6:15 Assemble for March  
6:30 March through Annapolis - For the March, please arrive in St. Mary's parking lot no later than 6:00 p.m. The lot will then close for Marchers to assemble.  
7:00 Rally on Lawyer's Mall  
8:00 Free Chick-fil-A

- **March 6 - April 14, 2019, Spring 2019 40 Days for Life:** This year's 40 Days for Life Catonsville spring campaign ( <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/catonsville/> ) starts on Ash Wednesday. If you are unfamiliar with 40 Days for Life you might want to review this video of an interview with Matt Britton, chairman of the board and general counsel for 40 Days for Life - <https://youtu.be/L4gzR-o7DcI>. Information on the campaign will be available during Donut Sunday at St. Agnes and St. William of York. You are also invited to the 40 Days for Life Catonsville Meet and Greet on March 9. It is an opportunity to meet participants in the Catonsville campaign and get to know more about the campaign. Additional details will be available in the March newsletter and in the

church bulletin.

- **March 9, 2019, Meet and Greet on Sidewalk and WBPC (See page 6):** This is the first Saturday of the campaign, a chance for pray-ers to meet gather on the Hillcrest sidewalk and in WBPC. More details to follow. (This is a great opportunity for newcomers to receive an orientation into the 40 Days for Life campaign and perhaps get a prayer partner if they are a newcomer.)
- **March 10, 2019, Donut Sunday at St. William of York (after the 10:15 am mass):** Members of the St. Agnes/St. William of York respect life committee will be available to discuss and provide information on the legislation before the Maryland General Assembly, the 40 Days for Life spring campaign and other issues. We hope you will stop by and chat.

### **REFLECTION: Words**

This week the first reading for daily mass has been from the first chapter in the Book of Genesis. The readings provide an account of the creation of the universe through words, words spoken by the Second Person of the Trinity, the Word. To illustrate the profundity of this account, we can look to an analogy used by Bishop Robert Barron. It is an analogy taken from the game of baseball.

Imagine a baseball player headed toward third base, trying to beat a fielder's throw to the third baseman. The play is close, but the third base umpire declares the runner, "**SAFE!!!**" In the meantime, some of the fans in the stands are screaming, "**OUT!!!**" Other fans in the stands are screaming, "**SAFE!!**" And others fans in the stands aren't sure. In his analogy, Bishop Barron points out that the word spoken by only one of the many voices in the stadium has the authority to declare the "real" or "true" outcome of the play. It is the word spoken by the umpire. Bishop Barron goes on to point out that a game would devolve into chaos were there no umpire to declare a runner "safe" or "out" or a pitch a "ball" or a "strike".

It seems to me that when addressing the many confusing moral issues of the day, we all too often turn to the many contradictory and unauthoritative" voices in the stands" rather than the authoritative voice of the "umpire".

The following was taken from the USCCB's website (<http://www.usccb.org/news/2019/19-026.cfm>). In it, Archbishop Naumann addresses the current spiritual and moral confusion surrounding abortion and how words contribute to that confusion.

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### **February 2, 2019**

WASHINGTON—Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, KS and Chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities has issued the following statement in response to several states moving forward with legislation that would permit a baby to be aborted at nine months. Archbishop Naumann's full statement follows:

"Abortion has always been built on a lie. Today, the lie is switching from 'abortion is a choice' to 'abortion is healthcare.' A law recently passed in New York not only legalizes abortion essentially for any reason through all nine months of pregnancy but removes any protection for children born alive after abortion. A similar bill was proposed in Virginia along with several other states, all in the name of women's health.

This legislation is evil, pure and simple. And it shocks the conscience to see such evil legislation

greeted with raucous cheers and standing ovations. Most grieving to our Lord of Life is that those who advocate for abortion put their eternal souls in jeopardy. It is sickeningly dishonest to claim that women's lives or health depend on intentionally killing their children. This is especially true for late-term abortion, which always involves the purposeful destruction of a child which could have been born alive, with much less risk to the mother, had they both received real healthcare.

Now is the time for all Catholics—bishops, priests, and laity—to fight for the unborn with renewed vigor. We must educate family, friends, legislators, and fellow citizens about how it is never necessary to intentionally kill unborn children in order to save their mothers. Local action is especially important. Though ending Roe v. Wade is a central goal of the pro-life movement, if the decision were overturned, only eleven states would immediately ban abortion; the other thirty-nine states would still allow it.

I urge Catholics, and thoughtful Americans of all religions or none at all to advocate for local change. Sign up for your State Catholic Conference or diocesan pro-life advocacy network, which can help you communicate to elected officials. Or seek out state and local pro-life groups, including parish respect life groups, that are making a difference at the state level.

Though we live in very dark days, we know that the Lord has already triumphed over death. But we must use this time on earth to be His hands and feet. This means each of us rededicating ourselves to prayer, and fighting for the most vulnerable among us, especially unborn children and their mothers."

**Please continue to pray for our country and to pray the rosary.**

### **Prayer for Our Nation**

God Our Father, Giver of life,  
we entrust the United States of America  
to Your loving care.  
You are the rock  
on which this nation was founded.  
You alone are the true source  
of our cherished rights  
to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Reclaim this land for Your glory  
and dwell among Your people.  
Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts  
of our nation's leaders.  
Open their minds  
to the great worth of human life  
and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.  
Remind Your people that true happiness  
is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of  
Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land,  
grant us the courage to reject  
the "culture of death."  
Lead us into a new millennium of life.  
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

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# 2019 END-OF-LIFE PLANNING SEMINARS

**Seminar 1 - Jan 31 - Catholic Perspective on Funeral Rites-  
Presenter, Deacon George Sisson  
Funeral Planning- Presenter, Don Thompson, Thompson  
Funeral Home**

**Seminar 2 - Feb 28 - Financial Planning- Presenter, Jenifer  
Sutton of Edward Jones Financial  
Legal Planning- Presenter, Damian J. O'Conner, Atty.**

**Seminar 3 - Mar 28 - Hospice Care- Presenter, Frederick  
County Hospice  
In-Home Care- Presenter, Deacon John Martin**

**Each presentation will be followed by a question and answer  
session. Light refreshments will be served.**

**To register for one or more of these seminars, please call the  
Parish office at 301-478-4800 between the hours of 9:00  
A.M. and 3:00 P.M.**

**Seminars will take place between 5:00 and 6:30 P.M. at Holy  
Family Catholic Community, 7321 Burkittsville Rd,  
Middletown, MD.**

All are invited to attend these informative events which  
are designed to assist in making end-of-life  
arrangements *before* a time of crisis.



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