



President's Note:

Have you had enough of politics yet? I have! But this is our process, so we must endure. Please make sure to get out and prayerfully vote on March 15. May God's will be done. There is a lot coming up, so read on to get the latest in Pro-Life news. Encourage a student to take part in the oratory contest and attend Celebrate Life. Please get involved – donate, pray, or volunteer.

Your FFL Board President,

Crystal Latimer (440) 466-7441

8th Annual Pro-Life Oratory Contest

Calling all pro-life high school juniors and seniors - Go to www.ashcofriendsforlife.org and download the registration form to participate in the next FFL Pro-Life Oratory Contest at Jefferson Library, April 2nd, at 2pm. **Deadline is March 19.** First prize is \$200, 2nd is \$50, and 3rd place takes home \$25. Read Fast Facts and copy the poster in this mailing to share with friends and school/church. Call (440) 466-7441 for more info.

40 Days for Life: runs February 10- March 20.



2016 Erie People for Life's Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast: 500 heard ex-atheist, now pro-lifer, Steven W. Mosher speak in Jan. He will be speaking March 12 at the Cleveland RTL Convention.

Annual Membership Renewal

Please fill out the tear-off section (on back) and send in with your membership donation. Like many non-profit groups, Friends for Life struggles to make ends meet. In 2014, 129 tiny Ashtabula County citizens were aborted—we aim to make that figure shrink until it is zero. So we invite you to become a member and make a difference!

GOOD NEWS!

Governor Kasich Signs Bill to De-fund Planned Parenthood -- February 22, 2016 Ohio Strips \$1.3 Million from Abortion Business

This legislation was a top priority on Ohio Right to Life's 2015-2016 legislative agenda, announced last February. It received renewed interest following the release of undercover videos showing Planned Parenthood officials negotiating dollar amounts for aborted babies' body parts. In December, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine revealed that in Ohio, Planned Parenthood locations are contracting with companies that dump fetal remains in landfills. (See Taking Action, p.2) House Bill 294 marks the seventeenth piece of pro-life legislation signed by Governor Kasich in the last five years. Included on that list are Ohio's Late-Term Abortion Ban, the Heartbeat Informed Consent Act, and funding for life-affirming pregnancy centers. From Ohio RTL website. (Ash. Co. Friends for Life was included on their thank you list of supporters of H.B. 294.) P.S. Be in prayer for two undercover pro-lifers who helped expose PP's sale of body parts...a judge is holding them guilty of arranging to buy body parts and has excused Planned Parenthood!

Celebrate Life

Celebrate Life will be held Thursday, May 12, at Gateway Church, 2300 Austinburg Road at 6:30 pm. Executive Director of Ohio Right to Life will share the latest from the state level. PLUS come to hear some very big pro-life news to hit Ashtabula County. FFL members will provide light refreshments. (Have a door prize? Call 440-466-7441.)

Vote Pro-Life Signs Available

We have yard signs for only \$5.00 that can be used for primary and regular elections. Call (440) 466-7441.

Coming Events

(Reg. meetings are at Gateway Church, Austinburg Rd.)
March 11 & 12 –Pro-Life Convention, Independence
Tuesday, March 15 – Election Day – please vote!

Tuesday, March 15 – FFL monthly meeting 7PM

Saturday, April 2 – Pro-Life Oratory Contest

Tuesday, April 19 – FFL monthly meeting 7PM

Thursday, April 28 – Women's Clinic Banquet

Thursday, May 12 – Celebrate Life Event!!!

Tuesday, June 21 - FFL monthly meeting 7PM

(July – no monthly meeting)

August 9-14 – Ashtabula County Fair (visit our table)

Tuesday, August 16 - FFL monthly meeting 7PM



Candlelight Vigil

About 40 braved the cold to attend our annual January event during Sanctity of Life Month at Ducro Funeral Home. Pastor Andy Grimes of the Geneva Church of the Nazarene was the speaker and soloist. FFL Board Member, Nick Spano chaired the moving event.

Taking Action!

What can I do to save lives or change hearts? Join others **praying and fasting** at home during 40 Days for Life... and beyond. Can you **write**? Two of our members recently wrote pro-life op ed pieces which were published by the Star Beacon. Does your church or group need a **speaker** on pro-life issues? Ask Pres. Crystal Latimer to provide a speaker or invite the student participants in the Pro-life Oratory Contest to speak – they're terrific. **Of course, you are invited to attend meetings – we need your ideas and your help. Can't attend? Your financial donations are a great encouragement to our all- volunteer group.**

Do you have email or a phone? **Created Equal** provides contact info for you to encourage the Stericycle company to discontinue collecting, transporting and disposing of aborted children and the instruments used to kill them: call CEO Charles Alutto at 847-607-2004; or email calutto@stericycle.com.

2016 March for Life, Wash DC

Despite the predicted January blizzard, pro-life marchers showed up in good numbers. Erie People for Life reported leaving DC early, as flakes started to fly, but blown-over semi trucks (near the PA turnpike tunnel) had traffic backed up for hours. Coping graciously, some Catholic school buses set up a make-shift altar outside and held a mass together, while pizzas were delivered off bridges by local shops!

In Memory: of Roy Rogers, a pro-life Prayer Warrior from Gateway Church, Ashtabula, Ohio

Doctor-Prescribed Suicide

From Uniting for Life of the National Pro-Life Religious Council

Every state is at risk of Doctor-Prescribed Suicide legislation being introduced unless we contact our legislators of this atrocity. Some current problems:

-There is no requirement for a witness at the time of death. An abusive relative or caregiver can pick up the drugs and administer them without the patient's knowledge or consent.

-There is nothing in the law to protect those with mental illness. Many patients according to the Oregonian paper who are suffering from depression and dementia are receiving doctor prescribed suicide.

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Membership Donations

Check one level:

___ **Bronze (\$10)**

___ **Silver (\$25)**

___ **Gold (\$50)**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Make checks payable to **“Ashtabula County Friends for Life”**; mail to PO Box 242, Geneva, 44041. Members receive newsletters, email notifications, offers to attend special events, etc. **If you would like to reduce our mailing costs, please check “ receive newsletters electronically”:**

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