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## State, Nation: Forward for Life

Judge Neil Gorsuch was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on Friday, April 7 to become the 113 Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. He was sworn in the following Monday, fulfilling President Trump's promise that his first Supreme Court pick would be someone in the mold of the late Justice Antonin Scalia.

Justice Scalia, we know, was pro-life. Justice Gorsuch's convictions are by all indications very similar. Just as importantly, however, Gorsuch believes in following the actual words of the Constitution and the original intent of its framers.

Justices like Neil Gorsuch would never have produced the Roe v. Wade decision, which has no basis whatsoever in the Constitution. If President Trump appoints even one more Justice in the mold of Scalia and Gorsuch, the Roe decision will be in serious jeopardy, to say the least.

Despite all the worthy efforts to save

babies over the past 44 years, Roe v. Wade continues to ensure that hundreds of thousands of unborn American children will continue to be killed every year. Roe is the bulwark of the anti-life, right to abortion movement.

That is why enemies of the right to life fought tooth and nail to block the Gorsuch nomination. Pro-abortion forces in the U.S. Senate tried to prevent a final up or down vote by using the filibuster as a partisan weapon, something that was unheard of in presidential nominee confirmations until about 15 years ago. They would have succeeded if the Republican leadership had not permitted a simple majority (instead of 60 votes) to clear the way for a final decision. The Senate went on to confirm Gorsuch, 54-45.

Three democrats voted to confirm, but not Senator Robert Casey, Jr. of Pennsylvania. Casey said he did not believe that Judge Gorsuch's judicial approach [would] ensure

fairness for workers and families in Pennsylvania. What about fairness, one might ask, for Pennsylvania's babies, who are in immanent danger of losing their lives?

### **Moving Pennsylvania Forward**

Pennsylvania is moving forward with legislation to (1) end an especially disturbing method of abortion in which the baby dies from dismemberment, and (2) protect babies from abortion in the sixth month. The Pa. senate approved a bill to accomplish both objectives, S.B. 3, by a vote of 32-18 on February 8. Erie's state Sen. Dan McLaughlin voted against the bill. His stated objection is that there is not an exception for 6-month babies with a defect. Please contact Sen. Laughlin and urge him to rethink this kind of disability-based discrimination. S.B. 3 and a similar bill, H.B. 77, are now awaiting action in the state House of Representative, so please ask for your representative's full support.

### **Oratory Contest Winners**

People for Life's annual High School Oratory Contest was held on April 15th at the Blasco Memorial Library. First place went to Peter Caulfield, 15, a high school junior, and second place went to Timothy Caulfield, 18, a high school senior. Peter spoke about lethal medical experimentation on human embryos, touching on its similarities to primitive forms of human sacrifice. Timothy spoke about end of life issues including: doctor-prescribed suicide, active euthanasia, and the circumstances under which a person may properly choose to forego life-extending medical treatment. Both speakers were outstanding! We plan to make both speeches available online in the near future.

### **Donation Strategies**

Please remember the People for Life Education Fund on Erie Gives Day, August 8, 2017. Your online donation between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. will be increased with a matching gift through the Erie Community Foundation.

Here are two more ways to stretch your dollars and help open more minds and hearts for the pro-life cause right here in north-western Pennsylvania. Every time you make a purchase on Amazon.com, a portion of what you spend can be directed to the Education Fund at no additional cost to you.

To get started, click the Amazon Smiles logo at [www.peopleforlife.life](http://www.peopleforlife.life) or go directly to [smile.amazon.com/ch/47-3379714](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-3379714). If your employer has a matching gifts program, please be aware that our Education Fund is recognized as a 501c(3) organization and will almost certainly be eligible for your employer's program.

Donations made specifically to the Education Fund are also deductible for income tax purposes. Membership dues, however, cannot be paid to the Education Fund and remain non-deductible.

### **PA Judicial Candidates**

The following Pennsylvania statewide judicial candidates are recommended by the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation Political Action Committee: Sallie Mundy (R) is recommended for the state Supreme Court. Bill Caye (D), Emil Giordano (R), Wade Kagarise (R), Mary Murray (R), Paula Patrick (R), and Craig Stedman are recommended for the state Superior Court. Bryan Barbin (D), Christine Fizzano Cannon (R), and Paul Lalley (R) are recommended for the state Commonwealth Court.

In the primary election on May 16, you will only be able to vote for candidates from your party. You will be allowed to choose up to four candidates for the state Superior Court

and up to two candidates for the state Commonwealth Court. However, it is perfectly acceptable to vote for fewer candidates if you so choose.

There is a crowded field of 20 candidates in these three races; only the candidates that are recommended by the Pro-Life Federation PAC are mentioned here.

### **Mother's Day Carnations**

Carnations in a dazzling array of colors will be available all Mother's Day weekend at: our booth in the Millcreek Mall; our central distribution point at Rog's Inc, on German St. between 18th & 19th; and many area churches. Donations of \$1 per carnation will help support our pro-life educational work.

**Volunteers Needed** Lots of volunteers will be needed for a variety of assignments from May 10 through May 14, including corsage makers, delivery drivers, people to staff our Millcreek Mall booth, and literally dozens of volunteers to prepare the carnations at our distribution center. Call or text (814) 882-1333, send an e-mail, or send a Facebook message as soon as possible to volunteer or get more information.

**Did you hear?** 350 people attended the Erie March for Life last January, twice the normal number! A near-record 640 people attended the Pro-Life Breakfast. Thanks, everyone!

# Candidate Survey for the May 16, 2017 Primary Election

Our survey questionnaire was mailed to 152 candidates seeking election in the following races within Erie County: All county government races, all Erie City races, the Fairview, Harborcreek, and Millcreek township supervisor races, and all school board races.

**1. LEGAL PROTECTION PRIOR TO BIRTH** If changes to the Roe v. Wade decision make it possible, would you approve or disapprove of a law prohibiting abortion except when necessary to prevent the death of the mother? *Please circle "Additional Exceptions" if you would support such a law, but only if additional exceptions were stipulated, and please note the exceptions you would require.*

**2. LATE TERM ABORTIONS** Should abortions be prohibited after 20 weeks gestational age (18 weeks from conception, a point in human development when the fetus/baby is mature enough to experience pain, hear her mother's voice, and in, if necessary, undergo surgery in the womb)? *Sixteen states currently provide this protection.*

**3. INFORMED CONSENT** Do you support the provisions of the Pennsylvania Abortion Control Act that require abortion providers to offer basic information to a woman who is considering an abortion, including information about medical risks, alternatives to abortion, the probable gestational age of the unborn child, the availability of detailed information (provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) about fetal development,

### Key to Survey Table

**D** Running on democratic ballot  
**R** Running on republican ballot  
**DR** Running on both ballots  
**A** Approve **d** Disapprove  
**e** Additional Exceptions  
**Y** Yes **N** No  
**nr** No response to current survey  
**b** Blank; responded to the survey but did not answer the question  
 ♦ See %Additional Comments+  
 ◆ Did not respond this time, but did respond when running for office previously.  
*Pro-life or more strongly pro-life responses are in Bold UPPER CASE.*

and the possibility of medical assistance benefits if the woman decides to continue her pregnancy?

**4. WAITING PERIODS** Do you personally support the provision of the Pennsylvania Abortion Control Act that requires a 24 hour waiting period after a woman who is considering abortion has consulted with a physician and been given the information noted in Question 3 above, to allow the woman time to carefully consider her decision, before an abortion is carried out?

**5. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT** Do you personally support the provision of the Pennsylvania Abortion Control Act that requires the consent of at least one parent if the person seeking an abortion is less than 18 years old, unless a judge determines that extenuating circumstances are involved.

**6. GOVERNMENT FUNDING** Should government funds or tax credits be used to pay for elective abortions or fund insurance plans that cover elective abortions?

**7. DOCTOR-PRESCRIBED SUICIDE** Should the law allow physicians to prescribe drugs to be taken for the purpose of deliberately ending another person's life?

**8. EMBRYO-DESTRUCTIVE RESEARCH** Should the law allow physicians to prescribe drugs to be taken for the purpose of deliberately ending another person's life?

Party	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>County Executive</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
D	Joseph K Curtlett	e♦	n	Y	Y	Y	y	N	N
R	Edward DiMattio	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
R	Tom Loftus♦	A	Y	Y♦	Y♦	Y	N	N	N
R	Art Oligeri	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
No response: Kathy Dahlkemper (D), Brenton Davis (R), Tim Sonney (R)									
<b>Erie County Council District 1, two year term</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
R	Robert J Yates	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
No response: Kathy Fatica (D)									
<b>Erie County Council District 2, four year term</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
No response: Andre Horton (D)									
<b>Erie County Council District 4, four year term</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
D	Carl Anderson	d/e♦	Y	Y	Y	Y	y	N	N
No response: Tom Staszewski (D), Paul Hirsch (R)									
<b>Erie County Council District 6, four year term</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
R	Scott Rastetter	e♦	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	b	N
No response: Mary Jo Campbell (D), Trish Shoulder (R), Lillian Beeman (R)									
<b>Erie County Clerk of Records</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
R	April McCall White	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
R	James Lindstrom	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
R	Charlie A Sidun Jr	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
No response: Kenneth J Gamble (D)									
<b>Erie County Sheriff</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
No response: John Loomis (D)									
<b>Erie Mayor</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
D	Rubye Jenkins Husband	b♦	b♦	b♦	b♦	b♦	b♦	b♦	b♦
D	Bob Merski	e♦	Y	Y	Y	Y	b♦	N	b♦
R	John Persinger	e♦	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
R	Jon Whaley	d	n	Y	n	n	y	y	y
No response: Lisa Austin (D), Amy Clerkin (D), Jay Breneman (D), Steve Franklin (D), Joe Schember♦ (D)									
<b>Erie City Council</b> <i>vote for not more than four</i>									
D	Mark Aleks Aleksandrowicz	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
D	Casimir J Kaz Kwitowski	e♦	Y	Y	Y	Y	b♦	b♦	b♦
D	Kathleen Schaaf	e♦	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
D	Freda Tepfer♦	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
D	Jim Winarski	e♦	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
No response: Jason C Brendel (D), Brad Ford (D), John Steiner (D), Michael Keys (D), Liz Allen (D), Patrick Duda (D), Gary Grack (D), Michael Haas (D), Rob Mahrt (D), Kevin Otteni (D), Kevin Pastewka (D), John Reitingner (D), Adrian D Ewing (D), Dan Nick (R)									
<b>Erie City Controller</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
No response: Teresa Stankiewicz (D), Bob Hersch (D)									
<b>Fairview Township Supervisor</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
No response: Tom Gido (R), Peter Kraus(R)									
<b>Harborcreek Township Supervisor</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
R	Dean Pepicello	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N

Party	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Millcreek Township Supervisor</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
R	George Hazuda	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
D	Doug Massey	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
No response: Jess Juliante (D), Sean Calhoun (D), Jim Bock (R), Kirk McCaslin (R), Sue Weber♦ (R)									
<b>Magisterial District Judge, 06-1-03 (City of Erie, part)</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
D/R	Thomas T.C. Carney	e♦	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	y♦	N
D/R	Thomas E Carlotti♦	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
<b>Magisterial District Judge, 06-1-05 (City of Erie, part)</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
D/R	Dawn Dipaolo-Romeo♦	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
No response: David G Cimino (D/R), Timothy Beveridge (D/R)									
<b>Magisterial District Judge, 06-2-02</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
No response: Les Fetterman (D/R), Hans G Cozzens (R), John Carlson (D/R), Anthony Buzz Andrezski (D), Laurie Mikielski (D/R)									
<b>Magisterial District Judge, 06-2-04 (City of Corry)</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
No response: Brenda Williams Nichols (D/R), Denise M Buell (D/R)									
<b>Magisterial District Judge, 06-3-01</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
No response: Noble Brown (D/R), Lisa Ferrick (D/R)									
<b>Magisterial District Judge, 06-3-02</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
No response: Scott Hammer (D/R)									
<b>Magisterial District Judge, 06-3-03</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
D/R	Sue Strohmeier♦	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
No response: David J Sherwood (D/R)									
<b>Magisterial District Judge, 06-3-05</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
D/R	Brian M McGowan	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
<b>Magisterial District Judge, 06-3-06</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
No response: Denise M Stuck-Lewis (D/R)									
<b>Erie City School Director</b> <i>vote for not more than four</i>									
D	Cynthia Glover Muhammad	e♦	Y	Y	b	Y	N	N	b
No response: Sumner Nichols (D), Darlene Feeney (D/R), Tyler James Titus (D), Thomas Spagel (D/R), Angela Euell-McNair (D), Felix Lohitai (D)									
<b>Corry City School Director</b> <i>vote for not more than four</i>									
D/R	Amy Allen	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	y♦
No response: Joe Frisina (D/R), Deborah Wood (D/R), David Wanker (D/R), Joel Cook (D/R), Scott D Chelton (D/R), Christine Johnson (D/R)									
<b>Fairview School Director</b> <i>vote for not more than four</i>									
D/R	Alan Natalie	e♦	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
No response: Kelly A Bryant (D/R), Joshua M Berg (D/R), Jennifer A Farrar (D/R), Frances R New (D/R)									
<b>Union City Area School Director, four year term</b> <i>vote for not more than four</i>									
D/R	Lori Lewis	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
No response: Stephen D Gilbert (D/R), Douglas Hopson (D/R), Dave Robinson (D/R)									
<b>Union City Area School Director, two year term</b> <i>vote for not more than one</i>									
No response: Barbara Miller (D/R)									
<b>Wattsburg Area School Director</b> <i>vote for not more than four</i>									
D/R	Marty Pushchak	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
No response: Andy Pushchak (D/R), Josh Paris (D/R), Ken Watkins (D/R), Julie Pkiewicz (D/R)									

### School Districts Omitted

Unfortunately, relatively few school board candidates responded to our questionnaire, and no responses were received from the follow districts: Fort Leboeuf, General McLane, Girard, Harborcreek, Iroquois, Millcreek, North East, and Northwestern. These were omitted from the table to save space.

### Candidate Comments

**Amy Allen** ♦ 8 ðAlthough I am not that informed on this issue.ð

**Carl Anderson** ♦ 1 Circled both ðDisapproveð and ðAdditional Exceptions,ð but did not specify any additional exceptions.

**Thomas Carlotti** ♦ ðThe rules do not specifically address judicial responses to inquiries received, however.... I believe that answers to specific questions on your survey may result in my independence or

impartiality being questioned, should I be elected to office.ð

**Thomas T.C. Carney** ♦ 1 ðRape.ð

♦ 7 ðMy wife died one year ago stage IV cancer. This may have been her option?ð

**Joseph K Curlett** ♦ 1 ðDo not prevent.ð

**Dawn Dipaolo-Romeo** ♦ ðUnder the rules of judicial conduct... I am unable to fill out your questionnaire.ð

**Cynthia Glover Muhammad**

♦ 1 The candidate circled ðAdditional Exceptions,ð but did not specify what additional exceptions she would require.

**Rubye Jenkins Husband** ♦ 1 ðI believe persons have rights to make medical decisions.ð ♦ 2 ðMedical decisions and rights between their doctors and individuals.ð

♦ 3 ðYes, basic information and education to individuals regarding their rights.ð ♦ 4 ðI support persons consulting with their

physicians in addition to their rights to make decisions. ð ♦ 5 ðParent consent for individuals under age 18.ð ♦ 6 ðGovernment funds for education and parenting. ð ♦ 7 ðThe medical decisions based on individual.ð ♦ 8 ðResearch to help save lives.ð

**Casimer J Kaz Kwitowski** ♦ 1 ðRape, incest, mother's health.ð ♦ 6 ðI will obey the law of the land.ð ♦ 7 After watching people suffer through terrible pain with no hope for recovery, my feeling is this is a decision between a person and his God.ð ♦ 8 ðI am not familiar with the procedures for these studies, therefore I cannot make an informed decision at this time.ð

**Tom Loftus** ♦ 3 ðAt the very least.ð ♦ 4 ðAt the very least.ð ♦ ðSince my last survey with you, I have had the sad experience of losing an unborn grandchild through natural causes, which now has me even more against abortion.

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## Memorials

<i>Given by</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Given by</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>
Ann Bednar Carol Doyle Sue & Jerry Verga Roger & Patricia Urmann The Grumblatt Family Marian Adelman The Grumblatt Family Mary Porath Charles Drumm Edward & Patricia LaCastro Eleanor Lindenberger Joseph Chmielewski Ray & Peg Fitzgerald Edward & Patricia LaCastro Marla Pellegrino	Mike Bednar Tom Doyle Tom Doyle Dennis Eisert Deceased Family Members Carol C. Hebets Jack & Mary Hoffman Helen R. Kowalski Fr. Robert Levis Ph.D. Mrs. Jean A. LaCastro Robert Lindenberger Jay Lye Danny McBride Jean O'Brien Jeanne Pellegrino, Mother	The Grumblatt Family Charles Drumm The Grumblatt Family Jack & Margie Walsh Mike & Colleen Borzon	Dr. Mary B. Russo-Colt Fr. Michael Scanlon T.O.R. Nicholas Lee Thomas Michael Walsh, John's brother Richard Zimmerman
		<i>Given by</i>	<i>In Honor of</i>
		Brian Blair Edward & Patricia LaCastro Jean Wroblewski The Grumblatt Family The Grumblatt Family Bill & Carrie Graham Jack & Margie Walsh	Duncan Blair Anthony LaCastro Uncle Zygmunt Mikotowicz, for his recovery Niece Chloe Rolph's Birthday Mrs. Mary B. Russo-Colt New great granddaughter Remi Tripp Lori Walsh, 46th Birthday

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<b>VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES</b>	___ Educational Booths	___ Literature Distribution	___ March For Life Bus Trip Worker
	___ Phone Calling	___ Public Demonstrations	___ Mother's Day Carnation Project
	___ Office Attendant	___ Pro-Life Breakfast Worker	___ Erie March for Life Worker
	___ Newsletter Mailing		___ Call when you need an extra hand.q

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## FROM PAGE 3 Candidate Comments

**Bob Merski** ♦ 1 ♂ Rape and incest. ♂

♦ 6 ♂ No to elective abortions. Yes for insurance plans. ♂ ♦ 8 ♂ Undecided. ♂

**Alan Natalie** ♦ 1 ♂ Rape, incest. ♂

**John Persinger** ♦ 1 ♂ In cases of rape or incest and when necessary to prevent the death of the mother. ♂

**Scott Rastetter** ♦ 1 ♂ Incest and rape in 18 weeks. ♂

**Kathleen Schaaf** ♦ ♂ I myself am committed to the concept of life beginning at conception. ♂ ♦ 1 ♂ perhaps... grave illness like cancer or other life threatening issues... ♂

**Joe Schember** ◀ We did not receive a response, but the candidate did provide solidly pro-life responses to a similar questionnaire in 2007.

**Sue Strohmeier** ♦ ♂ Unable to answer due to judicial cannons prohibiting ♂ need to remain neutral. ♂

**Freda Tepfer** ♦ ♂ I have reviewed your candidate questionnaire. The wording of your questions is heavily biased. I could answer a questionnaire attempting to gather similar information if the

questions were written in a less slanted and biased manner. Your question 7 is a prime example of an overly biased question. ♂

♂ There is an important distinction here. In the states having the Physician Assisted Suicide option a person requesting a Physician Assisted Suicide must be cogent. The patient requests the assistance of their physician. ♂

**Sue Weber** ◀ We did not receive a response, but the candidate did provide mixed but mostly pro-life responses to a similar questionnaire in 2007.

**Jim Winarski** ♦ 1 ♂ Rape. ♂

## Life Run 2017

Life Run 2017 will be held on Saturday, October 14 at Burch Farms. There will be a 5K Run & Fun Walk, plus a brand new 10K. T-shirts, door prizes, wine tasting,

child care... \$25, \$15 ages 7-15. Register: [www.peopleforlife.life/runinfo](http://www.peopleforlife.life/runinfo)

## Doctor-Prescribed Suicide?

A candidate running for Erie City Council objected to the term ♂ doctor-prescribed suicide, ♂ which was used in the questionnaire she received from People for Life. She felt it was ♂ biased ♂ and misleading. (See ♂ Candidate Comments. ♂)

Well yes, our questions may very well reflect a bias in favor of human life, but we decided to see if the term in question seemed ♂ misleading ♂ to some nationally prominent experts on euthanasia and end of life issues: Rita Marker, executive director of the Patient's Rights Council and Wesley Smith, a senior fellow at the Discovery Institute.

In the first place, as Wesley Smith noted, a physician's prescribing lethal doses of one or more drugs is, indeed, an essential element in the suicide process.

But when doctor-prescribed suicide is legalized, doesn't the doctor play a purely passive role unless the patient spontaneously announces that he or she wants to end his or her life? Just stop and think about that. Most of us are familiar with the term ♂ informed

consent. ♂ Rita Marker explained that a doctor is legally bound to present all the options and treatments that are available to the patient. Failing to do so is to invite a malpractice suit.

But a doctor would never emphasize or recommend one course of treatment over another, right? If you don't think so, you have probably never spoken with many women who have received an adverse fetal diagnosis (♂ your baby is not perfect ♂). In these cases, abortion is not simply mentioned; it is usually quite firmly recommended. In fact, it is quite often *expected* by physicians and staff alike.

The candidate also mentioned that doctors can only abet a suicide if the patient is ♂ cogent ♂ (i.e., clear, lucid, rational). ♂ Nonsense, ♂ we were told! The assisted suicide laws provide no criteria pertaining for evaluating the patient's competence for such a decision; the laws only require that the patient is, basically, capable of responding with a ♂ yes ♂ or a ♂ no. ♂

So remember: Always say ♂ doctor-prescribed suicide ♂! ♂ Physician-assisted suicide ♂ is the misleading expression. A licensed physician is far, far more than merely a passive assistant in this deadly process.

## Election of Officers

The annual election meeting of People for Life will be held at our office, 1625 W. 26th St., Erie, Pennsylvania on Monday, May 22, 2017 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Members whose dues are paid one month in advance of the meeting will be eligible to vote. The nominees are: Carol Struchen for treasurer, Mark Borowy for secretary, Marielle Lafaro for first vice-president, Gretchen Lorei for second vice-president, and Dale Klobusnik for third vice-president.

Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor with the permission of the nominee, who must be a current member of People for Life.

## 2017 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR 2017

<b>May 9</b>	Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot
<b>May 12-15</b>	Mother's Day Carnation Project - Volunteers needed
<b>May 12</b>	Last day for absentee ballots to be received at the Court House
<b>May 14</b>	Mother's Day
<b>May 16</b>	Pennsylvania Municipal Primary Election
<b>May 22</b>	Annual Election of Officers, 6:30 p.m. - 1625 W. 26th St., Erie
<b>5/31-6/2</b>	Educational Booth - Erie Wild Rib Cook Off & Music Festival
<b>June 15-17</b>	Educational Booth - Lake City Fire Company Carnival
<b>June 18</b>	Father's Day / Father's Day Carnation Project
<b>6/29-7/1</b>	National Right to Life Convention - Milwaukee, Wisconsin
<b>July 7-8</b>	Educational Booth - French Creek Festival, Union City
<b>July 14-16</b>	Educational Booth - Waterford Days
<b>July 18-26</b>	Educational Booth - North East Firemen's Cherry Festival
<b>Aug. 8</b>	★ Erie Gives Day ★ 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., - Thank you in advance!
<b>Aug. 17-20</b>	Educational Booth - Celebrate Erie
<b>8/28-9/2</b>	Educational Booth - Erie County Fair, Wattsburg
<b>Sept. 4-9</b>	Educational Booth - Waterford Community Fair
<b>Sept. 12-16</b>	Educational Booth - Albion Area Fair
<b>Sept. 22-24</b>	Educational Booth - Wine Country Harvest Festival, North East
<b>Sept. 28</b>	PA Pro-Life Federation Banquet - Hotel Radisson Harrisburg
<b>Oct. 14</b>	Fourth Annual Life Run, 5K Run & Fun Walk, plus a new 10K
<b>Oct. 16</b>	General Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - 1625 W. 26th St., Erie
<b>Nov. 3</b>	Election Day