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## 2018 Breakfast Speaker Ann McElhinney, 'Gosnell' Author

Ann McElhinney, journalist, best-selling author, and film producer/ director, and will be the special guest speaker at our 40th Annual Pro-Life Breakfast on January 13, 2018.

Ann and her husband Phelim McAleer investigated Kermit Gosnell, the Philadelphia doctor of horrors abortionist who was found guilty of three first-degree murders of born-alive infants. (The actual number killed is known to be much higher.) They directed and produced a movie that tells the story. The film, *Gosnell*, has already been viewed by select audiences; the general release is expected soon.

Ann is an inspiring and entertaining public speaker. One blogger recently described her as the Irish Sarah Palin (not meant as a compliment). She was a keynote speaker earlier this year at the National Right to Life Convention where, we are told, she completely charmed her listeners and held them spellbound. Several years ago Ann and Phelim were voted the most popular speakers

at the annual CPAC conference after broadcaster Rush Limbaugh and columnist Ann Coulter.

Ann has worked as a filmmaker and journalist in many countries including Indonesia, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Ghana, Romania, Vietnam, Uganda, Madagascar and Uzbekistan. She has appeared on, or is a regular contributor to, an array of international media organizations including: ABC, BBC, CBC (Canada), ABC (Australia), RTE (Ireland) and Fox News. She has written for a series of newspapers including the UK *Sunday Times* and the *Irish Times*.

Ann and her husband have also written a book, *Gosnell: The Untold Story of America's Most Prolific Serial Killer*, which contains the full results of their investigation. It was released in January 2017 and debuted at No. 3 on Amazon's best seller list and No. 13 on the *New York Times* Combined Print & E-Book Best Sellers list. Regnery, the publisher, says that No. 13 was too low and that NYT ignored real sales numbers.

Ann combines Irish charm with a razor-sharp wit and incisive commentary. While talking with TV and radio personality Mark Steyn about the Pennsylvania



Department of Health's failure to monitor Gosnell's facility in Philadelphia and the state's other abortion facilities as well, Ann remarked: "If you and I had been in some scummy little burger joint having a burger and you had a little tummy upset afterwards, the army would have come out from the Health Department in Harrisburg to work out what your tummy upset was about. But here was a dead woman—two dead women—and nothing..."

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### January Activities 2018

January in Erie can be unpredictable, with balmy southern breezes one day and two feet of ice and snow the next. But there is one thing you can count on: The Erie pro-life community will come together in a big way to speak out with one voice on behalf of unborn children and the unalienable right to life.

#### PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST

Hundreds of people from Erie and the surrounding tri-state area will gather at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center on January 13, 2018 for a milestone 40th Anniversary Pro-Life Breakfast with special guest speaker Ann McElhinney. The Breakfast will begin at 9 a.m. Doors open at 8 a.m.

Reservations (required) are \$16 or \$8 for children 3-12. Younger kids are free. Childcare with fun activities will be available at no extra cost during the speaking part of the program.

#### DC MARCH FOR LIFE

An essential step toward justice for waiting-to-be-born babies will be the repeal of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that

legalized abortion on demand in all 50 states on January 22, 1973. On or near that date every year, Erie residents gather with hundreds of thousands of our fellow Americans on the National Mall in Washington, DC. Then we march to the Supreme Court in protest of that infamous ruling, that affront to the dignity of each and every human life, that rejection of the very concept of unalienable rights.

The DC March for Life will take place on Friday, January 19, 2018. People for Life has already chartered four Anderson buses, which will depart for Washington on Thursday evening, January 18 at 11 p.m. Everyone who wants to experience the March for Life is cordially invited to register for our 45th Annual Bus Trip. The price per seat is \$55, but if you register and pay by December 18, People for Life will contribute \$5, lowering your cost to \$50. Marchers also need about \$7 to ride the Metro and extra money for meals.

#### ERIE MARCH FOR LIFE

Pro-life citizens will march again on Saturday, January 27, this time in downtown

Erie. The Erie March for Life will begin in Perry Square at 11 a.m. and conclude by 12:30 p.m. with a program at the Perry Square Pavilion. The Erie March usually takes place before the March for Life Bus Trip, but since the Washington, DC March is scheduled a little earlier than usual, it would be difficult to squeeze in both the Pro-Life Breakfast and the Erie March for Life before we depart for Washington on January 18.

#### 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. Emil Giordano (R), Wade Kagarise (R), Mary Murray (R), and Craig Stedman (R) are recommended for the state Superior Court. Christine Fizzano Cannon (R), and Paul Lalley (R) are recommended for the state Commonwealth Court.

# Candidate Survey, General Election, November 7, 2017

Our questionnaire was mailed prior to the spring primary to all 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, 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: Democrat R: Republican  
 D/R: Cross-filed

*Pro-life or more strongly pro-life responses are in BOLD UPPER CASE.*

Y or y: Yes N or n: No  
 A: Approve d: Disapprove  
 e: Additional Exceptions  
 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.

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 government funds be used to pay for research that involves the killing of human embryos (e.g., in the course embryonic stem cell research or human cloning research)?

Party	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>County Executive</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
R	Art Oligeri	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
No response: Kathy Dahlkemper (D)									
<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: 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)									
<b>Erie County Clerk of Records</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
R	James Lindstrom	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>									
R	John Persinger	e+	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
No response: Joe Schember (D)									
<b>Erie City Council</b> <i>vote for not more than four</i>									
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	Jim Winarski	e+	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
No response: Liz Allen (D), Dan Nick (R)									
<b>Erie City Controller</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
No response: Teresa Stankiewicz (D)									
<b>Harborcreek Township Supervisor</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
D/R	Dean Pepicello	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
<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)									
<b>Magisterial District Judge, 06-1-03</b> (City of Erie, part) <i>vote for one</i>									
D	Thomas T.C. Carney	e+	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	y+	N
R	Thomas E Carlotti+	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
<b>Magisterial District Judge, 06-1-05</b> (City of Erie, part) <i>vote for one</i>									
I	Gerald Villella	A+	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N+	N
No response: Timothy Beveridge (D/R)									
<b>Magisterial District Judge, 06-2-02</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
No response: Les Fetterman (R), Laurie Mikielski (D)									
<b>Magisterial District Judge, 06-2-04</b> (City of Corry) <i>vote for one</i>									
No response: Brenda Williams Nichols (D), Denise M Buell (R)									

Party	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Magisterial District Judge, 06-3-01</b> <i>vote for one</i>									
No response: Noble Brown (R), Lisa Ferrick (D)									
<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
<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>									
R	Tim Kuzma	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
No response: Darlene Feeney (D/R), Tyler James Titus (D), Thomas Spigel (D/R), Angela Buell-McNair (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), Joel Cook (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), 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>									
R	Marty Pushchak	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
No response: Andy Pushchak (D/R), Josh Paris (D/R), Ken Watkins (D), Julie Pkiewicz (D/R)									

## Candidate Comments

**Amy Allen** ◆ 8 ○ Although I am not that informed on this issue.○

**Carl Anderson** ◆ 1 Circled both ○Disapprove○ and ○Additional Exceptions,○ but did not specify any additional exceptions.

**Thomas Carlotti** ◆ 6 ○The 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.○

**Thomas T.C. Carney** ◆ 1 ○Rape.○ ◆ 7 ○My wife died one year ago stage IV cancer. This may have been her option?○

**Casimer J. Kaz Kwitowski** ◆ 1 ○Rape, incest, mother's health.○ ◆ 6 ○I will obey the law of the land.○ ◆ 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.○ ◆ 8 ○I am not

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#### Candidate Comments

familiar with the procedures for these studies, therefore I cannot make an informed decision at this time.ö

**Alan Natalie** ♦ 1 öRape, incest.ö

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

**Scott Rastetter** ♦ 1 öIncest and rape in 18 weeks.ö

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

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

**Sue Strohmeier** ♦ öUnable to answer due to judicial cannons prohibiting ö need to remain neutral.ö

**Gerald Villella** ♦ 1 Any such restriction on abortion would almost certainly include a rape exception. Pro-life people should work to limit that exception to early term and the rape having been reported to law enforcement. ♦ 7 A possible exception for end stage terminal illness.

**Jim Winarski** ♦ 1 öRape.ö

#### 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, Harborecreek, Iroquois, Millcreek, North East, and Northwestern. These were omitted to save space.

### Mark Borowy

Very sadly, the Erie area recently lost a much-loved champion of the right to life with the death of Mark Borowy on May 2, 2017.

Mark was active in the pro-life cause his entire adult life. He served for many years as a board member and the recording secretary of People for Life. He was kind, selfless, and in every way a true gentleman. His love for all persons was unmistakable, for young and old, friends and strangers, born and waiting to be born.

Mark was a huge inspiration and a good friend to everyone at People for Life and will always be greatly missed. His wife Lois, his children, and his whole family have our deepest sympathy.

## Memorials

<i>Given by</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Given by</i>	<i>In Memory of</i>
Jeffrey & Donna Baker	Mark Borowy	Philip Schmalzried	Mark Borowy
Lois Borowy	Mark Borowy	Pete & Barb Sirianni	Mark Borowy
Gary & Laura Borowy	Mark Borowy	Paul & Marlene Straub	Mark Borowy
Daniel Brabender	Mark Borowy	Diane & Bill Stumpf	Mark Borowy
Dario & Donna Cipriani	Mark Borowy	Cynthia Weibel	Mark Borowy
Heather Coon	Mark Borowy	Jim & Rose Ann Yadeski	Mark Borowy
Ralph DeCecco	Mark Borowy	Linda & Bill Black	Patricia Burik
Kevin & Laura DiBacco	Mark Borowy	Gretchen & Paul Lorei	Patricia Burik
Ray & Peg Fitzgerald	Mark Borowy	Chris & Abby Lyons	Baby Jonathan
Duane & Marjorie Hudak	Mark Borowy	Betty & James Dalessandro	Jack Steadman
Duane & Marcie Kerstetter	Mark Borowy	Mary Warner	Fr. Stanislaus F. Widomski
Dennis & Lynn Kudlak	Mark Borowy	Betty & James Dalessandro	Fr. Ed Zeitler
Diane Marcella	Mark Borowy	<i>Given by</i>	<i>In Honor of</i>
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Betty Motsch	Mark Borowy		
Donald & Adrian Price	Mark Borowy		

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- \_\_\_ Pro-Life Breakfast Worker
- \_\_\_ March For Life Bus Trip Worker
- \_\_\_ Mother's Day Carnation Project
- \_\_\_ Erie March for Life Worker
- \_\_\_ Call when you need an extra hand.q

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### Ann McElhinney

Ann says that she never gave much thought to the subject of abortion until she covered the Gosnell trial. Her knowledge about abortion was vague and distorted by all the standard "pro-choice" dis-information; "it's just a clump of cells," for example. Ann had been skeptical about and turned off by, the pro-life activists that she encountered, beginning in her college years.

At any rate, Ann was not a pro-life activist when she arrived in Philadelphia for the Gosnell trial, which began on March 18, 2013. But what she saw and heard over the next several weeks opened her eyes to the full reality of abortion in the U.S., and it changed her thinking dramatically.

Ann is convinced that there are millions of people who are just as uninformed as she once was, and that if they only knew what she now knows, there would be a new groundswell of opposition to abortion and demands to change current abortion policies.

### Breakfast Sponsor/Advertisers

Erie area professionals, businesses, and other organizations are invited to sponsor the 2018 Pro-Life Breakfast and be recognized with an advertising listing in the Breakfast Program. The one-line listings may include an address, telephone number, website, and/or concise message, as space permits. Sponsors also have the option of a complimentary, year-long listing on [www.peopleforlife.life](http://www.peopleforlife.life).

The sponsorship levels are: \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$750, and \$1000 (Friend, Patron, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Diamond). Please call or e-mail People for Life for more information.

### Amazon Smile

Please remember the People for Life Education Fund the next time you shop on Amazon.com. Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase amount to the Education Fund, and you will be helping us to continue and to expand our pro-

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[www.Facebook.com/PeopleforLife](http://www.Facebook.com/PeopleforLife)

### Pro-Life Breakfast

Saturday, January 13, 2018, 9 a.m.

Erie Bayfront Convention Center

Special Guest Speaker: Ann McElhinney

[www.Facebook.com/ProLifeBreakfast](http://www.Facebook.com/ProLifeBreakfast)

### March for Life Bus Trip

Leave Erie January 18, 2018, 11 p.m.

Return about 2 a.m., January 20

\$55 per seat (\$50 until December 18)

[www.Facebook.com/MarchforLifeBusTrip](http://www.Facebook.com/MarchforLifeBusTrip)

### Erie March for Life

Saturday, January 27, 2018, 11 a.m.

Begins and Concludes at Perry Square

life education activities here in northwestern Pennsylvania. The easiest way to get started is to use this URL: [smile.amazon.com/ch/47-3379714](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-3379714).

### Pork & Sauerkraut

Please plan to attend the Annual Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner at St. Boniface Church on Sunday, November 5. The church selects an organization each year to receive ten percent of what it charges for the dinner. This year's recipient is the People for Life Education Fund. By enjoying a pork and sauerkraut dinner with all the fixings and homemade desserts you will be helping People for Life and showing your appreciation to St. Boniface for supporting local pro-life educational projects. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 5-12. There will also be home décor and handmade items for sale, a Chinese auction, raffles, and a bake

sale. St. Boniface is located at 9363 Wattsburg Rd., Erie. Dinner will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

### Bus Trip Sponsors

This January, as usual, there will be students and families who would love to go to Washington for the March for Life but need some financial assistance. Bus seats are \$55. If you would like to help by donating any amount towards the Bus Trip sponsorship fund, please call or e-mail People for Life for more information or simply send in your donation marked, "bus sponsorship." Thank you!

### Pro-Life Legislation

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (H.R.36) by a vote of 237-189 on October 3. It was a near-party line vote with only three Democrats in favor and two Republicans opposed. The Trump administration issued a statement in advance of the vote strongly supporting the legislation. It would prohibit most abortions after 20 weeks from conception (fertilization). As stated in the bill, there is substantial medical evidence that an unborn child is capable of experiencing pain at least by 20 weeks after fertilization. Pro-life northwestern Pennsylvania congressmen Mike Kelly and Glenn Thompson were among the bill's 182 cosponsors. H.R.36 is now awaiting action in the Senate.

Last February the Pennsylvania state Senate voted 32-18 for similar legislation, S.B.3, which would protect babies after 18 weeks from conception and also stop the barbaric dismemberment abortion procedure,

which is often used after the third month of pregnancy. Sadly, Erie's state Senator Dan Laughlin (R-49) voted against S.B.3. The bill now awaits action in the state House of Representatives.

### Life Run 5K/10K

Thanks to all who helped make this year's Life Run a great success. Please see our many fine Life Run sponsors listed at [peopleforlife.life/runsponsors](http://peopleforlife.life/runsponsors).

## 2017 PRO-LIFE CALENDAR 2018

Nov. 7	Election Day
Nov. 10	Crawford County Citizens for Life Banquet - Saegertown, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	International Human Rights Day
Dec. 18	Last day for March for Life Bus Trip special discount offer
Jan. 13	Pro-Life Breakfast - Bayfront Convention Center, 9 a.m.
Jan. 18	March for Life Buses depart from Erie, 11 p.m.
Jan. 19	45th Annual March for Life - Washington, DC
Jan. 20	March for Life Buses Return - approximately 2 a.m.
Jan. 27	Erie March for Life - Downtown Erie, 11 a.m.
April 14	High School Oratory Contest (time and place to be announced)
April 16	Last day to submit Student Essay Contest entries
May 13	Mother's Day / Mother's Day Carnation Project