



*"Purpose  
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by the  
beautiful  
action of  
adoption."*

Ryan Bomberger,  
Radiance Foundation

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on adoption.*



**ADOPTION**  
**The Loving Option**

## PRO-LIFE NEWS

### Plans Underway for Bus Trip to Washington DC

Dig out your thermal gear and pro-life hats and scarves. The annual March for Life is just a few weeks away.

To offset the cost of our pilgrimage, the Oblates are holding a raffle that includes a beautiful Santini statue of the Holy Family (value \$500) and many other prizes, all on display in the Hall. Our Knights of Columbus are also generously supporting this bus trip.

Please sign up (first come, first serve) in the bookstore. As usual, price will include bus, all subway transfers, breakfast, lunch and dinner.



### Upcoming Events

#### **Thursday, January 16**

Mass of Remembrance & Healing for those who have lost a child.

Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Stratford 7 PM

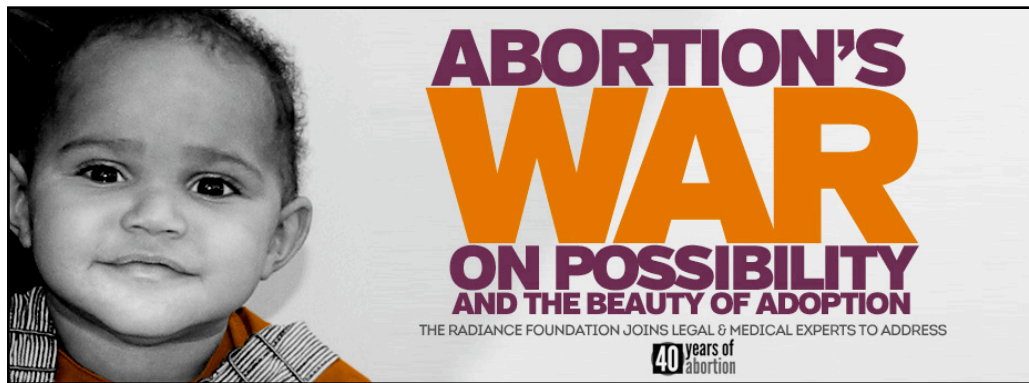
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#### **Wednesday, January 22**

March for Life  
Washington, DC



**Just before Christmas, one of "Santa's helpers" loaded a trunkful of gifts -- donations from Mater Ecclesiae parishioners -- for Jennifer and her baby, residents of Good Counsel Home in Riverside, NJ. Thank you all for your very generous gifts!**



*“Throughout human history, life has been rescued, elevated and celebrated by acts of inexplicable courage and compassion. It is this continuing cycle of our humanity that extols others above ourselves. This is what defines the pro-life movement. It is rooted in the*

*foundational belief that human dignity isn’t just for the privileged and the planned, but for all.*

*Abortion denies us the heroic nature of our humanity. It deprives us not only of the beautiful possibility of a unique new life, but of the opportunity for women and men to be powerfully transformed.*

*There are only two life-affirming alternatives to abortion: parenting and adoption. When the birth parents can’t provide a home for their child, adoption is a beautiful option. I know this because, despite being labeled “unwanted”, I was adopted into a multi-racial family of 15. Nine of my siblings were also adopted. We represent the tangible example of Possibility realized. I’m a father of four --three of which were “unplanned”, two of which were adopted. Yet they’re all loved like crazy...*

*Forty years of abortion can’t even give adoption the same moral equivalency as abortion. It promotes it as far worse. Planned Parenthood wages a War on Adoption every day, aborting nearly 400 children for every one woman who is referred for adoption. ‘Choice’ crushes possibility nearly 1000 times a day inside of Planned Parenthood clinics...*

*Adoption is an act of love. Of justice. And of infinite possibilities.”*

**Excerpted from a speech by Ryan Bomberger at the National Press Club, December 2012.**

**For full text, go to: [www.theradiancefoundation.org](http://www.theradiancefoundation.org)**

### **Mass of Remembrance & Healing for those who have lost a child**

The holidays can be especially difficult for those who have suffered the loss of a child, no matter the age of the child or the circumstances of the child’s death. A Mass for those who have lost a child will be celebrated on Thursday, January 16, at 7 PM at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish/St. Luke’s Church (55 Warwick Rd, Stratford, NJ). Those attending are invited to bring a photo or remembrance of their child. For more information, call Colleen Mayhew 856-583-6118 or [cmayhew@camdendiocese.org](mailto:cmayhew@camdendiocese.org). Sponsored by the Diocese of Camden Office of Lifelong Faith Formation and our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.

### **Update on New Jersey’s Assisted Suicide Bill**

The proposed legislation to allow assisted suicide expired on December 31, 2013. However Senator Burzichelli (D - District 3), the bill’s main sponsor, has indicated his intent to revise and re-introduce it in this new year.

Please continue to pray that this law not be enacted. We will follow any legislative action in this matter closely.