

The greatest male saint who ever lived was not a deacon, not a priest, not a bishop, not a pope, not a hermit, not a monk...he was a husband, a father, and a worker.

St. Josemaria Escriva

PRO-LIFE NEWS

Your most important role...

It's hard work. It lasts a lifetime. It will change your life profoundly. It's the most important role you will undertake -- being a dad.

Men who are already fathers, whether closer to the starting line or with grown children: Do you still strive to be a better father?

Young men who are not yet fathers: Have you thought about what kind of dad you want to be? what values and qualities you want to help your future kids to develop?

Come and share ideas, suggestions and camaraderie with other fathers and sons on Saturday, June 16, from 6 to 7:30 PM in the Church Hall.

For info or to register, contact: Bill McCusker at 215-341-6742; <u>wmccusker@kpmg.com</u> OR Henry Verrecchia at 302-943-0959; <u>pat410@verizon.net</u>

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Friday, June 1

Options for Women Bingo Pro Life Benefit St Michael Ukrainian Church Cherry Hill, 7 PM

Saturday, June 16

"Fathers & Sons Event" Mater Ecclesiae DiMarzio Hall See LEFT for details

<u>June 17</u>

Father's Day Time to return your baby bottles FILLED with cash, checks, & coins to support local pregnancy resource organizations.

NJ Right To Life Annual Banquet

While enjoying another uplifting NJ Right to Life banquet in April, I struck up a conversation with Louise, a 30-something young woman from Woodbridge who was attending the event for the first time. During our exchange, she told me her personal pro-life story:

She was a freshman in college and discovered she was pregnant. Virtually all of her friends advised her to "*just get an abortion and get on with your life*". Something just didn't sound right with that. Yet she was frightened and confused. "I could make my decision based on fear, or based on love. I chose love." Louise

Ultimately, she told me, "I figured I could make my decision based on fear or based on love. I chose love."

She married her boyfriend (the father of the baby), and today that baby is their beautiful 14 year old daughter. TM



Parishioners Ed & Barbara Burns drove all the way up from Salem County to New Brunswick, joining Tracye McArdle, for the 2018 NJ Right to Life Banquet



Sarah Palin, keynote speaker at this year's banquet, doesn't just talk the pro-life talk. She and her family **walk the walk**.

Reminder...

Keep filling those baby bottles.

<u>Bring them back</u> on Father's Day.





Where Does the Money Go?

Last month, we told you about Amy and Tom who were being assisted by the **Helpers of God's Precious Infants**, one of the two local pro-life groups that the Knights' Baby Bottle Campaign supports.

This month, we highlight **Good Counsel Homes/South Jersey**, a home for pregnant and parenting mothers and their children.



Since opening its doors in April 2011, the Riverside home has welcomed 73 of God's miracles. One of these mothers was Janice. Here's her story:

"In spite of growing up middle class, attending one of the best ranked high schools in New Jersey, and having a couple of years of college behind me, I was lost and battling addiction.

It was in this condition that I found myself several months pregnant with a man who was running away from his responsibility. My parents gave me an ultimatum: Abort this child or move out of the house. By the grace of God, an acquaintance heard me share at a 12-step meeting and gave me the phone number to Good Counsel. What divine intervention!

I can sing Good Counsel's praise forever. In spite of the fear and hopelessness that was upon me, I was able to go back to school and graduate from college and today I work in Social Services helping others.

The love of Jesus was reinforced at Good Counsel to me and my son, Jake, whose first home was Good Counsel."

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Yes, we weep for Ireland. But we do not Sive up.

Now is the time to recall these ProPhetic words...

"Against the encroaching shadows of the culture of death, against forces commanding immense power and wealth, against the perverse doctrine that a woman's dignity depends upon her right to destroy her child, against what St. Paul calls the principalities and powers of the present time, this convention renews our resolve that we shall not weary, we shall not rest, until the culture of life is reflected in the rule of law and lived in the law of love."

> Richard John Neuhaus National Right to Life Convention 2008