

40 Days Campaign Kicks off Sept. 24

The Fall 40 Days Campaign to end abortion in Delaware kicks off Wednesday, September 24 in Wilmington, Dover, and Seaford at the Planned Parenthood locations in those counties. In the past few years, volunteers have dropped off dramatically and it is becoming more difficult to man the sidewalk with a prayerful presence. PLEASE commit to at least one hour a week at the location nearest you. Your presence may literally save a life or convince a staff member to stop working at Planned Parenthood. Hours and sign-ups are available [here](#). The campaign runs from September 24 – Nov. 2.

While the Seaford PP clinic has been closed for many months now, there is no update as to its future. Dover and Wilmington remain incredibly busy on abortion days, which vary in Dover, usually Thursday or Friday, but are on Tuesdays in Wilmington.



God *still* calls His people to
HUMBLE. PRAY. SEEK. TURN!
from our wicked ways

In this time of national crisis

Join us and thousands of other prayer warriors in
hundreds of cities across the nation and beyond
in an hour or more of public prayer
and silent witness for life
on the streets of our community

2025 Life Chain!

**In Wilmington, Dover,
Lewes, and So. Bethany.**



Link up with Life Chains
across the nation and beyond
by visiting
LifeChain.org

Join your local

sign up at 40DaysforLife.com

40 Days for Life Vigil

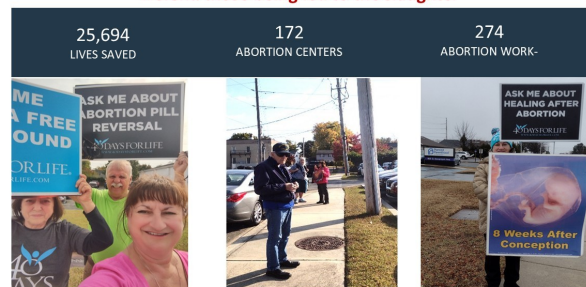
September 24 - November 2

Location: 805 S Governors Ave.

Time: Thursday 8:45 - Noon*

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"Defend those being led to the slaughter"



A woman shares with a campaign leader that her daughter worked at their Planned Parenthood facility, saw the 40 Days for Life Vigil, and quit the next day!

Life Chain Sunday is October 5

National Life Chain is evoking the legacy of Charlie Kirk in its press for the upcoming event on October 5. Kirk, who championed marriage, family, and the defense of the unborn, is a fitting model for the annual event that takes place during Respect Life Month each year. Delaware will host 4 events – one each in Wilmington, Dover, Lewes, and So. Bethany, all at different times. Wilmington will stand on Concord Pike at Fairfax Shopping Center from 1-2 p.m. Dover and Lewes will be at Planned Parenthood on Governors Ave. and in front of St. Jude's church, respectively, from 12 – 2. St. Ann's will join with other churches in So. Bethany at Coastal Rte. 1 and S. 9th St. from 2-4. Details on [our calendar page](#).

Delaware Pro-Life Hero: Judy Aungst

By Grace LoPorto

Judy Aungst has “always, always” been pro-life, but she got involved in the pro-life movement in Delaware when she met Dee Becker, the former president of Delaware Right to Life, at a Blue Army event in Washington, D.C. Becker commented to Aungst that she hadn’t seen a woman wearing gloves and a hat in church in a long time, and they started talking. Aungst was also involved in the BVM Sodality at her home parish of St. John the Beloved, and was approached by a priest when the person who was in charge of the carnation sales couldn’t do it anymore. She agreed to help; she says she told the members of Sodality that Our Lady is the most pro-life person there is. She was involved as the “temporary” chairperson of the pro-life ministry at St. John’s for many years and laughs that she is still the “temporary” chairperson. For many years, St. John the Beloved was the parish with the most success with the Birthright rose sale fundraiser and to this day the written guidelines for the sale are the same ones she



Longtime pro-life activist, Judy Aungst, stylish as usual in a hat and dress. Her many years of selfless volunteer work have inspired many and resulted in at least 7 saved babies.

established so many years ago.

Aungst says that she relies on the Holy Spirit when she speaks to others about abortion. She remembers when she was talking to a man whose girlfriend was scheduled for an abortion at the Stanton clinic, and she commented on his beautiful eyes. “This was the Holy Spirit,” she says. “I said, oh my goodness, I said, your eyes are so beautiful, do you realize your baby could have your eyes? And he looked at me, turned around and got his girlfriend out.” At the time she was saying the Rosary outside the abortion clinic on Route 4. She saved other babies, seven in total that she knows of, and she says she still prays for them daily.

Aungst has had a heart condition since a severe case of Rheumatic Fever in college; the condition makes pregnancy dangerous. However, she has had six children. She says that she had the children because she is “one of those people who trusts in God.” In fact, as she’s gotten older, her heart

condition has improved. People, even well-meaning people, told her that she shouldn’t have more children as the years went on, but she says that her children are her “treasures.” She even went up to Dr. Bernard Nathanson and asked him if it’s ever permissible to abort, even for the health or life of the mother, and he said no—that there is no health or life condition that makes abortion permissible. “Good,” she said. “I agree with you.”

When asked what message she has for the pro-life community, Aungst says that anyone can do pro-life work, even if homebound—“you can do it wherever you are.” For example, when people called her home asking for donations, she always asked if the organization they were representing did work with embryonic stem cells, and she couldn’t support them for that reason. She says that some of the callers didn’t even know that about the company they were representing, but she did. Aungst even testified at National Institute of Health in Washington, D.C. about embryonic stem cell research.

Another message she would give is that people should “always pray.” Aungst says that there is a “peace” that comes from being pro-life, from doing what God wants, from praying. And she has that peace, that happiness. Aungst says that that’s an awesome part of doing the work she does.

In Memoriam
To those stalwart
pro-lifers we lost
recently. May their
souls rest in peace.
Larry Carosino

September Events Kick Off a Busy Season



Day of Remembrance at memorials in Dagsboro, Wilmington, and Dover, 9/13



Bess McAneny at Newark Community Day, 9/21



Protesting the Planned Parenthood Fund-raiser in Claymont, 9/18

Delaware Right to Life Sets up Office in Newark

To say that DRTL as an organization has had a nomadic life is an understatement. We have moved from offices to churches to board members' homes and garages to empty school classrooms to spare rooms and back to Bess McAneny's basement any number of times in the past 50 years. But recently, due to the generosity of some faithful donors and members, we



have signed a lease on some office space in Newark, not far from the university on W. Park Place. With 3 spacious rooms, we will have space for meetings, storage, and planning. Please keep us in your prayers as we move dozens of years' worth of materials into our new digs this coming month.

We plan to have an open house in December at Christmas time to celebrate. Donations to DRTL for rent would be most helpful.

Located at 226 W. Park Place near the University of Delaware, our new office space is on the second floor and includes three rooms. Come visit at our Open House in December!

Becker Memorial October 18

Come to our first annual Dee Becker Memorial Tribute on Saturday, October 18 at Cathedral Cemetery. We will join with the Knights of Columbus to honor Delaware Right to Life's founder, Dolores Becker, who shepherded the organization through its early years to establish it as the largest and most active pro-life organization in the state. She was active in pro-life affairs almost to her death at age 93 in 2020.



While her legacy is broad and deep; we will specifically remember a single event that typified her leadership and brought recognition to her, the organization, and the state of Delaware. The story of how the Knights of Columbus memorial gravesite for the unborn came to be will be the focus. We will have a prayer service for the babies buried there and lay flowers in their memory. A reception will follow near the crypt.

*We greatly appreciate your continued prayers and financial support. If you'd like to donate **today**, you can go directly to our website using the QR code below.*

