

Lehman Junior Takes First at Speech Contest



Malorie Hussey took top honors in the 10th annual Shelby County Pro-Life Oratory Contest on President's Day. Malorie, a junior at Lehman Catholic High School, spoke about the many adverse effects that child-loss through abortion can have on women, but also shared inspiring stories of recovery and healing. Malorie will go on to compete at the state contest in April.

Pictured, left to right: Abby Jones, Lehman Catholic; Clare Schmiesing, Lehman Catholic; Malorie Hussey, Lehman Catholic; Alexandria Baughman, Christian Academy; Kirsten Brunswick, Anna HS; Joe Ballas, Fort Loramie HS.

There were six contestants representing four area high schools. Runner up in the contest was Abby Jones, a senior at Lehman. Joe Ballas, a junior at Fort Loramie High School, placed third. Congratulations to all of the contestants, who deserve credit for taking on the challenge of public speaking and whose strong performances as usual made the judges' task difficult.

We thank our judges—Tara Adams, Sanna Aikin, and Kurtis Black—as well as Pastor Jon Schriber and St. John's Lutheran Church for once again hosting the competition.

Garage Sale: March 22-24

Please help us achieve another successful garage sale this year. The sale will be held Thursday-Saturday, March 22-24, at St. Remy Hall in Russia. Hours will be 9 am-7 pm on Thursday & Friday, and 9 am-12 pm on Saturday.

We are now accepting items at the RTL office. Please donate only clean and salable items. You may donate at the RTL office (please call ahead if you have large items: 498-1812). You may also drop items off at St. Remy Hall on Monday, March 19, from 9am to 8pm, Tuesday, March 20, from 9-8, and Wednesday, March 22, from 9-6.

There is a bake sale and 50/50 held in conjunction with the garage sale. Baked items may be brought to the garage sale on Wednesday, March 21, from 9 am-6 pm and will be accepted throughout the sale.

Volunteers are needed to set up, check out, and tear down. Please call Karen Rosenbeck, 937-526-5814, if you are able to help.

Thrift Shop Report

December

151 Customers
7 Work-to-earn certs.
5 Free units

January

135 Customers
11 Work-to-earn certificates
4 Free units

Enclosed in this letter is a page of 50/50 raffle tickets. The drawing will be held at the conclusion of the sale on Saturday morning. Thank you!

Vigil Marks Another Roe Anniversary

More than 75 people from across Shelby County gathered at the courthouse Monday evening, January 22, to mark the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*.

Father Peter Langenkamp, parochial vicar of Holy Angels Catholic Church, led the group in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Right to Life's program director, Kevin Schmiesing, presented a history of *Roe v. Wade* and its companion decision, *Doe v. Bolton*, highlighting the conversions of Norma McCorvey (Jane Roe) and Sandra Cano (Jane Doe), who both later regretted their involvement in the abortion cases and became pro-life activists (see article below).

The group then processed around the court square holding candles, in silent prayer and remembrance for all victims of abortion. The program closed with an address by Right to Life volunteer Nan Martino, who explained how the group's thrift shop serves the needs of the community by providing both low-cost baby supplies and many forms of personal assistance. Martino encouraged others to get involved as well. "Outside of raising my own family," she said, "my work with Right to Life has been the most rewarding experience of my life."

The Untold History of *Roe v. Wade*

The following is adapted from Kevin Schmiesing's remarks at the 2018 Candlelight Vigil.

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court handed down its *Roe v. Wade* decision, which, together with *Doe v. Bolton* (announced on the same day) overturned all state-level restrictions on abortion and made abortion-on-demand legal throughout the United States. The foundation for *Roe* had been laid by a propaganda campaign of monumental proportions, conducted in no small part by the National Abortion Rights Action League. Its cofounder was a physician named Bernard Nathanson, who later admitted that the statistics that played such an important role in swaying public and legal opinion—1 million illegal abortions; 10,000 women dead from them every year—were fabricated out of thin air. Nathanson later repented of his role in the abortion industry, became Christian, and devoted the rest of his life to the pro-life cause. He died in 2011.

At the center of the *Roe* case was a young woman named Norma McCorvey—the Jane Roe of *Roe v. Wade*. McCorvey lied about the cause of her pregnancy in an attempt to gain sympathy, but otherwise had virtually no involvement in the case—never testified, never appeared in any court. She later described herself as being used by feminist attorneys who were "looking for somebody, anybody to further their agenda. I was their most willing dupe." While working at an abortion clinic years later, she began to befriend pro-life activists. She became Christian and pro-life and started an organization called "Roe no More." Testifying before the Senate in 1998, she said, "I am dedicated to spending the rest of my life undoing the law that bears my name." She died in February of last year.

The companion case, *Doe v. Bolton*, made abortion on demand legal by creating the "health of the mother" exemption. Sandra Cano was Jane Doe. Cano claimed later that she was deceived into signing on to the *Doe* case by her feminist lawyer and that she never wanted an abortion. She told a congressional hearing in 2005 that "*Doe v. Bolton* is based on a lie and deceit. It needs to be retried or overturned." She had earlier said, "I pledge that as long as I have breath, I will strive to see abortion ended in America." She died in 2014, the courts having refused to consider the suit that she brought to try to overturn the decision to which her name was attached. I think you can see the pattern. "I am the way, the truth, and the life," Jesus said. On one side, truth and life; on the other, lies and death. *Continued on page 4*

March/April Prayer Intentions

For all of those who will be participating in RTL's training to assist post-abortive women and men, and for all of those who have suffered from abortion; may they find hope and healing.



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Planned Parenthood Campaigns to Turn Senate Pro-Abortion

Planned Parenthood is throwing its weight around again in the midterm elections. *Newsweek* reports that the abortion chain's political action arms plan to spend \$20 million to support pro-abortion Senate candidates in eight states.



Key targets include Senate and gubernatorial races in Arizona, Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, according to the report. Planned Parenthood Action Fund and Planned Parenthood Votes plan to spend the money on TV and digital ads, mailers and on-the-ground efforts.

Republicans narrowly hold the U.S. Senate. However, they have too few votes to overcome filibusters on key pro-life bills such as the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. Just a few more pro-life wins in the Senate could see important pro-life legislation passed. A few losses could bring the pro-abortion Democratic Party back into power.

Deidre Schifeling, executive director of Planned Parenthood Votes, said they want to build a "historic resistance" to the pro-life policies of the Trump administration.

"The Trump-Pence administration is responsible for an unprecedented assault on Planned Parenthood patients and our communities, aided by politicians at state and federal levels who have supported dangerous policies meant to strip us of our rights and our ability to access health care," she said.

Whether the huge political spending will achieve the abortion chain's goals remains to be seen. Just two years ago, Planned Parenthood spent more than \$38 million to back Hillary Clinton and other pro-abortion candidates, many of whom lost their races.

A post-election poll by the Polling Company/Women Trend in 2016 found that 49 percent of voters said the abortion issue affected their vote. Of those, 31 percent "voted for the candidates who oppose abortion (pro-life)," while only 18 percent "voted for the candidates who favor abortion (pro-choice)." This was a 13-percent advantage for the pro-life candidate.

With young people increasingly passionate about the right to life, there is hope that Planned Parenthood will fail again this fall.

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In memory of Wilfrid Holscher, in whose name donations were made to RTL.

+ May he rest in peace. +

History of Roe v. Wade *continued from page 2*

Roe was decided by the Court in a 7-2 vote, Justices Byron White and William Rehnquist dissenting. It's hard to do better than White's statement:

I find nothing in the language or history of the Constitution to support the Court's judgment. The Court simply fashions and announces a new constitutional right for pregnant women and, with scarcely any reason or authority for its action, invests that right with sufficient substance to override most existing state abortion statutes. ... its judgment is an improvident and extravagant exercise of the power of judicial review that the Constitution extends to this Court.

Lewis Powell, a justice who voted in the majority, admitted after his retirement in an interview with NPR that his view of the case was influenced by personal involvement in an illegal abortion. He described *Roe* and *Doe* as "the worst opinions I ever joined."

The verdict of history is clear. *Roe* was judicial malpractice built upon a pile of fabrications and deception. It belongs in the dustbin of history. Let us pray that it soon may be so consigned.

In the meantime, there's another lesson from this history. Whether or how long *Roe* stands is irrelevant to a different task at hand: changing lives—one mind, one heart at a time. McCorvey, Cano, and Nathanson are but three in a long line of converts to the truth. And Then There Were None, the group founded by former Planned Parenthood clinic director Abby Johnson, has facilitated the resignation of more than 400 former abortion industry workers. Let us pray for them, and for all who continue to cooperate in the killing of preborn children. May they see the truth and embrace the life that is God's gift to all of us.