

Seth Dillon to Keynote the 28th Annual ROSE DINNER



Alicia Martin, WVFL Program Director

Set aside the date now – April 17th, 2026 – because this is an event you won't want to miss!

For those unfamiliar with Dillon and the Babylon Bee, Seth has a passion for the Truth, and has earned international renown with his clean, witty humor. Rose Dinner attendees will have both the opportunity to support a passionately pro-life cause, and enjoy an evening of laughter.

Here's a sample from the Bee's website:

Christians, you might have noticed, have their own unique way of talking that can seem like a completely different language. To help you translate, the **Babylon Bee** has compiled this handy updated guide to Christian phrases:

"Let's take some time to posture our hearts before we start worship": The media guy can't find the lyrics slide.

"Please consider if the Lord might be leading you to volunteer in the nursery": There's literally no one watching your children right now; it's Lord of the Flies back there.

"Quiet time": Nap time.

"Lord, I just want to echo Bob's prayer": I forgot it was my turn to pray.

"We don't have small groups here, we have Gospel-centered missional families": We have small groups and a thesaurus.

"I'm working to keep pursuing my wife's heart": I'm rinsing the dishes.

The evening promises to be fun and filled with laughter, but it has a very serious purpose. Proceeds will benefit WVFL's "Don't Swallow the Lie" campaign, which educates about the dangers of abortion pills and the safe efficacy of Abortion Pill Reversal. The campaign uses billboards to point to an excellent website: DontSwallowTheLie.com. The funding for these critical billboards has run out, and it is hoped that money from the Rose Dinner will allow for the purchase of another billboard campaign.

Registration is open at RoseDinner.com. Page 5 contains sponsorship opportunities and a mail-in registration form. We hope to see you there!



Seth Dillon, CEO of

The Babylon Bee



Lamar Outdoor Blocks Pro-Life Messaging from West Virginia Billboards

*Pastor Doug Joseph,
WVFL Treasurer and NRL Board Member*

There is a biological war being waged over the sanctity of human life, and its latest battlefield is the West Virginia skyline. As part of a new educational campaign, DontSwallowTheLie.com, West Virginians For Life (WVFL) aims to educate the public on the risks of chemical abortions and the availability of Abortion Pill Reversal (APR).

While two outdoor advertising companies, Micro Outdoor and Link, have welcomed the campaign, Lamar Outdoor has refused. Their legal team issued a decision to block the messaging because the FDA has approved abortion pills as "safe and effective" but has not officially approved the APR regimen.

The Science of the "Rescue Mission"

The opposition to APR is largely political, not medical. The reversal process does not use "novel" or "risky" chemicals. Instead, it uses bioidentical progesterone—a man-made version of the hormone that a mother's body naturally produces to nourish a pregnancy. Bioidentical progesterone has already been approved by the FDA for use for women, for Hormone Replacement Therapy, and has been safely used by doctors for decades for treatment of women having issues during their pregnancy. For years now, another such "off label" use has been to counteract the progesterone-blocker, mifepristone.

The abortion pill, mifepristone, acts as an antagonist that competes for progesterone receptors, thus blocking the natural feeding

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From the President



The Hope of Spring

Dear Friends,

We hope you enjoyed the beauty of the winter holiday season. As warmer weather and longer days approach, it's hard not to look ahead with anticipation to the renewal, hope, and optimism so often associated with spring. This fresh energy and sense of growth are not only visible in the changing season, but also within our pro-life movement.

The March for Life in January is always a powerful way to begin a new year of pro-life activism. While I was unable to attend in person this year, it was deeply encouraging to see tens of thousands of like-minded individuals gather—both at the March for Life in Washington, D.C., and at the Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco. People of all ages, religions, backgrounds, and even differing political views in other areas came together, united in the fight for life.

Reflecting the hope and newness of spring, the co-chair of Walk for Life West Coast shared, “After 22 years, I still find it hard to believe how blessed we are. When I see the enormous crowd that we had today—especially so many young people standing up with love and hope for women and children—I am filled with gratitude and hope. You can’t come to the Walk without seeing the promise of a better world!”¹

Inspired by these energizing events, I look forward with optimism to all that we hope to accomplish in the year ahead. Our legislative agenda includes bills that will continue to strengthen protections for women and children in our state, while also providing meaningful resources to women in vulnerable situations—resources that empower them to choose life for their babies and support them after birth.

Our opposition often claims that the pro-life movement is concerned only with children in the womb. Yet one of our guiding principles has always been, and will continue to be, “Love them both.” West Virginians for Life demonstrates this commitment by advocating for both women and their children, including our ongoing efforts to fight against chemical abortion pills—the most commonly used form of abortion today and the one associated with the most serious physical complications.

The Rose Dinner—our spring fundraising event—is another powerful source of renewal and optimism. If you enjoy a good laugh (and honestly, who doesn't?), you won't want to miss this year's keynote speaker: Seth Dillon of the Christian satirical news site The Babylon Bee. There's no better way to spend an April evening than sharing a great meal, enjoying fellowship with fellow pro-lifers, and supporting a cause we all care deeply about.

As we look ahead to all that we have planned for the year—and reflect on the promise of new life, healing, and rejuvenation that our movement both strives for and promotes—spring feels like the perfect metaphor for the pro-life cause. Thank you for continuing to walk with us and for being part of this beautiful season.

For Life,

Lacey Evans, President

¹ Excerpt from the LifeNews article “Tens of Thousands of People Protest Abortion in San Francisco” by Eva Muntean

2026 Calendar of Events

March 21	WVFL Board Meeting	July 11	WVFL Golf FORE Life Tournament
April 17	Rose Dinner, Morgantown		
April 21	Voter Registration Deadline	Sept 19	WVFL Board Meeting
Ap 29 - May 9	Early Voting in Person	Oct 3	WVFL State Convention
May 12	Primary Election	Oct 4	Respect Life Sunday
June 6	WVFL Board Meeting	Nov 3	General Election
June 12-13	NRL Convention, Arlington, VA	Nov 7	WVFL Board Meeting

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Rally Attendees in the Lower Rotunda of the Capitol

Pro-Life Rally Day 2026

Alicia Martin, WVFL Program Director

Supporters of West Virginians for Life (WVFL) gathered at the Capitol on Thursday, February 12, for the annual Pro-Life Rally Day. The main event was a rally at noon in the lower rotunda. Bishop Mark Brennan, from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, gave the invocation.

The Rally emphasized pro-life legislation supported by WVFL. The Woman's Right to Know would aid the small percentage of women who qualify for abortion exceptions, by requiring informed consent.

Protection Against Abortion Pills was a second primary emphasis, due to the fact that they are being illegally mailed into the state. In this same vein, WVFL is supporting legislation that would provide for the continuing education of medical professionals regarding the threats of mifepristone and the safe, effective use of abortion pill reversal. This training is critical to women's safety because, as WVFL President Lacy Evans pointed out, "Respected research shows that more than 1 in 10 women who take abortion pills experience serious side effects. Our state's emergency rooms are best-equipped to help them when they are aware of the dangers posed by these drugs." The training is critical because patients are often hesitant to tell the truth if the pills were obtained illegally. It's also important because many medical professionals do not know the truth that Abortion Pill Reversal is safe and often effective.

The third category of law addressed at the Rally was increased funding for the Support for Mothers and Babies Act. Jenny Entsminger, Executive Director of the WV Pregnancy Center Coalition, elaborated on how this excellent program serves families. At this writing, the Senate Budget Proposal, passed by the Finance Committee, has raised the appropriation for Pregnancy Help Organizations from \$3 million to \$4 million.

Emcee WVFL Legislative Director Sadie Keaton introduced several guests, including State Treasurer Larry Pack and Agricultural Commissioner Kent Leonhardt. Twenty-one Senators and Delegates also made brief remarks. A couple of notable comments came from Senator Mike Azinger who said that "God loves makin' babies" to overwhelming crowd approval and Delegate Tristan Leavitt who quoted Mother Teresa's words "How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love and we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts."

The audience appreciated the encouragement of Karen Cross, who spent decades in the service of WVFL, and currently serves as Political Liaison on the WVFL Board of Directors.

Teens for Life President Thomas Dinkel closed the main event in the rotunda with a rousing exhortation to keep legislators accountable. He echoed the overall Rally reminder that continued vigilance is imperative, because pro-abortion forces are seeking to overturn the protections that West Virginia currently provides for mothers and babies.

Pastor Philip Dunn, from Valley Christian Assembly in Charleston, pronounced a benediction, and the day's events concluded with the annual Prayer Procession. This silent walk through the halls of the Capitol is in remembrance of the millions who have died. Thankfully, West Virginia now has strong protections from cradle to grave, but it was pointed out more than once that the battle isn't over yet, and that vigilance is imperative.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:



Teens for Life President Thomas Dinkel testified in Charleston in support of SB 173, which would address the illegal mailing of abortion pills into the state. Working with Students for Life as a part of an undercover investigation, Thomas ordered mifepristone on a website. The ease with which he obtained the pills demonstrates the danger to women and babies. (Photo by Will Price/West Virginia Legislative Photography)

At Work in Charleston

As this publication goes to press, the Legislative Session is in full swing, and West Virginians for Life is working with lawmakers in three major areas:

- 1) Modifying the Unborn Child Protection Act (Women's Right to Know) – Legislation is needed to reinstate bills that were statutorily repealed when the Unborn Child Protection Act (HB 302) passed. This would aid the small percentage of women who qualify for abortion exceptions, by requiring that they be informed about the risks of, and alternatives to, abortion. It would educate those patients regarding the dangers of the abortion pill, along with the fact that the effects of such a chemical abortion can be reversed. It would provide for information about disabilities (including support networks) to be given to parents when they are told that their unborn child has special needs.
- 2) Protection Against Abortion Pills – Legislation is needed to: a) Improve healthcare provider access to education on abortion pill reversal; require emergency room training on abortion pill dangers and how to identify complications when the patient does not disclose that she's taken the abortion pill; b) Expand access to abortion pill reversal through the Support for Mothers & Babies program by making APR reimbursable through public funds; c) Clarify that foreign/out of state senders of abortion pills are violating existing state law.
- 3) Increase Funding for Pregnancy Help Centers – Increased funding will allow these excellent organizations to provide much-needed services.

2026 WV PRIMARY ELECTION

Pro-Life Voter Guide for Your District

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The WV Alliance for Ethical Health Care, a subcommittee of West Virginians for Life, deals specifically with issues at the other end of the spectrum of life, i.e. hastened death at the end of life due to a “poor quality of life” perception, discrimination in access to medical care, physician-assisted suicide, and euthanasia.

Six Simple Steps That Could Save Your Life

This article originally appeared at LifeLegal.org, and is reprinted here with permission.

As we begin a new year, many people make commitments to improve their health, finances, or spiritual life. This year, we invite you to consider a few **life-saving resolutions**—simple but meaningful steps that can help protect you and your loved ones.

Over the past few weeks alone, Life Legal has received an unusually high number of urgent calls from families facing life-and-death decisions in hospitals. These are not rare or hypothetical situations. They are happening now, often with little warning—and families are frequently unprepared for how quickly care decisions can change.

With that in mind, here are several resolutions worth considering as you enter 2026:

1. Remove your name from the organ donor registry.

Recent federal investigations have raised serious concerns about organ procurement practices. You can still choose to be an organ donor even if you are not on the registry by making your wishes known to a trusted health care agent (see below).

2. Execute an Advance Health Care Directive.

An advance directive allows you to clearly state your wishes regarding medical care if you cannot speak for yourself. Without one, life-and-death decisions may be made by hospitals or courts—not your loved ones.

3. Designate a trusted health care agent who understands your values.

Choosing the right person matters. Make sure they understand—and are willing to defend—your beliefs regarding life-sustaining treatment, including hydration, nutrition, and ventilator support.

4. Share your wishes with your family.

Many tragic cases arise not from bad intentions, but from confusion, fear, or disagreement among loved ones. Thoughtful conversations now can prevent unnecessary suffering later.

5. Learn the warning signs of medical abandonment.

Patients are increasingly being labeled “futile,” with food, water, or basic care deemed “non-beneficial.” If you notice sudden changes in care or decision-making, seek immediate help. Knowing your rights—and knowing who to call—can save lives.

6. Keep Life Legal’s contact information accessible.

When life-threatening decisions are made quickly, time matters. We regularly intervene to restore care, protect patient rights, and defend the vulnerable—often with only hours to spare. Contact us at 707.224.6675 or help@LifeLegal.org.

For those who would like to understand more about why this is happening and how to protect themselves, we have provided additional details and resources [on our website].

If you would like resources or guidance on advance directives, patient rights, or how to protect yourself or a loved one, we are here to help.

Thank you for standing with us as we defend life at its most vulnerable moments. We are deeply grateful for you and wish you a healthy and happy New Year!

Life Legal is guided by longstanding moral teaching that food and water—even when provided medically—are ordinary care and should not be withdrawn from patients because of disability, brain injury, or prognosis.



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Event proceeds will benefit this life-saving campaign. Will you please consider attending and/or becoming a sponsor?

April 17, 2026

5:30 p.m. Reception

6:30 p.m. Dinner



Marriott Waterfront

Two Waterfront Place,
Morgantown, WV 26501

Keynote Speaker

Seth Dillon

CEO of The Babylon Bee

28th Annual
ROSE DINNER

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<i>Below are rewards for higher levels of sponsorship. Sponsorship deadline is April 3.</i>			
Bronze • Preferred banquet seating for table of 10 • Name/company on event-day materials	\$2,500		
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MARCH for LIFE

January 23, 2026

Encouraging Words

Good Friends & Lots of Support



Vice President Vance addressing March for Life attendees



Ryan Rasins, Congressman Moore's Chief of Staff, addresses March for Life attendees



Karen Cross addresses WV attendees at the Congressional Meeting in the Russell Senate Office Building



Neat sticker on someone's coat



Jeanina Butcher and Carol Licata



Jeremiah Cline with sons Ryan and Elijah, and Pastor Sean Wightman



Hannah, Ava, Samantha, and Emma Williamson with their father, Pastor Nate Williamson



Dave Chidester and Dan Ludwick



Dedicated participants



James and Ellen Storey being interviewed by a media person



Robert Pauley with nephew Isaiah McCrobie



Junior and Theresa Cole

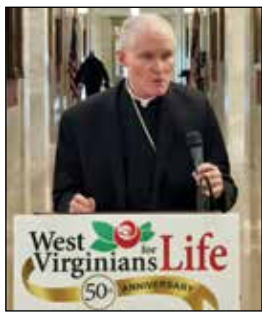


Mary Anne Buchanan with John Field



This fetal development display was wonderful!

West Virginians for Life
 OVER 50 YEARS DEFENDING LIFE
RALLY DAY
at the Capitol
 February 12, 2026



Bishop Mark Brennan gave the Invocation.



Pastor Doug Joseph did the Offertory.



Pastor Phil Dunn gave the Benediction.



Sen. Chris Rose, the Lead Sponsor of SB 173, with Delegates Chris Anders, Tristan Leavitt, and Sarah Drennan



Secretary of State Kris Warner w Karen Cross



WVFL President Lacey Evans with Senators Mike Azinger and Ben Queen, along with WVFL Political Liaison Karen Cross



Sen. Patricia Rucker



Sen. Craig Hart



Del. Walter Hall



Elizabeth McQuaide-Parlock during the Prayer Walk



Rally Quartet singing God Bless America



Jenny Entsminger, Executive Director of the WV Pregnancy Center Coalition



Acting WVFL Executive Director Dr. Wanda Franz with Senators Tom Willis, Jay Taylor, and Laura Wakim-Chapman along with WVFL President Lacey Evans and Teens for Life President Thomas Dinkel



Teens for Life President Thomas Dinkel holding a package of mail-ordered abortion pills. The ease with which he obtained them online exposes critical health dangers, and the need for legal protections.



The McCutcheon musicians were greatly appreciated.



Sen. Brian Helton, Agricultural Commissioner Kent Leonhardt, and State Treasurer Larry Pack with WVFL President Lacey Evans



Dr. Wanda Franz with Del. Matthew Rohrbach and WVFL Political Liaison Karen Cross



Sen. Charles Clements, Del. Roy Cooper, Del. Mark Zatezalo, Dr. Wanda Franz, Del. Phil Mallow, and Sen. Trenton Barnhart



WVFL Office Manager Mary Anne Buchanan, Del. Bryan Smith, and acting WVFL Executive Director Dr. Wanda Franz

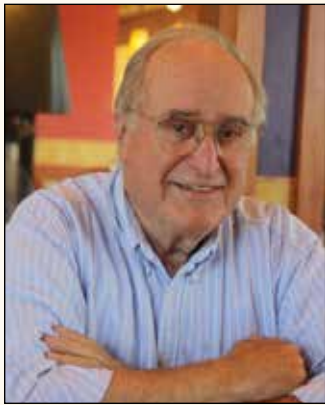


Del. Geno Chiarelli with John Field and Dave Chidester

IN LOVING Memory

James S. Fritz

August 11, 1932 - November 30, 2025



By Patrica Johnson

Those of us who were blessed to know Jim knew him as a humble and quiet man, with a great sense of humor, and a tireless spirit when it came to protecting mothers and their babies from abortion. Beginning in October of 2006, he traveled three days a week from his home in Great Cacapon, WV to the abortion mill in Hagerstown, MD to do sidewalk counseling. He and those whom he counseled with are responsible for saving over 550 (that he knew of, there were likely more) mothers and their babies from the pain, regret, sorrow, and death of abortion. Some of these mothers later returned to proudly introduce Jim to the babies he helped to save. Jim was largely responsible for getting Catholic radio up and on the air in WV. He also organized numerous pro-life meetings, dinners, parade floats, and booths in Morgan County, WV. Jim was among the “ND88” - a group of 88 pro-life demonstrators arrested for protesting pro-abortion President Barack Obama’s 2009 commencement appearance at the University of Notre Dame in IN. He often said that his best day was the day he saved two babies from abortion. He was generous with his love, his time, and his resources in helping abortion-minded mothers and their children. Jim was a devout and faithful Catholic man who is missed dearly by those who knew and loved him. May God reward His faithful servant Jim for his fidelity and dedication to the least among us, His precious babies in the womb.

Pro-Life Profile: Judi Meyer

By Patrica Johnson

Judi Meyer is thankful to be a native of West Virginia. She is a born-again wife to Craig, mother to six children, and “Oma” to precious grandchildren. Her main hobbies and passions are Bible study, and ministering to families in crisis and to people struggling to find peace in their lives.

In the 1990s, a newsletter from the Ohio County Chapter of West Virginians for Life stirred Judi to get involved in the pro-life movement. In 2019, when her youngest was 16 years old, Judi, her husband, and two youngest children began attending WVFL meetings. During this time, her family began to help plan and organize pro-life events. In 2022, Judi began serving on the Board of WVFL. In 2023, she became President of the Ohio County Chapter of WVFL, and the Chapter began holding monthly educational events. They soon became the Northern Panhandle Chapter of WVFL, expanding their educational outreach and events to cover six neighboring counties.

Judi believes that the greatest challenge in the pro-life movement is getting more people involved in the work of defending human life. She understands that we need people who are willing to be educated about pro-life issues, to share that important knowledge with others, and to support the cause financially. In addition to this, she also appreciates the need for individuals who are dedicated to praying for healing for the victims of the abortion industry; for those who are vulnerable to becoming victims of the abortion culture; and for those who work in the abortion industry to be both convicted and transformed by the Holy Spirit. Judi is thankful for the promises of 2 Chronicles 20 and Acts 16: 25-26, that when we praise God, He gives us His victory. WVFL thanks Judi for her dedication in protecting God’s precious gift of life, as well as the conviction that we can entrust our work to the Lord, for in Him is our hope.



Judi Meyer

Northern Panhandle
Chapter President

West Virginians for Life Tote Bags Are Now Available

Cost per tote: \$15 (includes shipping), or One tote bag at no additional cost is an optional gift with a donation of \$50 or more.

Please send me _____ WVFL Tote Bags

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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Lamar Outdoor Blocks Pro-Life Messaging (Cont. from p.1)

signal and starving the baby. APR works because whenever there are more molecules of the progesterone than mifepristone, the progesterone will keep the mifepristone from blocking the feeding signal. A scoping review originally published in the Linacre Quarterly reported that two-thirds of women who received progesterone (in a timely manner) after taking mifepristone were able to safely continue their pregnancies.

Political Pressure vs. Public Safety

The FDA's current "safe" designation for mifepristone is the result of decades of political pressure rather than dispassionate science.

- The Clinton Era: Pressured the FDA to court the foreign manufacturer to apply for U.S. approval. The FDA did.
- The Obama Era: Pressured the FDA to loosen restrictions and remove the requirement to report non-fatal adverse events. The FDA did. Pro-aborts then extolled how "safe" mifepristone is, because "look how few non-fatal adverse events are reported." You can't even make this up.
- The Biden Era: Pressured the FDA to remove the in-person doctor visit requirement, allowing these pills to be sent by mail. The FDA did.

This lack of medical oversight is dangerous. Without an exam, a woman cannot rule out an ectopic pregnancy, the symptoms of which mimic those of the abortion pill, and can be fatal if left untreated. Furthermore, a study by the Ethics and Public Policy Center found that 11% of women experience serious adverse events—a statistic hidden by the removal of federal reporting requirements.

The Human Toll

The "lie" being swallowed is that these pills are as harmless as common over-the-counter medicine (it's often compared to acetaminophen). Post-abortive women report being misled about the pain, the risks, and the reality of their baby's development. Many are horrified to find a clearly recognizable human baby in their toilet after being told they were only expelling a "clump of cells." This creates lasting psychological trauma that can potentially be triggered every time she flushes a toilet.

A Call to Action

Elections have consequences. We are currently seeing those consequences play out as an outdoor advertising corporation cites the FDA to suppress life-saving information.

The West Virginia legislature ought to go on record to formalize official state support for Abortion Pill Reversal. Such a move would not only validate the truth for the citizens of our state but might also give companies like Lamar the "cover" they need to allow this vital message to reach the women who need it most.

Your donated time, talent, and treasure has perhaps never been more important! Join us: wvforlife.org/membership. Better yet, step up to **Rose Society Membership** while you're there!

Already a member? Give here: wvforlife.org/donate

With Determination,

Pastor Doug Joseph

WVFL State Treasurer

WVFL Treasurer's Article



WVFL Treasurer - Pastor Doug Joseph

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West Virginia residents may obtain a summary of the registration and financial documents from the Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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THANK YOU

For your help! LM25

DODDRIDGE COUNTY



Doddridge County members Chuck and Marge Northrop were joined by the Huffman family, Debbie Lemley and Carol Straight in preparing the annual WVFL membership mailing. (Alas, Debbie and Carol missed the picture.)

GREENBRIER COUNTY



Chapter co-leader Angela Malo with Fr. Robinson



Chapter Roundtable before the Rally. L to R: Hilda Shorter (Raleigh), Karen Cross, Cindy Mansberger (Preston), Wanda Franz (Monongalia), Doug Joseph (Harrison), Lacey Evans (Tucker), Mary Anne Buchanan (Monongalia), and Terri Keatley (Summers)

PRESTON COUNTY



Heather Akers and Regina Miller at the March for Life

MONONGALIA COUNTY



On Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS) at Covenant Church in Morgantown, the Griffith sisters, Highland, Harlow, and Hadley, loved holding the Life Touch fetal models.



Above: Mon County member Mary Anne Buchanan addresses March for Life Attendees

Left: Mon County member and Teens for Life President Thomas Dinkel at the March for Life

NORTHERN PANHANDLE



Shown are Faith Meyer with Rachel, Micah, and Rose Holpp.

West Virginia
Teens for Life



Teens for Life President Thomas Dinkel with pro-life legislators



March for Life attendees from West Virginia in Russell Senate Office Building with staffers



Greenbrier County:

The Greenbrier County Chapter co-hosted Fr. Calvin Robinson in Lewisburg this past November 14. His topic of "Remaining Christian in a Culture of Death" covered many life issues. He is well-known as an international speaker, and attracted people from other states, including Maryland, New York and Tennessee. The chapter will be helping support the upcoming Baby Bottle Campaign for the Greenbrier Pregnancy Center.

Harrison County:

Harrison County Chapter had a booth at the Lost Creek Festival on Sept. 20. Pro-life literature was given out with an emphasis on the abortion pill and the educational campaign "Don't Swallow the Lie." The chapter served breakfast and drinks at the State Convention on Oct. 4.

Monongalia County:

Mon County Right to Life chapter members collected names for the annual signature ad in the Dominion Post newspaper on Sunday, January 25, 2026 to recognize the legalization of abortion in America by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Roe vs. Wade* and *Doe vs. Bolton*. This year the beautiful ad described the dangers of the Abortion Pill, and requested support for our billboard campaign, "Don't Swallow the Lie." Almost all abortions are illegal in West Virginia, but the pill is available from out-of-state sources. Thus, women are exposed to its dangers and need to know the truth about the pill.

The chapter members want to thank the following churches for helping defray the cost of the chartered bus to the 53rd Annual March for Life on January 23: Covenant Global Methodist Church, Faith Baptist Church, Fresh Harvest Assembly of God, Greater Love Family Outreach Ministries, Inc., St. John University Catholic Parish and St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, all in Morgantown. The 31 riders on the chartered bus were able to meet with Congressman Riley Moore's Chief of Staff at the Congressional meeting before the start of the March. (The Congressmen were not in Washington due to the approach of the pending storm.) Chief of Staff Ryan Rasins shared many of the Congressman's pro-life accomplishments and entertained a Q&A. WVFL Board Member and Political Liaison Karen Cross also spoke. She concluded her remarks by reporting that she and Ingrid Duran of National Right to Life would be meeting with the WV Attorney General and others to discuss the pro-abortion activities of West Virginia Free, WV's pro-abortion advocacy group. They are opening up *West Virginia Free's first reproductive freedom resource center in St. John's Episcopal Church*. This should be illegal.

Monroe County:

Members of the Monroe chapter of West Virginians for Life recently attended the Greenbrier Pregnancy Center's fundraising banquet, held on November 7, 2026. Guest speakers were Kailee Perrin who, at age 18, walked into a pregnancy center and had

her life forever changed, and Gwenn Harrington, a ten-year pregnancy center volunteer and a leader in the Christian Motorcycle Association. The event was a success, and a great time was had by all.

Northern Panhandle Chapter:

For those looking to get involved with WVFL in the northern panhandle, the chapter meets on the first Monday of every month at 6:30pm. You can call or text Judi Varner Meyer at 304-639-3041 for more details.



Hello fellow Mountaineers,

Hope all is well with everyone reading from around our great state. We are coming up on a very important and busy time within our movement and our state. On



January 14th, the state legislature began the 60-day 2026 legislative session. This is a critical session, with the issue of abortion pill trafficking being a top priority among many legislators. Please be praying for our leaders, members, and most importantly, the unborn children and mothers around the state, that this danger is removed so that our most vulnerable are protected.

Later in January was the 53rd annual "March for Life" in Washington D.C. It is an absolutely wonderful event, so I will definitely make sure to update you all on how it went!

Special thanks to St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic church of Morgantown for participating in the annual "Pregnancy Resource Center Drive" that I have run for three years now. We had a great result, and the local pregnancy center which received the donated items was very thankful. Thank you to St. Mary's for your continued support for the unborn and their mothers in our area.

Best wishes to you all,
Thomas J. Dinkel
Isaiah 54:17

In Loving Memory of Andy Sabak

Mary Anne Buchanan, WVFL Office Manager

Andy Sabak passed away on January 12, 2026. His funeral was attended by West Virginians for Life members Mary Anne Buchanan from Monongalia County, and Sandra Costello, the Marion County Chapter Leader. The Lord allowed for Sandra to be with Andy six years ago when he suffered his stroke. She took him to the hospital and stayed with him for several hours as Andy's wife, Linda, had been out of town awaiting the imminent death of her mother.

Andy did get six more years since that day, although he never fully recovered. During that time, he experienced repeated hospital stays followed by rehab. Andy was able to participate in his only child Nina's wedding ceremony, which occurred at home. He gave the epistle from his wheel chair.

Over the years, Andy saved West Virginians for Life countless thousands of dollars in labels and computer data work. Always having that big smile, and being so happy to be of help to us, we will all miss Andy.

"The kindest man I ever met, who bent over backwards for National Right to Life."

Dave Andrusko,
NRL News Editor



Andy Sabak, Mary Anne Buchanan, Wesley Smith, Sandra Costello

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