



NEWSLETTER

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2026 NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The 2026 March for Life, with the theme “Life is a Gift,” will take place on Friday, January 23. The March for Life is the largest annual pro-life gathering in the world!

On Friday, January 23, the March for Life Pre-Rally Concert begins at 11 AM on the National Mall and the March for Life Rally, with featured speakers, will follow at Noon.

After the Rally, the March for Life will begin from the National Mall at 1 PM. The March from the Mall will essentially circle around the U.S. Capitol before ending on Capitol Hill. For those who cannot attend in person, these events will be televised live on EWTN beginning at 9:30 AM.



Following the March, on Friday at 5:30 PM, the 44th Annual Rose Dinner Gala will be held at the Westin Washington D.C. Downtown Hotel. Dress code is Black-tie optional.

For more information, go to www.marchforlife.org

MARCH FOR LIFE BUSES - CONNECTICUT TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Meriden – two-day trip Norwich/Trumbull – one-day trip

Archdiocese of Hartford – Meriden - Buses will leave from the Franciscan Life Center, 271 Finch Street, Meriden, at 6 AM Thursday, January 22 and following the March will return Friday evening, January 23. The registration fee is \$60/adult and \$40/student and includes bus transportation and breakfast at the hotel. Other meals and the hotel room are additional costs and the room should be booked separately. Payment is due by **January 16** – no refunds after this date. You are responsible to make your hotel reservation by **January 14** at the Kellogg Conference Center in Washington, D.C. To reserve a bus seat and to get guidelines for making hotel reservations and getting the hotel discount code, call the Prolife Ministry office at 203-694-4189 for assistance with registration and hotel reservations.

Diocese of Norwich – Norwich - Mass for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Norwich, Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 7:30 PM. Bus leaves that evening and travels overnight to arrive for the morning National Prayer for Life Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Attend the Rally and March for Life and return to Connecticut Friday evening. \$55 – For further information and to register, call the Office of Evangelization and Discipleship Ministry, 860-848-2237, ext. 304.

St. Theresa Church - Trumbull – Friday, January 23 morning Mass – 4:15 AM - bus leaves at 5 AM and stops for breakfast – returning to CT Friday evening with stop for supper - \$70 – online registration at <https://rally.co/march-for-life/from/trumbull-CT/trip/2258051> or call the Rectory office for information and registration assistance – 203-261-3676.

NATIONAL PRO-LIFE SUMMIT - JANUARY 24 **WASHINGTON, D.C.**

On Saturday, January 24th, the day after the March for Life, the National Pro-life Summit, sponsored by Students for Life of America, will be held in Washington, D.C. Speakers include Kristan Hawkins, Riley Gaines, Nick Freitas and Brett Cooper and more!!!

SORRY – NATIONAL PRO-LIFE SUMMIT IS ALREADY - SOLD OUT!!!

But you can still watch online by registering at www.prolifesummit.org/livestream !!!

MASS FOR LIFE - JANUARY 19 **ST. ROBERT'S CHURCH - WINDSOR LOCKS**

Mary Gate of Heaven Parish Pro-Life Committee and the Knights of Columbus Council #26 (Windsor Locks) will co-sponsor the annual Mass for Life on Monday, January 19, 2026 at 6:00PM, St. Robert's Church, Windsor Locks.

Prior to the Mass, there will be a recitation of the Rosary at 5:30 PM to pray for an end of abortion throughout the world. Fr. Mark Jette has been invited to concelebrate the Mass with pastor Fr. Tim O'Brien, and to be the speaker following the Mass. The evening will conclude with light refreshments in St. Robert's Hall.

More information: Mary Gate of Heaven Parish (860.623.2524).

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - 2026 SPRING CAMPAIGN

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 TO SUNDAY, MARCH 29 BRIDGEPORT

NEW HAVEN WEST HARTFORD

Pray, fast, community outreach, continuous vigil at abortion clinics

40 Days for Life – Results from previous campaigns, since 2007:

- 26,144 babies saved from abortion — and those are just the ones we know about!
- 275 abortion workers have quit their jobs and walked away from the abortion industry!
- 184 abortion facilities closed for good following local *40 Days for Life* campaigns!
- Over 1 million volunteers from over 20,000 churches!
- 14,392 local campaigns in over 1,000 cities in 71 countries!

Pray to discern your personal role in this ***40 Days for Life*** prayer vigil! On the chosen day, you can witness for life in either of two ways for one or more hours – by praying and fasting, or by witnessing at one of Connecticut's abortion clinics in the following locations:

BRIDGEPORT

Planned Parenthood, 4697 Main Street – on the public sidewalk entrance to Commerce Park. For information, email bgrabows@aol.com

NEW HAVEN

Planned Parenthood, 345 Whitney Avenue, email prolifewesthartford@gmail.com

WEST HARTFORD

Planned Parenthood 1030 New Britain Avenue – email prolifewesthartford@gmail.com

ADDITIONAL CONNECTICUT LOCATIONS MAY BE ADDED

For further information about *40 Days for Life*, and, in particular, more detailed information about the individual locations listed above, go to www.40daysforlife.com

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The state legislature's 2026 session begins February 4 and ends on May 6. This year is the short budget session. Additional state funding of Planned Parenthood will no doubt be on the agenda. The anti-life, pro-death makeup of the current legislature means pro-abortion and pro-death bills are likely to be raised, while pro-life bills will not be. No doubt, abortion forces in Connecticut will again try to put pro-lifers on defense, perhaps by trying to enact a state constitutional amendment concerning abortion. Legislation to legalize assisted suicide, which was recently enacted in New York, may also come up again.

U.S. CONGRESS

With the Republicans in control of both the U.S. Senate, the House of Representatives and the presidency, it is not likely that pro-abortion bills will get through Congress, but we should expect pro-life, pro-unborn personhood legislation to be enacted. Demand that Hyde Amendment protections to ban funding of abortion be included in any budget bill.

In this post-Roe world, we need a renewed effort to begin the process of proposing a Human Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

5th ANNUAL CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE – HARTFORD

On Wednesday, March 18, 2026 the 5th Annual Connecticut March for Life will be held at the State Capitol in Hartford. Each of the last few years several thousand Connecticut pro-lifers turned out and this year we need an even larger crowd as the fight to save the unborn continues in the states.



There will be a pre-rally concert beginning at 10:30 AM on the north side of the Capitol. The rally begins at 11:30 AM at the Capitol, followed at 12:30 PM by the Connecticut March for Life around Bushnell Park and out to Main Street.

Organize a carpool with your friends or rent a van or bus to bring pro-lifers to and from your parish, church or school and the Capitol.

Rally buses sponsored by the Knights of Columbus may be picking up passengers at locations throughout the state to bring marchers to Hartford.

More information available at www.marchforlife.org/Connecticut and www.ctrleducationalalliance.org

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS

Post-abortive men and women, ranging in age from the teens to the mid-eighties, have participated in past retreats to receive God's love, forgiveness and compassion after suffering from the effects of an abortion. For more information, in the Archdiocese of Hartford, email mlaffin@prolifeministry.org or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org. The retreats are held three weekends a year. A fee includes meals, a private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance.

In the Diocese of Bridgeport, the Project Rachel Confidential Contact can be reached at 203-416- 1619 or projectrachel@diobpt.org

2026 CALENDAR OF CONNECTICUT PRO-LIFE EVENTS

JANUARY

19 (Monday) – **Annual Mass for Life, Mary Gate of Heaven Parish/St. Robert's Church**, Windsor Locks, 5:30 PM Rosary, 6:00 PM Mass followed by a speaker, Rev. Mark Jette, and lite refreshments – more information – 860-623-2524

23 (Friday) **MARCH FOR LIFE, WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Pre-Rally Concert (11 AM) on the National Mall

Rally (Noon) – on the Mall

March for Life (1 PM) – from the Mall to the Capitol

Rose Dinner (5:30 - 9 PM) – Westin Washington D.C. Downtown Hotel

FEBRUARY

4 (Wednesday) - **2026 Session of the Connecticut General Assembly begins** 18

(Wednesday) **40 Days for Life** - Spring campaign begins

MARCH

18 (Wednesday) **5th Annual CT March for Life**, State Capitol, Hartford 29

(Sunday) **40 Days for Life** ends

MAY

6 (Wednesday) **2026 Session of the Connecticut General Assembly ends.**

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