

## St. Stephen Respect Life Ministry March 28, 2017, Meeting Minutes and News



### RLM April Dates

- 04/01 **Kent Lent for Life continues with hour-long prayer vigils at Kent Planned Parenthood**  
04/02 Coffee & Donuts after morning Masses (promoting KLfL closing, SfLA sockit2pp, & Defund PP)  
04/07 6:00 - 7:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration (with Knights of Columbus)  
9:00 -10:00 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Pro-Life Eucharistic Adoration (RLC, Gabriel Proj, Legis. Advocacy)  
04/08 **5:00 PM Kent Lent for Life Closing Event: Mass, Potluck salad/dessert, and Candlelight Vigil**  
04/10 **7:15 - 9:00 PM Legislative Advocacy meets in Conference Room (after 6:30 Mass)**  
04/25 7:15 - 9:00 PM RLM meets in Copy Room (after 6:30 PM Mass)  
04/29 9:30 - 11:00 AM Annual National Defund PP Day at Kent PP—need 100+ SSTM parishioners
- NOTE:** In (March and) April our usual 1<sup>st</sup> Week activities defer to Kent Lent for Life.  
7:30 - 5:30 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Renton Cedar River Clinics Sidewalk Prayer Vigils (1-hr each)  
and 9:30 - 11:00 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Truth and Prayer witnessing resume the 1<sup>st</sup> week of May.

St. Stephen Respect Life Ministry met at 7:20 PM in St. Stephen's Copy Room

### Attending

Mary K., Mike and Laura B., Gina B., Nancy E., Brian H., Craig W., Bernie W., and Mary S. (St. Stephen); and Rudy B. and Linda L. (St. John)

### Opening

Our meeting opened with St. John Paul II's prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of Life Prayer.

Craig & Bernie proudly announced the births of three new great nieces and nephews due born into their families by the end of September (six total).

Brian H introduced himself and shared his personal life experiences relevant to our prolife mission. Brian plans to actively participate in our ministry.

We also welcomed Mike and Laura, who come to St. Stephens with strong prolife activist backgrounds.

### Coffee & Donuts, April 2nd

Coffee & Donuts April 2<sup>nd</sup> promotes three high-priority items:

- **Socket2pp by Students for Life of America**
- **Closing Kent Lent for Life, April 8**
- **National Defund PP Day, April 29**

Bernie will bring donuts, juices, creamers & start the coffee. Craig will be there before 8:30 Mass to help make juices, etc. Rowena, Rudy, Gina, Nancy, both Marys will serve, cleanup, etc. Nancy, Joann, and Mary W set up Saturday night.

Net **profit** from the Coffee and Donuts was **\$297.05**. It is going to **Students for Life of America**.

### Students for Life of America

Students for Life

<http://studentsforlife.org/>

has its annual **regional leadership summit** at Kennedy H.S. in **Seattle** 9:30-5 Saturday, **April 8<sup>th</sup>**. <https://sfla.webconnex.com/Northwest17>. We offered to pay the \$15 fee for SSTM Youth attending. At last word, two SSTM Teens were interested.

See **Socket2pp.com** for details of the **Students for**

**Life of America** campaign to collect **323,999** socks—the number of babies killed by **Planned Parenthood last year**—with notes

to send to Congress demanding no tax dollars go to Planned Parenthood. With a goal of 324, we collected 159 signed notes, 91 with socks, at SSTM. These are going to Students for Life along with our \$300.00 donation to help them meet their 323,999 SockIt2PP goal.

**Students for Life coordinators ask for prayers** as they continue courageously battling for Life on campuses. Their success stories continue mounting.



**Pregnant?  
Congratulations!  
Whose life  
do you carry?**



**THANK YOU** to **Thomas** and <http://footprintexhibits.com/> for our **big new double-sided banners** that measure 6 feet across. We use will our new banners at the Renton Cedar River Clinics and Kent Planned Parenthood.

**Kent Lent for Life: March 1 – April 8**  
in solidarity with national 40 Days for Life  
<http://ststephenslife.com/kent-lent-for-life>

A **Jericho Walk** opened our 40 days of prayer on Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. 16 walked with us on Day 7 (approximately 25% of 2016 participation).

**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**, an **8:30pm Candlelight Vigil at Kent Planned Parenthood** closes the 40 days of prayer vigils. <https://ststephenslife.com/documents/2017/3/closing2017v3.pdf> is the same flyer that was an SSTM April 2<sup>nd</sup> bulletin insert. Father Ed led 13 in prayer during the closing vigil.

This year's number of participants who signed up to stand hour-long vigils was less than in 2016. Passers-by let us know we were noticed, but there is little, if any, opportunity to interact with Planned Parenthood clients who enter by the front door to the building.

<https://ststephenslife.com/photoalbums/jericho-walk-march-7th-2017> has Kent Lent for Life Photos.

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**Defund Planned Parenthood Day, April 29**

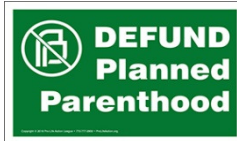


[www.protestpp.com](http://www.protestpp.com)

**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 – 11:00 AM**

**10056 S.E. 140<sup>th</sup> in Kent**



Help **stop taxpayer money** from going to **Planned Parenthood**, where **323,999 babies were killed last year!** See <https://ststephenslife.com/events/defund-planned-parenthood> for the flyer with details of the Kent event we are sponsoring. [www.protestpp.com](http://www.protestpp.com) offers information on the annual nationwide April Defund Planned Parenthood event. **Linda created a 2 minute 40 second video** and posted it to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EI4nbO49vo4>

We counted only **30 pro-life** friends at the **February 11<sup>th</sup>** national Defund Planned Parenthood Day rally in Kent. As reported in photos and text at [www.kentreporter.com/news/hundreds-attend-rallies-for-against-planned-parenthood-in-kent/?utm\\_source=hootsuite&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=socialmedia](http://www.kentreporter.com/news/hundreds-attend-rallies-for-against-planned-parenthood-in-kent/?utm_source=hootsuite&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=socialmedia) **ten times our number reacted to our message and came to protest it.**

We are asking Father Ed to help us bring at least 100 parishioners from St. Stephen and 100 from each of our neighboring parishes to the April 29<sup>th</sup> event. We will invite our friends from other areas to join us, the Eastside Pro-Life, the North Seattle Pro-Life parishes, and 40 Days for Life Tacoma. In addition, Gina suggests all extend personal invitations to friends.

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**Spiritual Adoptions**

The Spiritual Adoptions promotion begun last fall will conclude with a May ACCW drive to “shower” Pregnancy Aid with baby items to be collected at St. Stephen’s in May. Respect Life Ministry will buy the cake and help ACCW serve it with coffee after Masses May 27-28.



Gina, Lisa, and Kathleen plan games for families that will earn on-the-spot prizes of pieces of candy or little pro-life items for correct answers to game questions.

We have asked Father Ed’s approval and will seek his advice before ordering enough **Human Life Alliance (HLA) “Life Begins” comic books** (preview at <https://www.humanlife.org/product/life-begins/>) for all SSTM families with youngsters or grandchildren. Distributing these on the May 27-28 weekend may be good.

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**Miscellaneous**

- One of our members, Toni, needs a ride to/from our meetings, from near the intersection of Puget Drive and Grand. If you can offer Toni a ride, please e-mail [tStephenChoosesLife@yahoo.com](mailto:tStephenChoosesLife@yahoo.com).

- Watch [www.fpiw.org](http://www.fpiw.org) for updates to status of pending legislation impacting Life, families, and religious liberty. **Initiative #1552** (<https://justwantprivacy.org/>) will be on ballots if 330,000 signatures are gathered before July.
- **First Friday Movie & Food nights** will resume in 2017 (maybe in May) so we can preview pro-life videos, etc.
- Mary K proposes we produce a set of prayer cards for our ministry, similar to our 2016 “Mother of Life” cards. The new card will have a prayer that reflects our mission. What do we want this, our own prayer, to be?
- Gina printed brochures available for download from <https://ststephenslife.com/documents/2017/3/KentLentForLifeBrochure2017v2.pdf> (under the DOCUMENTS headings at <http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life> and <http://ststephenslife.com/kent-lent-for-life>) with area help info and distributed them to us, as she encourages everyone to give them to anyone who might need help.
- See <http://GetYourCare.org> for “reproductive health care” facilities that offer everything but abortion.
- We will make more **handout packets for our sidewalk prayer warriors**. Kathleen suggests we get a space accessible to all at SSTM (in the narthex?) where participants may pick up handouts for the sidewalk.
- Please watch our **SSTM Respect Life Ministry sites** for current information, downloadable meeting minutes, resources for sidewalk prayer warriors, and more: <http://ststephenslife.com/respect-life> <http://ststephenslife.com/kent-lent-for-life>. [www.facebook.com/StStephenProLife](http://www.facebook.com/StStephenProLife) <https://sites.google.com/site/respectlifecommittee> and <http://ststephensrespectlife.blogspot.com/>
- We will resume **study of “Theology of the Body”** next meeting. We have read “The Pope’s Thesis,” the first section describing St. John Paul II’s revolutionary concept of using the visible mystery of man and woman’s sexuality as a sign to the invisible mystery hidden in God. See <http://www.sjcursillo.org/theology%20of%20the%20body.pdf> for a downloadable version of the work.
- Debbie and Deacon Carl suggest learning more about **“Theology of the Body”** from these resources: ***YOU: Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body***, for youth by Brian Butler, Jason & Crystalina Evert <https://shop.ascensionpress.com/t/category/study-programs/teen-chastity/you>; and ***Theology of the Body Made Simple*** by Anthony Percy, <http://store.pauline.org/english/books/productid/2715#gsctab=0>
- Thank you to **Gina** for bringing cookies tonight.
- **Luise** appreciates our prayers. Please continue!

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**Closing**

We closed our meeting with a Hail Mary.



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**Next meeting April 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 PM (after 6:30 PM Mass) in the Copy Room**

