

# The Springfield Redeemer

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*"In the Lord's Hand  
is the soul of every  
living thing."  
Job 12:10*

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## A Tribute to Black History by Roberta D'Amico

The name Frederick Douglass is being talked about much these days. Some citizens are even using it to identify their political position, with good reason. Frederick Douglass was a man of conscience, a great patriot, orator, writer, and speaker of the 1800's, beginning even while still a slave.

Born approximately 1818 in Maryland, at age 8 he started to learn to read, until his teacher was forbidden to continue. It was believed that a man who could read was no longer fit to be a slave. However, he continued to teach himself. Soon he started a Sunday School to teach others. As he grew up, he was abused so badly that he was nearly broken, but he recovered and went on to escape.

He married and raised a family, and began speaking at anti-slavery rallies, becoming a powerful tool for abolition, and gained a reputation as a great writer and orator. Many people said since he was born a slave, he couldn't have possibly accomplished all these things, so when he was in his 20's, he

wrote his own autobiography.



Frederick Douglass

"Once you learn to read," Douglass said, "you will be free forever. The more I read, the more I was led to abhor and detest my enslavers."

Douglass was a true patriot, and believed in right and wrong. He knew how to talk to his people, his race, but also to white people, and our country's leaders. He fostered better relationships between races. He believed in our system of government, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights, but he wanted to make them a reality.

"If only America applied their own principles, the same ones as Frederick Douglass believed in," Pastor Cooley says, "we would be a more just country – a better place for all."

## Will This Be the Year We Stop Abortion? By Roberta D'Amico

Last month thousands of pro-life people converged on Washington D.C. It was the worst weather we have seen in many years for January 22, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. In spite of all the new knowledge



that we have, and the photos that we see of babies in the womb,

the medical profession is still cruelly killing them. This, in spite of the fact that they are dedicated to preserving life!

So the fight goes on. Again this year, in crippling blizzard conditions, we made our voices heard to our lawmakers. Not only does our government pay for abortions, using our tax dollars, but they oppose any efforts to allow Christians to refuse to participate in the abortion industry. Now we are in our 42nd year of this atrocity.

The battle is not over, and one of our most powerful

weapons, prayer, can be exercised daily, and especially during the 40 Days for Life. This is a pro-life campaign which happens twice a year, spring and fall. The next one begins March 5, and goes for 40 days, during which time people gather at the abortion centers to pray for babies to be saved, abortion providers to repent, and centers to be closed. There has been an increase in abortion closings this year. So keep praying.

***Abortion, a Cause for Weeping!***  
***By Joanne Abel***

"If I told you that over 55,000,000 American babies had intentionally been killed by their parents since its legalization in 1973, would that make you cry?" says Joanne. "I weep for the lost children of our country! Abortion truly is the ultimate form of bullying! And yet, that aspect is totally ignored."

What can you say when people ask why you are pro-life? The following are my reasons:

1.) It is un-American to murder our children. It violates the Declaration of Independence

which guarantees that "all are created equal..." and have the right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

2.) Abortion threatens the healthy birth-rate for our nation. For each child-bearing woman, 2.5 live births are needed to sustain our population. Because of abortion, we lack people to staff our military, pay into Social Security's funding of benefits for the elderly, and pay taxes to support our country.

3.) A father's rights and wishes are totally violated and ignored. In my own family I sat with a young man as he wept and pleaded for the life of his unborn child. His plea was ignored and his child was slaughtered the same day. He later attempted to end his life. Men should have a voice regarding their unborn children.

4.) Innocent children are killed to protect the guilty. Sometimes the child is conceived in a criminal act or at an inconvenient time in the lives of his parents. Why should the baby pay for the crimes/wrong choices of his father and

mother? Punishing the innocent is not Justice! Abortion is the true crime here!

5.) God's Word tells us to value and choose life. Deuteronomy 30:19 says "...I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing. Therefore, choose life, that you and your offspring may live."



As we further examine these reasons, we recognize that, in every case, the woman puts her own choice ahead of her child's life, the father's wishes, and the good of her country. She even disregards God, the Giver of all life.

We must defend the helpless in this great country. We must stop abortion in America!

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**~Save the Date: March for Jesus~**

**Saturday April 19, 2014**

**Meet at Holy Grounds Coffee House**

**10:30 am, rain or shine! We will march to City Hall for prayer.**

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***Ongoing Events at Holy Grounds Coffee House***

**March 1 & 15, Movie Nights @ Holy Grounds 6:30 PM**

**SUNDAY SERVICES 11AM & 2PM**

**MON THRU FRI MORNING BIBLE STUDY 7:30AM**

**TUES & THURS PRAYER 11AM**

**TUESDAY SOLID ROCK NIGHT MUSIC FORUM 7:00PM**

**WED BIBLE STUDY 4:30 & CELEBRATE RECOVERY 6:30 PM**

**SATURDAY LUNCH 2-4PM WEEKLY**

**1ST SAT MONTHLY MARRIAGE SEMINAR 4PM**

**~For more Information call 413-301-0918~**

**Open Mic Worship Nights**

**Saturday March 8 and 22,  
6:30 PM**

**Play Music, Read Scripture,  
Sing, Poetry, Testimonies**

*Share Your Talents!*