

St. Robert Bellarmine Church



*June 12th, 2016
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016
5:00 P.M. - Frank, Mary & Lawrence Juliano
SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016
7:00 A.M. - Reverend Anthony Lewandowski
9:00 A.M. - Mary O'Neill
11:00 A.M. - James Bradley ~ 36th Anniversary
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016
8:00 A.M. - Parishioners
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016
8:00 A.M. - James Peacock
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2016
8:00 A.M. - Josephine Colaiacovo
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016
8:00 A.M. - Anna Mackiewicz ~ 1st Anniversary
FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2016
8:00 A.M. - Mary Volpe
SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016
9:00 A.M. - Robert Upham ~ 28th Anniversary
5:00 A.M. - Father's Day Remembrances



SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2016
FATHER'S DAY
Mass Intentions are for
Father's Day Remembrances
7:00, 9:00, 11:00 A.M

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL *As we hear the Gospel today we realize that sometimes we are like Simon as it's far easier to see what is wrong in another than it is to see what is wrong in ourselves. But Jesus, who accepts the poor woman without judging or blaming her, show us what Christian love is all about.*
Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. The coins placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ love and compassion to the poor.



Please pray for our sick parishioners, relatives, and friends, especially:

Nicholas Chess	Frank Waltrich	Kevin McDevitt
Bill Zarkowski	Erica Sheehan	Kevin Christopher Fox
Diane Barbier	Marissa Nero	Rita Ann Leonard
John Barbier	Ed Barker	Andreas Shaftacolas
Dolores McGrath	Joe Ankenbrand	Christopher D'Souza
Pat Ganther	John Weigner	Margaret Prendergast
Stella Coyle	Carolyn Cole	Theresa Beisel
Jimmy McIntyre	Pat Reidy	Lucy McCabe
Margaret Snyder	Jared Callan	Bridget Anderson
Maria Altopiedi	Rose Bilotti	Michael McBride
Hazel Lynch	Paul Elmstorm	Joan McMahan
Mary Farano	Marie McBride	Ellyanna Stephens
Frank Wagner	Zachary Kind	Mark Whartenby
Robert McIntyre	Mary Pat Allen	Elizabeth Betz
Alex DiStefano	Michael Schirling, Sr.	
Teagan Sempowski		



In an effort to keep our prayer list current, all names will appear for 30 days and then will be automatically taken off. We are happy to keep a name on the list, just call the parish office or email strobertsecretary@verizon.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS (at a glance)

Jun 13 ~ Weekday Summer Mass Begins
~ Eucharistic Adoration ends for the summer
Jun 20 ~ Summer Prep



CLERGY/MUSIC SCHEDULE (6/18 & 6/19)

5:00 PM Fr. Stokely/ Cantor
7:00 AM Fr. Stokely
9:00 AM Fr. Cornely /Dcn. George Cantor
11:00 AM Msgr. Beisel Cantor
Subject to change without notice

OUR PARISH GIVING

Sunday (5/29/16): \$16,579
Online Bank Services Funds: \$2,060 in 42 envelopes
Year to Date Totals - Sunday Collections:
FY 2014-15 FY 2015-16 Difference
\$771,714 \$767,257 \$-4,457
(Fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30)



Thank you for your Sacrificial Generosity



The Eleventh Sunday


In Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

On this Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, as we continue the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the readings we heard proclaimed at Mass spoke eloquently of the remarkable mercy and forgiveness of God. Each Sunday, as we gather, we pray a Penitential Act that also proclaims God's mercy and forgiveness. This week, let our hearts be filled with joy and gratitude knowing we have a God who shows us mercy and, in return, share this mercy with others.

This week we begin our summer Mass schedule. Mass will be celebrated Monday through Friday at 8AM and Saturday at 9AM. This schedule will continue until September 12. For those who need to attend an earlier Mass, Nativity of Our Lord in Warminster provides a 6:30 AM Mass on most days throughout the summer. Please consult their website to confirm their Mass schedule.

Today we welcomed back to Saint Robert's Father Mark Cavara. We were delighted that he was able to celebrate the 9AM and 11AM Mass for all of you. Please continue to pray for Father Mark as he prepares to assume his first priestly assignment to Saint Anselm Parish in Northeast Philadelphia.

Next weekend, after all the Masses, we will bid a fond farewell to our beloved parochial vicar, Father John Patrick Stokely. A reception will be held in Monsignor Marley Hall which will provide you an opportunity to express your gratitude for his wonderful priestly ministry among us. Father will be leaving on Monday June 20th to assume his new duties as parochial vicar at Saint Elizabeth Parish in Chester Springs, PA. I will miss Father terribly as a co-minister and a happy and thoughtful house mate. I have been extremely blessed as a pastor to have, for the past nine years, newly ordained parochial vicars. Each one has brought his unique gifts and talents which I have delighted in sharing in and watching grow. Father John has been very special. His attentiveness and sheer delight in being a priest has been inspiring. He is a joy-filled messenger of God's Word and Sacraments, and I can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for him in the future. I teased him often that when he becomes a bishop, or someone even more important, that he remember his first pastor! **THANK YOU, FATHER JOHN! YOU WILL BE MISSED!**

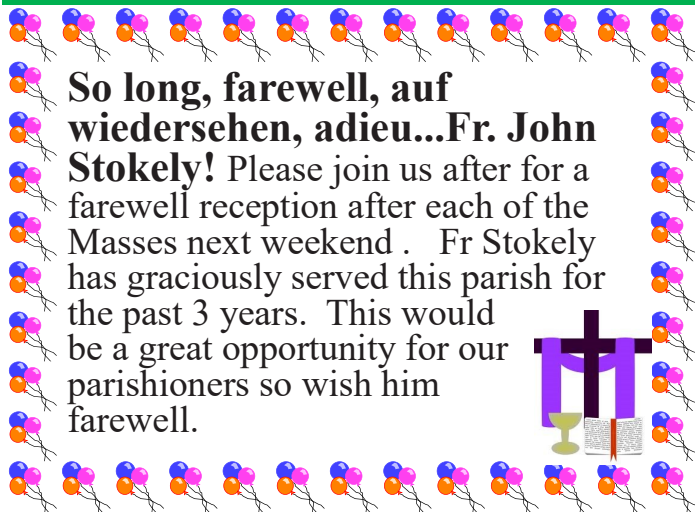
There is still time for your voice to be heard concerning HB 1947. Please be sure to contact your representative concerning this discriminatory bill. More information is contained in the bulletin.


May these days of summer provide a time for re-creation in the Lord!

Saint Robert Bellarmine, pray for us!

With prayers,

Monsignor Beisel


So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, adieu...Fr. John Stokely! Please join us after for a farewell reception after each of the Masses next weekend. Fr Stokely has graciously served this parish for the past 3 years. This would be a great opportunity for our parishioners so wish him farewell.



Dear Msgr. Beisel,

Thank you for your support of Our Lady's House. The moms are thrilled with the beautiful hand made blankets for their babies. May God continue to bless you and your parish.

Our Lady's House





SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

On December 31, 2014, 23 pieces of Pennsylvania State legislation were enacted that impact the way we prevent and report child abuse. As a result, all people who volunteer for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are required fulfill the following obligations:

CLEARANCES:

- ◆ PA State Police Criminal Record Check
- ◆ PA Department of Public Welfare Child Abuse Clearance Check
- ◆ Federal History Fingerprint Clearance ~ ONLY if you lived outside of PA within the last 10 years
Go to childyouthprotection.org
select Staff & Volunteers,
then select Checks & Clearances

*** **MUST BE RENEWED EVERY 5 YEARS** ***

- ◆ Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers
Go to childyouthprotection.org
select Staff & Volunteers,
then select Information for Volunteers

TRAINING:

- ◆ Safe Environment Training
- ◆ Technology Addendum
- ◆ Mandated Reporter Training
- ◆ Signed Mandated Reporter Acknowledgement Form
Go to childyouthprotection.org
select Staff & Volunteers,
then select Required Training

YES! IT'S PICNIC TIME AGAIN!

NOTE: This year's Picnic will be held at Archbishop Wood High School due to construction at St. Robert.

St. Robert Bellarmine Church will host a gala picnic for physically challenged people. When: Saturday, July 9th from 11:00AM to 7:00PM. This is the annual event which the late Father John Nees started 48 years ago.

All you volunteers who have helped in the past: it's time to sign up again! People who have not volunteered: think about donating one or two hours at this one-day-a-year party. Volunteers and guests enjoy a day of music, food, and games. We need over 100 volunteers to make this picnic a success!

The Physically Challenged Picnic is in need of a chairperson and co-chairperson for the ladies and men's restroom for the day of the picnic, Saturday, July 9. In fact, most of the chairpersons are past retirement age and we truly need additional help. There are usually 2 short meetings each year, and the 1 day of the Picnic. Please consider becoming a chairperson. To continue this picnic, we need to replace the chairpersons who want to retire. Most of these chairpersons have volunteered at all 47 past picnics. If we do not get new chairpeople soon, this picnic cannot be continued.



Sign-up sheets will be available after all Masses this weekend and next weekend. Also, donated desserts will be needed and greatly appreciated. Please volunteer.

Need info? Call Brian Paris 215.674.8952, Jim Cantwell 215.343.3539, jimcantwell1@verizon.net or Gretchen Kempf 267.337.4154.

FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

Please call the parish office with the name and branch for relatives who are on active duty.

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS :

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. AMEN



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

US Navy:

*Michael W. Zarkowski
Barbara Ann Mullen
Jenny Malandra
Joshua Velas*

*Edward W. Devinney II
Connor Fitzgerald
John Wurtenberg III*

US Army:

*Rev. Stephen Mc Dermott
Danny Pritchard
Michael McBride
Matthew Sawaya
Dylan DeMent*

*Robert F. Leimer
Keith Carter
Ryan T. Krawczyk
Philip Mc Cusker
Gerry McGowan*

US Coast Guard:

*Brendan Williams
Todd J. Warga*

Daniel Moschitti

USMC:

*Joseph Mc Menamin
Daniel Harvey
Clint Hajek
Anthony Taylor
Michael Malandra
Nicholas Sabatini
Mark Geib*

*James McMenamin
Elizabeth Harvey
Leo J. Keller Jr.
Mark Piccirelli
Lisa Ann Burgy
Patrick Kilkenny*

US Air Force:

*Karl Weinbreckt
Max J. Sempowski
Anthony Comtois
Thomas Rook*

*Francis Lemma
Michael Sempowski
Andrew J. Velas*

ST. ROBERT'S EP'S

JUNE 14th: EATING IN: Bring own wine, cheese and hors d'oeuvres to share with your table mates. Check to the Physically Challenged Picnic Committee.



GAME: Bingo if enough interest
New members ALWAYS WELCOME to join us at 10:30 am in Msgr. Marley Hall for coffee and donuts before meeting at 11:00am.

Thanks to those who supported us at Giuseppe's.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS Next Class –



Tuesday, July 12th at 7:00 pm in chapel. Pre-registration is necessary in order to attend the class. No date for Baptism can be set until parents fulfill this requirement.

Parents and Godparents should register for this class as soon as they know of the upcoming birth, and always prior to the actual birth of the child. Register by calling the parish office between 9a & 4p weekdays. Classes are held every other month - Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov.

ST. ROBERT PREP PROGRAM

Phone: 215.343.9433

INCOMING 1ST GRADE & NEW FAMILY REGISTRATION

New families moving into the parish as well as new 1st graders are asked to register as soon as possible. Please contact our office to set up a time to come in and register. We look forward to having you with us in our program.

RE-REGISTRATION AND TUITION

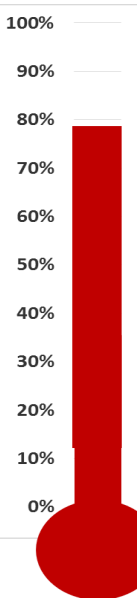
Current Fall families are reminded that all forms and tuition fees are due no later than Monday, June 13th.

Letters containing classroom placement as well as other important information will be mailed to all registered families around the 3rd week of August. Classes begin on Monday, September 12th.



THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL FOR 2016

"A NEW VISION" In this Year of Mercy our Holy Father, Pope Francis, exhorts us to be merciful. He reminds us, "God's mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn...inspiring each of us to love our neighbor and to devote ourselves to what the Church's tradition calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy."



In this Year of Mercy the CCA'S **NEW VISION** takes on a bigger challenge as the Appeal goal has been increased from last year's goal of \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 in order to reach out to more of those in need. The Appeal helps to **FEED, CLOTHE, SHELTER, COUNSEL, INSTRUCT and COMFORT** through the five key areas of focus; **EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES, EVANGELIZATION, CLERGY and MISSION ACTIVITIES.**

We are currently at 78% of our \$65,364 goal with a total of \$50,946 from 346 donors. We are just 22% away from meeting our parish goal. If even another 50% of our parishioners made a pledge or contribution we could easily make our goal and

possibly exceed it. For those of you who have already made your pledge or contribution, we thank you for your generosity and support for this very worthy cause.

Should you have any questions please contact the Appeal office at 215.587.3650 or visit www.CatholicCharitiesAppeal.org

June 12, 2016

The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament
request the honor of your presence at a



Celebration
of Gratitude for
125 Years of Service
1891 - 2016

Sharing the Bread in the Footsteps of a Saint

**At the Motherhouse Grounds & National Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel
1663 Bristol Pike * Bensalem, PA 19020**

Saturday, July 9 10am - 6pm

- Native American music & dance
- Book signing by Cordelia Biddle - author *Saint Katharine: The life of Katharine Drexel*
- Meet Robert Gutherman & members of the Wall Family (recipients of miracles through intercessions of St. Katharine)
- And more....

**Sunday, July 10 10am Celebration of the Eucharist
Most Reverend Curtis J. Guillory, SVD**

- Book signing by Lou Baldwin - author of *St. Katharine Drexel, Apostle to the Oppressed*

R.S.V.P. by June 24 to <http://tinyurl.com/125RSVP> or 215.244.9900 x238 or www.KatharineDrexel.org

RESPECT LIFE

There is no more important issue than restoring the protection of the law to pre-born infants. The future of America depends on it.

A BABY'S BREATH

600 Louis Drive; Ste. 260B, Lower Level
Warminster, PA 18974 - 267/275-4097

HOURS

Monday: 1pm to 3:30 pm & 5:30 to 8pm

Wednesday: 1 pm to 3:30 pm

Friday: 9:30am to 12 noon

(Other times available by appointment)

24 HOUR PHONE LINE

(Registered Nurse attending) 484/571-5540

email: help@babysbreath.org

We supply hope for mothers/fathers/families in crisis pregnancies & continued support for new mothers.

FREE Pregnancy Tests & Pregnancy Counseling
FREE GED Training/Tutoring
Pre-Natal and Parenting Classes

**Bucks Co. Pro-Life Coalition 5K Run/Walk
Sat., June 25 @ 9am Peace Valley Park
Creek Road, Doylestown, PA**

Benefits: Bucks Co Pro-Life Coalition Pregnancy Homes & Counseling Centers

More info or to register contact Ellen @ ellen.gifford@gmail.com

(Virtually 95% of the proceeds from this event go directly to the pregnancy care centers and homes. The other 5% is used for expenses or advertising, insurance and the cost of the venue.)

Parish Youth Ministry

Mrs. Barbara Palo (Director of Teen Ministry—mompalo@aol.com) • Facebook: St. Robert Teen Ministry Program



WORLD YOUTH DAY STATESIDE

Can't go to Poland to celebrate World Youth Day with Pope Francis?
Celebrate in the US!
July 30 & 31, 2016
Lancaster, PA

www.hbgdiocese.org/wydstateside

Hosted by: Lancaster Catholic High School/Diocese of Harrisburg
& Clipper Magazine Stadium

ONLY \$175 until APRIL 30 (Sunday only ticket is \$50).

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Main Celebrant for Closing Mass:

BISHOP EDWARD MALESIC-Diocese of Greensburg

Featuring Special Guests: CEILI RAIN, SEAN PATRICK MALLOY & more!



MANNA

The Manna Food drive will take place the weekend of July 9 & 10. Save July 11th to help with delivery, sorting and dating of the donated goods.

Our last get together before we travel to New York for the Steubenville Summer Youth Conference was held at St Bede's in Holland. It was a time to pray, and socialize with others attending the conference. A great eveningonly 2 weeks to go....



Summer Book Club

Beautiful Mercy: Experiencing God's Unconditional Love So We Can Share It With Others is a collection of inspiring stories on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy compiled by Dynamic Catholic (Matthew Kelly). In the end we all need God's mercy. "In this Jubilee Year, may the Church echo the word of God that resounds strong and clear as a message and a sign of pardon, strength, aid, and love. May she never tire of extending mercy, and be patient in offering compassion and comfort. May the Church become the voice of every man and woman, and repeat confidently without end: 'Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from old'" (Psalm 25:6)."

Pope Francis



We will have two book discussions:

Part One: The Corporal Works of Mercy

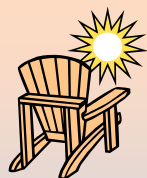
Wednesday, June 15 @ 7:00—8:00 PM

Part Two: the Spiritual Works of Mercy

Wednesday, June 22 @ 7:00—8:00 PM

In School Library

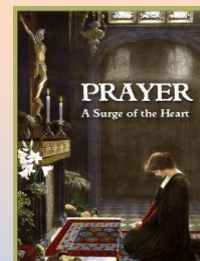
To register, call or email Joan Fitzpatrick (jfitzaff2@verizon.net). Books are available for whoever would like to purchase a copy in the back of church or at the parish for \$5.00 each. Join us as we continue to celebrate the Year of Mercy!



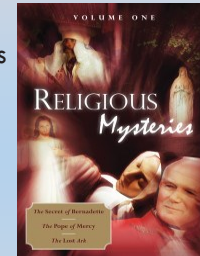
Faith enriching opportunities for the Summer at FORMED:

Movie—**PRAYER: A Surge of the Heart**

Finding time to pray can be difficult. Modern life is very busy with so many distractions at every turn and there's always another job to be done. This inspiring presentation challenges us to make more time for God in our lives and highlights the importance of an ever-deepening life of prayer. It looks at the true meaning of prayer, the different types of prayer and how we can grow in our spiritual lives. It addresses how to overcome difficulties and temptations, how to find inspiration in the lives of the saints, the centrality of the Holy Mass, and the ultimate goal of prayer.



Movie—**RELIGIOUS MYSTERIES** (2 Volumes) This new documentary film series presents investigations into intriguing mysteries connected with the stories and history of famous Catholic saints, apparitions, Popes, and holy places, and some amazing findings from these studies.



Plus— More movies, video programs, books and CDs covering many topics of our Catholic Faith

**Not yet registered for FORMED??? Help us to reach
100 members by June 30!!!**

**Go to www.formed.org. and go to Sign-Up. St. Robert's Parish Code
is 46KPWV. You will then be asked to register.**

Who should sign-up? EVERYONE!! Being formed in our faith is a lifelong journey. We are all looking for ways to understand our faith and live it out each and everyday. There are resources for parents, young adults, seniors, everybody!!!



Curious about the Catholic Faith?

If you or someone you know is curious about becoming Catholic, you are invited to come and explore your questions. We are currently forming an inquiry group to discuss and answer any questions you might have about what Catholic are all about. The gathering will be in the parish office on Tuesday, June 28th. This a very informal group and there is no obligation. If you'd like to join us, please call or email Joan Fitzpatrick: 215.343.0315 /jfitzaff2@verizon.net. If you would just like to talk, please call.

House Bill HB 1947 – Part 1

by Fr. Charles Zlock on May 22, 2016

I wish to discuss with you, a bill that is currently working its way through the Harrisburg legislature that potentially could have a significant – and devastating – impact on the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and on the individual parishes.

Let me clearly state that the protection of our children is of the highest priority – and child abuse has no place, in our places of worship, in our schools, in sports programs or in families. Prevention and accountability is now part of our Catholic Culture. Our zero-tolerance policy guides our response to any allegations and any allegations are immediately referred to law enforcement.

The Church has accepted the responsibility for abuse that occurred within her ranks. For example, last year alone, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia spent \$1.7 million on victim support. The child protection policies and procedures in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are at a threshold that is higher than the standards set by law.

The church is not against prosecuting criminal sex abuse against children. Anyone who abuses a child, priest or parent, coach or consecrated religious sister, should be arrested, tried and, if found guilty, sentenced for that crime.

Despite these efforts, last month, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives passed Pennsylvania HB 1947 by a significant margin. The results of a recent Grand Jury, which revealed cases of child abuse in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, was a major factor in moving this legislation through the House.

Over the next few weeks I will provide more details about this bill and the potential impact it would have on the Catholic Church and on St. Monica. For now let me offer a few points:

SOL Reform
Reform the Statute of Limitations on Child Sex Abuse
to Identify Hidden Predators and Increase Access to Justice
Professor Marci A. Hamilton © Copyright 2016 Marci A. Hamilton

Home FAQ News Resources

PUSH FOR A COALITION FOR A NATIONAL COMMISSION ON CHILD SEX ABUSE

Here is What is Happening in Your State

SURVEY OF CIVIL STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

Best for Survivors / Worst for Predators

DOWNLOAD SILOS CHART

INCLUDES LIST OF:
• Pending and Enacted Bills
• States with NO Criminal SOL
• States with NO Civil SOL
• SOL Revival Legislation Enacted

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50 STATE CHART: MAJORITY & CONSENT AGE

State	Age of Majority	Age of Consent
AL	19	16
AK	18	16
AZ	18	16
AR	18	16
CA	18	16
CO	18	16
CT	18	16
DE	18	16
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GA	18	16
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CONSENT		



This legislature is part of a long-term national strategy to go after the financial assets of the Catholic Church. Law firms have placed states, like Pennsylvania, on a scale – rating which states are “Best for Survivors” and which are “Worst for Survivors” (see screen shot). PA ranks 4th out of 6 categories. What is behind this legislation is the goal to move Pennsylvania, and other states, into categories where the legal environment is more conducive to significant lawsuits against the church.

This Bill is patently unfair. The statute of limitations (SOL) for civil actions arising from childhood sexual abuse would be extended from the victim’s age 30 to victim’s age 50. *However*, the expansion of the statute of limitations for civil claims would have *no practical impact on public entities (such as Catholic children attending public schools)*, since these entities will continue to benefit from “sovereign immunity/governmental immunity.”

Why is this important? Because the overwhelming majority of Catholic school children attend public schools and any “Catholic” students abused while attending public schools would not receive the same legal coverage under this bill as students in Catholic schools.

An example of unfair discrepancy of this was provided. In one major city, in one year, 960 abuse cases were filed. 16 or 1.6% involved the Catholic Church. Public school teachers were involved. Concerning the public school teachers: All were moved to a different school.

- None were fired.
- No cases were reported to law enforcement.
- Some even received positive recommendations.

Look at:

- A 2004 U.S. Department of Education report.
- Federal Legislation which had been proposed by Pennsylvania Pat Toomey

This bill could have a devastating impact on the archdiocese and even local parishes. Look Back” legislation like this was passed in Delaware. Recall the statistic I stated above, where relatively few (1.6%) of child abuse cases in one city in one year actually involved the Catholic Church? Nevertheless, in Delaware, once the “Look Back Legislation was passed,” 183 cases were actually filed in Delaware and 151 (or 83%) were specifically brought against the Catholic Church. (Diocese of Wilmington – Impact of 2007 “Lookback” Legislation about the impact of

2007 “Lookback” Legislation about the impact of this “Look Back Legislation in Delaware). The results:

- \$120M were paid to claimants.
- **26 individual parishes were sued, 17 with parish schools.**
- A school were closed.
- 10% of the diocesan workforce was laid off.

The diocese lost \$45M in their “Diocesan Foundation” (similar to the Philadelphia Connolly foundation) which had been used to provide grants, subsidies to poorer parishes, schools and other ministries.

The Diocese of Wilmington eventually declared bankruptcy which meant that they had to pay for defense lawyers, plaintiff lawyers, court fees, creditors, legal fees, expert testimony witnesses.

Several Misconceptions:

Misconception #1: Statues of Limitations are a bad thing. Details fade and memories from 30, 40, 50 years ago cannot be considered reliable. The idea of “Repressed Memory” has been debunked by the medical community and rejected by the courts. Nevertheless this idea continues to be seen, and proposed as valid, in litigation discussions as well as in the media.

Misconception #2: “The Church is fighting this from preventing victims from their day in court.” No we’re not. The Church supports prosecuting criminal sex abuse against children. But we support law that brings ALL child abusers to court. ALL children who have been abused have the right to have their day in that court, not just a specifically selected group (students in Catholic schools) while an entire – and significant – other group of child abuse victims (Catholic children attending public schools) never receive justice.

Misconception #3: “This bill is about fairness.” No, it’s not. There is an idea that this bill is being proposed to support all victims equally. Catholic children in public schools and public institutions do not benefit from this bill in the same way, in fact they are hindered from bringing cases to justice.

Misconception #4: “The Roman Catholic Church is sitting on significant assets and therefore has substantial financial reserves to give to victims of child abuse. And since the money is there, we can and we should take it from them.” Many of our assets are buildings, grounds, pension funds, etc... The Catholic Church is not sitting on a large “pile of cash” that can easily be liquidated.

Misconception #5: “The Catholic Church is not assisting victims.” That is false. For example, last year alone, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia spent \$1.7 million on victim support.

Misconception #6: Cases of sexual abuse within the Catholic Church continue to be featured in the media. The misconception is that these cases are recent and current and that significant sexual abuse continues today. This is not true. The majority of the cases being discussed in the paper are former cases from years ago.

Closing Points:

1. In the media, and in Harrisburg, there is a constant, consistent and nebulous reference to “**the church**” when discussing this issue. You are the church! This legislation is going to directly impact you.
2. There is a lot of anti-Catholic vitriol that is being perpetrated, stoked by the media and used by people and institutions who will harm to the Catholic church. Unfortunately there is **no counter-voice** being heard.
3. **This issue is urgent!** The bill is has already passed the House and is currently under consideration in the Senate Judicial Committee. There is strong pressure being put on our legislators to bring this legislature to the Senate Floor soon for a vote (possibly as soon as June of this year).
4. **This is a bad, unfair and flawed bill.** I am asking you to specifically write to your Pennsylvania Senator and Representative and tell them to repeal this legislation.



Please contact our State Senator by mail or email. The contact information is

below as well as a suggested note:

Sen. Stewart J. Greenleaf
711 N. York Rd, Suite 1
Willow Grove, PA 19090
215.657.7700
sgreenleaf@pasen.gov

June 12, 2016

Subject: Oppose Unfair Retroactive Statutes of Limitation Amendments

I strongly urge you to oppose legislation that would retroactively nullify the statute of limitations for filing a civil lawsuit alleging childhood sexual abuse, especially if it does not apply to private and public institutions equally. Pennsylvania's 3 million Catholics cannot afford to defend their parishes and Catholic schools from expensive and unfair lawsuits that are 20, 30 or 40 years old, long after the perpetrator and possible witnesses have died or clear evidence is gone. Bankrupting the parishes, schools, and ministries of today's Catholics that benefit our community will not provide healing nor protect children.

Sexual abuse is a serious crime that affects every institution and community in Pennsylvania, public and private. Because of its gravity, it needs to be dealt with comprehensively and fairly. Vote no on unfair statute of limitations amendments.

Sincerely, [your name]

IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

WEEKEND MASSES Saturday: Vigil 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	WEEKDAY MASSES 7:00 & 9:00 am - Monday/Friday 9:00 am - Saturday Summer: Weekday - 8:00 am Saturday - 9:00 am	HOLY DAYS (Except Christmas & New Years) 7:00 am & 9:00 am 12:00 noon 7:00 pm	CONFESSIONS Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 pm PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm Closed on Holy Days
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

First & third Sundays of the month at 12:15 pm. Baptism Classes for parents and godparents are held on an announced day in January, March, May, July, September and November at 7 pm in the Church. Call the Parish Office to pre-register.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

You must be a registered member of the Parish and must notify the priest **at least six months** prior to your marriage date. Visit the parish website for detailed information **Pre-Cana classes (2nd Sat. in March. & 2nd Sat. in November) are required.** Contact Parish Office or visit the parish website for registration forms. Forms are due 2 weeks prior to the Pre-Cana Class.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Available to those who are preparing for surgery, sick, elderly or dying. Please contact the parish office to receive this sacrament.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration - **Each Monday (except Summer & National Holidays)** after the 9 am Mass, with simple Reposition (No Benediction) at 4 pm. **At 3 pm the Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited.**

COMMUNION CALLS

Monthly to homebound by the priests. Weekly - Extraordinary Ministers if requested. In an Emergency a Priest Should Be Called Immediately call parish office and dial 400.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome new parishioners! Please ask one of the priests after a weekend Mass to register your family. Please notify the parish office if you are moving from the parish or if you have changed your address. Also, Children who turn 26 years of age, or have completed higher education and continue to reside with in our area, should become individually registered parishioners.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

All parish staff and volunteers who have **regular contact with young people** must have their background checks and training to volunteer with our youth. **For more details look in the bulletin or visit our website, click on Community, then Safe environment. It will direct you to the Child and Youth Protection Site.**

BULLETIN DEADLINE - Monday 11am - Turn in material typed, with your name & phone number at the parish office or stroberty@verizon.net.

PARISH RESOURCES

Adult Faith Formation	Joan Fitzpatrick	215-343-0315
Afghan Guild	Claire Coleman	215-343-2299
Al-Anon Contact		215-222-5244
Altar Servers	Deacon George Morris	215-343-0315
Bereavement Committee	Joan Fitzpatrick	215-343-0315
Bloodmobile	Mary Marquis	215-343-8635
Catholic Charities	Bill Fehrman	215-343-1752
Charismatic Prayer Group	Dolores Seif	215-343/8775
Christ's Housekeepers	Patricia Neely	215-343-2873
Crisis Pregnancy	24 Hour Hotline	610-626-4006
E.P.'s (Seniors)	Jack Forbes	215-343-1625
Extraordinary Ministers	Deacon George Morris	215-343-0315
Family Fellowship	Bob Abecasis	215-343-8113
Knights of Columbus	Rob Hessler	215-491-0648
Liturgical Environment	Joan Fitzpatrick	215-343-0315
Men's Prayer Group	Norman Racine	267-968-5905
Minister of Hospitality	Peter Vreeland	215-343-2091
Ministers of the Word	Deacon George Morris	215-343-0315
Mother's Prayer Group	Chris Trodden	215-491-2542
Msgr. Marley Hall	Jonathan DeMent	215-421-4407
Music Ministry	Kevin Lutz	Kevinlutz920@yahoo.com
Parish Youth Ministry	Barb Palo	215-343-2083
Pastoral Council	Tom Utermark	215-343-9528
Pre-Cana Brian/	Colleen Zook	267-483-8409
Pre-Jordan/RCIA	Joan Fitzpatrick	215-343-0315
Prison Ministry	Ray Rugarber	215-672-7678
Respect Life	Len Cline	215-343-4572
St. Cyprian	Patti Hessler	(cell)267-250-5721
St. John's Hospice	Msgr. James Beisel	215-343-0315
St. Francis Inn	Candy Bakasy	215-343-1002
St. Vincent De Paul Society (Answering machine)		267-644-8189
Vocation Office - Priesthood	Fr. De Lacy	610-667-5778
Visiting Mary Statue	Bernadette Repisky	267-261-4612

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

(Elected Position)	Joann Crescenzo	215/491-4288
<i>Pastoral issues to be discussed?</i>	Sheila Fehrman	215/343-1752
	Joanne Galganski	215/343-4173
	Bill Gibbons	215/343-4066
	Ginny McDevitt	215/343-3362
Contact one of the members.	Amy Moffett	215/343-5436
	Betty Santoro	215/343-6747
	Mike Speranza	215/956-9769
	Joe Tate	267/808-4913
	Tom Utermark	215/343-9528
	Brian Zook	267/483-8409

FINANCE COUNCIL:

(Appointed Position)	Carol Bauman
	Thomas Castaldi
	Ed Clark
	Kirk Clauss
	John Del Vecchio
	Terry Funk
	Robin Killion
	Elmer O'Brien
	Frederick Reed
	Susan Westermann

