

# *St. Robert Bellarmine Church*



*June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016*  
*Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
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Parochial Vicar

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**Mrs. Barbara Palo**

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**Mr. James Crumlish**

Facilities Supervisor

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016**

5:00 P.M. - William H. Wallace

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016**

7:00 A.M. - Fr. John Foster

9:00 A.M. - Thomas Drake

11:00 A.M. - Pat & Fiore Schena ~ 63<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016**

7:00 A.M. - Donald Wilkinson

9:00 A.M. - Dave Mekel ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2016**

7:00 A.M. - Clara Flowers

9:00 A.M. - Nate Sabatino ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016**

7:00 A.M. - Mary Williams

9:00 A.M. - James Peacock ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016**

7:00 A.M. - Parishioners

9:00 A.M. - Joseph Bilbee ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2016**

7:00 A.M. - Emily & Edward Fitzgerald

9:00 A.M. - George Upham ~ 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016**

9:00 A.M. - Nora Cline ~ 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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 ~ 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



### ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

*In the Gospel we see how Jesus was moved with pity and said to the widow, "Do not cry," and the people knew that "God had visited his people."*

**When you hear the cries of the poor and reach out to help them, deep in their hearts the poor know that "God has visited them."**



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

Nicholas Chess	Frank Waltrich	Kevin McDewitt
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 McMahon
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](mailto:strobertsecretary@verizon.net).

### UPCOMING EVENTS (at a glance)

**Jun 6 ~ SJR Pre-K Closing**  
~ Last Day of Eucharistic Adoration

**Jun 7 ~ SJR Kindergarten Closing**

**Jun 8 ~ SJR 8th Grade Graduation**



### CLERGY/MUSIC SCHEDULE ( 6/11 & 6/12)

**5:00 PM** Msgr. Beisel/Dcn. George **Cantor**

**7:00 AM** Fr. Stokely

**9:00 AM** Fr. Cavara

**Cantor**

**11:00 AM** Fr. Cavara

**Cantor**

*Subject to change without notice*

### OUR PARISH GIVING

**Sunday (5/29/16): \$11,947**

**Online Bank Services Funds: \$1,125 in 26 envelopes**

### Year to Date Totals - Sunday Collections:

**FY 2014-15 FY 2015-16 Difference**

**\$754,445**

**\$750,678**

**\$3,767**

(Fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30)

**Thank you for your Sacrificial Generosity**



Dear Friends,

## The Tenth Sunday



In Ordinary Time

We start the annual long stretch of Ordinary Time with the scriptures recounting for us two stories of miraculous resuscitation. Two young men are brought back to life; their widowed mothers, threatened with destitution, have had their sons and their own lives restored. Such is the graciousness of God that each gift has repercussions that extend like ripples into the world. As we are rapidly approaching the summer season of abundant life and growing things, our celebration today reminds us of the preciousness of life. Let us be thankful, as we travel around this week, for such beauty and the wonderful gift of nature God has given us!

We have a very serious challenge before us. On June 14th the Senate in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will be voting on House Bill 1947. This bill, if passed into law, will open the Statute of Limitation for civil suits associated with child abuse **for private institutions only**. This bill is fundamentally flawed because it fails to protect children in public institutions from filing civil suits for past childhood abuse. The law will protect children in public institutions only going forward. In essence, this bill is primarily aimed at the Catholic Church. This movement, generated by lawyers throughout the country, has in essence bankrupted dioceses in many states. Many of the civil cases that will be initiated will go back so long in history that it will be impossible for a fair trial to occur. This will mean settlements will be negotiated for lack of clear evidence. This will have a devastating effect for the mission and ministry of the Church throughout the state. It is imperative that you reach out to express your concern about this unfair and discriminatory law that is being proposed. In this bulletin there will be more information and resources for you to make your voice heard. If we do not speak out against this movement, every Catholic entity in the commonwealth, including every parish, may be fodder for major payouts to lawyers, and a small percentage to the victim. Please visit the website [www.pacatholic.org](http://www.pacatholic.org) for more information and action. This is a serious matter that needs our immediate attention.

As was announced two weeks ago, Father John Stokely, our beloved parochial vicar, will be leaving us to assume another assignment at Saint Elizabeth Parish in Chester Springs, PA. Father will be the first parochial vicar this parish has ever had, and they are getting the best, as I am sure you would agree! Father will be leaving us on Monday, June 20th. There will be a reception after each Mass on the weekend of June 18-19 in Monsignor Marley Hall. This will provide everyone the opportunity to say goodbye and thank you for his ministry among us for these past three years.

Next weekend, June 12th, Father Mark Cavara will return to be with us to celebrate the 9AM and 11AM Masses. There will be a reception after these Masses in Monsignor Marley Hall to congratulate Father Cavara and to receive a blessing from him as a newly ordained priest.

Father Matthew Biedrzycki, a newly ordained priest, will be our new parochial vicar beginning on Monday, June 20th. Father comes to us from his home parish, Saint Martha, in Northeast Philadelphia. We look forward to welcoming Father and I know you will express your usual welcome to him as he begins his priestly ministry among us.

Our parish school will close this Friday, June 10th with Mass at 9AM in church. Our eight grade students will graduate with a Mass on Wednesday evening, June 8th at 7PM. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate our graduates from Saint Joseph/Saint Robert School and wish them much success as they go forth from us to pursue further education in several of our surrounding high schools. I also want to congratulate their parents who have supported our efforts to provide a Catholic education for their children. Also, to our administration, faculty and staff of SJR, many thanks for your exemplary work this past year! We have a wonderful school thanks to so many dedicated people! Enjoy the summer!

The month of June is dedicated to prayers for all of our parish fathers. In the prayer box before the Holy Family statue are the intentions of all the fathers whose names have been submitted on the Father's Day Remembrances. These men will be remembered in prayer throughout the month. On Father's Day all the Sunday Masses will be celebrated with them in mind. May the Lord bless and protect our fathers, both living and dead!

Saint Robert Bellarmine, pray for us!

With prayers,

Monsignor Beisel





## OFFICE FOR CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

### 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](http://childyouthprotection.org)

select Staff & Volunteers,  
then select Checks & Clearances

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

- ◆ Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers

Go to [childyouthprotection.org](http://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](http://childyouthprotection.org)

select Staff & Volunteers,  
then select Required Training

### FOOD DRIVE FOR ST. CYPRIAN FOOD PANTRY

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for St. Cyprian Parish's food pantry the weekend of June 18th & 19th. Please place your bagged food items in the narthex after all Masses that weekend. Suggested food items are: complete meals in a box, canned meats (ham, chicken), canned tuna, canned soups/stews/potatoes/fruits/vegetables/milk, complete-just add water pancake mix, pancake syrup, coffee, powdered coffee creamer, dry milk, Gatorade, juice (other than apple, which is donated from another source), peanut butter, pasta sauce (only need sauce-pasta is donated from another source), boxed potatoes, crackers, cereal, pop tarts, animal crackers, pretzels, cookies, lunch box size puddings, juice boxes and snacks. Pop-up cans and items that can be micro waved are helpful.

If you have any questions, please call Patti Hessler 267.250.5721.



### 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 Weinbrecht  
Max J. Sempowski  
Anthony Comtois  
Thomas Rook

Francis Lemma  
Michael Sempowski  
Andrew J. Velas

### ST. ROBERT'S EP'S

**JUNE 7th:** EP Board meeting 10 am Msgr.

Marley Hall



**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.

### Congratulations to Fr. Mark Cavara on his ordination!

Fr. Cavara will be with us on June 12th to celebrate Mass for us! There will be a reception after the 9 AM and 11AM Masses in Monsignor Marley Hall that day to give you an opportunity to receive a blessing from Father Cavara and to extend your congratulations and best wishes to him as he embarks on his priestly ministry.



## ST. ROBERT PREP PROGRAM

Phone: 215.343.9433

### INCOMING 1<sup>ST</sup> 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.



## ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL NEWS

Phone: 215.343.5100

Web: [www.stjstr.org](http://www.stjstr.org)

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. JASTER



**APPLE OF MY EYE:** Congratulations to the following students who were recognized for doing something good: Luke Peddicord, Ashley Ferrese, Maggie Dixon, William Stefanik and Ava Cole.



### "Mentor Family" Volunteers Requested

We are kindly requesting that our families that have children going into Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade consider becoming a "Mentor Family". This is a wonderful opportunity to provide a warm welcome to our new families and keep in touch throughout the year as activities are scheduled. Please refer to the "Mentor Family" guidelines attached to this week's communication. Please contact Kathy Williamson at [kwilliamson@stjstr.org](mailto:kwilliamson@stjstr.org) to confirm your interest in participation. Thank you for your support and have a wonderful summer of family fun.

### GOD BLESS YOU, FATHER GRANT! : Father

James Grant, pastor emeritus of St. Joseph parish, is celebrating his Golden Jubilee of the priesthood this month. Father Grant will return to St. Joseph parish to celebrate the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to share in this special occasion! (In addition, Father Grant's classmates, Monsignor Bolger and

Father Duffy, are also celebrating their Jubilees!)



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! :** We will not be in school to celebrate Father's Day, but I would be remiss if I did not thank our fathers for the special role they play in the lives of our children. I think this quote sums up my feelings:

*"A Dad is a son's first hero and a daughter's first love." Enjoy your special day!*

**JUST A THOUGHT:** Our 2015 - 2016 school year is rapidly coming to a close. As we look forward to days of sunshine and a more relaxed routine, let's not forget that we are witnesses to our faith each moment of each day. I hope the following words of Pope Francis will remain with you throughout the summer: "Find new ways to spread the Word of God to every corner of the world" (Pope Francis) Wherever you are this summer, remember to spread the Good News by words and deeds!

Have a wonderful summer!



**Please Join Us at a...**  
**Memorial Tribute Fundraiser**

 **Italian Dinner**

**Saturday, June 11 ~ 7:15 PM**

Following a 6:30 PM Memorial Mass  
in Celebration of the Life of  
**Leo "the Lion" Dennis (2014 to 2016)**



**St. Robert Bellarmine Monsignor Marley Hall**  
**856 Euclid Avenue, Warrington PA**

**\$35 per Person**  
**\$60 per Couple**  
**\$20 per Child < 12**  
**\$100 per Family of 4 +**

Register online:  
[www.wagdogs.com/leo](http://www.wagdogs.com/leo)

Donations welcome if  
you cannot attend

**Dinner Menu includes:**  
Pasta, Meatballs, Sausage,  
Chicken, Potatoes, Vegetable,  
Salad, Rolls, Wine, Cake,  
Ice Cream, Coffee & Tea



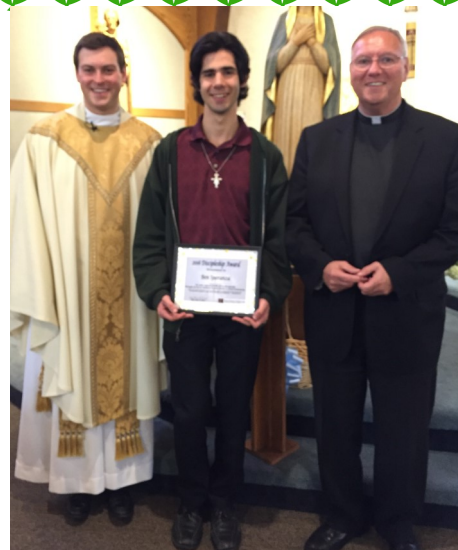
Leo "the Lion" Dennis is the grandson of fellow parishioners Elmer and Cathy O'Brien and son of Megan (O'Brien) and Bernie Dennis. Friends of the family are having a benefit to celebrate the short, but very beautiful life of sweet little Leo. Please login to <http://www.wagdogs.com/leo> to register or just to donate. To register offline, please contact Sallie Theis, 215.696.1477 or Rosemarie Abecasis, 215.272.2160.



# Parish Youth Ministry

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

**Ben Speranza was the recipient of the Discipleship Award for his outstanding commitment to the teen ministry program and St. Roberts parish. Ben will be graduating from Archbishop Wood and entering St Charles Seminary in the fall. We wish him all the best and keep him in prayer.**



**Congratulations to all those graduating this year. All best wishes for your happiness and success . May God bless you always!**

**The Chick-fil-a spirit night was a great success. Jenny, their contact person was quite impressed at the turnout. Thank you for coming out and supporting us. It was a fun night and good to see so many of you!**

**As we make final preparations for our Youth conference, donations are still be accepted for the Adopt-a-student sponsors. We are most grateful for your support!**



## ADOPT A STUDENT PROGRAM

**Parishioner Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation amount:** \$20\_\_\_ \$40\_\_\_ \$50\_\_\_ \$75\_\_\_ \$100\_\_\_ other\_\_\_

**Thank you and God bless you.**

## Summer Book Club

**Beautiful Mercy** is a collection of inspiring stories on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy compiled by Dynamic Catholic (Matthew Kelly). Contributing authors include: Pope Francis, Matthew Kelly, Fr. Larry Richards, Fr. Michael Gaitley....and many more! 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

**Location: School Library**

To register, email Joan Fitzpatrick (jfitzaff2@veriozn.net) or pick up a form in the cry room and drop at the office. Books are available in the office for participants for \$5.00.



*You are invited to an informal presentation and discussion on*  
Pope Francis' Encyclical: "LAUDATO SI, mi Signore" "Praise be to you, my Lord"  
ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Thursday, June 9 following the 9:00 Mass in the church

**Presenter:** John Humphreys is a scientist, conservationist, wildlife gardener and convert to the Catholic faith. He frequently writes on the environment, particularly in the context of Christianity and the Christian response to creation care. He is a member of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish.

THE CANTICLE OF THE SUN

St. Francis of Assisi

Most high, all powerful, all good Lord! All praise is yours, all glory, all honor, and all blessing. To you, alone, Most High, do they belong. No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your name.

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures, especially through my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day; and you give light through him. And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor! Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars; in the heavens you have made them, precious and beautiful.

Be praised, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air, and clouds and storms, and all the weather, through which you give your creatures sustenance.

Be praised, My Lord, through Sister Water; she is very useful, and humble, and precious, and pure.

Be praised, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom you brighten the night. He is beautiful and cheerful, and powerful and strong.

Be praised, my Lord, through our sister Mother Earth, who feeds us and rules us, and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

Be praised, my Lord, through those who forgive for love of you; through those who endure sickness and trial. Happy those who endure in peace, for by you, Most High, they will be crowned.

Be praised, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whose embrace no living person can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin! Happy those she finds doing your most holy will. The second death can do no harm to them.

Praise and bless my Lord, and give thanks, and serve him with great humility.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE HOUSE BILL 1947 - “LOOK BACK “ LEGISLATION**

*As many of you are aware , On Tuesday, April 12, 2016 the Pennsylvania House of Representatives voted to allow civil lawsuits to be filed retroactively for cases against non-profits in which survivors of sexual abuse are now between 30 and 50 years old. This provision only applies to private or non-public organizations like the Catholic Church. It treats government institutions such as public schools and juvenile facilities in a different manner and it fails to treat all victims of child sexual abuse in an equitable fashion.*



### **What does the Church oppose about this legislation?**

- Statutes of limitation (SoL) exist because they're sensible and just. They ensure that a just verdict can be reached. The more time that passes, the harder it is for anyone to defend against aged claims. Over time, witnesses' memories become unreliable, evidence is lost or never found, and in many instances perpetrators or witnesses may be deceased.
- It's unconstitutional. Pennsylvania's Constitution has a Remedies Clause, which explicitly prevents eliminating certain defenses or claims. The “look back” provision of this legislation would illegally eliminate a fixed defense, which the courts have affirmed cannot be taken away when the limitations period has already expired.
- This legislation fails to treat everyone equally. There are special protections and exemptions in the bill for abuse that happened in public schools and government-run programs, excluding the majority of survivors of abuse. Throwing justice out of balance, the legislation ignores that the vast majority of school-age children in Pennsylvania attend public schools, not parochial or private schools, and the hard fact that more children are abused in public schools.
- Allowing the filing of civil lawsuits for childhood sexual abuse that occurred 20, 30, even 40 years ago will jeopardize the future of every church, private school and charity that serves children in Pennsylvania.
- The Church is not opposed to eliminating the criminal statute of limitations. We all agree that anyone who sexually abuses a child should be severely punished by the law.
- The Church is not alone in opposing this bill. Other organizations that have expressed their deep concern include the Pennsylvania Insurance Federation, Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, PA National Federation of Independent Businesses, the Pennsylvania Business Council, the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association and the Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania.



### **In other states, legislation to amend the civil statute of limitations has had devastating financial consequences.**

- SoL windows in other states have drained billions of dollars from the Church ministries of today's Catholic community who are in no way responsible for abuse that occurred decades ago.
- Bankruptcy and severe debt was the only option for most dioceses in states with SoL windows.
  - \* The dioceses in California paid out \$1.2 billion for 1,000+ claims that were filed against the Catholic Church, some involving alleged abuse dating as far back as the 1930s.
  - \* The Diocese of Wilmington, DE, paid out \$77.4 million after claiming bankruptcy.
  - \* The Diocese of Duluth, MN, was ordered to pay \$8.1 million to just one child abuse survivor.
- The drain of satisfying settlements and attorneys' fees forced the Diocese of Wilmington, DE, to close two struggling inner-city Catholic schools, lay off 10 percent of its workforce, shut down or severely cut back on its charitable services to the poor, and divert resources from struggling schools and ministries.
- The settlement documents within the bankruptcies certify that 1/3 of the entire payout was paid to the victims' attorneys – in some cases exceeding \$30 million. Reimbursement of other costs and expenses reduced the victims' share by millions more.



### **Pennsylvania's Catholic parishioners should be very concerned about this legislation.**

- This legislation could easily cripple the parishes, schools, and ministries serving Pennsylvania's 3 million Catholics. In other states where similar laws were passed, lawsuits were brought against individual parishes as well as the dioceses.
- The money needed to settle lawsuits would come from the people in our pews, in addition to the dioceses and Archdioceses. In other states where similar legislation became law, no institution had adequate insurance coverage to compensate for the damages that would be incurred or the wherewithal to litigate all of the claims.
- In Delaware, more than half of the individual parishes in the state were sued when a retroactive law was adopted. One individual parish in Delaware was hit with a verdict of over \$3 million. Very few could afford to go to court; none were able to defend themselves on their own.
- Not one pedophile was taken off the streets in states that retroactively nullified their statute of limitations. Putting charitable organizations out of existence does not protect children.
- The legislation only applies to civil lawsuits, not criminal charges. A substantial number (68 percent) of the accused perpetrators identified with California's “window” were already dead or were very old, infirm, and long removed from ministry at the time the claims were filed.





## PROMISE TO PROTECT. PLEDGE TO HEAL.

**NO OTHER ORGANIZATION DOES MORE TO PURSUE ITS COMMITMENT TO PREVENT ABUSE AND SUPPORT SURVIVORS THAN THE CHURCH?**

### Did You Know?

- All people working in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (AOP), including volunteers, undergo background checks and child abuse clearances. This requirement is in place whether or not the employees and volunteers work with minors.
- All AOP employees and volunteers attend Safe Environment training programs, as well as Mandated Reporter training programs.
- All young people in grades K-12 receive age-appropriate abuse prevention education.
- All AOP employees and volunteers who have regular contact with children are required to report suspicions of child abuse.

### Zero Tolerance – 100% Committed

The AOP has a zero tolerance policy for clergy, lay employees, and volunteers who engage in misconduct with children and takes immediate action when an accusation is made. We are committed to educating all those who work with children, as well as the children in our schools and parish-based education programs, on how to recognize improper conduct and be comfortable enough to report a problem.

- There are over 280 designated Safe Environment Coordinators working in AOP parishes, schools, and other ministries serving young people to ensure compliance with laws and policies.
- Over 92,000 adults have received training to recognize, respond to, and report child abuse since 2003.
- Nearly 30,000 adults have received mandatory reporter training.
- Over 100,000 children have received age-appropriate abuse prevention education.
- The AOP has invested over \$2.4 million in education and training since 2006.

### Supporting Survivors

The AOP is committed to helping survivors of childhood sexual abuse and their families heal, no matter who committed the crime against them or when the crime occurred. Every year, the AOP's Victim Assistance Program offers compassionate and supportive assistance to individuals and families. During the 2013-14 fiscal year alone, the AOP dedicated over \$1.7 million to make available counseling, provide medication, eliminate barriers to travel and childcare, and provide vocational assistance and other forms of support to men, women, children and families.

### The Archdiocesan Investment in Abuse Prevention and Victim Assistance

The tables below demonstrate the financial investment of over \$18.8 million made by the AOP over the past several years to assist survivors on their paths to healing and to foster education and prevention initiatives that aim to ensure that the safety of the young people entrusted to the Church's care.

<b><u>Victim Assistance Program</u></b>		<b><u>Safe Environment Initiatives</u></b> (Includes costs paid throughout the Archdiocese for background checks and training programs)		<b><u>Office for Child and Youth Protection</u></b> Expenses (Includes costs absorbed solely by the Office for Child & Youth Protection for training & education efforts)	
FY 2002	No Data Available	FY 2002	No Data Available	FY 2002	No Data Available
FY 2003	\$216,866	FY 2003	No Data Available	FY 2003	No Data Available
FY 2004	\$210,753	FY 2004	\$370,000	FY 2004	\$47,854
FY 2005	\$117,228	FY 2005	\$400,000	FY 2005	\$27,618
FY 2006	\$345,709	FY 2006	\$223,029	FY 2006	\$50,985
FY 2007	\$699,576	FY 2007	\$254,849	FY 2007	\$26,018
FY 2008	\$1,072,613	FY 2008	\$413,489	FY 2008	\$24,334
FY 2009	\$1,227,853	FY 2009	\$324,974	FY 2009	\$95,790
FY 2010	\$1,131,421	FY 2010	\$305,748	FY 2010	\$9,573
FY 2011	\$1,593,409	FY 2011	\$369,557	FY 2011	\$67,592
FY 2012	\$1,755,891	FY 2012	\$304,735	FY 2012	\$78,449
FY 2013	\$1,405,138	FY 2013	\$430,026	FY 2013	\$151,568
FY 2014	\$1,515,934	FY 2014	\$492,870	FY 2014	\$230,615
FY 2015	\$1,695,082	FY 2015	\$851,285	FY 2015	\$240,931
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,014,458</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,740,562</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,051,327</b>

## 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

### 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 [strobertysecretary@verizon.net](mailto:strobertysecretary@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	<a href="mailto:Kevinlutz920@yahoo.com">Kevinlutz920@yahoo.com</a>
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
<b>Contact one of the members.</b>	Amy Moffett	215/343-5436
	Betty Santoro	215/ 343-6747
	Mike Speranza	215/956-9769
	Joe Tate	
	Tom Utermark	215/343-9528
	Brian Zook	267/483-8409

### FINANCE COUNCIL:

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

