

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



DIOCESE OF PATERSON

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report issued on August 14, 2018 was profoundly upsetting to every person of good will. The abuses described in the report are criminal and morally reprehensible. They show a heartbreaking departure from our fundamental belief in the dignity and value of every child.

In the words of our Holy Father Pope Francis, we "acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable. Let us beg forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others." I personally am heartbroken at the pain so many have experienced because of these incidents, especially that of our children.

As a Church, we are called to provide an environment where our children and all encounter leaders who exemplify God's commandment to love and protect the most vulnerable. The Church today has and continues to learn hard lessons from its past, as we hold accountable abusers and those who permitted these abuses to occur.

The Pennsylvania report details abuses before the early 2000s. This Grand Jury's conclusions are consistent with previous studies showing that the 2002 reforms adopted by the Catholic Church in the United States drastically reduced the incidence of clergy child abuse. The Holy See encourages continued reform and vigilance at all levels of the Catholic Church, to help ensure the protection of minors and vulnerable adults.

New Jersey's Catholic dioceses have made concrete changes and reforms. Today we have conducted some 380,000 criminal background checks of all diocesan and parish personnel who have regular contact with minors. In addition, all Catholic dioceses have integrated a comprehensive program of reporting abuse to civil authorities, compensating and counseling victims, and implementing rigorous protocols and

training for more than 2.3 million clergy, employees, volunteers and children. In our diocese, we have reported every single accusation of child abuse to prosecutors since the 2002 memorandum of understanding was put in place by the State of New Jersey with the bishops. We do not investigate ourselves.

We cannot undo the actions of the past, but we continue our efforts to protect our children. We thank law enforcement agencies, child protection advocates and victims themselves who have helped us move beyond compliance to creating the safest environments for learning and worship. We are deeply thankful for those who have joined our efforts to extend both healing and hope to every victim and their family. I, along with the bishops of New Jersey, renew our commitment to protect our young and to foster healing and seek forgiveness.

As your bishop, I understand your pain and your anger. It is real. Our faith is in the Jesus who has chosen to make the Church a sign and instrument of salvation. Even though sin may weaken our trust in the Church, we are called to work with the Church to make dramatic and necessary changes in her leadership and practices so that the Church truly be what Christ intends.

We need your prayers, your challenges, and your ideals. We need your faith. May God give us the grace to do his will and to be his holy people.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
Bishop of Paterson

Our Jubilee Prayer

Rejoicing in you, O Lord, with thankful hearts we pray as . . .

We Remember

gratefully our past companions on the Journey
whose sacrifice inspires us.

We Celebrate

the good news of love in action that empowers
spiritual, service and social ministry.

We Believe

in God's providence as faithful stewards who continue
Christ's work using the Keys to the Kingdom. Amen

**Journey with Us
Open Your Heart to God
Discover the Keys to the Kingdom**

RCIA

Are you interested in exploring your spiritual life?
Do you want to discover the abundance of God's love and peace?
Would you like to have greater motivation for service?
Do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith?
Did you ever think about becoming a Catholic?
Are you a Baptized Catholic and have never made your First Communion and/or Confirmation?
Are you baptized in another faith and have a desire to become Catholic?
Have you never been baptized in any faith but wonder?

Journey with Us!

Through the process of the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** or **RCIA**, we explore all these questions and discover the keys to the kingdom. **RCIA** is a restoration of the ancient practice of initiation into the Church. Through a process of discernment, spiritual development and ritualizing stages of conversion, you are guided to sacramental initiation. These Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist which are celebrated at the Easter Vigil open your hearts and empower you to lives of service, charity and justice as witnesses to our mission of *OPUS CHRISTI*, Christ's work. **RCIA** is not a program but a sacramental process. **RCIA** reflects a sacramental attitude that is at the heart of all Christian living: *CONVERSION*, turning your heart to God. We invite you to be our companion on the journey and discover the keys to the kingdom. We gather on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Russo Room. If you would like more information about **RCIA**, please call Donna Scancarella at 973-779-6200.

Save the Date!

ST. PHILIP'S WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

Peace be with you

November 16 & 17, 2018

CURRENT AND NEW ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a meeting on **Tuesday, August 28, 2018** at 4:00 PM in the Church. Grades 4 and up!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2018-2019 year is now open. **New families are welcome!**

Religious Education classes are in the process of assigning students to classes, so please register BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1.

Confirmation students please register as soon as possible!

Returning families are reminded, if you haven't already done so, to register for 2018-2019 school year.

There are two ways to register:

• **Online:** Visit www.stphilip.org. The registration forms and fees can be submitted electronically.

• **In Person or by Mail:** Download and Print the registration form and return with fees to the Parish Office.

If you are new to our parish or have a child entering 1st grade in September, please call the Religious Education Office.

Be sure that you are registered with the parish prior to registering your child/children for class. Contact Barbara Salzer, parish secretary at 973-779-6200.

Please contact dleach@stphilip.org with any questions to register.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

PRIME TIMERS

St. Philip Prime Timers will meet on **Friday, September 7, 2018** at the Masonic Temple, 1476 Van Houten Ave, Clifton. The meeting begins at 1:00 PM.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

A support group for people grieving the death of their spouse. Next meeting: **Tuesday, August 28th** at 7:00 PM in the RUSSO ROOM. Please contact Dr. Rachel Rengifo at 201-500-2068.

WIDOW/WIDOWERS

Monday, September 10th – 6:30 PM – We will be meeting in the Molloy Center.

ROSARY SOCIETY

The first meeting of our Rosary Society will be **September 10, 2018** beginning at 6:00 PM in Church with the Rosary followed by Mass. More information to follow!

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, October 7th - 74th Annual Communion Brunch!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

1st and 3rd Wednesday: *The VFW Hall -Valley Rd; 8:00 PM*

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Your parish Knights of Columbus are holding their annual Golf Outing on **September 20, 2018**. The cost remains the same - \$150.00 for Golf at Knolls West Country Club which includes: luncheon, cocktail hour, dinner, lots of prizes, raffle, contests, golf cart and all fees. If you would like to be a player,

sponsor or volunteer, please contact Brian Kulesa at (973) 418-2085 or beezerkul@aol.com.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR LIFE

**Saturday, September 8, 2018 – 9:00 AM Mass
A TIME FOR HEALING**

- After mass, we will gather at the K of C memorial site (located outside the left doors of the church) to pray for all the babies, their families, and those sadly touched by abortion
- Guest speaker: our own Fr. Matt Jasniewicz followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus #11671 and the Columbiettes #11671. Please call Sharon Festa at 973-742-0926 or David Cordero at 973-220-4601 for more information
- All are welcome to attend, invite a friend

DIOCESAN NEWS

SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1968 or 1993? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held:

Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 3:30 PM

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **The deadline to register is Monday, October 15, 2018.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. *Congratulations on this joyous occasion!*

JAIL MINISTRY

Male and female volunteers needed to participate in Eucharist Service on Sundays for inmates at Passaic County Jail. Limited time required and very rewarding. Contact Joe Santiso at 201-874-1304.

PRAY FOR

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Lucas Venturelli, child of Christopher and Nataliya

THE SICK: Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Margaret Sikora, Sister Beverly Aiazzone, Antoinette Van Setters, Alexander Bancey, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenco, Evelyn Wescott, Annette Wanamaker, Mildred Nerone, Eugene & Lorraine DeBellis, Bob Rose, Jack Steffans, Fred Van Duyne, Dave Miller, Sr. Giovanni Aiazzone, Maya Hilario, John Pepe, Ron Kuruc, George Biondi, Theresa Buhler, Chloe LoPresti, Cathy Papuzenski, Roberta & Al Dressner, Eloise Stampoulos, Pina Basile, Jim Weis, Loretta Latona, Rita Latona, Eileen Kirschner, Roger Greff, Maryann Greff, Peg Chambers, Dorothea Stepka, Vivian Hart, John Thievon, Alice Negron, Janet Irizarry, Ryan G. Micale, Vincent Caragliano, Domenico Cirilli, George Heyrich, Angelo Masino, Monique Tommaro, Paul Pairo,

RoseMarie Azzaro, Henry Murphy, Annie Omelcvuck, Chris Mueller, Katharine Dasenbrock, Ken Hauser

THE DECEASED: Michael Mount, John M. Petruska, Marsha Kendra TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32;
Jn 6:60-69

SUNDAY, August 26, 2018

- 8:00** The O'Brien and Rogers Family
Albert Levendusky
- 10:00** Patsy Sinisi
William Weimer
- 12:00** All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018

- 9:00** Jim Loftus

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018

- 9:00** Hugh Gigante

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2018

- 9:00** Joseph & Ann Jasionowicz

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2018

- 9:00** Daniel Redmond

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2018

- 9:00** Elizabeth Jankovich

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2018

- 9:00** Michael Mount
- 5:30** All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

- 8:00** Virginia Castiglia
- 10:00** John, Louis & Clara Belfi
Lucia & Antonio Santulli
- 12:00** Deacon Al Ciampa – 9th Anniversary

The Sanctuary Candle: In memory of
Howard Glinkin
15th Anniversary
From His Wife and Family

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: AUGUST 20, 2017	\$19,426.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: AUGUST 19, 2018	
Envelopes	\$11,107.00
Cash	\$ 1,301.00
Online giving donation	\$ 4,994.00
Total	\$17,402.00
Second Collection: Missions	\$ 3,973.00

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

5:30 PM	Fr. Joseph	8:00 AM	Fr. Matt
10:00 AM	Fr. Joe	12:00 N	Fr. Kevin