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To report suspected abuse by a minor, call the toll free PA Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-932-0313. To report suspected abuse of a minor by a church official, employee or volunteer, also please call the Diocesan toll-free hotline at 1-800-626-1608 or email: ReportAbuse@hbgiocese.org.



We're happy you are here and hope you'll come back again! New to the area and looking for a parish? Been away from Church for a while? Looking for a faith community to call home? Wondering what it means to be a Catholic Christian? Let's journey together. Stop by, call, or email us to find out how. We look forward to making the journey together.



Dear Parish Family:

This has been a challenging and difficult week. Like many of you, Father Coyle and I share the feelings of anger, disbelief, embarrassment, and great sadness. This is hard for all of us. This is hard for each of us in our own way. But, this is hardest of all for survivors of abuse. Support and resources are available and I encourage anyone who needs that support to reach out.

Again, I wish to express my sincerest apologies to all survivors of abuse. I also want to express my respect to all survivors for their courage in bringing this darkness into the light. All victims of abuse deserve to know healing, dignity, and peace. My prayer is that the survivors and their families find their individual path and that the Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heals their wounds and gives them peace.

Together, let us pray for the humility and fortitude to strengthen and maintain a culture of safety and protection in our parish, school, and community as we continue our efforts to help those harmed heal.

God is present in every storm. Even though we are wounded by the failures of men let us not lose faith but accept the grace to believe, hope and love in God. During these summer weeks, we are hearing the Bread of Life Discourse from Saint John's Gospel at Sunday Mass. Jesus identifies Himself as the Bread of Life. The Eucharist is Jesus' very Body and Blood, truly, really, substantially, permanently present in our midst. Jesus is here with us. Through Him, the Church, our parish, and all of God's people will find a way.

We need to fix our hearts and minds on Jesus. To open our hearts and lives to Him. As we receive Him in Holy Communion, we also receive the peace that can only come from Him, the peace of Christ that overcomes all distress.

Let us pray for all victims of abuse, especially survivors of clerical abuse. May the power of Jesus bring peace and healing. Let us pray for those whose faith has been shaken by the scandal and failure of Church leaders. May the Holy Spirit touch their hearts with the light of faith to walk amidst the gloom of doubt. Let us pray for those who have been harmed in any way by someone they trust. May they find a path toward healing and wholeness. Let us pray for children to be protected in every arena of human society from the sins of abuse and neglect.

And let us pray that all of us, clergy and laity, fed and nourished by the Bread of Life, may always strive to live in a manner worthy of the call we have received. May we strive to be the best version of ourselves - the best version of the Church - the best version of the People of God. A people united in faith, hope, and love. A people to taste and see the goodness of the Lord and bless Him at all times. A people who witness to healing and honesty as we pray, believe, and live as disciples.

Grace and peace!

Father Neil Sullivan

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE: August 7, 2018

Pledges: \$2,170,298
Households Participating: 879
Collected: \$1,856,981

Thank you to everyone bringing the vision to reality.

There's still time to join your fellow parishioners in *Honoring the Vision* with a gift or pledge. We count on your continued support. **Any** and **every** gift counts!



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