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Welcome



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 very sad week. First, for the survivors of sexual abuse. Second, for Catholics across the Commonwealth. Third, for the wider public. The latest Grand Jury report is a bitterly painful text. There are many emotions that many are feeling: shock, horror, hurt, sorrow, embarrassment, disappointment, and even outrage. The Grand Jury report released this past Tuesday has shaken us. We are saddened because precious children have been wounded by those who should have known better. I share these emotions with you. For me these days have been filled with sadness, bewilderment, tears and deep prayer.

This is hard for all of us - each in our own way. But, this is hardest of all for survivors of abuse. All victims of abuse deserve to know healing, dignity, and peace. Our constant prayer must be for the survivors and their families that they find their individual path and that the Holy Spirit heals their wounds and gives them peace. They have our prayers, support and commitment to ensure that such things never happen again.

Many people are angry. A just anger—anger that is justified is not only understandable, it is righteous. An anger guided by clear thinking, prudence, and a desire for real justice. Jesus showed anger toward the Temple moneychangers, the Sadducees, and the Pharisees. An anger that is well placed can bear good fruit.

This hurts—most of all for the survivors. It hurts us as individuals, as a parish family and a community. It has broken hearts. But there is a way forward. It starts with the extensive child protection measures that are/have been in place since 2002 to ensure our children's safety. But ultimately it is with Jesus, Himself.

When family is in crisis, the family pulls together. We need to pull together. To be there for each other with prayer, support, listening, and love.

Grace and peace!

Father Neil Sullivan

PRAYER FOR HEALING OF VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave Your only Son to save us by the blood of His cross.

Gentle Jesus, Shepherd of Peace, join to Your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear our cries as we agonize over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.

Breathe wisdom into our prayers, soothe restless hearts with hope, steady shaken spirits with faith:

Show us the way to justice and wholeness, enlightened by truth and enfolded in Your mercy.

Holy Spirit, Comforter of Hearts, heal Your people's wounds and transform our brokenness.

Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace, so that we may act with justice and find peace in You.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE: August 14, 2018

Pledges: \$2,170,817

Households Participating: 879

Collected: \$1,860,382

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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