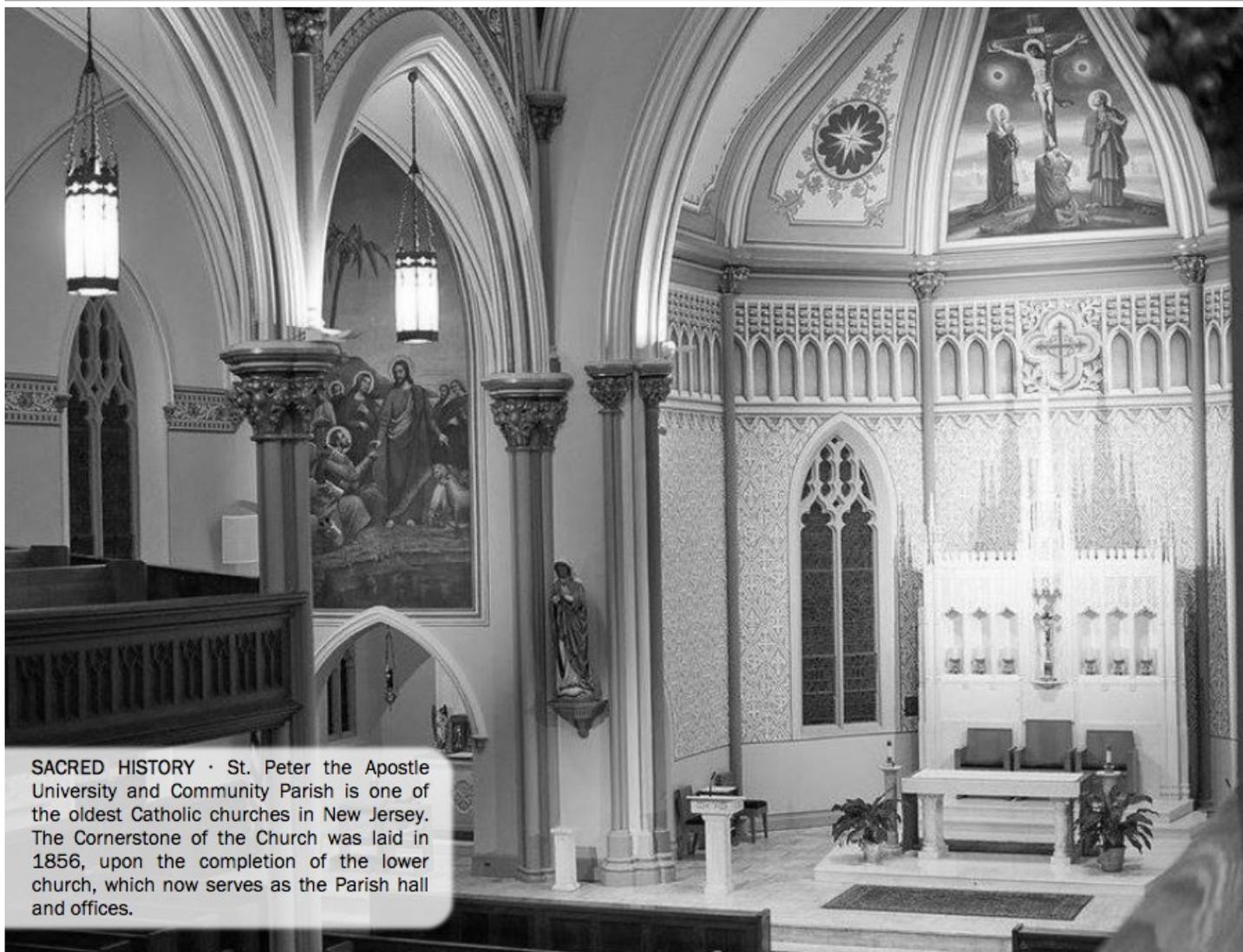


# St. Peter the Apostle University & Community Parish

## The Catholic Center at Rutgers University



**SACRED HISTORY** · St. Peter the Apostle University and Community Parish is one of the oldest Catholic churches in New Jersey. The Cornerstone of the Church was laid in 1856, upon the completion of the lower church, which now serves as the Parish hall and offices.

### **SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

### **WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Monday – Friday:** 7:30 a.m. in St. Peter's Church

**Monday – Thursday:** 12:15 p.m. in the Catholic Center Chapel

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. in the Catholic Center Chapel

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:** 7:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

For any last minute changes regarding the Mass schedule on Holy Days of Obligation, please visit: [StPeterNewBrunswick.org](http://StPeterNewBrunswick.org).

### **CONFESSION (Sacrament of Reconciliation):**

Mondays: 12:45 - 1:30 p.m.; 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (CC Chapel)

Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon; and by appointment

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:**

In the case of an **emergency** requiring a priest after business hours, please call **732-545-6185**.

**ST. VINCET DE PAUL SOCIETY:** 732-668-6584

(for assessment of assistance needed, leave message including name and contact number)

### **BAPTISMS:**

Normally scheduled on the second & fourth Sundays of the month at 12:30pm (not during Lent). Please observe the requirements for sponsors. Must contact the office in advance to register. First-time parents are required to attend a baptism formation session.

### **WEDDINGS:**

Marriage arrangements should be made one year in advance of the wedding. Please call the parish office before making other definitive plans. Once a wedding is approved and the date is confirmed, the required marriage preparation process may commence.

### **PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:**

Please call the parish office to make arrangements for the administration of the Sacrament of the Sick and/or for the reception of the Holy Eucharist to those who are ill or elderly.

**PARISH OFFICE AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH**

94 Somerset Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901  
 Phone: **732.545.6820** Fax: 732.545.4069  
 Visit our website: **StPeterNewBrunswick.org**

**Office Hours:** Mon-Thurs, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
 Fri-Sun, **CLOSED**

**Parish Clergy:**

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 732.545.6820 Ext. 113
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 FrJay@StPeterNewBrunswick.org  
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500 Somerset Street (Rt. 27)  
 New Brunswick, NJ 08901  
 Phone: **732.249.0894**

**Staff:** William Carroll - Cemetery Director



**Our Parish Is On Venmo!**

RU Students and those who use debit cards, St. Peter the Apostle University and Community Parish is now on Venmo! Please consider sacrificing one cup of name-brand coffee each week and donate the cost to help support our parish and campus ministry. Every sacrifice to the Lord matters and is appreciated!

You can find us on the Venmo app by searching for either of the following two options, or by scanning the QR code with your cell phone camera. The profile picture will be the front of St. Peter's Church.

SEARCH FOR:

OR SCAN:

*St Peter the Apostle  
 University Parish at Rutgers*

OR @MsgrJoseph-Celano



***Report of the Sunday Offerings  
 in Support of Our Parish***

**Fiscal Year 2020**

The Sunday offering is the principle means by which we fund the ordinary operations of our parish and its ministries. Thank you for making ministry possible at St. Peter the Apostle University and Community Church.

Please consider using WePay or another form of automated giving as your preferred means of contributing to the support of the parish. You can sign up for online giving by clicking on the "Giving" photo-button on the home page of our Parish website: [www.StPeterNewBrunswick.org](http://www.StPeterNewBrunswick.org)

When writing or updating your will, please remember our parish in your planning. For more information on planned giving, please contact the parish office.

RU Students, please consider giving the cost of one name brand cup of coffee, or making some similar sacrifice, each week to help support your parish.

**Weekly Collection for Jan. 4/5, 2020:**

Weekly Budget Need	<b>\$5,125</b>
Total Weekly Envelope and Cash Contributions	\$4,673
WeShare/Automated Giving and Other Contributions	\$1,635
Total Weekly Offering for Jan. 4/5, 2020	<b>\$6,308</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$1,183</b>



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*A few messages from our pastor Msgr. Joseph Celano:*

### The Baptism of the Lord

In the 17th century, Cartagena Colombia was the center of the slave trade for most of Central and South America. Despite the strong condemnation of Popes, human trafficking and slavery thrived in the new world. What could one person do to stop this?

Well, one person, at least, took it on. His name was Fr. Peter Claver, a Jesuit priest and missionary. As the slave ships entered the harbor, Peter Claver was waiting to meet them. He came with food, medicine, clothing, and above all, hope. Peter taught the African slaves that they were children of God, possessing a dignity no one could take from them. He taught them that Jesus became a slave for our sakes, and he backed up what he said by making himself a slave to slaves. He often said to his helpers, *"We must speak to them with our hands before we speak to them with our lips."* Historical records show that Peter Claver personally cared for, baptized and catechized over 300,000 people.

After 40 years of this work, Peter contracted the plague. The civil authorities were very happy to have the "nuisance priest" out of the way. But the public outcry over his mistreatment was so intense that the state paid for his funeral, which was attended by over 50,000 people. He was canonized in 1888.

By stepping into the murky water of the Jordan, Jesus identifies Himself with the broken and sinful. He becomes one with us in all things but sin to proclaim "good news to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, and year of favor from God".

In baptism, we were given a share in Christ's messianic mission; to "comfort, give comfort to the people" as Isaiah says in the first reading. Peter Claver knew this. Even though he was a timid man by nature, he didn't shy away from following Christ into the river...the river of sin, human misery and need he met in those slave ships.

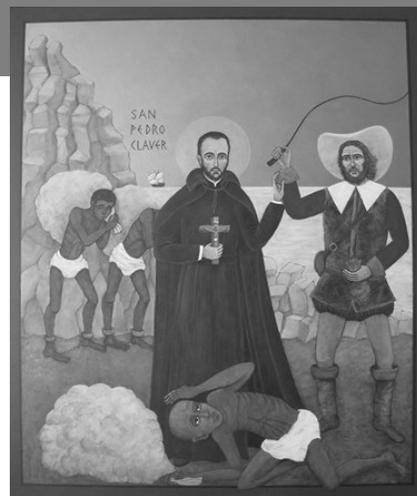
The "Baptism of the Lord" reminds us that there is a river into which we must step; the river of human need. But let's start right here, keeping in mind Peter Claver's words that we must first "speak with our hands before we speak with our lips".

Our "mission territory" is right in front of us – in family and community, school and workplace, and even this parish. Jesus steps into the river here; right in front of us, and we must follow Him because the need is right in front of us: because that child who doesn't quite fit in at school needs you to have lunch with them; because that coworker or neighbor who seems to be constantly preoccupied and sad needs your friendship and un-

derstanding; because our homeless IHN families need a few hours of your time to cook a meal for them or to come by and play games with their children;

because that friend who has been away from church is just your invitation away from coming back; because a poor woman needs that coat hanging in your closet that you never wear. *"Comfort, give comfort to my people..."* says the Lord!

But first, we must follow him into the river and speak with our hands...



**Christmas Gratitude** - I apologize for the lateness of this thank you. Unfortunately, because of the holiday bulletin publication deadlines, this is my first opportunity to express my gratitude to those who helped make the celebration of the Lord's Nativity so meaningful:

- **Mr. Anthony Nardino**, our **choir, cantors, and instrumentalists** whose talents and hard work lent musical beauty to the feast.
- **Mr. Tom Setar**, our maintenance worker, who did much of the physical set up and cleaning of the church.
- Our liturgical ministers, ushers, and all those who served our community during the solemnity.

I also owe a word of gratitude to our **anonymous donors**, who because of their love for Our Lady and desire to see the parish grow in our consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe, provided free copies of "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary" to our parishioners as a Christmas present. I hope you found the book informative and edifying.

Lastly, I am grateful for the many cards, gifts of food and wine, and for well-wishes to Frs. Jason, Dario, and me at Christmas. We are blessed men and grateful for your kind remembrance of us.

**New Parish Business Manager** - I am pleased to welcome **Andrea Pesta** to our parish staff as part-time business manager. Andrea began her career in the corporate world and has been working in the non-profit sector as financial officer

*Mass Intentions***Monday, January 20—St. Sebastian, Martyr | Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday**

7:30 a.m. Joseph Gigliotti  
12:15 p.m. Brad Pakulski

**Tuesday, January 21—St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr**

7:30 a.m. Rose Leskoski  
12:15 p.m. Eddie & Claire Lasota

**Wednesday, January 22— Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

7:30 a.m. Chester Arkman  
12:15 p.m. Antoine Ojeil, Sr.

**Thursday, January 23**

7:30 a.m. Stella Arkman  
12:15 p.m. Dennis Pacyna

**Friday, January 24—St. Francis de Sales—Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

7:30 a.m. Trudy Robertson

**Saturday, January 25—Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**

9:00 a.m. Robert Largey  
5:00 p.m. Bruce Culp

**Sunday, January 26—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Frederick Robertson  
11:00 a.m. William Hamilton  
6:00 p.m. James F. & Helen B. Cahill



*In your charity, please pray for...*

Kevin Hoagland, Thomas Spataro, Connor Montferrat, Theresa Birdsey, Ginnie Previte, Jonathan Swedel, John William Criscuoli, Danielle Reiser, Esther Wambui, Norman Corbett, Florence Gowin, Margaret Cleary, Teresa Yannazzone, Bill Spataro, Nicholas Rossi, Chris Joyce, Gary Vavila, Patricia & Sylvanus Ashamole, Louis Svelec, Joseph D'Imperio III, the sick members of the Akushie and Nwachukwu Families, Doris Tarquinio, Peg Byrne, Rick Scuderi, Linda Ryan, Rita Pietrobono, Nicole Mancini, Angelo Mancini, Becky Yurga, Rebecca Miller, Orlando Gines, Yvonne Finaldi, Sheila Lavery, Tanya Davis, Sgt. John McLaughlin, Patricia Deri, Alessia DePasquale, Brian Donoghue, Christine Fellin, Jose Lopez, Joseph Gerity, Mary Cignarella, Lorraine Fellin, Russell C. Hall, Russell J. Hall, Angelo Rossi, Mary Ann Hrapsky, William Kish, Maria Kratzar, Theresita DeGuzman, Bette Smith, Mary Spicer, Tom and Kathleen Monchek, Anna Graziosi, Shirley Murphy, Joey Mahoney, Evelyn Echevarria, Patricia Krakowski, Carmella LaVera, Joseph Gutsick, Marlene Salimbene, Barbara Wittreich, Frederick DeLong, Anne Gutsick-Smith, W.J.R., Ag Yashinski, Marian Egan

*All the sick, those who are homebound, the hospitalized, and all who serve in the military.*

**FROM THE PARISH****VOLUNTEER SIGN UP THIS WEEKEND**

TO HELP WITH THE

**TRANSITIONAL HOMELESS SHELTER**

JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 2

One of the ways St. Peter's Parish practices Christian charity and affirms the dignity of the human person is by helping to host the interfaith transitional homeless men's shelter. Volunteers are needed. Please consider helping with this important ministry which provides a warm location for men who have not place else to go.

St. Peter's will host the shelter in our parish hall during the weeks of :

**January 26 - February 2**

and again **February 23 - March 1**

Volunteer positions needed for the first week:

- Sunday Jan. 26 to clean and set up the parish hall
- Prep and serve a meal each night
- Monitor the parish hall each night (stay overnight)
- Clean the parish hall and bathrooms after the men leave on Sunday, Feb. 2

Carmel Mangarella will be coordinating the effort. You may contact her at [idadgirl@optimum.net](mailto:idadgirl@optimum.net) for more information. Donations of sheets and blankets are welcome.

**HOLIDAY PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Please note the following office hours for our parish this coming week:

Monday, Jan. 19: **CLOSED**

If you are in need of a priest, please see the emergency contact information on the front page of the bulletin.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO ST. PETER'S PARISH****2019 Statement Request**

Any registered parishioner who would like to receive a 2019 Statement of Church Contributions should complete this form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office. The statement will be mailed to you. **Please PRINT very clearly!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_



## FROM THE PASTOR CONT'D

for the past several years. Andrea began her position with us on January 2, replacing Bill Casey. I am grateful to Bill for what he was able to accomplish in the few short months he was with us and wish him well in his future endeavors. I look forward to working with Andrea as I know she looks forward to serving our parish family.

**New Organ** - The new organ was installed prior just in time for Christmas. I'm sure you noticed the difference in the sound these past few weeks. We now have a new, reliable, instrument after the previous instrument was damaged following the 2017 lightning strike. May it serve the worship of God through its beauty for many years to come!

*Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Delano*



## PETROS YOUNG ADULTS

Please join us for our annual **SPRING RETREAT!**



**A Weekend Retreat for Young Adults**

In the hustle and bustle of daily life, it can be easy to forget that God has already promised us a perfect dwelling place - with no rent! And no matter what comes our way, the invitation doesn't expire. This spring, Petros will be exploring further how this COVENANT God has made with us impacts our daily decisions, relationships, and overall joy. We need only to say - Yes! (Isaiah 54:10) Cost is \$150 (includes weekend lodging and food).

**WHEN:** Friday, Feb. 21st (7:30 p.m. start)  
through Sunday, Feb 23rd (12:00 p.m. end).

*This is an overnight retreat.*

**WHERE:** Bernards Township, NJ

**COST:** \$150 (lodging & meals included)

To register, please visit:

[www.StPeterNewBrunswick.org/young-adults](http://www.StPeterNewBrunswick.org/young-adults)



## RESPECT LIFE 2020

**MARCH FOR LIFE TRIP  
FOR RUTGERS STUDENTS**

If you are a Rutgers Student, you are invited to join the Catholic Student Association this Friday, Jan. 24 to travel by bus down to Washington D.C. to take part in the annual **March For Life**.

The cost is \$10 and those interested can register for the trip and find more information at [www.RutgersCatholic.org](http://www.RutgersCatholic.org)

The bus will leave at 2:45am SHARP on the morning of the 24th. All who will attend are welcome to bring a sleeping bag and pillow to rest at the Catholic Center on the night of the 23rd in preparation for the early start. You must be in the Catholic Center by 10:30pm on the night of the 23rd to spend the night.

Return time from the March is approximately 10pm on Jan. 24th.

***If you have any questions or need help with registration, please contact Fr. Jay Pavich at [frjay@stpeternewbrunswick.org](mailto:frjay@stpeternewbrunswick.org) or Katherine Bonini at [katherine.bonini@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.bonini@gmail.com).***

**BUS TRIP TO LOCAL RALLY IN TRENTON, NJ**

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity will be running a bus trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. The bus ride is free of charge, but since space is limited all passengers must reserve their seats.

Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 9:30 AM. The Rally at the State House begins at 11:00 AM and ends at 1:00 PM. Passengers will attend a small reception afterwards. The bus will bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center around 3:00 PM.

If you have any questions or would like to reserve a seat please email [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543.

**ACTION ALERT**

Legislation that would expand insurance coverage for abortion inducing drugs and eliminate the religious employers' exemption contained in New Jersey law (P.L. 2005, C.251). Despite our efforts, on January 9, 2020, the New Jersey Senate passed S3804/A5508 and the legislation heads to Governor Murphy's desk for his signature.

We have one more opportunity to protect our religious freedom. Please contact Governor Murphy and ask that he conditionally veto S3804/A5508 to protect the religious employers' exemption.

Visit the Voter Voice website to log in and send your message TODAY:

<https://njcatholic.org/faith-in-action>





## FROM THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT

*The following announcement is from The Catholic Spirit, the newspaper of the Diocese of Metuchen:*

As the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., approaches, The Catholic Spirit newspaper and diocesan Office of Communications and Public Relations is seeking assistance in covering it.

- On **Jan. 23 at 5:30 p.m.**, Bishop James F. Checchio is scheduled to be at Opening Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.
- On **Jan. 24 at 7 a.m.**, he is scheduled to be at the Mass for Life and Youth Rally at Capital One Arena, and at 11 a.m. at the March for Life.

Any photos of the Bishop or members of the diocese at any of those events as well as photos taken during the March for Life would be appreciated for possible publishing in the newspaper and/or the diocese's social media sites.

Please send 3 or 4 of your best photos with credit for who took them and the name of the parish of the people in them, attached as JPEGs (the original photo, not compressed) as soon as possible after the event, in an e-mail to:

**thecatholicspiritnj@gmail.com**  
OR **domnjsocialmedia@gmail.com**

Names of a group of people in a photo are not necessary, but if there only a couple people in please try to identify them.



## COMMUNITY ROUNDUP

*The following info is from our local community:*

### MONTHLY HOLY HOUR

The Oratory is hosting its monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour, **Sunday, January 19 at 3:30pm**. All are welcome to come and adore the Lord during this time.

The Holy Hour takes place at:  
The Church of St. Ann  
45 Anderson Street, Raritan, NJ



### ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Please join us as we celebrate our Catholic school! We will be hosting open houses for Pre-K–8th Grade on **Sunday, January 26th** from **1-2:30 p.m.** and **Thursday, January 30th** from **8-9:30 a.m.**

St. Augustine of Canterbury School is located at 45 Hender-  
son Road, Kendall Park.

## INDEPENDENT VICTIM COMPENSATION PROGRAM

### NEW DEADLINE ESTABLISHED

*for the NJ Independent Victim Compensation Program*

The Diocese of Metuchen is among the five Roman Catholic dioceses in New Jersey to announce a six-week extension for those, who as children or young adults, were sexually abused by a priest or deacon of the Diocese, who may still want to file a claim through the Independent Victims Compensation Program (IVCP).

*The deadline for the registration of new allegations has been extended until Jan. 31, while the deadline for the submission of all claims has been extended until Feb. 15.* Those survivors, who as minors were the victim of clergy sexual abuse and who now wish to pursue a claim through the IVCP, can begin the claims process by going to **[www.NJdiocesesIVCP.com](http://www.NJdiocesesIVCP.com)**.

The IVCP operates independently of the Diocese or any church-affiliated institution and the administrators of the IVCP have complete autonomy to determine the eligibility of a claim with the guidelines of the established Protocol. The amount of compensation for those who make a claim will be independently determined by the IVCP administrators. All victims – no matter when the abuse occurred – are eligible to participate, and all matters will be handled confidentially.

Victims of clergy sexual abuse of a minor can begin the process of utilizing the program by going to **[www.njdiocesesivcp.com](http://www.njdiocesesivcp.com)** and reviewing the protocol for submitting a claim. Anyone who is a survivor of sexual abuse by a priest or deacon of the Diocese is encouraged to participate in the IVCP.

### How to Report Sexual Abuse

If you were sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to law enforcement and/or by contacting the Diocesan Response Officer at **(908) 930-4558**.

(24 hours/7 days a week). For more information on how to report abuse, visit our diocesan website:

**<https://diometuchen.org/report-a-suspected-abuse>**