



# ST. MICHAEL Catholic Church



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Dear parishioners and friends of St. Michael Catholic Church,

It was St. Francis of Assisi who said these words:

“All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.”

These words tragically became a lived reality for the Catholic Church last Tuesday when a grand jury report was released in Pennsylvania revealing the names of over 300 wicked shepherds who preyed on 1000 innocent vulnerable lambs.

Countless clergy and laity across the US are horrified by the findings in the report and justified emotions such as anger, sadness, shame, disappointment and mistrust toward the Church have risen to the surface.

The bottom line is some of the Church's leaders have failed their flock and the Church with evil actions and need to be held accountable for their actions.

Although the Church is experiencing a sense of extreme darkness and probably will for some time, the light of Jesus Christ which is inside each of us will lead us to victory.

We experience this light through the many good shepherds who are assisting their flocks to grow in holiness. We experience this light through the works of the laity, who are making a positive difference in the world. We experience this light through the Sacraments especially the Eucharist where Jesus reveals Himself as the Bread of Life.

My dear friends let us continue to pray for continued healing of the victims and their families and for the purification of our Church.

During this time we need to continue to remain close to the Sacraments that give us Hope. May Blessed Mother, who is our life, our sweetness, and our hope wrap her mantle of love around us and our Church that we may not feel despair at this time but journey with the Hope and Light of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for me, Fr. JP and Fr. David and be assured of our prayers for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Fitzgerald  
Pastor