

## **Law Offices of Mitchell Garabedian**

**Names of 5 sexual abusers added to the list at [www.garabedianlaw.com](http://www.garabedianlaw.com) in March 2024, bringing the total to 406:**

- 1. Father Gerard Boisvert – Diocese of Fall River**
- 2. Serio “Charlie” La Penna - Archdiocese of Boston**
- 3. Father Victor C. LaVoie - Archdiocese of Boston**
- 4. Father Paul V. Rattigan – Archdiocese of Boston**
- 5. Father William I. Shinnick - Archdiocese of Boston**

**See below for additional details.**

## Father Gerard Boisvert – Diocese of Fall River

### Assignment Record:

Year	Assignment
1940	Ordained
1941-1955	St. Anthony of Padua's (French), New Bedford, MA
1956-1962	Notre Dame de Lourdes (French), Fall River, MA
1963-1967	St. Anthony of Padua's (French), New Bedford, MA
	Died July 2, 1967

### Source:

- The Official Catholic Directory, Kenedy & Sons

(The years listed above are the publication years of the Official Catholic Directory. According to the Directory, the assignments provided for a given year are effective as of January 1 of that year. This means that a priest listed in the Directory for a given year at a parish or school was likely at the same assignment for at least part of the previous year as well.)

### Summary:

- Father Gerard Boisvert was accused of sexually abusing a male minor child on at least 40 occasions from approximately 1963 when the boy was approximately eleven years old until approximately 1965 when the boy was approximately thirteen years old. During the sexual abuse, Father Boisvert was assigned to St. Anthony of Padua Church in New Bedford, MA, and the boy belonged to the parish. The sexual abuse took place inside the sacristy of St. Anthony of Padua Church in New Bedford, MA, and inside the sacristy of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church in New Bedford, MA.
- The sexual abuse by Father Boisvert included the following: Father Boisvert fondling the boy's penis and testicles, both over the clothes and skin on skin; Father Boisvert forcing the boy to masturbate Father Boisvert's penis; Father Boisvert rubbing his penis against the boy's face; and Father Boisvert sodomizing the boy.
- The claim settled in 2023 in the mid-five figures.

## **Serio “Charlie” La Penna - Archdiocese of Boston**

### **Summary:**

- Serio “Charlie” La Penna was accused of sexually abusing a female minor child on at least two occasions in approximately 1990 when the girl was approximately seventeen years old. During the sexual abuse, Mr. La Penna was employed as a maintenance worker at St. Alphonsus Church in Beverly-Danvers, MA. The sexual abuse took place inside the sacristy of St. Alphonsus Church in Beverly-Danvers, MA
- The sexual abuse by Mr. La Penna included the following: Mr. La Penna kissing the girl on the mouth, putting his tongue in her mouth; Mr. La Penna fondling the girl’s breasts, skin on skin; and Mr. La Penna performing oral sex on the girl.
- Mr. La Penna died on October 24, 2010.
- The claim settled in 2023 in the low five figures.

## Father Victor C. LaVoie - Archdiocese of Boston

### Assignment Record:

Year	Assignment
1971	Ordained
1972-1975	St. Mary's Church, Chelmsford, MA
1976-1979	St. John Chrysostom Church, West Roxbury, MA
1980-1985	St. Thomas of Villanova, Wilmington, MA
1986-1989	St. Paul, Hingham, MA
1990	Indexed under "Priestly Renewal" and "Advocates," but not indexed under a church
1991-1992	St. Rose Church, Chelsea, MA
1993	Unindexed
1994-1995	St. Malachy's Church, Burlington, MA
1996-2002	St. Eulalia Church, Winchester, MA
2003	Indexed under "Advocates," not indexed under a church
2004-2005	St. Eulalia Church, Winchester, MA
2006	Unindexed
2007-2009	Unassigned
2010-2012	Unindexed
2013-2014	Unassigned
	Died June 26, 2014

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### Summary:

- Father Victor C. LaVoie was accused of sexually abusing a male minor child on at least ten occasions in approximately 1975 when the boy was approximately twelve years old. During the sexual abuse, Father LaVoie was assigned to St. John Chrysostom Church in West Roxbury, MA, and the boy belonged to the parish. The sexual abuse took place inside the sacristy of St. John Chrysostom Church.
- The sexual abuse by Father LaVoie included the following: Father LaVoie fondling the boy's penis and testicles, both over the clothes and skin on skin.
- The claim settled in 2023 in the high five figures.

## Father Paul V. Rattigan – Archdiocese of Boston

### Assignment Record:

Dates	Assignment
1943	Ordained
1944-1952	St. Mary's Church, Walpole, MA
1953	St. James' Church, Boston, MA
1954-1960	St. John's Seminary, Boston, MA
1961-1969	St. Paul's Church, Dorchester, MA
	Died July 6, 1969

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### Summary:

- Father Paul V. Rattigan was accused of sexually abusing a female minor child in approximately 1962 when the girl was approximately six years old. At the time of the sexual abuse, Father Rattigan was assigned to St. Paul's Church in Dorchester, MA, and the girl belonged to the parish. The sexual abuse took place inside the rectory of St. Paul's Church in Dorchester, Massachusetts.
- The sexual abuse by Father Rattigan included the following: Father Rattigan fondled the girl's vagina, skin-on-skin.
- The claim settled in 2023 in the mid-five figures.

## Father William I. Shinnick - Archdiocese of Boston

### Assignment Record:

Year	Assignment
1942	Ordained
1943 - 1945	St. Jerome's Church, Arlington, MA
1946 - 1949	St. Rose's Church, Chelsea, MA
1950 - 1953	Most Precious Blood, Hyde Park, MA
1954	St. Gregory's Church, Dorchester, MA
1955 - 1958	St. John's Church, Roxbury, MA
1959 - 1960	St. Mary's Church, Charlestown, MA
1961	St. Patrick's Church (West), Lynn, MA
1962 - 1969	St. James' Church, Arlington, MA
1970 - 1981	St. Maria Goretti Church, Lynnfield Centre, MA
	Died May 10, 1981

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### Summary:

- Father William I. Shinnick was accused of sexually abusing a female minor child on approximately 60 occasions from approximately 1960 when the girl was approximately ten years old until approximately 1964 when the girl was approximately fourteen years old. During the sexual abuse, Father Shinnick was assigned to St. Mary's Church in Charlestown, MA, St. Patrick's Church (West) in Lynn, MA, and St. James' Church in Arlington, MA. The sexual abuse took place inside the girl's childhood home.
- The sexual abuse by Father Shinnick included the following: Father Shinnick kissing the girl on the mouth, putting his tongue in her mouth; Father Shinnick fondling the girl's breasts, buttocks, and genitals.
- The claim settled in 2023 in the low six figures.