

# St. Cornelius Parish

SUNDAY BULLETIN

May 15, 2022



"I give you a new commandment: love one another."

Jn13:14

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## St. Cornelius Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm  
Closed for Lunch 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

**Saturday:** Confessions 2:30 - 3:30 Vigil Mass 4:00 pm

**Sunday:** 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 4:00 pm

**Weekday Mass: 7:30 am**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Friday's after morning Mass to 4 pm (available on Livestream, see link below)

**LiveStream** [www.livestream.com/saintcornelius](http://www.livestream.com/saintcornelius)

## Thoughts from the Second Floor Front V Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

Could the teaching that Jesus gives in today's Gospel proclamation be any more radical or make any greater demand on us as disciples? We are admonished not only to love one another. We are directed to love one another as Jesus loved us. Think about the depth of that mandate. How did Jesus love us? He preached about the Kingdom of the Father. He healed those who were ill. He forgave sins. He taught that the true path to leadership is through service. He emptied Himself for us. He died for us. How is it that we are to live our love "as" He loved? Can we preach? Can we heal? Can we forgive sins? Can we serve others? Can we die for another? The answer to all of those questions is yes.

Not all of us are called to preach from a pulpit in the formality of the Liturgy. It was St. Francis of Assisi who instructed the members of his community to "preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words." The greatest act of preaching is in witnessing to the faith we possess by our *deeds*. I am not speaking of some social gospel movement. I am speaking of those actions on behalf of someone else. An action that is performed solely for the good of another and one that comes at a cost to us. That is a powerful homily.

Do you think that the healing Jesus did in the Public Ministry is quite beyond us? We may not be capable of straightening twisted limbs or restoring sight where there was once darkness or sound where there was once only silence. But we are more than capable of assisting those whose limbs are twisted. We can be a light to others and speak a word that will heal their spirits and their psyche. Perhaps you know of a relationship that is warped and needs healing. Perhaps you are the cause of the hurt. You can also be the cause of its healing.

Jesus' assertion that He has the power and ability to forgive sins is one of the most audacious claims that He makes. It is one thing for one person to forgive another if they are responsible for an injury. It is another matter entirely if an individual says that my sins are forgiven quite apart from anything that I may or may not have done to the speaker. Is there an injury that you have received, purposefully or unintentionally? Are you capable of forgiving? We have been given a new life in Jesus. That means that we have also been given a new heart and a new spirit; both of which empower us to be agents of change and agents of forgiveness.

It is in His service that Jesus shows He is a leader. All through the gospel accounts He admonishes His disciples not to seek worldly glory but seek to be the servant of others. The great hymn "Be thou my vision" (Van Morrison's version is the best.) addresses this:

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.*

Jesus died for us. Dying to self to live for another is the key to Christian living. We are given opportunity after opportunity to do this. When that comes to you this week, be Jesus for others.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond



James and Joan Donovan  
Peter Klein  
Sean and Kathleen Walpole and family



In our charity, let us pray  
for the repose of the soul of  
**Marilyn Ross**  
Wife of Robert Ross  
Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord.  
May she rest in peace.

## Employment Opportunity

Saint Cornelius Early Learning Center is now accepting applications for part time aide positions at our school for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. We are looking for candidates, who are enthusiastic, energetic, and flexible. We are looking to hire teacher assistants who are available Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 3 PM. We are also looking to hire for our after CARES program which runs from 3:00 to 5:30 PM. Hours can be made flexible. For more information about the position and necessary qualifications, please contact: Abigail McCusker at [akohlbrenner@scornelius.org](mailto:akohlbrenner@scornelius.org) or call 610-459-8663.



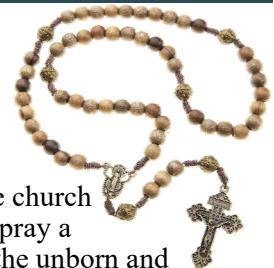
## Monsignor's Thursday Email

Msgr. Diamond's weekly Thursday Email is a popular weekly news letter for our parishioners. Currently there are **over 994** people who receive his email each Thursday afternoon. If you would like to be on our distribution list, please call the office at (610) 459-2502 or send your request to be added to our distribution at

[Stcorn1@comcast.net](mailto:Stcorn1@comcast.net).

Many of our parishioners enjoy receiving these emails and staying up-to-date on the goings on of St. Cornelius Church.

**Sunday, May 15  
12:00 Noon**



Join our Parish Pro-Life Group in the church this Sunday, May 15, at noon, as we pray a Rosary and the Litany of Loreto for the unborn and an end to abortion. It is a perfect way to perform a spiritual work of mercy for the most vulnerable.

This event is scheduled every 3rd Sunday so please mark your calendars now. Bring a friend.

## Liturgical Update

What do Baskets, Gifts and The Cross have in Common?

They are returning to our Sunday Mass liturgy!

In the coming weeks you will begin to see our liturgy pick up with the familiar roles and responsibilities; namely our offertory will return with the passing of the basket, and we will once again have an offertory procession of the gifts.



Initially, for the summer the offertory will be handled by our lectors for each Mass. Beginning in September we would like to open up this opportunity for others to be involved and so we will have a sign up sheet on which you can select your Mass time.

More urgently is our need for people to assist with the offertory procession. This we will begin in June.

For this effort two people are needed to present the gifts of bread and wine to the celebrant. The offertory procession takes place right after the Intercessions and Prayers of the Faithful. During the Nicene Creed you would come to the table in the back of the church. At the appointed time you simply process up the center aisle to meet the presider who will take the gifts from you, you then will give a small bow of the head and return to your seats. We do ask that appropriate church attire is worn as a matter of respect for the sacred objects that you are presenting at Mass. Families are welcomed to bring the offering up as well, this would be a wonderful expression of your faith as a family.

Lastly, our procession into Mass will once again be lead by The Cross. For this ministry the Cross bearer starts the

procession at the ringing of the bell. A slow walk towards the foot of the altar, a bow of the head and placing the cross in the stand to the right of the altar near the statue of St. Joseph.

To lead the procession after Mass, you should be seated near the Cross after communion. After the presider says the final prayer, you remove the Cross from the stand and position yourself in the center aisle three pews back. Once the presider genuflects, turn and process out - remembering to dip the cross down so as to not hit the ceiling.





## A Good Neighbor to the Homeless

Southern Chester County churches are signing up with Bridge of Hope to become support teams for families coming out of homeless shelter programs. Four families from Saint Cornelius have volunteered to become part of this effort. They have received training with Bridge of Hope and are being assigned a family very soon. By sharing their talents and friendship they will directly be serving as missionary disciples for a vulnerable family and serve as a good neighbor.

Please email [dochollisv@aol.com](mailto:dochollisv@aol.com) or call 610-717-2180 to learn more or to become a member of a family support team.



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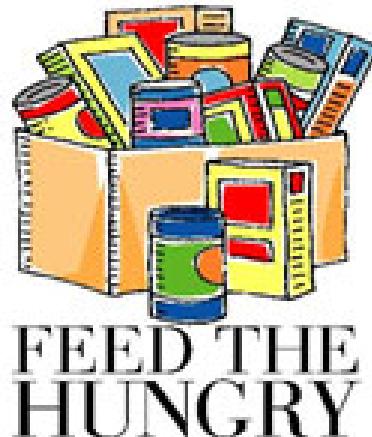
Our patron saint is Saint Joseph the Worker. Our mission calls upon the intercession of Saint Joseph the Worker, a simple carpenter who reminds us of the importance of stillness, reflection, and prayer.

Young Catholic Professionals mission is to challenge, train, and inspire young adults working in various professional careers to work in witness for Christ. For more information go to our local Philadelphia website at [www.ycpphiladelphia.org/cpages/home](http://www.ycpphiladelphia.org/cpages/home)

## St. Cornelius **JUNE** Food Drive to benefit Kennett Food Cupboard **KACS**

(Kennett Area Community Services)  
Serving the basic needs of the poor in the  
Kennett Square Area!

Over 400 families and 41,000 lbs. of food/month in  
the Kennett Square Area!



## The Weekend of June 4th & 5th Suggested donations:

- Low sugar cold cereals
- Canned tomato products
- Rice (2 lb. packages)
- Dried beans (kidney, black & pinto)
- Salt, pepper, garlic, cayenne pepper
- Various canned vegetables
- Ketchup, mayonnaise, hot sauce
- Tuna
- Cooking oil, vegetable oil
- Canned low sugar fruit
- Canned meals: Beef stew, pasta, baked beans, Spaghettios, SPAM
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Baking: Flour, sugar, maseca flour

There will be volunteers to assist in loading your donations onto the truck from KACS which will be located in the parking lot of the church. Thank you!

For further information OR to volunteer,  
please contact:  
Jean Burke (610) 220-6646  
or Nancy Todor (609) 234-1193



The Sunday collection is very important for us to maintain our fiscal responsibilities. So, if you are away on a Sunday, *ENJOY*; but remember *YOUR* church.

**May 8, 2022**

WeShare eGiving	\$6,883.00
Envelope Offering	<u>\$10,937.00</u>
	\$17,820.00

**May 1, 2022**

WeShare eGiving	\$11,093.00
Envelope Offering	<u>\$12,667.00</u>
	\$23,760.00



*"For where your treasure is,  
there also will your heart be."*

Luke 12:34



**American Red Cross  
Blood Drive at St. Cornelius!!**  
**Thursday, May 26, 2022**  
**1PM to 6PM**  
**Parish Life Center**

**Registration: May 14<sup>th</sup> & May 15<sup>th</sup>  
after all Masses!**

Or register at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) using *St. Cornelius* as the sponsor code or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) Call Marilyn at 484-732-8842 leaving your name and phone number with any questions.

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds. Blood cannot be manufactured. It can only come from generous donors like YOU.

**Be that Good Samaritan! Be a donor  
on May 26th !!!**

**Eligibility questions?**

Call the Red Cross Donor Center @ 1-866-236-3276



## Eucharistic Adoration

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church.*

Join us for Adoration on Friday mornings after Mass. You are welcome to visit anytime during the day until we repose the Blessed Sacrament at 4:00 PM.

**If a funeral is scheduled for a Friday,  
there will be NO exposition.**



## CATHOLIC CULTURE CORNER

### Ask St. Cornelius!



What is the object in the ambulatory that is gold, stands on a pedestal and has a small window in which there is a circular case with some small object the size of a grain of rice? Seems rather ornate, it must be something important.

- RWK

Well RWK that is a pretty good description. You must have studied it at some length. As you mention, it is ornate and something important. As I have mentioned in this column at different times our objects and symbols are all, very important in shaping and expressing our faith and Catholic devotion. What you describe is an object called a *reliquary*. It contains a relic, from the Latin *reliquiae*, meaning remains, The familiar word *relinquish* derives also from *reliquiae*, to give something up, or to turn something over to someone such as a title or an object. Within the silver circular container is the relic or a *portion of my remains*. The relic can also be a piece of clothing or something a saint has touched or used. To many this may seem a strange practice to have such devotion or attention to an object - a relic. We must remember that the many benefits we obtain through our devotion and veneration are always first and foremost bestowed by God. The relic connects us to the particular saint, their devotion and commitment to which we also strive.



There are three kinds of relics that the church recognizes.

**First Class Relics:** These are bits of the mortal remains of saints; they remind us of God's actions through His holy ones in guiding the world. These remains could be any part of the body – bone, flesh, a drop of blood, or even hair.

**Second Class Relics:** These are items of clothing worn by the saint or **items** used by the saint. Examples include Mass vestments, religious habits, the Breviary or prayer books used by the saint, or the Rosary beads they prayed with.

**Third Class Relics:** These are items **that a saint touched** or that have been touched to a first or second class relic of a saint. Most of the relics that laypeople have are prayer cards that have touched either a saint's body or their personal items. This is also true for items touched to instruments of Our Lord's Passion. A Rosary touched to the Relic of the True Cross even becomes a Third Class Relic of the True Cross.

We honor these relics and items because they are directly related to great Christians who have, through their grace and gift, been instruments of God's love, peace and message of hope. Through these relics we come but one step closer to knowing God and experiencing His salvific message.



## St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

We LOVED celebrating our moms at school with a very special tea party! We hope our moms enjoyed their special day. We hope all our moms, grandmothers and special ladies in our life enjoyed a very HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!! We love you! ❤️



## Prayer Shawl Ministry... Come, Join US!



Did you know that each baby baptized at St Cornelius receives a hand-made blanket made by our Prayer Shawl Ministry? You are welcome to join us in this rewarding ministry. We also make shawls, blankets, scarves, hats, mittens etc. for elderly homes, the Giving Tree and anyone looking for a comforting gift.

**Every 4th Monday of each month  
1:30pm to 3:00pm**

We find ourselves in need of white acrylic yarn or funding to help continue this wonderful ministry. Please prayerfully consider donating to our ministry or purchasing a "Pound of Love" or "Caron Pound" of white acrylic yarn. We have a basket set up in the Bethany Room, which is in the back of church, to offer our works and for your donations. Also, you are welcome to drop off any yarn donations to the Parish Life Center. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Shawls and blankets are available in the Bethany Room. If you have any questions, please contact

Mary Jo Shell, (610) 361-8198  
or Joanne Fonash, (610) 299-9694



## The Faith Community Nurse Holistic Health Ministry

On request, Faith Community Nurses are making home visits to families who may be experiencing medical or social difficulties. The nurses confidentially address the needs holistically through bringing with them prayers from the parish, a knowledge of the medical field and process for providing support. If you know of anyone in the parish or beyond who would benefit from these services, please email: [stfcn@gmail.com](mailto:stfcn@gmail.com). Contact person is Joan Holliday, RN/FCN at (610) 717-2180.



## Helping Hands and Hearts

This ministry offers temporary help (meals, errands, etc.) to individuals and families in need! If you are aware of someone in need or would like to be a volunteer helper, please contact Marilyn Gustin at [\(mgustin05@gmail.com\)](mailto:mgustin05@gmail.com) (484) 732-8842.



## SAINT CORNELIUS Early Learning Center ENROLLMENT OPEN FOR THE 2022 - 2023 SCHOOL YEAR!

At Saint Cornelius Early Learning Center we are dedicated to educating each child to learn academic and social skills for success in their future. Our energetic teachers and staff create a nurturing, creative and exciting environment for children to learn, grow, and thrive!

Now enrolling PreK 3, PreK4 and Kindergarten!

### CONTACT US

For more information or to schedule a tour, please email Abigail McCusker at [akohlbrenner@scornelius.org](mailto:akohlbrenner@scornelius.org) or call (610) 459 - 8663.



## Updating Our Prayer List

We are attempting to update our prayer list as it has grown over the years. If you know of a loved one listed below whom you feel has been helped by our prayers and are now recovered, please email the office at [stcorn1@comcast.net](mailto:stcorn1@comcast.net) so we can remove their name.

### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AND THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM

Jack Bozzuffi, Rosemary Johnston, Carol McKnight, Paul Lucas, Carla Santoleri, Richard Meccarrielli, Beth Moore, Edward Field, Judy Field, Bob Grant, Joyce Monaco, Matthew Hurst, Mary Tapkey, Leonard Smith, Jr., Gary & Barbara Hampton, Holly & Mike Kahles, Amy Tucker, Jim Waters, Kathie Buckley, Dottie Burks, Bernice & Arthur Hindle, John Bruno, Sean Mulvey, George Butler, Margaret Butler, Patricia Wells, Kathy Williams, Michael Gibbons, William Grant, Shirley Masse, Ellen Brigsone, Laura O'Brien-Black, Elizabeth Kephart, Tina Landis, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Joseph Spetzer, III, Anne Spetzer, Jim McGuigan, Michelle Dillione, Chris Roe, MaryBeth Waak, Frank Cutters, Gina Slobogin, Marie Slobogin, Kylee Dougherty, Arthur McGuigan, Dave and Ronnie Pryce, Rosemary Brennan, Ellie May McGrath, Vicki Wojdak, Deacon Clem McGovern, Sharon Faulkner, Andrea Bateman, Brandon Heacock, Brittany Lott, Nancy Young, Peyton Lott, Billy Lott, Nanci Ehmer, Peggy Peters, Paul McEneaney, John Melasecca, Ken Rudert, Ed Shell, Virginia Piergiovanni, Ellie McCreight, Ellie Griem, Gregory Varacchi, Michael McKinnen, Jeanne Kitson, Connie Carney, Rob Kenney, Kelly Kenney, Eugene Monaco, Susan Meyers, Luke Post, Matthew Hess, Jim Buckley, Jerome Lienhard, Mary Rose Salisbury, Margery Butler, Charlotte Kensicki, Jim Barr, Jerome Lichard, Lisa Winkleblech, Aaron Winkleblech, Patricia Butler



## The Ministry of Consolation

A St. Cornelius community response to the needs of people grieving the death of a significant person/persons in their lives, the ministry honors the words and example of the Lord Jesus:

*"Blessed are they who mourn; they shall be consoled"*  
(Matthew 5:4).

A team of three St. Cornelius church members have been trained to set up and facilitate a Support Group for the Consolation Ministry.

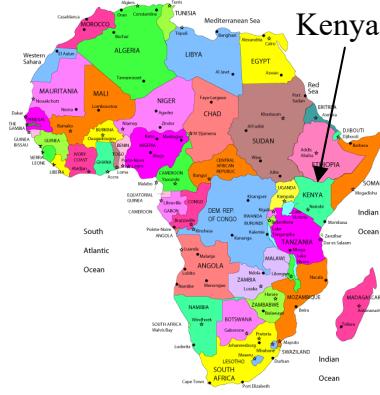
On **May 21, 2022**, the Consolation Group will meet at the **Parish Life Center, Fr. Simon Room from 2:30pm to 3:30pm**.

Contact Joan Holliday for any questions  
[dochollisv@aol.com](mailto:dochollisv@aol.com) or call (610) 717-2180.

## CRS NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Catholic Relief Services staff are growing increasingly alarmed by worsening food insecurity across East Africa, where the most devastating drought in 40 years, coupled with record-high inflation driven by the war in Ukraine, has left tens of millions of people in urgent need of humanitarian aid.

*"What we're seeing is a cascading crisis that gets worse by the day,"* said Margaret Kahiga, who runs a food security project for CRS in Northern Kenya. *"This is a once-in-a-generation emergency. Imagine an entire community without any men because all the men had migrated in search of literally greener pastures. This is our reality. Layers of calamity have left people, many of them children, without access to food or water. If the international community doesn't respond accordingly, catastrophe awaits, including potential conflict over food, water and other resources."* Please visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) today to see how you can help!



### Thursday Scripture Study 10:00 am Parish Life Center

Bible Study with  
Msgr. Diamond has returned!



All women and men are invited to join us each Thursday morning from 10:00 to 11:30 am. If you weren't able to join us last year, do not let that deter you. The goal of this Scripture study will be to broaden our knowledge of Scripture, our church's teaching regarding the Scriptures, and it will enhance our understanding and personal faith life. Please bring a bible.

[saintcornelius.org/morning-bible-study](http://saintcornelius.org/morning-bible-study)



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### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

Saint Cornelius Parish

You can contact Mrs. Sullivan at [stcornprep@scornelius.org](mailto:stcornprep@scornelius.org) or by calling the PREP office (610) 459-7723

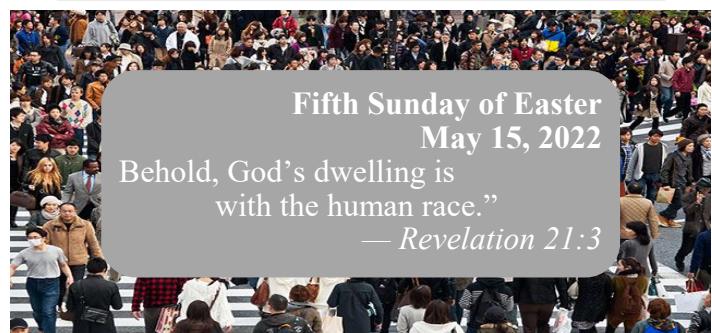
We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in our PREP program during the 2021-22 PREP year. It was a wonderful year and we would not have been able to do it without our volunteers, teachers, students and families. You are what makes this program great.

Registration for the 2022-23 PREP year is currently open. We have limited spots in our July Summer Session (July 11-15), our traditional Sunday program, or our Virtual Family program. If you have a child entering into 1st - 7th grade in the fall, please contact Julie Sullivan with any questions. Our registration form is available on the PREP page of the website or by contacting Julie Sullivan at [stcornprep@scornelius.org](mailto:stcornprep@scornelius.org).

If you are passionate about your faith and interested in teaching in our Sunday program, please reach out to Julie Sullivan for more information. We would love to have you join our program.

### Youth Group:

We hope that all of our youth group families spoiled their mother's last week. Our official year is winding down, but keep an eye out for social and service opportunities throughout the summer. If you have a suggestion of a project for the Youth Group, please contact Julie Sullivan at [stcornprep@scornelius.org](mailto:stcornprep@scornelius.org).





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## CHOSEN FATHERS

*A ministry of Mutual Support for Fathers of Children with Special Needs*

Being a good dad day-in and day-out is not an easy task. Yet raising children with special needs can make fatherhood even more challenging.

We invite fathers of children with physical, mental, sensory, or emotional challenges to our monthly meetings aimed at enabling dads to follow Christ's example of love, patience, mercy and service in raising and supporting their children.

**3rd Tuesday of every month**  
**7:30 - 8:45 pm**

Please call the gentlemen below with questions about meeting location as it can change from month to month depending on group size.

Joe Howard (610) 458-7831; [jchoward72@aol.com](mailto:jchoward72@aol.com)  
or Liam Dempsey (610) 390-9076; [liam@LBdesigns.tv](mailto:liam@LBdesigns.tv)



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2022

[catholiccharitiesappeal.org](http://catholiccharitiesappeal.org)

## Sunday Mass Intentions (Week of May 15 – May 20)

7:30 AM Tiffany Volovich

9:00 AM Marion Cullen

11:00 AM Robert T. Blair

4:00 PM Charlene Hennessy

## Weekly Mass Schedule

### Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*  
Reading: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a;  
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

### Monday 7:30 AM

Intention: James Holtzer  
Reading: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;  
Jn 14:21-26

### Tuesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Ronald & Thomasina Bena  
Reading: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;  
Jn 14:27-31a

### Wednesday 7:30 AM St. John I

Intention: Edward Maher  
Reading: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

### Thursday 7:30 AM

Intention: Philip & Ellen Mueller  
Reading: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

### Friday 7:30 AM St. Bernardine of Siena

Intention: Annick DeFelice  
Reading: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

## PILGRIM STATUE



5 - 15 - 2022 Open  
5 - 22 - 2022 Kathy Howley  
5 - 22 - 2022 Debbie Brisgone

**Feel free to pick your dates.**  
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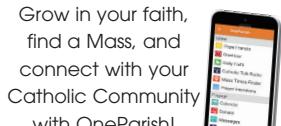
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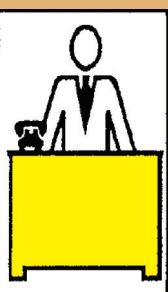
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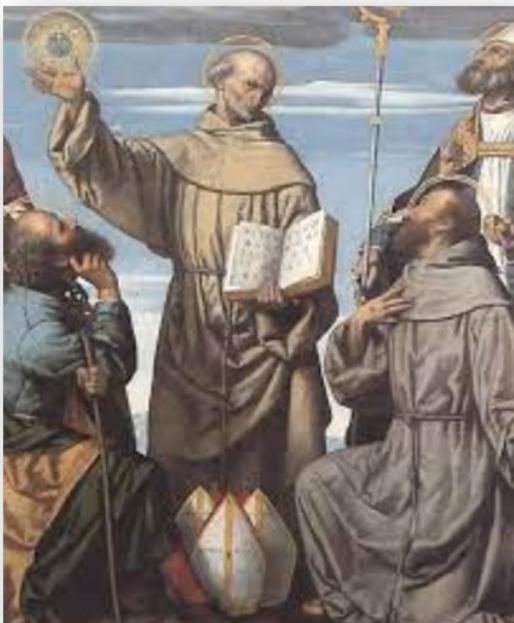
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Saint Bernardine of Siena was the Billy Graham of his day. Graham would travel ceaselessly from city to city preaching the good news of the Gospel over many decades. Yet while today's saint was certainly a roving evangelist, he was also much more. He was first and foremost vowed to poverty, chastity, and obedience as a Franciscan Friar. Saint Bernardine was also ordained into the one Priesthood of Jesus Christ by a successor of the Apostles. And he had received a long and complete theological and humanistic education before he ever opened his mouth in front of a crowd. He was even a doctor of canon law.

Saint Bernardine of Siena was one of the many bright lights of fifteenth-century Italy who did everything in his power to create a holier Church through his preaching and witness. He was such a thoroughly compelling and entertaining speaker that enormous crowds turned out to hear him, normally first thing in the morning. He encouraged devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus and often held the IHS monogram in his hand when preaching. This devotion was later incorporated as a feast day into the universal calendar of the Church. Bernardine dramatically exhorted his congregations to melt their mirrors, playing cards, perfumes, dice, wigs, and other worldly distractions in a "bonfire of the vanities" roaring near his pulpit. This was true drama.

In the Franciscan tradition, Bernardine of Siena walked everywhere. No horse or mule or carriage for the journey. Compared to the modern penchant for market research,

polling, and tailoring a message to audience expectations, Saint Bernardine was fearless. He spoke the unvarnished truths of his religion to the adherents of the same. Preaching, he understood, was an essential charism of the Priesthood of Christ, not an add-on. Saint Bernardine also published, far ahead of his time, works on entrepreneurship, business practices, a just wage, and the determining of just values for a product or service. Saint Bernardine was a sophisticated thinker with a common touch.

The fact that Saint Bernardine lived almost to the dawn of the age of the printed book meant that many of his sermons and works were accurately preserved. It also meant that images of his likeness were uniform and accurate. A famous painting by El Greco shows the emaciated friar in a worn franciscan habit, the three knots on his white cincture visible, representing poverty, chastity, and obedience. His right hand holds a standard bearing the monogram of the name of Jesus—IHS. In his left hand is a book, perhaps the Bible. And at his feet are three bishops' miters, resting on the ground. Saint Bernardine was three times offered to be made a bishop by the Holy See. And three times he said, "No." No bishopric for him. Bernardine of Siena was the Saint Paul of his era and was canonized in 1450, just six years after he died, numerous miracles having already been attributed to his intercession.