

St. Cornelius Parish

SUNDAY BULLETIN

May 29, 2022



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St. Cornelius Parish Summer Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Friday's 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
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: will return after Labor Day

LiveStream www.livestream.com/saintcornelius

Thoughts from the Second Floor Front VII Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

If I had to come up with a title for this week's column it would be a quote from the Greek philosopher, Heraclitus: *No one steps into the same river twice. All things change.* With the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles the tranquility and Edenic harmony of the early Church is shattered by the stoning of St. Stephen, the proto martyr. This marked a turning point in the development and expansion of the Church. Things change and often things change in ways we cannot anticipate let alone control. Reflect on the past two years; a lack of control is an understatement.

What was, up to this point in the Church's existence, a small band of Jewish men and women who were disciples of Jesus, suddenly and irrevocably, shifts and moves beyond the walled city of Jerusalem. Forced into other venues, the original believers had to decide what to do. Ironically, this violent action enabled the word and The Word to spread. The next verse in the beginning of chapter 6 is:

On that day, there broke out a severe persecution of the church in Jerusalem, and all were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

I imagine that those first disciples who moved beyond Jerusalem did so with great temerity. After all, their leader had been violently killed. The one that had been chosen to serve the community had been violently killed and now the entire church suffers violence and it seems, the violent bear it away. Perhaps those early believers resented being forced to move. Resentment can be a powerful drug, fueling all sorts of behavior, not all of it graced or even recognizably Christian. Resentment may cause one to dig in one's heel and resist the changes that are necessary. Evidently, the early believers did not resent the move, they simply moved and took with them their belief in the Word that had inspired them to become followers of the Risen Christ.

The members of the early church had to change to meet the demands of their days. Knowledge and understanding of who Jesus is and what claims He makes upon them grew. From the earliest writings of Sacred Scripture (St. Paul) to the theological developments in the succeeding Councils of the Church (in particular the ancient Councils of Nicea and Ephesus and the modern council, Vatican II) the followers of Jesus had to wrestle with His identity and presence in their lives and what that meant to them in how to live their lives. The same is true of us.

It is the greatest of ironies (and I rarely use the superlative degree) that the only constant in life is change. Our society is changing, our Church – both universal and local – is changing, our parish is changing. Next month I will be pastor here for five years. Some parishioners lament that the place is not what it used to be. The Masses were standing room only, I am told; couldn't get a seat. I learned a long time ago that it is never a wise move to look for success in numbers. Remember Jesus said: Feed my sheep. He never told us to count them.

As we close in on the end of the Easter season, we can ask ourselves, in light of the changes the early Church went through, how are we going to handle the necessary changes in which we are involved. It is not a rhetorical question and I do not pose it as idle speculation. All things are now different. The difference has nothing to do with the Pandemic or the COVID. We are different because of what we have been accelerating throughout the Easter Season. I began this reflection with a quote from a rather obscure ancient Greek philosopher. I close with a quote from a well-known Spanish mystic, Teresa of Ávila. *Nada te turbe, nada te turbe* (Let nothing disturb you) All things change. Only God remains.

In John's gospel proclaimed these past few weeks we hear from the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus. At the Last Supper He prayed for us. John emphasizes Jesus' desire not just to recognize Him but to remain in Him as He wants us to remain in Him, Ours is a mystical religion and the call we have received is this: Remain with Him.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond

The St. Cornelius Literary Society

The next selection is *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* by Marianne Cronin.

Seventeen-year-old Lenni lives in the section of the Glasgow hospital for those who are terminally ill. She is alone because her mother returned to Sweden and Lenni told her father to follow a new girlfriend to Poland since his visits depressed her. She creates her own family with new friends. Father Arthur, the hospital chaplain, accepts her wit and disbelief when they speak. Lenni does not enjoy the company of other teens and joins an art session for those over 80, where she and 83-year-old Margot become close. The structure of the novel is clever as Lenni and Margot paint the story of their combined 100 years. The bittersweet story relates Margot's tragedies and romances while Lenni provides humorous dialogue. Teens will love the tearjerker ending.

We will probably gather in early June.



Have you ever wanted to read the Bible, but got bogged down almost as soon as you started? Or are you already familiar with the stories of the Old and New Testaments, but never figured out – or even thought about – how they all fit together? Then join us for *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*, an 8-part Bible study that uncovers the story woven throughout Scripture so you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand how you fit into that story today.

In eight weekly, short videos, Bible scholar Jeff Cavins will take us on a quick journey through salvation history -- from Creation and the Fall through the coming of Christ and the establishment of the Church. You'll learn with the aid of an easy-to-use, color-coded Bible Timeline chart and small-group discussion questions, which reinforce the video presentations and help you apply the message to your life. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God's plan.

The program will run **Thursdays, July 7 through Aug. 25, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Life Center.** For more information or to register contact parishioner Jean Wysocki, (215) 240-0873 or ajwysocki2@verizon.net or visit ascensionpress.com. There is a small materials charge to cover the workbook, timeline, and a one-year online access to the videos.

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 isle 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 Crossbearer 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.



After the 7:30 Mass, the Pro-Life Group is hosting a Holy Hour. We will pray a rosary for the unborn, and an end to abortion. We will also pray the Miraculous Medal Novena for the unborn. There will be time for silent prayer. The hour will close at approximately 9:00 am.

Holy Hour - Join Us!

Monday, June 6, 8:00 am

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Look for this event monthly on the first Monday of the month.



Casey Kohlbrenner
Marie MacCrory



In our charity, let us pray
for the repose of the soul of

Pasquale Sardella

Husband of Nancy Sardella

Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord.
May he rest in peace.



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 have been assigned a family

Special Note: Many homeless families are in search of affordable rentals. If you are in contact with rental properties with rent no higher than \$1,400/month in the West Chester and Southern Chester County areas, please contact us. This would be one way to help the ministry serving the homeless.

Email docholliv@aol.com or call 610-717-2180 with information, or to learn more about becoming a member of a family support team.

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 or call 610-459-8663.

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!



FEED THE HUNGRY

The Weekend of June 4th & 5th

Suggested donations:

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

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 22, 2022

WeShare eGiving \$6,353.00
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 \$13,099.00



“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”

Luke 12:34

CATHOLIC CULTURE CORNER

Ask St. Cornelius!



Last week I ended my thoughts on the sainthood process with Pope Urban VIII centralizing the process in the 17th and 18th century.

By 1917 with the publication of the Code of Canon Law the process for canonization was codified (written down, systematized, documented). By codifying the process, it only followed that it became more formal. Canonizing someone became known as an act by Supreme Pontiff to declare, in a definitive and solemn way, that a Catholic Christian was actually in the glory of heaven, interceding for humanity before God. That’s not an act the Church takes lightly, nor should it be. To say someone is definitively *in the glory of heaven* and that they *intercede for us before God* takes some reflection and understanding of how God has worked directly through a person to be that conduit of God’s love and mercy. To achieve that level of recognition by the Church one had to fit in one of two categories; martyrdom or heroic virtue. Consider the new saint Titus Brandsma, who was a member of the Carmelite religious order who was martyred.

The 1917 Code of Canon Law was followed until Pope Paul VI in 1969 modified the process for beatification allowing the process to be simplified. When a person was being considered for beatification, only one miracle had to be documented and this would be handled by the local bishop under the directives of the Holy See. As well the local bishop would oversee the “Servant of God’s” writings and investigate their life of martyrdom if that be the cause for their beatification.

In 1983 Pope John Paul II simplified the process for the canonization of saints even further. With the revised Code of Canon Law the entire process was made simpler, faster, less expensive and more collegial. This was done in two ways: 1) the process of gathering evidence and documenting information on the individual was handled by the local bishop, eliminating Rome. 2) Eliminate the legal cause arguments between the *postulator* (the individual who speaks on behalf of the cause for canonization. They often handled the evidence or documentation that has been gathered) and the *Promoter of the Faith* (The person who represents the Church. Their role is to question the postulator about the evidence presented). Instead a new group would be formed called the *college of relators* and their role would be to supervise the documentation that is pulled together on the individual; the miracles attributed to them, their martyrdom, their writings, etc. It is a shift from making a case and proving it to the church in a court of law, towards making a case based on research and writing.

No longer was there a waiting period of 50 years, but rather only 5 years after the death. Also, if there was a widespread acclamation among the faithful that the person was in heaven because of their martyrdom or life of heroic manner their cause could be put forward.

To be continued...



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.

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

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.



Adoration will return Friday, September 9, after Labor.

The church will remain open for quiet reflection during the summer months from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm



St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

Our kindergarten students had an amazing field trip to the Helicopter Museum last week. The children loved seeing the helicopters up close!

The program was Helicopter Hunt and it uses images, video, and fun activities to help kids learn what a helicopter is and what it can do. Museum leaders taught the students about the parts of a helicopter, then help them use shapes and colors to identify helicopters in the Museum gallery.

The students had free time to explore the aircraft and climb in a cockpit to try their hands at the controls. It was such a fun and educational experience for our kindergarten friends!



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: stfcfn@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 (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 akohlbrener@scornelius.org or call (610) 459 - 8663.

Let us pray for our Men and Women serving in the Armed Forces. Especially for:

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| SPC Mike Canfield | Capt. Megan Love |
| Cpl Michael Castle | Alexander Marlow |
| Lt. Connor Cleary | LT. Cmdr. Daniel McCadden |
| Fr. Joseph Coffey (Chaplain) | CSM Sean McGlensey |
| Maj Robert B. Cusick, Jr. | Capt. Jonathan McGrath |
| Capt. Joshua deFreitas | LT Molly K. McGuckin |
| SSGT Michael DiVernieri | LT Ryan A. McGuckin |
| Cadet Emily Fanning | Cpt. Sean P. Noll |
| Ens. Ryan Gallagher | Lt. Col. Brian J. O'Shea |
| Sgt. Eric Gardner | Lt. Cmdr. Inga O'Shea |
| Capt. Matthew Gibbons | Maj. James O'Shea |
| Ens Patrick Gibbons | PFC L. Roland |
| Ens John Paul Gibbons | Capt. Neal F. Schubert |
| 1st Lt. Juan Miguel Gonzalez | HM3 Charles Schwartz |
| Capt. Rachel Gonzalez | Ens Nicholas Spadaccini |
| SPC Logan Hannum | MSG Thomas Stone |
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| PO1 Nathan R. Keller | Lt. Christopher Vish |
| Lt. Lauren Kinnee | 1st Lt. Aidan Walsh |
| Capt. Daniel Kohli | Capt. Jennifer Wynn |
| Capt. Chris Love | |

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 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 Brisgone, Laura O'Brien-Black, Elizabeth Kephart, Tina Landis, Bill & Theresa Sherwin, Joseph Spetzer, III, Anne Spetzer, Jim McGuigan, Michelle Dillione, Chris Roe, Frank Kutters, 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, Ken Rudert, Ed Shell, Virginia Piergiovanni, Ellie McCreight, Ellie Griem, Gregory Varacchi, Michael McKinnen, Jeanne Kitson, Connie Carney, 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 **June 18, 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 docholliv@aol.com or call (610) 717-2180.

CRS NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

In support of the Global COVID Summit, Catholic Relief Services is committing \$14 million to the global response. “Right now, the world is not on track to prevent future waves of COVID-19,” CRS said in a statement. “For many countries, it seems like the virus is diminishing, but we have not done enough to prevent people from illness or death. There needs to be a refocus on vaccinations and improving health systems, or else we are going to be stuck in a nonstop COVID-19 cycle.”



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
(PREP)
Saint Cornelius Parish

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



With a focus on vaccinating the world, saving lives now, and building up global health security, CRS is committed to helping bring the pandemic to an end. Please visit www.crs.org for more information. Thanks for your support!

We hope you are having a wonderful week! It is hard to believe with this beautiful weather, we still need to think about next school year. If you have a child entering grades 1-7 and haven't registered for one of our PREP programs, or you have a child attending a local catholic school and will be celebrating a sacrament in the parish this year, please contact Julie Sullivan at stcornprep@scornelius.org to get more information.

If you have talents you would like to share with our program and are interested in volunteering, we would love to speak with you about how you can get more involved.

Thursday Scripture Study



Scripture study with Msgr. Diamond will be on hiatus for the summer, but that doesn't mean your continued growth and understanding of God's word needs to take a vacation.

Starting July 7 and running through to August 25 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am each Thursday, a summer series on the Bible titled *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* will be available for your continued inspiration. More information can be found on page 3 of this bulletin.

Youth Group:

Thank you for all you did during the first year of our program! I think we have made some wonderful contributions and good friends. If you have suggestions about service or social programs during the summer months, please contact Julie Sullivan at stcornprep@scornelius.org. We will be happy to give you the opportunity to come together before we officially resume in the fall. We hope you have a wonderful summer and will invite a friend to join you again next year!



HEED THE CALL

VOCATION OFFICE FOR
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

Visit our website
WWW.HeedTheCall.org

Seventh Sunday of Easter May 29, 2022

God mounts his throne
amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.

— Psalm 47:6





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If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call our parish office at (610) 459-2502.

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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
or Liam Dempsey (610) 390-9076; liam@LBdesigns.tv

Sunday Mass Intentions (Week of May 29 – June 3)

7:30 AM Tiffany Volovich
9:00 AM Libby and John Ripp
11:00 AM Ronald and Elise Rosanio
4:00 PM John Barmmer

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*
Reading: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9;
Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

Monday 9:00 AM Memorial Day



Reading: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday 7:30 AM

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Intention: Jean Twardy
Reading: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday 7:30 AM St. Justin

Intention: Intentions of Fr. John Olson
Reading: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday 7:30 AM

Ss. Marcellinus and Peter

Intention: Alex and Jean Palovitch
Reading: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Jn 17:20-26

Friday 7:30 AM

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

Intention: Dr. Patrick Johnson
Reading: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;
Jn 21:15-19

PILGRIM STATUE



5 - 29 - 2022 Debbie Brisgone
6 - 5 - 2022 Carla Santoleri
6 - 12 - 2022 Catherine Eno

Feel free to pick your dates.

Please only 3 weeks per family this year.

Call the office at (610) 459-2502
for more information.



**CATHOLIC
CHARITIES
APPEAL 2022**

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May 30, 2022 Memorial Day



Photo: Mass Atop Suribachi. Heads bowed in prayer, Marines attend Holy Mass on the summit of Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima, as one of their number receives communion from the Navy Chaplain who celebrated the Mass. The two Marines at the right are spreading their ponchos, (rain capes), to shield the improvised altar from the high winds that rake the volcano peak. (quoted from the original 1945 vintage photo caption).

Photographed by Technical Corporal Louis R. Burmeister. Official U.S. Marine Corps Photograph, from the collections of the Naval History and Heritage Command.

Memorial Day Reflection: Field Mass

By Father Dennis A. Suglia

I am not often drawn to an image as I once was while studying in the Seminary for the priesthood. It was a simple picture of a Catholic U.S. Navy Chaplain's Field Mass with servicemen during combat operations at the Battle of Iwo Jima. The men are marines and sailors in the midst of the sad reality of combat.

It hung along the wall in one of the hallways at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception. I remember that when I saw it I was immediately drawn into the scene.

Here is what I saw in the visual captured by the photographer: There is a priest standing on a heavily sloped hill wearing simple vestments draped over his military fatigues. He is seen administering the Eucharist to a marine who was kneeling on a rocky and combat torn hill. Behind the priest was a hasty altar and canopy. Around this battle sanctuary were a dozen or so marines and sailors. They appear captivated by the simple reception of Holy Communion seen at the center of the frame. Apparently they had little regard for the enemy that lay hidden somewhere nearby. The photograph is equally strange, mysterious and mystical.

It is strange because of the setting of a battleground that is still being hotly contested. The photo is mysterious because it communicates the singular focus on the Eucharist by the battle-weary men. They have come to pray with a poignant air of grace about them despite the anxiety of the scene.

Mystical because in the Eucharist Jesus is truly present in his Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. He is the mercy of God expressed in the saving action of the crucifix now transformed into the sweetest of all the Sacraments, the Eucharist.

He humbles himself (Phil 2:6) by coming to these servicemen who possess both desire and need of God. Jesus seeks these combatants in the real and terrible contradiction of conflict and violence and his Love (1 John 4:16). He is the gentle master who comes seeking them to console their hearts. He is the One who can give them rest (Mt. 8:18).

God's transcendent essence can calm all storms. For us in "civilian" life God wants to help us with the hurdles, hills and valleys that are part of our everyday ordinary lives. It begins with prayer and the hope that God's superfluous grace will guide our hearts to truth and goodness.

This Memorial Day let us celebrate and remember those who served and have gone before us. War is always dreadful regardless of the outcome and the loss of any human life is always tragic. However, sacrifice can justly be made for some greater goodness. For 2,000 years since the first Easter we Christians have believed that the tragedy of the Crucifixion is surmounted by the triumph of the resurrection. From suffering comes redemption.

Let us fill our hearts with hope that our faith will lead us to knowing him truly as he is. Jesus Christ is The Suffering Servant that consoles us by calling us into a deeper relationship with him and his Passion, Death and Resurrection. His eternal hope for us is to be reunited together forever with him in the kingdom to come. May our veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice and the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God rest in peace.

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