

St. Cornelius Parish

SUNDAY BULLETIN

June 26, 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 XIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 26, 2022

When I was on Sabbatical a few years ago one of the Profs I had at All Hallows College in Dublin offered an insight into the citizens of Ireland when one day he said: *Well, you know what the Irish say. Never put off till tomorrow what can be done the day after that.* One need not be from Erin to be a procrastinator; they just procrastinate with more flair.

There is no procrastinating in the Liturgy of the Word this weekend. Elijah and Elisha are pushing on in their soon to be shared prophetic ministry. Elisha's request to be allowed to kiss his mother and father good-bye before taking off to where he did not know, seems on the surface to be reasonable. Elijah knows what Elisha does not yet realize. Elisha does not yet realize that his goal on this journey is not a place, it is a person, Elijah. God has chosen Elisha as Elijah's prophetic successor. There is no delaying or putting off the investiture as God's prophet.

A similar experience is articulated in the gospel passage this weekend from St. Luke. The entire account in the third gospel is framed within a journey. The journey theme is continued in part II, the Acts of the Apostles. Jesus' journey reaches a critical juncture in this passage. We read: *he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem...* I have been taught that there is an alternate translation that is even more faithful to the original text: *He set His face like flint toward Jerusalem.* The Public Ministry seems to have drawn to a conclusion and now Jesus, with a ferocity, is beginning to engage the ultimate purpose of the Incarnation and that can only take place in the Holy City.

Meeting opposition from the Samaritan village He presses on, refusing to be sidetracked from His goal, fulfilling the will of the Father. Opposition often comes at us from the least likely quarter. His own disciples could be a hindrance to Jesus fulfilling the Father's will. When James and John asked: *"Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?"* Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they journeyed to another village. He rebuked them... As if to say, there is no more time for that anymore, press on.

Finally, we conclude this excerpt with requests from two anonymous disciples, in all probability not from the band of The Twelve. One makes the bold statement of adherence and Jesus' response indicates that there is no personal gain in following Him. The commentary in the New American Bible explains it this way.

Much of the material in the Lucan travel narrative is teaching for the disciples. During the course of this journey Jesus is preparing his chosen Galilean witnesses for the role they will play after his exodus. In these sayings Jesus speaks of the severity and the unconditional nature of Christian discipleship. Even family ties and filial obligations, such as burying one's parents, cannot distract one no matter how briefly from proclaiming the kingdom of God.

The same exception that Elisha offered to Elijah is repeated by this unknown follower of Jesus. Let me bury my father. It seems rather harsh, but Jesus's refusal is further testimony to the demands of discipleship. But when you think about it, we do not even know if the old boy is dead yet. The would-be disciple may be trying to postpone his commitment for an indefinite time if not for ever.

We live in a culture that is all about people seeking to have exceptions granted to them. I saw it most clearly in the pandemic and the issue of Mass attendance. Reasonable precautions were necessary. But then when the danger passed, people still insisted that they do not attend because of a fear of the Covid. Really?! Wegman's is no more or less infectious than our pews. I would ask those who continued to cling to Covid: Do you go out for dinner, do you go to sporting events, do you go shopping, do you go to a movie? Have you attended a wedding and the reception after?

Stop trying to fool yourselves. Because you are not fooling Jesus.

Faithfully,

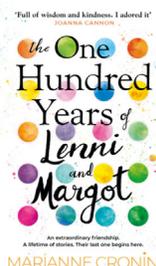
Msgr. Diamond

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.

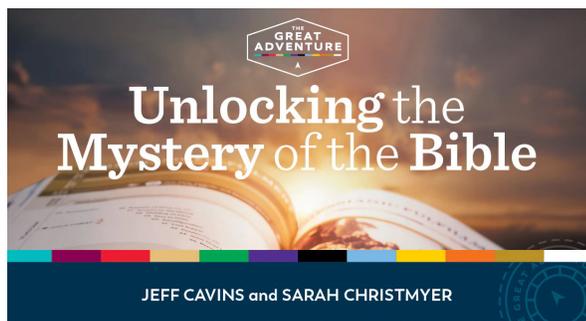


When: Sunday, July 24th at the 11:00 am Mass.

Where: Please sit in the 6 front pews all around the front of the church. You may have one other person with you if you wish.

Who: Please let us know if you wish to receive this Sacrament by emailing the PLC at stcorn1@comcast.net or by calling the PLC at (610) 459-2502. This will give us an idea of how many people wish to participate and help us to record who has received the Sacrament.

Why: When the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age. A person should not wait until they are at the point of death to receive this Sacrament.



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.

Parish Secretary Position, St. Elizabeth Parish

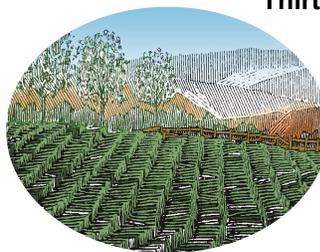
Saint Elizabeth Church in Chester County is looking for a capable individual to serve as a full-time administrative secretary for the parish ministry center beginning on July 5, 2022. Information about the scope of responsibilities and requirements for this position are posted on the parish website (stelizabethparish.org). Interested applicants should send a letter of interest and a resume with personal references as soon as possible to:

**Rev Thomas M. Mullen, Pastor, Saint Elizabeth Church
Office, PO Box 695, Uwchlan, PA 19480-0695.**

You may also fax a letter and resume to (610) 646-6513 or send an email to: tmullen@stelizabethparish.org



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 26, 2022



“No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.”

— Luke 9:62



Christopher & Amanda Haelle and family



A Good Neighbor to the Homeless

URGENT

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.

Four families from Saint Cornelius have volunteered to become part of Bridge of Hope, serving as a support team for a homeless family. They have received training with Bridge of Hope and have been assigned a family to serve as good neighbors.

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 akohl-brenner@scornelius.org or call 610-459-8663.



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DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

Visit our website
WWW.HeedTheCall.org

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

SAVE THE DATE!
September 19, 2022

**PENNSYLVANIA
MARCH FOR LIFE**

Monday, September 19th. our Knights of Columbus will join with St. Thomas the Apostle Knights in sponsoring a bus trip to Harrisburg for the annual March for Life. At this point details about the day are being refined. At some point this summer a sign-up will be made available to join forces to make our voices heard for those who can not speak. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

Congratulations



St. Cornelius has been notified by St. Maximilian Kolbe school of the graduation of two formers St. Cornelius students. We extend our congratulations to **Juliana Monigiovi** and **Caroline Shields** on their graduation from St. Maximilian Kolbe School.

We wish to thank you and your families for your commitment to Catholic education and hope for all the best as you grow academically, morally and spiritually.



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.

June 19, 2022

WeShare eGiving \$7,195.00
 Envelope Offering \$8,781.00
 \$15,976.00



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

Luke 12:34



**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.



**Monsignor's
 Thursday Email**

Msgr. Diamond's weekly Thursday Email is a popular weekly news letter for our parishioners. Currently there are **over 1000** 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 Day.

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

**CATHOLIC
 CULTURE
 CORNER**

Ask St. Cornelius!



Dear St. Cornelius,

I was asked by my sister to be a godparent for her infant son. Her pastor said I need some kind of letter or statement that says I'm a good Catholic. Why is that necessary?

Julie B.

First of all, congratulations on being asked to fulfill this important role as a Godparent. Often times this important role is overlooked and isn't taken seriously by the parents or the individual who serve as the Godparent.

You have been asked to be a sponsor, *spondere* in latin, meaning a "promise solemnly". You are making a solemn promise to both the parents, child and God that you will assist in the Christian upbringing of the child, and more particularly the raising of the child as a Catholic. It is not your sole responsibility, the parents are the first teachers of the child's faith and upbringing, but you are to assist the parents.

Now, more to your point about the letter you have been asked to get from your parish and Msgr. Diamond.

You are putting pen to paper as it were to state that you are willing to assist in teaching this child in the Catholic faith and traditions. To carry out this role the church finds it necessary to see that those who are instructing and assisting in the practice of the faith are actively engaged in the practice of the faith themselves. Imagine if you were asked to guide and instruct someone on the proper techniques of playing the violin, but you yourself don't actually play the violin or haven't played the violin for 20 years. The conductor of the orchestra would like some assurance that you have been properly trained as a violinist, you are currently involved in an orchestra, you know how to hold the instrument, finger the strings and move the bow across the strings to make music. If you don't have any notion of a violin, your student isn't going to improve much in their playing. So too the church asks that the sponsor demonstrate their commitment to the Catholic faith. If you are married, your marriage was conducted according to the laws of the church (was your marriage in a Catholic church or was it blessed by a priest sometime later), you are at least 16 years of age (you need to have some experience as a Catholic to provide instruction and direction), have you received your sacraments of initiation (Baptism and Confirmation) in the church, are you registered at the parish (are you committed to your faith enough to sign up with the parish and be supportive?), and do you attend Sunday Mass and holy days of obligation regularly receiving the sacraments of the church?

These requirements of a sponsor assure both the church and the parents that you are well equipped to provide direction and support in the guidance of the child in their early faith journey. To you the parents look as an outside influence on their child; someone who goes to Mass, values the Eucharist and the sacrament of reconciliation. You are that person, whose life is centered on Christ and the church and who will assist the child in thgier development of faith in years to come.



St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

St. Cornelius Early Learning Center ended the 2021/2022 school year on June 3 with beautiful closing programs from PreK-3, PreK-4 and kindergarten. The children entertained their families with songs, poems, finger plays and made amazing memories!! We are so proud of all our students and we are so thankful for the support of our fabulous families!

We hope each child knows that...
You are amazing.
You are important.
You are special.
You are unique.
You are precious.
You are LOVED!



Baptisms

Baptized in Christ

Thomas John Murphy, Jr.

Son of Thomas and Haley Murphy

Owen and Oaklyn Piasecki

Children of Christopher Piasecki and Morgan Mullen

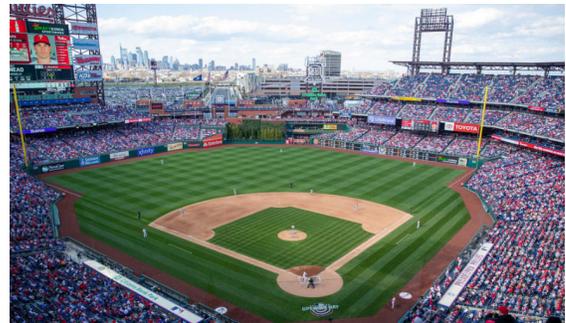
Let us pray for our newly baptized Christians.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2022

catholiccharitiesappeal.org

Catholic Charities and the Phillies Team Up



Join us for a night of baseball and fun while supporting the Catholic Charities Appeal. A portion of all tickets sold will directly benefit the CCA and our incredible beneficiaries.

If 500 tickets are sold, members of the Archdiocesan community will be able to represent the Church in throwing out the First Pitch and performing the National Anthem.

To purchase tickets, please go to www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets/specials/catholic-charities



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 akohlbrenner@scornelius.org or call (610) 459 - 8663.

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

SPC Mike Canfield
Cpl Michael Castle
Lt. Connor Cleary
Fr. Joseph Coffey (Chaplain)
Maj Robert B. Cusick, Jr.
Capt. Joshua deFreitas
SSGT Michael DiVernieri
Cadet Emily Fanning
Ens. Ryan Gallagher
Sgt. Eric Gardner
Capt. Matthew Gibbons
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LT. Cmdr. Daniel McCadden
CSM Sean McGlensey
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LT Ryan A. McGuckin
Cpt. Sean P. Noll
Lt. Col. Brian J. O'Shea
Lt. Cmdr. Inga O'Shea
Maj. James O'Shea
PFC L. Roland
Capt. Neal F. Schubert
HM3 Charles Schwartz
Ens Nicholas Spadaccini
MSG Thomas Stone
Cpl Mark Truex
Lt. Christopher Vish
1st Lt. Aidan Walsh
Capt Jennifer Wynn

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

Bob Alexander, Matthew Hess, Bryan Thompson, Cindy Ficca, 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, 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, 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 **July 16, 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

Worldwide, 10% of people do not have enough nutritious food, and the war in Ukraine could cause millions more to experience severe hunger.

Climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic have contributed to a global hunger crisis, and the conflict in Ukraine threatens to further increase food insecurity. As Ukraine's major exports of wheat, corn and other food supplies remain trapped in the country, food shortages and increased prices will hurt the most vulnerable communities across Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

Your help is needed so our sisters and brothers who are most vulnerable to hunger—including people who are displaced and affected by poverty—can access lifesaving food aid.



Pope Francis said, "Let us pray that the Lord gives us the grace to envisage a world in which no one must ever again die of hunger." As disciples, we must answer our missionary call to help those who

face hunger or malnutrition, especially at this critical time.

Your gift will help address immediate food needs and the root causes of hunger. Make a generous donation today and join the movement to build a world in which all members of our global family can access enough nutritious food to thrive. Worldwide, 10% of people do not have enough nutritious food, and the war in Ukraine could cause millions more to experience severe hunger.

The QR code to the right will take you directly to the CRS donation page.



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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

This week we will welcome our June Summer Session to class. We look forward to having the halls and classrooms full from 8:30-2:30 Monday - Friday. If you have any questions about the session, please contact Julie Sullivan at stcornprep@scornelius.org.

If your family has a child in grades 1-7 in the coming school year or is preparing for sacrament and you have not yet registered for one of our programs, please register or contact Julie Sullivan at stcornprep@scornelius.org.

There are limited spaces still available in our July 11-15 program for students in grades 3-7.

Our Sunday traditional program runs from September - May on Sundays at 10 am. This program is open to students in grades 1-7

Our Virtual Family program is open to families in grades 1-7 and runs from September through May.

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!



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MASS TIMES FOR TRAVEL

It can be difficult to find a Catholic Church while traveling and vacationing in unfamiliar locations. WWW.MassTimes.org is a convenient way to locate a church so you can continue to receive Holy Eucharist and celebrate Mass.



YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

Working in Witness for Christ™

In a world that can be void of meaning and leave young adults restless and dissatisfied, Young Catholic Professionals Philadelphia brings together young professionals in their 20s and 30s into a community of belonging, support, and encouragement at all stages of your faith journey. Young Catholic Professionals empowers and equips you to live your Catholic faith through everyday work and to perform all work with excellence for the glory of God.

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.ycphpiladelphia.org/cpages/home



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



Stay up to date with Catholic news – it's as close as your email inbox. Sign up for **CatholicPhilly.com**'s free email newsletter covering local, national and world Catholic news, features and catechesis at CatholicPhilly.com/newsletter. Recently, our own parish has been in the CatholicPhilly News covering a story on The Matthew XXV Garden and the children of the Early Learning Center receiving their diplomas earlier in the month.

Good News always attracts an audience. We have a great deal of activity here.

Sunday Mass Intentions (Week of June 26 – July 1)

7:30 AM John Muntz
9:00 AM Msgr. Daniel Murray
11:00 AM Marie Fagan
4:00 PM Gerry Zippilli

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*
Reading: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

Monday 7:30 AM

St. Cyril of Alexandria

Intention: Frank Schramski
Reading: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23;
Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday 7:30 AM

St. Irenaeus

Intention: Domenic Postorivo
Reading: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday 7:30 AM

Ss. Peter and Paul

Intention: Mary Louise Sheehan
Reading: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Thursday 7:30 AM

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Intention: Frances Sculli
Reading: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8

Friday 7:30 AM

St. Junípero Serra

Intention: Francis Barr
Reading: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40,
131; Mt 9:9-13

TABERNACLE CANDLES

✠ In memory of Frances Sculli,
Req. by Sandra Morlino

PILGRIM STATUE



6 - 26 - 2022 Open
7 - 3 - 2022 Carla Santoleri
7 - 10 - 2022 Open

*The second half of the year
still has several openings.*

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Life and Dignity for All

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning June 22, the feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, the USCCB invites Catholics to **pray, reflect, and act** to promote religious freedom.



St. Thomas More



St. John Fisher

Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher

About the patrons of Religious Freedom

Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher were Renaissance men. Talented and energetic, they contributed to the humanist scholarship of early modern England. More wrote theological and philosophical treatises, while making a career as a lawyer and government official. Bishop John Fisher worked as an administrator at Cambridge, confronted the challenge Martin Luther presented to Christian Europe, and most importantly served as Bishop of Rochester. As a bishop, he is notable for his dedication to preaching at a time when bishops tended to focus on politics. These men were brilliant. They both corresponded with Erasmus, who helped Bishop Fisher learn Greek and Hebrew, and who also famously referred to More as a man for all seasons.

Above all their accomplishments, these men bore witness to a deep faith in Christ and his Church. More considered joining religious life and was assiduous in his devotional practices. As a married man, he committed himself wholly to his vocation as a father. At the time, disciplinary practices with children tended to be severe, but More's children testify to his warmth, patience, and generosity.

St. John Fisher was a model shepherd and demonstrated remarkable humility. He remained in the small Diocese of Rochester his entire episcopal ministry, devoting himself to his local church rather than seek-

ing promotion to a larger, more powerful diocese.

More and Fisher are well-known for opposing King Henry's divorce. Ultimately, it was their refusal to sign an oath of supremacy that led them to be executed. King Henry VIII claimed to be the supreme head of the Church in England, asserting sovereign power over English Christians. Neither Fisher nor More could abide this claim, and their steadfastness to their consciences put them in conflict with the king. They were convicted of treason.

It is good to love one's country, but ultimate loyalty is due only to Christ and his kingdom. Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher show us what faithful citizenship looks like. They loved and served their country. In the moments just before his execution, More is said to have stated, "I die the King's good servant, but God's first." They never rose up to incite rebellion or foment revolution. They were no traitors. But when the law of the king came into conflict with the law of Christ, they submitted to Christ. These men gave their lives for the freedom of the Church and for freedom of conscience. They bear witness to the truth that no government can make a claim on a person's soul. May their example continue to illuminate the path for us, as we seek to faithfully serve our Church and country.

We ask for the intercession of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, that we too would be good servants to our country, but God's first!



June 26 Religious Freedom in China

Pray for the freedom of the Church in China, and that the rights of all religious minorities would be respected.



June 27 Pregnancy Resource Centers

Pray that women facing unplanned pregnancies will continue to have access to support from people who help them choose life.



June 28 Health Care Workers

Pray that governments will respect the consciences of all people who care for the sick and vulnerable.



June 29 Free Speech

Pray that Christians will have the courage to proclaim the gospel of life and dignity for all with kindness and clarity, even in the face of adversity.

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