

St. Cornelius Parish

SUNDAY BULLETIN

January 22, 2023

HE SAID TO THEM,
“COME AFTER ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”

AT ONCE THEY LEFT THEIR NETS
AND FOLLOWED HIM.

MATTHEW 4:19-20

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Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Friday 8:00 pm to 12:00 pm Noon

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

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Thoughts from the Second Floor Front

III Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2023

In today's gospel the geography, while important to a degree, is not as significant as the message: *Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand*. This is the beginning of the Public Ministry, and the announcement sets the theme for the Gospel message. This is the time of messianic fulfillment. Jesus is doing something new. The new thing is not always welcome. Have you ever had someone say to you: Well, we've never done it that way before! Or the obverse of that coin: We've always done it this way! Whenever I hear that old refrain being sung I just smile. Those types of people rarely possess a driving determination but are usually placated by a sort of self-satisfying stillness and solidity. The apparent stability that appeals to people can be stultifying. One of St. Junipero Serra's favorite sayings was: *Adelante! Adelante! Siempre Adelante, nunca atras!* Forward, forward, always forward, never back!

After the initial announcement of the Kingdom, we read the story of the call of the first disciples. What is always most striking for me in reading that passage is the immediacy of their response. They were called away from the ordinary, called away from what they knew and set out with Jesus for what they did not know. The immediacy and totality of their response causes me to examine once again my own response to the call, and continued calls, that you and I receive as part of the life of a disciple. There are opportunities after opportunities to activate our discipleship. There is a need to have a vision and an understanding of what it means to be a missionary disciple, a disciple on mission. This vision and understanding requires clarity of purpose. I believe our purpose is to make the Kingdom of God more clearly apparent in our world.

For most of us this will not be done on a world stage. In his play A Man For All Seasons, Robert Bolt addresses the English Royalty and some not so royal English at the time of Henry VIII. One of the characters, based on fact, is Richard Rich. Rich is an ambitious young man who is desperate to have Thomas More as a benefactor and supporter. More sees what kind of man Rich is and wants nothing to do with him. Rich wants a place at court. More tries to direct him to another path. More advises him to be a teacher: *You would be a fine teacher, perhaps a great one*. To that Rich responds: *If I was, who would know?* More says: *You. Your pupils. Your friends, God. Not a bad public that*. Rich's ambition would not let him settle for such supposed insignificance. He gets a place in court and has a hand in More's murder.

A great priest I know once asserted that among the worst clerical sins ambition ranks very high. By that denunciation I believe he meant personal ambition, advancement – a place in court to use Robert Bolt's words. Ambition for the Kingdom is praiseworthy, personal ambition and seeking the spotlight obscures the light that has come into the world. Reflect on Psalm 115: *Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sed nomini tuo da gloriam* Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name be the glory.

It takes intentionality to move forward. It takes decisiveness and determination to accept the invitation to discipleship and even more to live it. We will never get a place at court if we continue to think only of self and not the other. It is ironic that by placing the concerns, cares and needs of others ahead of our own, we advance none the less. Remember: *The greatest among you will be your servant*. (Mt 23:11)

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond



ST BLAISE MEN'S RETREAT
Malvern Retreat House
Feb 3 - 5, 2023

Give 40 hours to yourself to grow your faith by attending the annual St Blaise Men's Retreat at Malvern, **February 3rd to 5th, 2023**. This year's retreat is being directed by **Fr Joseph DiMauro of St Thomas the Apostle Parish** in Glen Mills.

This is a great opportunity to deepen your relationship with the Lord, escape the busyness of life and reflect on your journey to heaven. Father Joe will lead us with 4 conferences throughout the weekend. This retreat offers opportunities to attend daily Mass, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, participate in Private Adoration along with traditional devotions such as praying the Holy Rosary, walking the Stations of the Cross, and receiving St Blaise's Blessing of the Throat on Sunday morning.

We are happy to also be featuring **Mark Houck**, from the King's Men as our Saturday afternoon speaker. Mark's ministry is devoted to helping men be "Leaders, Protectors and Providers" in our families and communities. He is a great witness to standing up for the Truth no matter even despite great persecution.

Contact David Santoleri at 302-345-2637 or dave@santoleri.net for more information. Register at: <https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/st-blaise-curran-memorial>.



First Sunday Coffee

The St. Cornelius Council of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a coffee reception in the Holy Family Portico after the **11:00 Mass on Sunday, February 5** Nick

Cappelli of *Pronto Catering* is again supplying us with the caffeine, cocoa and tea. This month We ask parishioners with last names N-Z to help out by bringing a dozen or so baked goods to share with all our parishioners.

Please join us after Mass with your fellow parishioners.

See you there!!



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Spring Program Starts in January!

This Fall we gathered for our weekly TMIY meeting. We come together each Wednesday morning at 6:00 am for coffee, donuts, fellowship, and program set-up. Promptly at 6:15 am we will begin our program with a video followed by discussion and sharing. The group then closes around 7:20 am in time for daily Mass at 7:30 am.

This year's theme: **"The Fight of Faith"**.

If you were not able to participate in the Fall program, no worry, the program is designed to jump in when you can. The Spring 2023 schedule for our TMIY group can be found at

www.saintcornelius.org/that-man-is-you.

Our first gathering was Wednesday, January 11th, 2023. If you didn't make that one, please join us next Wednesday.

Weekly emails are sent out to participants as a reminder of our meeting and the topic for that Wednesday.

All men are welcome to join this enriching experience of faith and fellowship.



Monsignor's Thursday Email

Msgr. Diamond's weekly Thursday Email is a popular weekly news letter for our parishioners. Currently there are **over 1035** 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.



Plan for our
 Annual Fish Fry
 Friday, March 31
 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

More information to follow in coming weeks.



Thousands sought Jesus during his life.
Only a few followed him to Calvary

What will you do?

Come walk with Jesus this Lent and experience the unconditional love he has for you in a new parish program, **No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion**. In five weekly sessions starting February 24, we will walk side-by-side with him on his journey from the agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will come to a deeper understanding of Jesus as a real person, who suffered and died for us so that we can have eternal life.

No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage developed by Ascension Press that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Every step of the way we will unpack Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, and connections to our Catholic faith, to gain a greater appreciation of God's immeasurable love for each one of us.

Through readings, workbook questions, and small group discussions, we will delve into the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today. Each week will also include an engaging video presented by best-selling author **Dr. Edward Sri** and filmed on locations in the Holy Land – so you will see the actual locations where Christ's passion occurred.

The program will run Fridays, February 24 through March 24, from 10 – 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Life Center. Pre-registration is required. There is a \$29.00 materials fee that covers the book "No Greater Love" by Edward Sri, the companion workbook, and year-long online access to the videos. For more information or to register contact parishioner Jean Wysocki at 215-240-0873 or ajwysocki2@verizon.net. Come walk with Jesus.

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 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.

Welcome to the Parish!



Michael & Kathleen DeLucia and family

Diane Moston

St. Francis de Sales, 1567–1622

Feast Day - January 24



"San Francisco de Sales," by Francisco Bayeu y Subías (1734–1795), depicts St. Francis de Sales, who founded the Order of the Visitation of Mary.

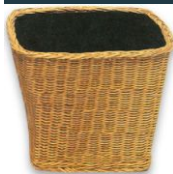
Francis was consecrated Bishop of Geneva (1602). His first step was to institute catechetical instructions for the faithful, both young and old. He made prudent regulations for the guidance of his clergy. He carefully visited the parishes scattered through the rugged mountains of his diocese. He reformed the religious communities. His goodness, patience and mildness became proverbial. He had an intense love for the poor, especially those who were of respectable family. His food was plain, his dress and his household simple. He completely dispensed with superfluities and lived with the greatest economy, in order to be able to provide more abundantly for the wants of the needy.



Happy Feast Day Fr. Morrissey. May the gift of your vocation and the inspiration of St. Francis de Sales continue to inspire you and those you minister to. We are grateful for your friendship and ministry here at St. Cornelius.

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

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



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.

January 15, 2023

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	\$33,139.00



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

Luke 12:34

Holy Hour - Join Us!

Monday, February 6, 8:00 am

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.

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



15th Annual Man Up Philly



Men's Spirituality
Conference

Saturday, March 4, 2023

***The Road to Emmaus
Finding Christ in the
Breaking of the Bread***

The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the **15th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference on March 4th at Cardinal O'Hara HS**. Speakers include:

- **Timothy Cardinal Dolan**, acclaimed speaker, author, and Archbishop of New York City
- **Jim Wahlberg**, writer and producer of *Mother Teresa - No Greater Love*,
- **Deacon James Mahoney**, instructor at St Charles Seminary.
- **Mark Houck**, pro-life champion, will offer our reconciliation talk.
- **Mark Forrest**, internationally recognized Irish tenor, who will lead our **Eucharistic Adoration**.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by our Archbishop **Most Reverend Archbishop Nelson Pérez**.

For more information and to register go to the website:
www.manupphilly.com



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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



**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.



St. Cornelius Early Learning Center



OPEN HOUSE Sunday, January 29 10:00 AM to Noon

The faculty and staff of St. Cornelius Early Learning Center would like to welcome you to our open house on Sunday, January 29 from 10 until noon. Come and see all the great things going on at our school, meet the staff and find out all the information needed to register for next school year. We offer full day or half day classes for our PreK 3&4 as well as full day kindergarten. We also offer before and after care and many after school programs and clubs. We would love to have you be part of our school family! Please call us for more information at 610 459-8663.



Can't Make the March For Life in Washington, DC?

CHESTER COUNTY MARCH FOR LIFE



Sunday, January 22, 2023, 2:30 pm
Saint Agnes Church
233 W. Gay St., West Chester, PA

Join us as we celebrate the overturning of Roe v Wade. Learn where we stand in PA now that control has been returned to the states.

Speakers: **Ted Meehan**, Delaware County Pro-Life
Marlene Downing, Susan B. Anthony List
Rev. Denis Wilde O.S.A., Priests for Life

March to the Historic Courthouse, Market & High Streets for a short program of prayer and song. Refreshments following at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 110 Market Street.

Sponsored by Chester County Pro-Life Coalition



A Good Neighbor to the Homeless Opportunity to help a homeless family!

Saint Cornelius has four families who are serving as a support team for a local family experiencing homelessness. They have received training with Bridge of Hope and have been assigned a family to serve as good neighbors. Bridge of Hope provides case management for the vulnerable family and guidance for the volunteers, who meet with the family regularly.

Our St. Cornelius team and the family we support attended a Christmas party this past Saturday given by the Chester County Bridge of Hope. The children had fun with crafts, reindeer games, hot cocoa, goodies, and a visit from Santa himself! Santa read stories and handed out a gift for each child, as well as gift cards to allow the parents to choose presents for their children and to purchase a Christmas meal. The blessings of the Christmas season were truly evident to all! If you have any questions, please email colleenmz@hotmail.com or call 610-361-9412

**ST. PATRICK'S
DINNER DANCE**
SAVE The Date
Saturday, March 4th



Church Contributions

Parishioners who would like a statement of their 2022 contributions must call the Parish Office during business hours at (610) 459-2502, or Email the office at stcorn1@comcast.net.



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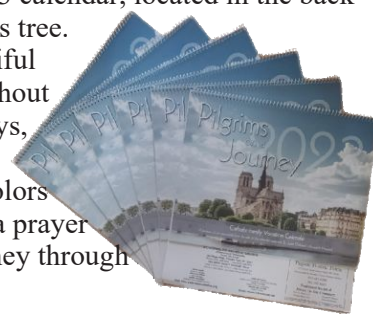
The Faith Community Nurse Holistic Health Ministry

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.

2023 Calendars: Pilgrims on a Journey

Be sure to pick up your 2023 calendar, located in the back of church near the Christmas tree.

These calendars offer beautiful images of cathedrals throughout France. Feast and saints days, holy days of obligation as well as Sunday liturgical Colors are indicated. Each month a prayer is provided during our journey through 2023.



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

Ginger Casey, Deacon Richard Wirth, Lawrence Ramunno, Carolyn Duffy, Richard Arthur, Carleen Peters, Marian Short, Bob Alexander, Matthew Hess, Bryan Thompson, Cindy Ficca, Carol McKnight, Paul Lucas, Carla Santoleri, Richard Meccarrielli, Edward Field, Judy Field, Joyce Monaco, Matthew Hurst, Leonard Smith, Jr., Gary Hampton, Jim Waters, Kathie Buckley, Bernice & Arthur Hindle, 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, Michelle Dillione, Chris Roe, Frank Kuders, Kylee Dougherty, Dave and Ronnie Pryce, Rosemary Brennan, Ellie May McGrath, Vicki Wojdak, Deacon Clem McGovern, 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, Connie Carney, Eugene Monaco, 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 **February 18, 2023**, 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.

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.



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

PREP

Our Sunday PREP children are in class again this week from 10-11. Please be aware of the change in traffic patterns on campus and make sure to use the car line for pick up.

This Sunday January 22 from 11:15-12:15 our candidates for Confirmation will have a rehearsal in Walker Hall. The celebration of the sacrament will be here before you know it.

We are beginning the planning for next PREP year. If you are interested in sharing your faith and time with the youth of the parish, please contact Julie Sullivan at stcornprep@scornelius.org to learn how you can get involved.



Charitable Giving Through Appreciated Stocks and Mutual Funds

If your investment portfolio has appreciated assets, a great way to reduce your taxes and donate to the church is to gift St. Cornelius appreciated investments. If you do have appreciated investments, Saint Cornelius is able to accept stocks and mutual funds as a charitable contribution through **TD Ameritrade**.

For further information, please contact David P.

Bauer, the business manager for the church, at 610-459-2502.

Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

Come & See Weekends January 2023 through March 2023

Come & See Weekends offer men (high school and above) who are discerning a call to the priesthood a chance to get away, meet other men on a similar journey, and find a place of quiet to listen to God speak.

Held throughout the year, these weekends include Mass, praying the Liturgy of the Hours with the seminarians, Holy Hours, talks on discernment and vocations, and time for recreation with the seminarians.

There is no cost to attend these weekends, which include a single room and all meals. The first Come & See Weekends of the Academic Year will be held in October (see dates below). For more information and to register for a particular weekend, please visit Heedthecall.org/ComeandSee or contact Fr. Friel at fr.dfriel@archphila.org.



HIGH SCHOOL MEN

January 28-29, 2023
February 25-26, 2023

POST-HIGH SCHOOL MEN

February 10-12, 2023
March 10-12, 2023

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group has been invited to join our friends at St Thomas the Apostle for pizza and games January 22 from 6:00 PM - 8PM. Please RSVP to the sign up genius.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/70a0b45a5a729a3fd0-tween1>

Or, using your smart phone scan the QR code to RSVP.



We hope to see you there!

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Welcome to all of our young families. We invite any children aged 3- 2nd grade to join us for the Liturgy of the Word during our 9 am mass in the chapel.

stcornprep@scornelius.org



CRS NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Thousands of people have been displaced after the recent violent clashes in Pibor, South Sudan. Together with our partner WFP South Sudan, Catholic Relief Services is responding with food assistance and has already distributed food to more than 2400 people. Visit www.crs.org



for more information and to see how you can help!

"With war everything is lost, everything. There is no victory in a war: everything is defeated."

~ Pope Francis

More information can be found on the collaboration of the World Food Program and CRS by scanning the following QR codes.

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Sunday Mass Intentions

7:30 AM Deacon Joel Ziff
9:00 AM Timmy Ridewood
11:00 AM Doris Haigh
4:00 PM Intentions of Elizabeth Thompson

Weekly Mass Schedule (Week of January 23 - January 27)

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass

Reading: Is 8:23 - 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

Monday 7:30 AM

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

Intention: Santoleri Family

Reading: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday 7:30 AM

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor

Intention: Doreen Faljean

Reading: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11;
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday 7:30 AM

The Conversion of St. Paul

Intention: Joseph Boyle

Reading: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Mk 16:15-18

Thursday 7:30 AM

Ss. Timothy and Titus

Intention: Andrew Polk

Reading: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10;
Mk 4:21-35

Friday 7:30 AM

St. Angela Merici

Intention: John Wilson

Reading: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40;
Mk 4:26-34

PILGRIM STATUE

01 - 22 - 2023 Open
01 - 29 - 2023 Open
02 - 05 - 2023 Open

The new sign up sheet for 2023 is now available. Feel free to pick your dates.

Call Carla Santoleri at (610) 361-8447
for more information.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**January 22, 2023****LIBERATION AND REFORM**

While you might have to reach for an atlas to determine that Isaiah is speaking about Galilee, today's first reading (part of which was read at Christmas) is prophetic of Jesus' future ministry in that province. The light that brings salvation and rejoicing is, ultimately, Christ. Liberation is the theme: liberation from both ignorance ("darkness") and sin (the "yoke").

As Isaiah identifies a place, so Paul describes an attitude: the attitude that develops, even among good people, of equating their own will with the common good. This always brings dissension, and so it has done in Corinth. Paul will not allow this; we are all members of "Christ's party." The gospel is not to divide us.

Matthew quotes from Isaiah in today's Gospel, presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. The theme is "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). To spread this message, Jesus begins to select disciples, four of whom we meet today: Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's still months away, but parish ministers, especially if they are involved in the catechumenate, have their eyes on Lent and the Easter Triduum. Until fairly recent times, the last few days before Easter were shaped by an awareness of the Passion, but the faithful were left to their own devices

about how to engage with these mysteries. A thousand years ago, the Easter Vigil as a solemn and central moment of initiation had vanished. By the early 1950s it was a minor moment in parish life, celebrated on Holy Saturday morning, usually with only the priests and a handful of invited guests. Most people understood it as necessary only for blessing the paschal candle and preparing the Easter water. People who were children during World War II sometimes remember that the weekly noontime test of the air-raid sirens on Holy Saturday signaled the end of Lent.

Today, of course, we see Holy Saturday as entirely within the paschal fast, and hardly the time for children to be tearing through the plastic grass looking for jelly beans and chocolate eggs. These memories point to a total collapse of the once-central liturgies of the Christian year. This impoverishment of the liturgy was mostly an accident of history. The root cause was the loss of Lent as a time focused on the final formation of catechumens for the Easter sacraments. By 1880, scholars began to piece together a vision of what once had been, and slowly, at first in a handful of monasteries in Europe, pieces of the tradition were rediscovered and celebrated.

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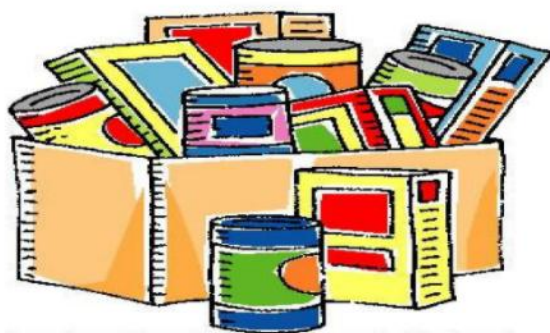
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Weekend of February 18th & 19th (One weekend!)

(Drop donations off at the Parish Life Center PRIOR to Mass)

Suggested donations:

- Canned tuna
- Low sugar cold cereal
- Various vegetables
- Canned chicken
- Canned tomato products
- Soup
- Canned fruit
- Rice (2 lb. packages)
- Canned low sugar fruit
- Peanut butter
- Dried beans (kidney, black & pinto)
- Canned meals (beef stew/pasta)
- Beans
- Canned corn
- Jelly

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