

St. Cornelius Parish

SUNDAY BULLETIN

April 16, 2023



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St. Cornelius Parish Office Hours

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 II Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

The opening line of the reading from the Acts of the Apostles articulates the four characteristics of the life of the early Christians: They devoted themselves to (1) the teaching of the apostles (2) and to the communal life, (3) to the breaking of bread and (4) to the prayers. It seems that at this point the members of that nascent community have not fully separated themselves from their attachments to the Temple. That would all change in the year 70 AD when a Roman army led by General Titus sacked the Holy City and the Jewish people began the Diaspora. The Christians and Jews were scattered and the Way, as the Church was called then, was beginning to emerge into a more fully independent entity.

Apostolic teaching, the community, the celebration of the Eucharist and prayer all remain fixed and essential elements in the life of the Church. Several years ago on this weekend Pope Francis celebrated the canonization Mass for SS. John XXIII and John Paul II. These two pontiffs, John from the 20th century and John Paul with his feet in both 20th and 21st centuries, represent the church at a crossroads; a church in a new era. St. John XXIII inaugurated the era in summoning Vatican Council II. While he did not live to see the Council completed, he did set in motion a new understanding of what it means to be a Catholic in the modern world. The Catholic Church then has come to engage, as *Gaudium et Spes* puts it in the preface of that document: “The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men and women of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ.”

St. John Paul II brought an understanding of the Church to a worldwide stage through his extensive travels and the force of his personality. But it is not for the sake of their personalities that these two men are being canonized. It is the recognition of their personal holiness that places them in the Communion of Saints. They led the way for the Church to be a vibrant part of the world. We also are to join them and be that holy leaven in building the Kingdom of God. We are called not only to help fashion the world to be a better and more civilized place in which to live but also to make Jesus present by the way in which we live our lives.

To imitate the Master in the world is a challenge in so many ways. But we are to have brave confidence that we are not alone in our efforts. Despite the opposition we may encounter we continue to respond to the Grace given. As St. John Paul wrote in his Apostolic Letter, At the Beginning of the New Millennium (*Novo Millennio Ineunte*): “*Duc in altum! Put out into the deep!*” (Lk 5:4). These words ring out for us today, and they invite us to remember the past with gratitude, to live the present with enthusiasm, and to look forward to the future with confidence: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Duc in altum! Put out into the deep was Jesus’ instruction to the Apostles and it is the same instruction we have received. Accept the invitation and the challenge of the gospel. Be transformed and work to transform the world into the image of His Kingdom. For most of us this is not going to be done on a world stage but rather the very ordinary places we call our own.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond



Become a Partner in Hope



What if our community food banks couldn't feed the hungry? What if our shelters for the homeless couldn't provide hot meals? What if our after-school programs weren't there to keep our children safe? If any of those things couldn't happen, the results would be disastrous for close to a million people who count on us to help them each year.

When you become a Partner in Hope, you can make an impact all year long. Just \$1 a day can make a huge difference for those most in need. With your support, that dire scenario will not become a reality. Please consider your gift by becoming a Partner in Hope today.

CCA Night with the Phillies!



Ring that bell and come out to watch the National League Champs take on the Chicago Cubs all while benefiting the Catholic Charities Appeal! CCA Night with the Phillies is scheduled for Friday, May 19th. If 500 tickets are sold Jay from the Communities of Don Guanella and Divine Providence Village will throw out the first pitch of the game and Cardinal O'Hara High School Choir will sing the National Anthem. Join the CCA for a night of fun, family, and baseball!

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, May 7** Nick Cappelli of Pronto Catering is again supplying us with the caffeine, cocoa and tea. This month our lectors (readers for Mass) will be providing baked goods to share with all our parishioners.

Please join us after Mass with your fellow parishioners.

See you there!!



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.



"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

Let the light of your marriage sacrament shine for all. Make your light bright by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience at the Sheraton Great Valley, Frazer, PA.

April 21-23 • July 7-9 • Oct 6-8 • Nov 10-12

- ♦ **Anytime is the perfect time to romance your spouse.**
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"Dearest God,
Give Me Holiness"



BROTHER OF BORROMEO VOCATION CAMP 2023

April 22, 2023, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

A day of food, fun, & fellowship at
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

Junior high young men - grades 6-8

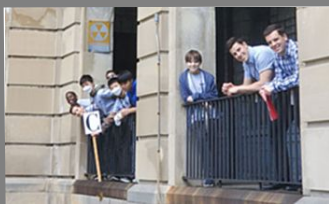
Registration due: March 30



Questions? jminnich@archphila.org ~ 610-667-5778

Scan for registration details OR visit

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St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

Saint Cornelius Early Learning Center Job Opportunities

Administrative Assistant

Saint Cornelius Early Learning Center is seeking individuals interested in a part time administrative assistant position in our main office. The position has flexible hours but we are primarily seeking someone who is available to work 8:00-11:30 AM. Job responsibilities would include answering phones and taking messages, answering the front door, assisting visitors, ensuring students arrive at their classrooms, and other office duties.

If you are interested, please contact Abigail McCusker at akohlbreiner@scornelius.org to set up an interview and learn more about the position.

Assistant Teacher

Saint Cornelius Early Learning Center is now accepting applications for part time assistant teachers for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. We are looking for candidates, who are enthusiastic, energetic, and flexible. We are looking to hire individuals who are available Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 3 PM. Hours can be made flexible.

For more information about the position and necessary qualifications, please contact: Abigail McCusker at akohlbreiner@scornelius.org or call 610-459-8663

Welcome to the Matthew XXV Garden Season 3



Many people have asked how to get involved and we want to make it easy for you. We have a number of events already planned.

Garden cleanup is scheduled for April 15th at 8:00am. We will be weeding, working on the compost pile, edging the garden rows, rototilling, and generally getting the garden in shape for planting in May. The PREP students helped by planting seedlings on February 26th, and they will plant more seedlings on March 26th. With the addition of the greenhouse we now have a place for them to grow prior to planting in the garden.

We can use all the help we can get. We will have a May planting date, and then we have the routines of watering, weeding, staking, and eventually harvesting. If you would like to be included in the garden sign-up genius please email joburns66@gmail.com. Otherwise look for updates in the Bulletin and via Monsignor Diamond's Thursday email.

Children working on volunteer projects /
hours are welcome as well.



!!! SAVE THE DATE !!!

**American Red Cross
Blood Drive
St. Cornelius!!**



**Thursday – May 25, 2023
2PM to 7PM**

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. Just one blood donation can save up to **3 lives**. Blood cannot be manufactured – it can only come from generous donors like you!

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

Be that Good Samaritan! Be a donor on May 25th !
Eligibility questions?

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

Eucharistic Adoration

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

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

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





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.

April 2, 2023

WeShare eGiving \$9,786.50
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\$27,227.00



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

Luke 12:34

THANK YOU

Our community changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, and we want to say

THANK YOU!

If you would like to continue giving to Rice Bowl you can do so through our parish website at

saintcornelius.org/rice-bowl

Or by scanning the QR address for easy access.



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

SSG Ana Brunal	Sgt Jason Lyons
SPC Mike Canfield	2nd Lt. Kevin Malone
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
Devin 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
Capt Megan Love	



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

Mary Ann Murr

Wife of Gerald Murr
Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord.
May she rest in peace.



YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS
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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.ycppphiladelphia.org/cpages/home



We are happy to announce there is a new, easy way to help support St. Cornelius Early Learning Center! The new and improved app uses technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online. 1.To participate in the new digital program simply, download and use the Box Tops App! 2.Find St. Cornelius and connect your box tops app to our school. 3.Start scanning your paper or digital receipts and earn money for our school



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2023
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St. Cornelius Early Learning Center



DINE TO DONATE

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ST. CORNELIUS EARLY LEARNING CENTER

**Tuesday, April 18
4PM-10PM**



10%

Donation Night

for St. Cornelius Early
Learning Center.

Present this flyer at the
Concordville location and
Texas Roadhouse will
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**St. Cornelius Early
Learning Center!**

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Caring for Friends™

"Help provide home cooked meals to neighbors in need! Caring for Friends (formerly Aid for Friends) is collecting frozen meals and soups for homebound seniors and food insecure individuals. Meal trays and soup containers can be found in the utility closet on the right of the side door of the narthex. Consider putting aside an extra dinner or soup portion, freeze it and then bring it to the freezer also located in the utility closet. PLEASE sign the meals and soup in on the list attached to the shelves next to the freezer. The food is distributed all over the Greater Philadelphia Area. This effort is on-going at our parish. We invite you to contribute what you can." If you have questions, please contact Nancy Todor 609-234-119

**Sunday
April 16
12:00 Noon**



Join our Parish Pro-Life Group in the church on Sunday, April 16, at noon, as we pray a Rosary and the Litany of Loreto for the unborn and an end to abortion. It is a perfect way to perform a spiritual work of mercy for the most vulnerable.

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



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 family had a new addition in January! We continue to deliver meals to the tired mom and to search for needed baby items for the family. We received a donation of a requested double baby stroller from one of our parishioners. Thank you so much - our family is so grateful and appreciative!!

For more information email colleenmz@hotmail.com or call 610-361-9412.

Please keep our family in your prayers.



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.

CRS NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

During Lent, we were called to give special attention to our relationship with God. Through opportunities to deepen our prayer, practice fasting and give alms, we meet our Lord and encounter our sisters and brothers around the world.

Please make a donation to CRS Rice Bowl to help communities in Honduras, the Philippines, Kenya and other countries overcome hunger, malnutrition, poverty, and the impacts of climate change. Your almsgiving will make a difference for families trying to escape poverty and thrive. To donate by phone: 1-877-435-7277. To donate by mail: Catholic Relief Services, CRS Rice Bowl, PO Box 5200, Harlan, IA 51593-0700. To donate online: www.crs.org



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.

**Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)
April 16, 2023**



"Blessed are those who have not
seen and have believed."
— John 20:29b



Baptisms

Baptized in Christ

Kelce Jean Armstrong

Daughter of Thomas & Kaitlyn Armstrong

Harper Smith

Daughter of Stephen & Jamie Smith

Let us pray for our newly baptized Christians.

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

Jeff Behm, Mary Harmes, Mary Helen Arthur, Charles Foster, Anne Spetzer, Claire Wirth, Pete Petroll, Ginger Casey, Deacon Richard Wirth, Lawrence Ramunno, Carolyn Duffy, Carleen Peters, Marian Short, 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., 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, 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, Ellie McCreight, Ellie Griem, Gregory Varacchi, Michael McKinnen, Connie Carney, 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 four St. Cornelius church members have been trained to set up and facilitate a Support Group for the Consolation Ministry.

On **May 20, 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.

Assisted Hearing Devices

We have 4 assisted hearing devices, which connect directly to the sound system that are available for use at each Mass. They are located on the table by the Sacristy entrance.

Easy to operate: put 2 batteries in and you are good to HEAR!

Comments from satisfied users:

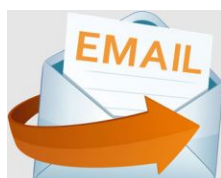
Wow - That is the first time in a long Time that I have heard everything at Mass.



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



Monsignor's Thursday Email

Msgr. Diamond's weekly Thursday Email is a popular weekly news letter for our parishioners. Currently there are **over 1044** 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.

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 narthax, below the large TV monitor, 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

PREP

Welcome back! We hope that you and your family had a Blessed Easter and enjoyed extra family time. We are excited to have our students returning to the classroom on Sunday at 10.

I would like to remind any of our students in our Virtual Family program who will be celebrating First Holy Communion on April 23rd that we have rehearsal in the church on Wednesday April 19th at 6 pm.

We are currently looking for teachers for our Sunday program for next school year. If you are interested in sharing your faith with the youth of our community, please reach out to Julie Sullivan at stcornprep@scornelius.org.

Our 2023-24 program offerings are:

- June 26-30th Summer Session is FULL.
- July 10-14 8:30-2:30 Summer PREP session with follow ups throughout the year. This program is open to students in grades 3-7 including Confirmation preparation. Our Confirmation class is FULL.
- Our Sunday program, which meets each Sunday from 10 - 11 from September -May is open to students in grades 1 -7, including sacramental preparation.

Our registration forms are available on the PREP page of the St. Cornelius Website, in the Parish Life Center upon request, or by contacting Julie Sullivan at stcornprep@scorneius.org.

YOUTH GROUP

Are you a member of St. Cornelius in grades 7-10? Do you like to help in our parish community while getting to know your peers? Youth Group is for you. Please take a look at your email or our web page for upcoming events. If you have suggestions of activities for our program, please contact Julie Sullivan at

stcornprep@scornelius.org.



Children's Liturgy of the Word:

We invite the children in our parish ages 3-7 to join us in the chapel for the Liturgy of the Word during the 9 am Mass. All are welcome!

If you are interested in helping out with our Children's liturgy of the Word during the 23-24 year, please contact Julie Sullivan at stcornprep@scornelius.org.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed. On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The



I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. St. Faustina's Diary (699).

Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

Jesus promises that the soul that's been to Confession and receives Holy Communion will be completely wiped away of the two stains that are on our soul. Those stains are **sin** and the **punishment** due to sin. The special grace promised by our Lord for Divine Mercy Sunday is nothing less than the equivalent of a complete renewal of baptismal grace in the soul.

Sunday Mass Intentions

7:30 AM	Simeon Whitehill
9:00 AM	Joseph Angelo
11:00 AM	Martha Cooper
4:00 PM	Rita & Vincent DiSabatino

Weekly Mass Schedule (Week of April 17 - April 21)

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*
Reading: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Monday 7:30 AM

Intention: Lucretia Fitzpatrick
Reading: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday 7:30 AM

Intention: John Campbell Barmmer
Reading: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Elise Kelly
Reading: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday 7:30 AM

Intention: Angelo Capoferri
Reading: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday 7:30 AM

Intention: Alice Humphrey
Reading: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

PILGRIM STATUE

04 - 16 - 2023	Joanne Fonash
04 - 23 - 2023	Cathy Eno
04 - 30 - 2023	Shirley Snyder

The sign up sheet for 2023 is available.

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



A SEASON OF JOY

"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42). This first line of today's first reading sets the tone as this fifty-day celebration of Easter opens before us. Today we listen to the teachings of three apostles—Luke, Peter, and John—who remind us that even though we have not seen Christ, we nonetheless are filled with joy as we place our belief in his saving death and resurrection. Each week during the Easter season we will gather as a community of faith to find strength and support from our God and from one another. Each week we will gather to break bread and offer the great prayer of thanksgiving, actions that will manifest the very presence of the risen Christ in our midst. Let us be open to the wonders of this season of joy.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The origins of the custom of burning a lamp before the tabernacle are in Jewish worship, where a lamp called *ner tamid* or "eternal flame" burns before the ark in every synagogue. The ark contains the sacred scrolls of the Torah. The flame represents the menorah in the Temple, and therefore is never extinguished. In fact, the word "tabernacle" itself is derived from Hebrew, as *ta-*

ber is the Hebrew word for "tent," and hearkens back to the forty years of wandering in the desert. The pilgrim people were sustained in hope by an awareness that God was not only in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, but had quite literally "pitched his tent with them" in the shelter for the Ark of the Covenant. Some artisans have used this theme of "ark" or "tent" to design a tabernacle for the Blessed Sacrament.

In Christian practice, Anglicans and Catholics use a sanctuary lamp to point toward the presence of the reserved sacrament, and Lutherans use it as a sign of God's presence in the house of worship, but not necessarily as a clue that the Eucharist is reserved. Why, even in an age of electric light, is the sanctuary lamp an oil light or candle? Perhaps not only to point to Christ, the light of the world, but also to point to sacrifice. For the light to exist, there must be sacrifice. The oil or wax is transformed into light, just as those who pray here, or who will receive viaticum from here, are called to transformation in Christ.

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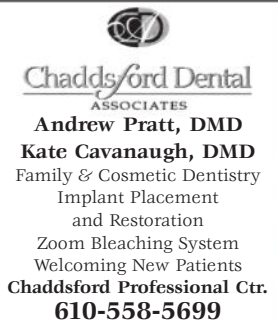
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