

St. Cornelius Parish

SUNDAY BULLETIN

April 23, 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

III Sunday of Easter

April 23, 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 in the very ordinary places we call our own.

Faithfully,

Mmgr. Diamond



Reflect on Giving Back and Giving Hope



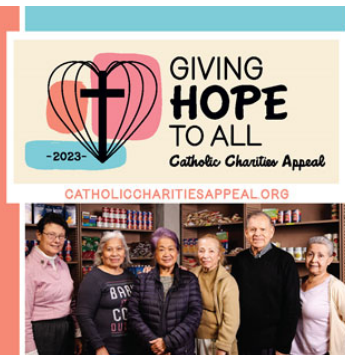
We hope this joyful season of Easter fills your heart with renewed hope, love, and peace to you and your family. As we continue to celebrate the Easter season, we remember that God's greatest sacrifice is to wash away the sins of the world. As devoted Catholics, it is our job to assist in this effort.

Every day, the Catholic Charities Appeal helps those who cannot help themselves. We feed those who are hungry, we house those who need shelter, and we care for those who need it most. To keep up with the immense need in our community, we humbly ask for your help.

As Catholics, it is important we ask ourselves to make sacrifices for the benefit of those less fortunate so that we can give them hope and new life.

The Catholic Charities Appeal is constantly working to serve the underprivileged in our community. Every year, through your generosity, the CCA can find new ways to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, care for the sick, and much more. But, we can not do this without you.

Help us to help our community in need by giving a gift of hope to the 2023 Catholic Charities Appeal.



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.**
- ♦ Worldwide Marriage Encounter puts the spark back in your marriage.
- ♦ Get off the treadmill of life and focus on each other.
- ♦ Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on
- ♦ Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: website at wwme-philly.org

Or call (610) 449-1859 for more information.



!!! SAVE THE DATE !!!

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



**Thursday, May 25, 2023
2PM to 7PM - Parish Life Center**

Registration opportunity: May 6th & 7th
after all Masses!

Or 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.

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

Be that Good Samaritan! Be a donor on May 25th !!!

Eligibility questions?

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



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 akohlbremer@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 akohlbremer@scornelius.org or call 610-459-8663



*Eternal rest
grant unto them,
O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May the souls
of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.
Amen*

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

Theresa A. Bosico

Jerri Boyland

Sister of Carol Consorto

Clare Ruth Wirth

Wife of Deacon Richard Wirth

Eternal rest grant to them,
O Lord.

May they rest in peace.

CONGRATULATIONS First Holy Communion!



Please join us in extending congratulations and prayers for the following members of the St. Cornelius Parish Community who are making their First Holy Communion today.

**Brigit Barnett
Leonardo Battaglia
Amelia Biggs
Brian Bingnear
Elizabeth Bucolo
Evelyn Callaghan
Luca D'Ambrosio
Aidan Douglas
Annabelle Hartshorn
Matthew Hartshorn
Jaimeson Hernandez
Abigail Hislop**

**Graysen Kelly
Jason Lamb
McKinley Meehan
Landon Menezes
Charlotte Novitsky
Luke Oldham
Theodore Pearson
Eliza Pendleton
Wes Stranz
Hailey Thompson
Victoria Titchenell**

Many thanks to their parents and teachers who worked so closely with these children to grow in their faith and prepare them for this special sacrament.

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 16, 2023

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Envelope Offering \$9,595.50
\$16,969.00



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

Luke 12:34

Baptisms

Baptized in Christ

Noelle Marie Anger

Daughter of Ryan and Nora Anger

Brooks & Codi Lenton

Children of Mark and Brenna Lenton

Let us pray for our newly baptized Christians.



*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	

Congratulations!



On Easter Sunday at the 11:00 Mass we welcomed **Kayla Kelly** in to the Church with her first Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Through Kayla's reception of the sacraments we are all reminded that life in Christ constantly calls us to grow and to look for new ways to live the life of grace, personally and together.

Congratulations Kayla, may we all grow in our faith to be better servants of the Gospel.



**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

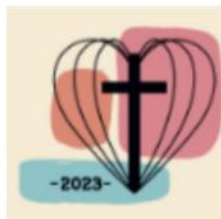
www.ycphiladelphia.org/cpages/home



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



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CHARITIES
APPEAL 2023**
catholiccharitiesappeal.org





St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

The children were so excited when they returned to school from Easter break! They were especially surprised when the Easter Bunny showed up for a special visit. Our little friends loved searching for eggs and had so much fun doing the Bunny Hop! We love the smiles and the joy in all their eyes on these special.



"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

Holy Hour - Join Us!

Monday, May 1, 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.



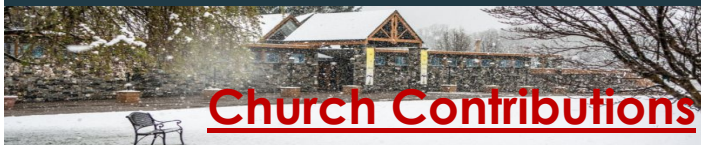
A Good Neighbor to the Homeless Opportunity to help a homeless family!

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

Happy Easter! We hope your Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl helped you grow closer to God and our global family through prayer, stories of encounter, fasting and more. Now join Catholics across the United States in sharing the joy and hope of Easter with communities in more than 100 countries through a life-changing gift.

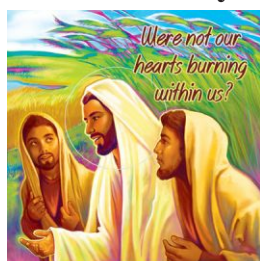
Your donation will ensure farmers like Rony can earn a livelihood in the face of chronic drought. It will help children like Loraine receive proper nutrition and education. It will help parents like Rebecca and Lotiang provide for their families. To donate by phone: 1-877-435-7277. To donate by mail: Catholic Relief Services, CRS Rice Bowl, PO Box 5200, Harlan, IA 51593-0700. The gifts described are symbolic and represent the good your donation will do for people in the countries where we serve. Thanks for your support!



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.

Third Sunday of Easter April 23, 2023



You have made known to me
the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy
in your presence.
— Acts 2:28

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.

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

Fr. Locke, Jeff Behm, Mary Harmes, Mary Helen Arthur, Charles Foster, Anne Spetzer, 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
dochollisv@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

PREP

Please join us in congratulating the students in our virtual family program who will be receiving First Holy Communion this week. What a special time for our parish!

We look forward to seeing our Sunday program students in the classroom at 10. I would like to remind any of our students in our second grade who will be celebrating First Holy Communion on April 30th that we have rehearsal in the church on Wednesday April 26th 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.

If you have not yet registered for our upcoming program 2023-24 year our 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 keep your eye out for ways to get involved. 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.



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



THE ORIGIN OF THE CREED

Fr. Larry Rice

If you ask most people what the longest prayer is that they pray at a Catholic Mass, most will probably respond with the Creed. The only problem with that answer is that the Creed isn't really a prayer.

The Creed, after all, isn't Addressed to God. It's a statement of beliefs which we recite together as an expression of our unity in the faith. It may be spoken reverently or even prayerfully, but that doesn't in itself make it a prayer.

So where does the Creed come from? As a summary of the most central Christian doctrines, it arose from times when those beliefs were in question – when various factions held different theological positions. The older version of the Creed is the Apostle's Creed, which traces its origin to the 4th Century. Although legend says that the Apostle's Creed was penned by the Apostles themselves, the earliest evidence we have is a letter from St. Ambrose after the council of Milan.

The creed we use most frequently at mass is the Nicene Creed. Although it's origins at the Council of Nicea in 325 place it in the same century as the Apostle's creed, the Nicene creed is longer, and more explicitly defines what we believe about the human and divine natures of Jesus Christ. This was in reaction to the Arian heresy, which denied Christ's divinity. The version of the Nicene Creed we use today includes additions made at the Council of Constantinople in the year 381

The Creed was further revised based on other theological controversies. In the late sixth Century, the Latin-speaking Churches of the west, under the banner of Rome, add the words "and the Son" to the phrase explaining the giving of the Holy Spirit. The Orthodox Churches of the East believe that the Holy Spirit is sent only from the Father. While this may seem like a minor point to most of us today, literal battles were fought over this "filioque" controversy.

When we recite the Creed at Mass, we're part of the Church's long theological Tradition, re-affirming the results of centuries of theological study and debate that has helped us understand with ever greater precision who God is, and what He has done for us.



Sunday Mass Intentions

7:30 AM	Intentions of Fr. Thomas Celso
9:00 AM	Rosemary Marciano
11:00 AM	Joseph Arbuckle
4:00 PM	Thomas Less

Weekly Mass Schedule (Week of April 23 - April 28)

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*
Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Monday 7:30 AM

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Intention: Carol Imperatrice
Reading: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday 7:30 AM

St. Mark, Evangelist

Intention: Marie Quinn
Reading: Acts 7:51 - 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,
17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Michael Cahill
Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Thursday 7:30 AM

Intention: Ronald Wolfe
Reading: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;
Jn 6:44-51

Friday 7:30 AM

St. Peter Chanel

St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

Intention: Sister Mary Birster, IHM
Reading: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

PILGRIM STATUE

04 - 23 - 2023	Cathy Eno
04 - 30 - 2023	Shirley Snyder
05 - 07 - 2023	Kathy Howley

The sign up sheet for 2023 is available.

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



ON THE ROAD

One central metaphor employed to describe the Christian life is a journey. In today's second reading, Peter addresses the early Christian community: "Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning" (1 Peter 1:17). When we think of a journey, we normally think of some kind of movement from point A to point B. The Christian journey, begun in the waters of baptism (point A) has as its ultimate destination eternal life with God in heaven (point B). Unfortunately we find ourselves on all kinds of detours along the way. Because of sin, we make foolish turns and sometimes seem unable to detect the presence of the Lord. Today's story of the two disciples on their way to Emmaus illustrates for us the fact that, even when we are dejected or on one of our many detours, the Lord is there, walking right beside us.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Some monks and nuns trace their community origins back a thousand years or so, before it became customary to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in tabernacles. In their rules of life, which evolved from the lifestyle and prayer of their predecessors, the core experience of Christ's presence is at the altar itself, and in the symbol of assembly for prayer. To this day, when the monks or nuns file into their church in procession, they march two by two, and

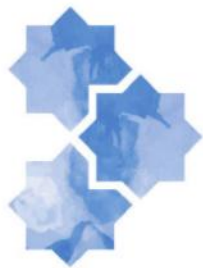
then bow profoundly to the altar before turning and bowing in reverence toward the brother or sister at their side. It is probably more difficult, in practice, to revere the presence of Christ in a person who irks you by taking the car keys, shirking a work duty, or burning the toast!

We can trace in these religious orders' enduring customs the ancient appreciation for the altar as the center of the church building, and of the community of the faithful as the Body of Christ. Usually, a monastery today will reserve the Blessed Sacrament in some quiet corner of the monastic church, in a fairly small space, more suitable for private prayer than for the gathering of the whole community. In a cloister, the architecture may allow the public limited access to this space. Liturgical law tells us, in both monasteries and parish churches, that there is no need for more than a few hosts in the place of reservation, just enough for viaticum, the "food for the journey" that is the final sacramental celebration for a dying Christian.

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WELCOME TO THE MATTHEW XXV GARDEN SEASON III

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 was a success this past Saturday. Our next event is scheduled for April 30th at 3 pm. We will be spreading compost, rototilling, laying weed cover, edging the rows and replacing water lines. Continuing our readiness for planting in Mid-May (date TBD). If you have stopped by the greenhouse you can see we have plenty to plant. Our seedlings have taken off and are looking very healthy. Many thanks to the PREP Students. We are currently looking for newspapers (black and white only, no color print) to use for ground cover/weed control. We have a bin in the garden area to collect newspapers. We will be locating another bin in the narthex soon.

We can use all the help we can get. After planting in May we will 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.*

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