

St. Cornelius Parish

SUNDAY BULLETIN

July 2, 2023



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St. Cornelius Parish Summer Office Hours

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

Friday 8:00 pm to 12:00 pm 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

July 2, 2023

While we celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, Independence Day, the first signature went on the original document today, July 2nd. The first public reading of the Declaration was on July 4th; read by a Colonel Nixon – no relation to the other Nixon. You might want to take a few minutes today and read that document so filled with such significant language. Written by one man and edited by a committee, a process which rarely yields such a stirring instrument, its words can still impress the reader with its profundity.

Before Jefferson launches into his list of several denunciations of the King of England fixed in time, he begins and ends the statement which include references to God. He makes note of “the Laws of Nature and Nature’s God.” The self-evident truths to which he refers that all “are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” Granted that Jefferson was a Deist, sort of an 18th century version of a group of contemporary academics known as The Jesus Seminar, and like them engaging in a sort of reductionism of the Divinity of Christ. Nevertheless, in the founding document of our nation, God was present. Jefferson had his own version of the Bible which, because of the so-called Enlightenment, eliminated all references to the miraculous.

Abraham Lincoln leaned more on the Declaration in his presidency than on the Constitution. In fact, he ignored the Constitution on more than a few occasions. While his own religious beliefs were never formalized – I am not even certain he was baptized – much of his writings and his decisions were grounded in Sacred Scripture, with which he was very familiar. He has reliance on God. The closing sentence of his second inaugural clearly shows that. ... With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right... Would that our leaders today, political or otherwise, would invoke such prayerful sentiment.

There are some among us who are charged to lead the discussion and effort to make certain that God remains a part of the fabric of our nation. For most of us, the opportunity to engage in public debate or act in a way that raises the consciousness of the citizenry is removed from our sphere of influence. Having said that, we are not excused from living in a way that includes preaching the gospel as best we can. The Kingdom of God is never closer to us than in the ordinary, everyday aspects of our life. Conversely, the Kingdom of God is never more threatened than in the ordinary everyday aspects of our life.

Events and documents like the Declaration of Independence are historical and momentous. Our influence is limited to a personal level rather than a societal level. The “woman of influence” in Shunem showed kindness to the prophet Elisha by giving him a room. Jesus encouraged his disciples to engage in the simple act of kindness of giving someone a cup of cold water. These are not history-making actions. They are simple human actions motivated by charity. Our actions and the manner in which we speak and act can make God present in our society, our classrooms, our offices and our homes.

This week as we celebrate The United States of America, our great nation, remember that we also belong to another entity – the Body of Christ. As Paul tells us, we have been baptized into Christ Jesus. That must make a difference in the great and ordinary moments of our life. Our prayer this weekend, which all too often sadly serves as a punctuation mark or throw away line for politicians’ speeches, ought to be a sincere petition – God, bless America.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond



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 as St. Cornelius offers **evening sessions** of last summer's very popular program, *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. If you've been thinking of taking a Bible study but daytime sessions don't work with your schedule, then now's your chance.

This 8-part Bible study 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 weekly, short videos, Bible scholar Jeff Cavins takes 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.

The program will run **Tuesday evenings, July 11 through Aug. 29, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Life Center**. For more information or to register contact parishioner Jean Wysocki, 215 240-0873 or ajwysocki2@verizon.net. There is a \$29.00 materials charge to cover the workbook, timeline, and a one-year online access to the videos.



Mysteries of the Rosary aims to facilitate an experience where participants can encounter, contemplate and discuss the key mysteries in the life of Jesus Christ as contained within the Rosary. The Rosary is simultaneously a contemplative prayer, a spiritual weapon and a catechetical tool. The goal is for each participant to encounter the person of Jesus Christ in the episodes, discussions and in their personal prayer. In doing so, Our Lord will teach them the art of Christian living as well as the art of Christian prayer.

Dates: Each Thursday, July 13 - August 24, 2023 (7 sessions of "R&R: Rosary and Reflection")

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Location: Parish Life Center (PLC)

Weekly Agenda:

- 7:00 pm Gathering, Food and Fellowship
- 7:30 pm Video
- 8:00 pm Discussion and Prayer
- 8:30 pm Closing

This is a free event. Come for just one session, or come for all seven. Bring a friend! All are welcome for these evenings of fellowship, learning, discussion and prayer. To RSVP or if you have questions, please contact Kevin Shaw at 703-405-7579 (cell/text).

The Rosary Series: Mysteries of the Rosary Official Trailer
youtu.be/JA0Rr0aoduc

The Rosary Series: Session Sign-up / RSVP
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Watch the video



Session sign up



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

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website at wwme-philly.org

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

Matthew XXV Garden



Welcome to the Matthew XXV Garden Season 3

Thank you for your support with the Matthew XXV Garden.

Our trellises for the tomato plants are now installed and soon we will see the tomato plants begin their ascent up the strings. This effort will aid in keeping the plants off the ground.

See the garden sign-up genius on the parish website for weekly support with mowing the lawn, weeding, edging, and checking on the water.

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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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.



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.

MASS JULY 4TH 9:00 AM

Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord.
Ps 33:12

Holy Hour - Join Us!

Monday, July 3, 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.



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.



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



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 25, 2023

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\$17,158.00



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

Luke 12:34



St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

Saint Cornelius Early Learning Center Job Opportunity

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

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

SSG Ana Brunal
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
SSG. Eric Gardner
Capt Matthew Gibbons
Ens Patrick Gibbons
Ens John Paul Gibbons
Maj Rachel Gonzalez
SPC Logan Hannum
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Lt Lauren Kinnee
Capt Daniel Kohli
Capt Chris Love
Capt Megan Love
Sgt Jason Lyons

2nd Lt. Kevin Malone
Sgt Alexander Marlow
Pfc Zachary Marlow
LT. Cmdr Daniel McCadden
CSM Sean McGlensey
Capt Jonathan McGrath
LT Molly K. McGuckin
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Maj. Sean P. Noll
Lt. Col Brian J. O'Shea
Lt. Cmdr Inga O'Shea
Maj James O'Shea
PFC L Roland
LTJG Christian Samulewicz
2nd LT Olivia Samulewicz
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



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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



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Camp Cornelius

Our campers at Camp Cornelius made a splash at our beach theme week! The campers made cute ocean crafts, delicious beach snacks, had crab races, and even splashed in the water at camp. We might have been at camp, but with all the fun and delicious activities we thought we were really at the beach! Camp Cornelius is the place to be for summer fun!!



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



Monsignor's Thursday Email

Msgr. Diamond's weekly Thursday Email is a popular weekly news letter for our parishioners. Currently there are **over 1049** 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



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.

CRS NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

It's been more than a year since Russia invaded Ukraine. And Ukrainians still navigate uncertainties, miss and grieve their loved ones, and make difficult decisions in the hope that life will one day return to normal.

For refugees around the world - the Rohingya, Syrians and Congolese—living in a refugee settlement, sometimes for decades or entire childhoods, still feels far from home.

In wars like the one in Ukraine, families take care of each other, as well as rely on the hospitality and kindness of communities in neighboring countries. For many people, it is still too dangerous to return to their hometowns. And for many others, there is no home left to return to. Yet some families are returning to pick up the pieces. But no matter where they are, they all work hard to create a semblance of home.

With gifts like yours, families around the world receive safe shelter, food, medical care, rent and utility assistance, as well as assistance to make repairs to their damaged homes upon return. Counseling and social services are available. Children receive support to continue their schooling. Parents begin to learn the language of their host country. In the words of one mother who moved her family from Ukraine to Moldova, "Only time can heal us. We are keeping calm and hope to go back to our motherland. This is a special place but our hearts hurt."

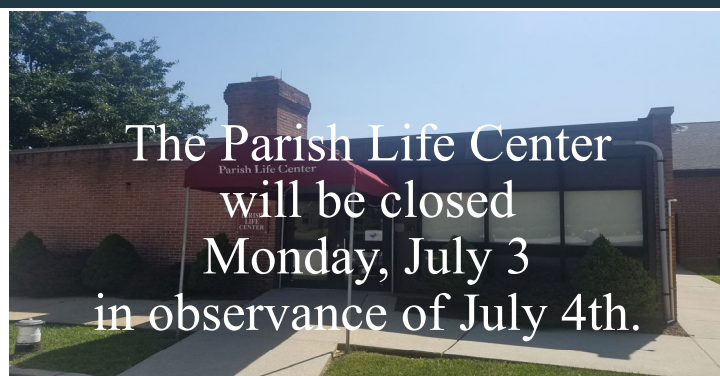


For more information on how you can provide financial assistance go to CRS.org and search for "Help Refugees"



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.



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

Thomas Drane, Kara Ulatowski, Harold Von Brockdorff, Jeff Behm, Mary Harmes, Mary Helen Arthur, Charles Foster, Anne Spetzer, Pete Petroll, Ginger Casey, Carolyn Duffy, Carleen Peters, Marian Short, Matthew Hess, Bryan Thompson, Cindy Ficca, Paul Lucas, Carla Santoleri, Richard Meccarielli, 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, 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 **July 15, 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.



Lending Library



You may not be aware of the Lending Library that exists in our ambulatory, near the large stain glass windows overlooking the family portico. The cart pictured to the left contains a variety of reading material that you are welcome to take with you. You may also find a variety of holy cards, prayer pamphlets and novenas. Please feel free to take what you like.

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 narthex, 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



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 8, after Labor Day.

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



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 PREP registration for the 2023-24 year is open. If you have a 1st through 7th grader who has not yet registered, please contact Julie Sullivan at stcornprep@scornelius.org for more information.

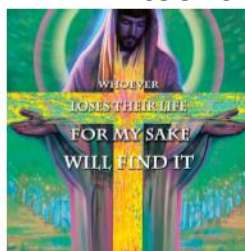
Call for Volunteers! The success of our programs depends heavily on the generosity of our volunteers. If you are interested in teaching in our program, please contact Julie Sullivan at stcornprep@scornelius.org.

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group has wrapped up for the year, we will still have volunteer opportunities available throughout the summer and will share them via email or on our webpage. If you would like to be added to our distribution list, please contact Julie Sullivan at stcornprep@scornelius.org.

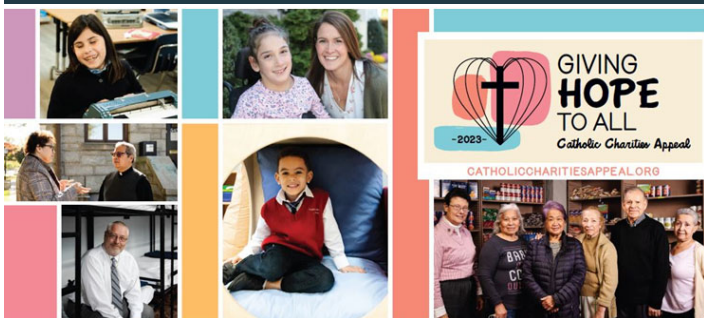


Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 2, 2023



Think of yourselves
as dead to sin
and living for God
in Christ Jesus.

— Romans 6:11



Sunday Mass Intentions

7:30 AM Helen Salanaugh
 9:00 AM Domenic Postorivo
 11:00 AM Camillo & Anna Verratti
 4:00 PM John Cheesman

Catholic Housing and Community Services

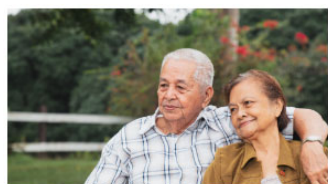
As a leading provider of senior living services, Catholic Housing and Community Services (CHCS) serves thousands of seniors throughout the five-county region each year. Through housing communities, social activities, care management, and providing access to resources, the elderly we treasure receive the support they need. Last year, CHCS provided 37,517 nutritious meals to seniors; addressed the emotional needs of 3,300 seniors through the helpline and senior clubs; and broke ground on Saint Joseph Place, CHCS' first suburban affordable housing community for independent seniors.

Loneliness can be one of the most devastating effects as we age, and many older adults face this crippling issue. Paul found some respite through the Nativity B.V.M. Senior Community Center, where he was able to find genuine friendship and a hot meal. The Catholic Housing and Community Services (CHCS) staff also helped him apply for food assistance and other vital benefits.

Nativity B.V.M. is just one of five CHCS Senior Community Centers that offer seniors opportunities for socialization, recreation, physical exercise, education, and nutritional support. These centers focus on overall health, wellness, and independence, which is crucial for seniors' well-being.

Help support seniors like Paul by donating to Catholic Charities Appeal. Your contribution will go a long way in providing seniors with the necessary support they need to age healthily and independently.

To donate today to the Catholic Housing and Community Services, or other Catholic Charities, please follow the link www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org/donate/email or scan the QR code



Weekly Mass Schedule (Week of July 3 - July 7)

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*
 Reading: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19;
 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

Monday 7:30 AM

St. Thomas the Apostle

Intention: Peter & Frances Cunningham
 Reading: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday 9:00 AM

Independence Day

Reading: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12;
 Mt 8:23-27;



Wednesday 7:30 AM

St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Intention: Jodi Arkus
 Reading: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday 7:30 AM

St. Maria Goretti, Martyr

Intention: Charles J. Spevak
 Reading: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

Friday 7:30 AM

Intention: Deceased members of the James family
 Reading: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5;
 Mt 9:9-13

PILGRIM STATUE

07 - 02 - 2023 Maggie Falzone
 07 - 09 - 2023 Carla Santoleri
 07 - 16 - 2023 Nancy Melasecca

Dates are available for July to Dec.

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



THE RICHNESS OF LIFE IN CHRIST

Today we have the beautiful story of the woman promised a child, the wonderful exhortation about life in Christ, and a powerful instruction from Jesus. An embarrassment of riches? Not if we take Jesus' words about "welcome" to heart. The many challenges and blessings offered to us today by Elisha, Paul, and Jesus should be cause for rejoicing, and welcomed heartily into our lives. And, like the great treat that they are, they should be enjoyed and shared generously with others.

Today's reading from Romans was chosen very early in the liturgical life of the Church to be the sole apostolic instruction received by candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil. This illustrates its importance as a core belief, and as a means of comprehending the story of the Resurrection. Christ's resurrection is not merely a story about something that he underwent once upon a time, but it is our story, the story of how we joined the other members of the one Body of Christ, the church. We were not only dead, but we were buried; not ultimately buried, but raised to eternal life with Christ.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

It's Independence Day week, and there is a link worth tracing between the Declaration of Independence and the language of liturgy. One of the signers of the Declaration on that July 4 long ago was Charles Carroll, probably the

wealthiest man in the colonies and one of the few Catholics on the political scene. As a flourish to his signature, he sought to distinguish himself from other prominent citizens bearing the same name by penning "Charles Carroll of Carrolltown"—a defiant "come and get me if you dare" postscript aimed at the British.

Carroll's brother John was a priest and patriot who in 1789 was given the task of organizing the Catholic Church in this country. By 1791 he had assembled a synod, or assembly of delegates, to launch that task formally. Archbishop Carroll wanted to gain acceptance of our faith by American people who mistrusted our customs and could not comprehend our liturgy. He made the amazing proposal to Rome that our liturgy should be prayed not in Latin, but in the vernacular, English. His wish was denied, but one hundred sixty years later, his deep desire helped the American bishops and scholars at the Second Vatican Council to win the vote in favor of the vernacular not just for the United States, but for the Church throughout the world.

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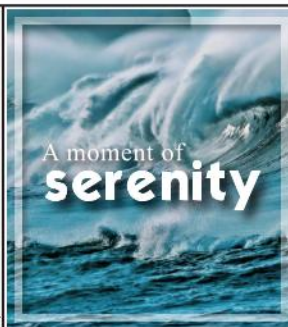
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2023 Farm Bill Reauthorization



We urge members of Congress to prioritize timely passage of the Farm Bill, including reauthorizing life-saving hunger reducing international programs, specifically Food for Peace Title II, McGovern-Dole Food for Education, Farmer-to-Farmer and Food for Progress, including:

- Increasing flexibility for non-emergency Title II Food for Peace development programming by:
 - Making U.S. commodities in non-emergency programs a programming option—rather than a requirement—to allow implementing partners to tailor activities specifically to the needs of the community and;
 - Combining the authorizations under Section 202(e) and ITSH of the Food for Peace Act, thereby maintaining congressional oversight of funds while streamlining budgeting and lessening the administrative burden for implementing partners.
- Increasing the amount of funding set aside for local and regional procurement within the McGovern-Dole Food for Education program to enable programming that better supports local farmers regionally and within communities. Additionally, capacity-building support for farmers should be incorporated into the local and regional procurement component of McGovern-Dole.



FARM BILL INTERNATIONAL AID AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE:

- Provides life-saving emergency aid to millions of people experiencing hunger and malnutrition.
- Builds capacity, self-sufficiency and resiliency within communities, decreasing the need for future humanitarian assistance.
- Increases child literacy rates and improves nutritional outcomes through school meal programs.
- Builds a pathway towards resiliency so that communities can once again provide for themselves and thrive.
- Supports smallholder farmers and strengthens agricultural sectors, promoting sustainable economic growth.



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