

St. Cornelius Parish

SUNDAY BULLETIN

August 27, 2023



YOU ARE PETER, AND UPON THIS ROCK
I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

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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 XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2023

Away on vacation I once again tried to read William Faulkner. I consider it a great literary failing on my part that I have found Faulkner so difficult to engage and even more challenging to understand. I know that he has been hailed as a great writer, perhaps one of the greatest that America has produced. The reason I turned my eye to his work is that other writers, most among my favorites – Flannery O'Connor, Walker Percy, James Lee Burke and even Thomas Merton, all reported that Faulkner's writing had a great influence on them and their writing.

I believe that I may have actually picked up the thread that I have been searching for so long in my efforts at reading Faulkner. The thought struck me that I was interested in Faulkner because of his influence on those other writers. Then I thought who has influenced me? My family of course, my mom and dad and my sisters and brothers and friends who mean so much and offer so much. Beyond that, the teachers with whom I have had the privileged experience of studying and some teachers with whom I had the pained experience of studying. Certainly priests, several I have known. Some of whom have gone to God – all too soon I believe; many in the archdiocese and beyond who are some of the finest priests I know. Religious women who have shown a dedication to the Gospel values they learned and the charism that drew them to religious life. Parishioners who exemplify what it means to be a disciple.

Who has influenced you? In the gospel passage today St. Peter demonstrates that he has certainly been influenced by Jesus. “Who do you say that I am?” It was not that Jesus had any doubts about His own identity at that point. Every one of us has to arrive at a decision as to who we are. For most of us the issue is fairly well settled by the time we are in our early or mid-twenties. However, I do believe that maturation is complete later and later in our contemporary culture. There are a lot of 35-year-old adolescents in our world.

This question of Jesus’ identity serves as the catalyst for Peter's confession of faith in the reading from St. Matthew's gospel today. Peter's statement is a recognition of Jesus’ identity, which is a major issue in all of the Gospel accounts. Every disciple, that includes you, must answer the question: *Who do you say that I am?* The question is not a matter of cognitive inquiry like some discussion point from the rarefied atmosphere of a theology class in graduate school. Each believer must be able to answer that question for himself or herself. In answering it there must be a correlation between belief and the manner in which one lives.

By accepting the gospel as the truth and recognizing that Jesus is *the Christ, the Son of the living God*, one ought to be able to, not only incorporate that belief into the daily routines of one's life, but to incarnate the life of Christ into the life we lead. The manner in which this is done will not usually be marked by the drama of St. Peter's confession. We are called to be Christ to others and that often involves placing others ahead of ourselves. Parents know this, spouses know this, friends know this, Disciples of the Lord Christ are to know and live that reality.

The saints are great heroes and models of faith. St. Peter was flawed and some would say deeply flawed in his sometime halting and stumbling response to the Lord. Despite his flaws, Jesus chose him to be the rock on which the church is built. *You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church.* We, too, are flawed as well and at times our response may not be our best. Just as Jesus chose Peter, He has chosen you to do some task that He has not assigned to anyone else. Pray for that conviction that Peter showed in today's gospel and the eventual resolve he lived as the Rock.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond



Saturday, September 16, 2023

Noon to 9:30 PM

The beautiful culmination of AbbeyFest is a large outdoor afternoon Mass and candlelight Adoration. In 2022, we were blessed to have Archbishop Nelson Perez as our principal celebrant and he promises to be back!

Musical Guests include:

Matthew West • Riley Clemmons • AOH Music
Gus deSimone • Village Lights • Ricky Vazquez • Ike Ndolo
Sarah Kroger • Hannah Schaefer • Mark Griswold

12:00 PM Gates Open

1:15PM to 3:45PM Live Music

4:00 PM Mass (Archbishop Pérez, Celebrant)

6:00 PM Riley Clemmons

7:40 PM Matthew West

9:10 PM Candlelight Adoration

Click on the QR code to the right to purchase

Tickets or go to <https://theabbeyfest.com>



Matthew XXV Garden



Welcome to the Matthew XXV Garden

Season 3

We are pleased to report that the Matthew XXV Garden is well on its way to reaching a goal of 1,000 lbs. (or more) of produce grown. As of August 21, 940lbs. have been harvested. The recipients at the Dorothy Day Room at St. Agnes Church in West Chester are always thrilled and grateful for the gift of God's bounty.

Please feel free to be a part of this most rewarding cause and volunteer on the sign-up Genius or just drop by the garden and pull a few weeds or weed whack a row or two. Harvest time is usually Monday evening at 6:00 weather permitting. Thank you for your consideration and God Bless you.

Children working on volunteer projects / hours are welcome.



walking with purpose

The fall 2023 Walking with Purpose ("WWP") Bible study will be returning soon, and all women are welcome!

Our next study titled "**Beholding His Glory**" will explore Scriptures from the Old Testament pointing us to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. We will meet for nine weeks, in the Parish Life Center, starting **Tuesday October 3rd** continuing through **Tuesday December 5th**. Morning and evening times are available.

For more information or to sign-up now, please contact one of the WWP Parish Coordinators for your preferred time:

Tuesday Mornings 10:00 am-12:00 pm- Agnes Arkus,
agnes324@verizon.net (302) 290-3486

Tuesday Evenings 7:00 pm -8:30 pm- Beth Baldo,
baldobetha@gmail.com (845) 558-7089

The study guide can be ordered at a cost of approximately \$30 from walkingwithpurpose.com

Our last WWP Bible study had over 40 women that attended. Feedback from the annual participants survey was extremely positive, summarized below:

- 100% say they would recommend WWP to a friend
- 96% say their relationship with Christ is stronger
- 88% of women say their Catholic Faith is now stronger
- 85% say their prayer life has improved

You may also find more information about WWP on the St. Cornelius parish website at

<https://saintcornelius.org/walking-with-purpose>



"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 Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown, PA.

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.



RCIA

Meet and Greet
Thursday, September 21, 7:00 PM

Please help us pray for and extend an invitation to all of those whom God is calling into the Catholic Church.

- Are you married to a Catholic?
- Are you a Catholic who has not received the Sacraments?
- Are you someone seeking a spiritual home?

We will be hosting a meeting for all of those who are interested in looking into the Catholic faith or Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

This year I invite any and all members of the parish to consider joining the group as a means of Adult Education and ongoing Faith Formation. The sessions follow the United States Catholic Catechism. We usually meet on a Thursday evening in the Fr. Simon Room. They last for about an hour. There are no tests. The only books you will need are the Catechism and a Bible. Even if you do not believe you can commit to each week, please consider joining when you can.

We will have a Meet & Greet on **Thursday, September 21 at 7:00 PM** in the **Fr. Simon room in the PLC**. Please consider joining us that evening.

Please contact the office at (610) 459-2502 to express your interest and be added to the distribution list.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

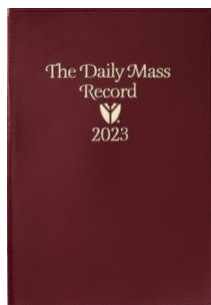
There is no 4:00 PM Mass on
Sunday, September 3rd

Join us for a labor Day Mass at
9:00 AM, Monday, September 4th



THE DAILY MASS RECORD

The 2024 Parish Mass Book will be available on Wednesday, September 6 in the PLC to select your Sunday and weekday Mass dates. Saturday vigil Mass is for the parish, Holy days of obligation are reserved for the feast of that day as well as national holidays; Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day and Thanksgiving. NO Masses will be accepted by phone, e-mail or by postal mail. All Masses must be requested in person and limited to 5 per family.



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



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.



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Visit our website
WWW.HeedTheCall.org



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.



August 20, 2023

WeShare eGiving \$7,833.50
Envelope Offering \$10,914.50
\$18,748.00



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

Luke 12:34

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.

*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
Sgt Andrew Hart
Devin J. Hunt
PO1 Nathan R. Keller
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
LCDR Ryan A. McGuckin
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

SAVE THE DATE!

American Red Cross Blood Drive
St. Cornelius!!

Thursday – October 12, 2023
1:00PM to 6:00PM

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 October 12th !

Eligibility questions?

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



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



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.



St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

The teachers and staff have been very busy the last few weeks getting everything ready for the start of the new school year!



The first day of school
Not sure what's in store
A brand new teacher
And a whole lot more

Making new friends
And seeing old ones too
What will we learn?
I haven't a clue

Will we learn about animals?
Or outer space?
Will we learn to be writers?
Or in gym will we race?

I have so many questions
About how this year will be
A brand new adventure
We'll just have to wait and see!



"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

Scattered with a few thick trees that provide refreshing shade to teachers and students alike, Al Gabal primary school in West Darfur, Sudan, rests alongside soft hills boasting red soil. Here, CRS built 9 classrooms to support sustainable schooling with funding from The United Nations World Food Programme. Visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!

"Education cannot be neutral. It is either positive or negative; either it enriches or it impoverishes; either it enables a person to grow or it lessens, even corrupts him. The mission of schools is to develop a sense of truth, of what is good and beautiful. And this occurs through a rich path made up of many ingredients. This is why there are so many subjects - because development is the result of different elements



A classroom built by CRS and community members at the Al Gabal primary school in Mornei, West Darfur, Sudan, as part of the Food for Assets project.

that act together and stimulate intelligence, knowledge, the emotions, the body, and so on."

~ Pope Francis



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.

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.



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 15.
We had to move it out a week as there is a funeral on Friday, Sept. 8th.*

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

Kathy Silvon, Denise Banta, Patty Burke, Tom Eno, Raul Gesmundo, David Weber, Diana Duffy, Isaac Burks, Suzanne Agren, Gabe Grant, Nancy Cunningham, Jay Holland, 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 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, Andrea Bateman, Brandon Heacock, Brittany Lott, Nancy Young, Peyton Lott, Billy Lott, Nanci Ehmer, 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



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 **September 16, 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.



Baptisms

Baptized in Christ

Jaxon Andrew DiSessa

Son of Kyle and Alysa DiSessa

Let us pray for our newly baptized Christian..

Holy Hour - Join Us!

Monday, September 4, 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.



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

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

Last call for registrations! If you have a child entering into grades 1-7 in a public or private school that does not provide religious education, please complete a PREP registration form for our Sunday program this year. Our first class of this year's program will be Sunday September 10 at 10 am. Our sessions run most Sundays from September - May. If you have any questions about our program or sacrament preparation at St. Cornelius, please contact Julie Sullivan at stcornprep@scornelius.org.

YOUTH GROUP

We are excited to welcome back so many students and their families in a few short weeks. Our program is still in need of a few volunteers to teach. If you are passionate about your faith and

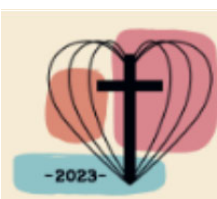
would welcome the opportunity to work with the youth of our parish, please contact Julie Sullivan at stcornprep@scornelius.org for more information.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

We are hoping to have our children's liturgy begin again in late September/early October during the 9 am Mass. Our children's liturgy welcomes those 3 years old - 8 to join us for the Liturgy of the Word in the Chapel. In order for this program to begin again, we are in need of volunteers to help lead this wonderful experience for the children. If you are interested in learning more about how you can get involved in this role, please contact Julie Sullivan at

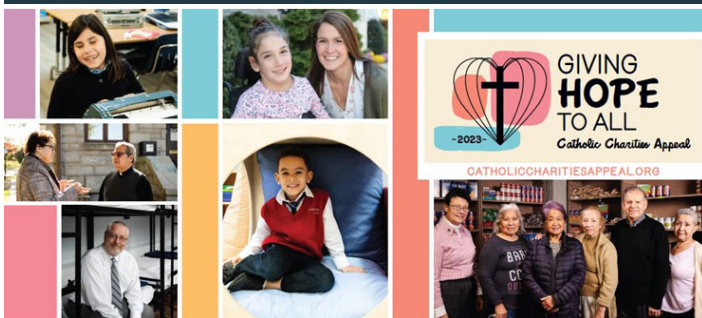
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CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2023

catholiccharitiesappeal.org





Sunday Mass Intentions

7:30 AM	Beverly Henry
9:00 AM	Clare Wirth
11:00 AM	John Patrick Brislin
4:00 PM	Francis Clemens

Christmas in July!

On July 25th, The Northeast Family Service Center, a ministry of Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, hosted a very special Christmas in July event for its Parenting and Pregnancy Program as well as the children in its Out-of-School Time Program (OST). This very exciting day included a visit and lunch from none other than Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus! To culminate the afternoon, Mrs. Santa Claus also read, "The Night Before Christmas" to all the children who attended. Thank you for your generosity and giving so many reasons for a child to smile, your gift matters so much!



The 5th Annual Project Magis Event



Please join us for the Project Magis Fifth Annual Cocktail Reception on Monday, October 16, 2023, presented by Cozen O'Connor. Project Magis is a networking group of legal and financial services professionals dedicated to helping others in the local community by supporting the Catholic Charities Appeal of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. All proceeds will support the Developmental Programs offered through Catholic Social Services. Come network with financial services, corporate restructuring, M&A, and professional services colleagues while lending a helping hand to others. We hope to see at this amazing event!

Weekly Mass Schedule (Week of August 28 - September 1)

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*
Reading: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8;
Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Monday 7:30 AM

St. Augustine

Intention: Mary Magee Finn
Reading: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday 7:30 AM

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Intention: Rose Marciano
Reading: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Curtis Roe
Reading: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab;
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday 7:30 AM

Intention: Margaret Adams
Reading: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17;
Mt 24:42-51

Friday 7:30 AM

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Intention: Albert Celestino
Reading: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12;
Mt 25:1-13

PILGRIM STATUE

08 - 27 - 2023 Kathy Eno
09 - 03 - 2023 Open
09 - 10 - 2023 Carla Santoleri

Dates are available for July to Dec.

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



Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time**August 27, 2023****BE A ROCK**

Peter's history as a follower or friend of Jesus is a bit spotty. It might be natural to wonder if Jesus, in giving him the keys to the kingdom, didn't feel a bit like a parent giving a teenager the keys to the family car. But it was at the moment when God's power and presence broke through everything else to raise up Peter's great profession of faith in Christ as Messiah that Jesus chose to establish the bond between the loving, forgiving mercy of heaven and our vocation to be witnesses of that love, mercy, and forgiveness on earth.

Like any parent, Jesus no doubt foresaw the failings, the irresponsible maneuvers or impaired senses, the collisions that the church would be headed for. But, most importantly, he also saw us at that moment as God prefers to see us: capable of manifesting great faith, with a willingness to remain at the feet of Christ to understand what it truly means to be Messiah and Christ. As the letter to the Romans points out to us today, we have not known the mind or the wisdom of God, but God knows us and still chooses to manifest the reign of justice, joy, beauty, and peace through us. Let this be our vocation. Let us always strive to be solid ground on which the church of Jesus Christ can be founded and on which it can continue to be built.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eucharistic Prayer II is a popular choice for Mass since

it is both simple in structure and short. It is written with a preface, which is the section after the dialogue "The Lord be with you . . . Lift up your hearts . . . Let us give thanks," which introduces all the Eucharistic Prayers. The preface states the reason for the eucharistic assembly on that occasion, and there are dozens of them covering almost every imaginable gathering for prayer, some specific to feasts, others for Masses for the dead or for other needs. The preface attached to the second Eucharistic Prayer may be dropped in favor of a more appropriate choice, especially one of the prefaces for weekdays. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says that Eucharistic Prayer II is best suited for weekdays or "special circumstances." In practice, however, it has become the common Sunday prayer because of its brevity and its comfortable familiarity. It also includes an optional phrase for adding the name of a deceased person remembered in the Mass, and therefore is often prayed at funerals. Article 50 of the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* specified that the rites are to be simplified and restored "to the vigor they had in the tradition of the Fathers." The rebirth of this ancient Roman prayer is a worthy response to this call.

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Amos 5: 24

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The Laudato Si' Ministry extends a warm welcome to all church members to participate in the offerings below.

“Transforming Our Hearts,” Thursday Sept 14, 7-8:30pm/ Friday Sept 15, 10-11:30am, Fr. Simon Room, PLC

Focus: Introductory Session on Saint Bonaventure's six levels or stages of contemplation, or *“levels of illuminations.”* There will be six weekly sessions starting Sept 28/29.

To sign-up email Bob Holliday at uwolliday@gmail.com

“Transforming Our Lifestyles,” Thursday Sept 21, 7-8:30pm/ Friday Sept 22, 10-11:30am, Fr. Simon Room, PLC

Focus: Introductory Session for understanding the importance of families and grandparents adopting a local ecosystem or watershed.

To sign-up email Joan Holliday at dochollisv@aol.com

“Transforming Public Policies,” After Masses Sept 23 & 24

Focus: Information will be provided about CRS Transforming Public Policies and important Advocacy Roles for parish members.

For more information contact JoEllen Munz at joburns66@gmail.com.

