

# St. Cornelius Parish

SUNDAY BULLETIN

October 1, 2023

## THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

*Parable of the two sons. 2012  
A.N. Mironov (Russian)*

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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

**LiveStream** [www.livestream.com/saintcornelius](http://www.livestream.com/saintcornelius)

## Thoughts from the Second Floor Front XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2023

With the arrival of October, you would think that the glorious light, bright and warm summer days would have faded into a fond memory. The extra summer days we have enjoyed are pretty much over and the wonderful crisp snap of fall has arrived. October marks a new season. Think on the liturgical celebrations that are on our calendar.

The month is dedicated to Our Lady with a special focus on the Rosary. October 13th is the anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun (*O Milagro do Sol* in Portuguese). Look that up and prepare to be amazed at the miracle that took place in Fatima early in the 20th century. A miracle is a unique sort of mystery. As Catholics, we use that word freely. “Oh, it’s a mystery” we say. Some in our world would dismiss even the possibility of a miracle let alone admit of mystery. Perhaps because of our supposed technological sophistication there is a sense that science can pretty much explain everything. It is not that a mystery means that we will never understand. What it means is that there is always more to discover. If you think mystery is not a part of your existence, answer this question: have all the plans you made in life worked out exactly as you thought they would?

We are to live in such a way as to make room for and care for the other. There is a risk in that, in living for another. The risk is that in living for another you will in all probability become a better disciple and live the Gospel more fully. Parents know of this singular aspect of humility. Spiritual writers point to the thousands of martyrs, those who gave their all for Christ. Our tradition is filled with stories of heroes who offered themselves so that another can live. For most of us the act of martyrdom in that sense is not even a remote possibility. In that the word martyr means “witness” we can act and live in such a way that gives witness to our relationship to Christ and to others, placing Him and them above ourselves. The Prophet Micah states it directly: You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God (6:8).

This does not mean that we are to suffer the caprice of fate with no ability to make plans or meaningful decisions. Ezekiel, the Psalmist and Paul this weekend offer passionate encouragement to live in a manner that is marked, not by aimless and pointless direction, but firm dedication and commitment. *Turn from wickedness*, the great prophet directs. The Psalmist prays, *Your ways, O Lord, make known to me*. Perhaps the most direct and unequivocal statement, characteristically from St. Paul, *Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus*, as he begins the great Christological Hymn of Philippians.

Throughout the month of October we celebrate the heroic men and women of our rich tradition that have lived, and died, in their passionate pursuit of discipleship. The great mystical gift of the Guardian Angels. St. Francis of Assisi, recognized even by non-believers as one of the most significant persons of the Western Tradition. St. Ignatius of Antioch, a martyr in the early church whose letters, written while imprisoned and being transported to Rome for trial, contain powerful exhortations and teaching about the faith. St. Luke the Evangelist, author of the third gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. The feast of the North American Martyrs. All of these are witnesses to the power of the gospel and encouragement to us, disciples in the 21st century.

When, in the gospel passage, “the chief priests and elders of the people,” are challenged, Jesus offered another reversal for their consideration. Those who would be deemed unworthy are the ones that Jesus identifies as those who enter the kingdom of God. It seems that our expectations, based on our perceptions of ourselves, may need to be reconsidered. It is not our status that counts as much as our willingness to change and respond to the invitation to collaborate with God’s will.

As the days of fall eventually emerge and the spectacular splash of color appear, pay attention not only to the beauty of nature but the beauty of our faith well lived. We are all capable of giving witness to God’s mystery at work in us by the manner we live our life.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond





### Join us for our Fall Program!

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

This year's theme: "All Things New".

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

[www.saintcornelius.org/that-man-is-you](http://www.saintcornelius.org/that-man-is-you).

Our first gathering was mid September, but you are welcome to join us any Wednesday. Each day is independent so you can jump in when you are able.

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

Scan the QR code to the right and join us!

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



## NATIONAL ROSARY RALLY

### Rosary Coast to Coast

Are you In? Washington DC,  
October 7

In addition to 2023 being the 8th annual 54 day rosary novena for our nation, it is also the 8th year for the National Rosary Rally and the 6th year for Rosary Coast to Coast when we are called to look forward to taking our community prayer into the public realm!

You are invited to pray the rosary on Saturday, October 7 for our nation to return to God and to holiness through the peaceful, powerful public profession of our Catholic faith.

For more information go to [rosarycoasttocoast.com](http://rosarycoasttocoast.com)

### 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](mailto:stcorn1@comcast.net) so we can remove their name.

### Welcome to the Parish!



David and Karen Borda

## The St. Cornelius Literary Society

When Carolyn Weber set out to study Romantic literature at Oxford University, she didn't give much thought to God or spiritual matters - but over the course of her studies she encountered the Jesus of the Bible and her world turned upside down. Surprised by Oxford chronicles her conversion experience with wit, humor, and insight into how becoming a Christian changed her.

Carolyn Weber arrives at Oxford a feminist from a loving but broken family, suspicious of men and intellectually hostile to all things religious. As she grapples with her God-shaped void alongside the friends, classmates, and professors she meets, she tackles big questions in search of truth, love, and a life that matters.

From issues of fatherhood, feminism, doubt, doctrine, and love, Weber explores the intricacies of coming to faith with an aching honesty and insight echoing that of the poets and writers she studied. Surprised by Oxford is:

The witty memoir of a skeptical agnostic who comes to a dynamic personal faith in God. Rich with illustration and literary references, gritty, humorous, and spiritually perceptive.

Weber eloquently describes a journey many of us have embarked upon, grappling with tough questions and doubts about the meaning of faith—and ultimately finding it in the most unlikely of places.

[Barnesandnoble.com](https://www.barnesandnoble.com)



### A Good Neighbor to the Homeless

After first meeting in May 2022, our partnership as neighboring volunteers to our Bridge of Hope family is coming to an end. The four families volunteering from St. Cornelius have all sincerely appreciated the experience and will continue to keep this special family in our prayers. We ask you to pray for our family, all the Bridge of Hope families, and the homeless in our nation.



## 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.***



### October 15, 2023 12:00 Noon

Please join us in celebrating the 106th Anniversary of the sixth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, and the Miracle of the Sun. We will honor Our Lady of Fatima and consecrate ourselves and our parish to her. Monsignor Diamond will take us around our campus as he leads the rosary and entrusts the buildings and property into Our Lady's care. We will also recite a prayer of consecration to Jesus through Mary at the end of the procession.

Let us flood Heaven with Our Lady's assistance, asking for Her intervention to bring peace to our land, our parish and our family.

We will meet outside of the church at noon, following the 11 AM Mass.

## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 1, 2023

**Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.**

**— Philippians 2:5**

## Enthronement Weekend October 7 & 8

Devotion to the Heart of Jesus has existed throughout much of the history of the Church, however in France in June of 1675, Jesus instructed Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque that He wished devotion to His **Sacred Heart** be made known to the world. He gave her Twelve Great Promises for those devoted to His Sacred Heart. One of those promises is, **"I will bless the homes in which an image of My Heart is exposed and honored"**. It is this promise that forms the basis of the parish's Enthronement Weekend. At all of the Masses on October 7 & 8, Enthronement Packets will be distributed, which will include beautiful images of Jesus and Mary. You are encouraged to have the images framed and then gather as a family to put the images in a place of honor while saying prayers to enthrone the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the home and consecrate your family to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is a simple, yet very powerful way to obtain blessings and graces for your families. This was first done in our parish in September of 2003. This is an opportunity for family renewal.



## 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





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.

**September 24, 2023**

WeShare eGiving \$7,112.50  
Envelope Offering \$11,260.50  
\$18,373.00



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

Luke 12:34



*"Just so, your light must shine  
before others, that they may  
see your good deeds and glo-  
rify 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 [wwwme-philly.org](http://wwwme-philly.org)

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

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

SSG Ana Brunal	2nd Lt. Kevin Malone
SPC Mike Canfield	Sgt Alexander Marlow
Cpl Michael Castle	Pfc Zachary Marlow
Lt. Connor Cleary	LT. Cmdr Daniel McCadden
Fr. Joseph Coffey (Chaplain)	CSM Sean McGlensey
Maj Robert B. Cusick, Jr.	Capt Jonathan McGrath
Capt Joshua deFreitas	LT Molly K. McGuckin
SSGT Michael DiVernieri	LCDR Ryan A. McGuckin
Cadet Emily Fanning	Maj. Sean P. Noll
Ens Ryan Gallagher	Lt. Col Brian J. O'Shea
SSG. Eric Gardner	Lt. Cmdr Inga O'Shea
Capt Matthew Gibbons	Maj James O'Shea
Ens Patrick Gibbons	PFC L Roland
Ens John Paul Gibbons	LTJG Christian Samulewicz
Maj Rachel Gonzalez	2nd LT Olivia Samulewicz
SPC Logan Hannum	Capt. Neal F. Schubert
Sgt Andrew Hart	HM3 Charles Schwartz
Devin J. Hunt	Ens Nicholas Spadaccini
PO1 Nathan R. Keller	MSG Thomas Stone
Lt Lauren Kinnee	Cpl Mark Truex
Capt Daniel Kohli	Lt. Christopher Vish
Maj. Chris Love	1st Lt Aidan Walsh
Maj. Megan Love	Capt Jennifer Wynn
Sgt Jason Lyons	

## 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, October .1** Nick Cappelli of Pronto Catering is again supplying us with the caffeine, cocoa and tea. This month the Knights of Columbus will be providing baked goods to share with all our parishioners.

Please join us after Mass with your fellow parishioners.

See you there!!



## SAVE THE DATE!

American Red Cross Blood Drive  
Thursday – October 12, 2023  
1:00PM to 6:00PM

OR....Register at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) using St. Cornelius as the sponsor code or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) Call Marilyn at 484-947-7295 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 October 12th!**

Eligibility questions?

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



## 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



## St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

We held our first family event last Friday night at Ramsey's Farm. It was an absolutely beautiful night to gather with school friends and families. We loved having the whole farm to ourselves as we enjoyed a hayride, bonfires, corn mazes, playgrounds, and made amazing memories! Many thanks to all our families who were able to take part in this wonderful event and we look forward to many more throughout the year!



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup>** continuing through **Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:agnes324@verizon.net) (302) 290-3486

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

The study guide can be ordered at a cost of approximately \$30 from [walkingwithpurpose.com](http://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>

## Holy Hour - Join Us!

Monday, October 2, 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.



## HEED THE CALL

VOCATION OFFICE FOR  
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

Visit our website

[WWW.HeedTheCall.org](http://WWW.HeedTheCall.org)



## CRS NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Here's why peace in the Sahel matters: violence in the area is forcing millions to flee their homes. In fact, in less than two years, the number of displaced persons has increased by 40%, reaching 2.5 million people in five West African nations in the Sahel. The Catholic Church in West Africa and other faith-based organizations are united in responding to the violence through the Sahel Peace Initiative. Please visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and to see how you can help!

*"It's hypocrisy to call yourself a Christian and chase away a refugee or someone seeking help, someone who is hungry or thirsty, toss out someone who is in need of my help... If I say I am Christian, but do these things, I'm a hypocrite."*

~ Pope Francis



## 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](mailto:mgustin05@gmail.com) (484) 732-8842.



## 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](mailto:stfcfn@gmail.com). Contact person is Joan Holliday, RN/FCN at (610) 717-2180.



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

**Theresa Briglia**

*Long time member of the parish  
and friend to many.*

Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord.  
May she rest in peace.

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

Lillian Corbett, Eileen Kane, C. McCollum, Joshua Gidlewski, Denise Banta, Patty Burke, Tom Eno, Raul Gesmundo, 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, Anne Spetzer, Pete Petroll, 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 Kunders, 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



## 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 **October 21, 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](mailto:docholliv@aol.com) or call (610) 717-2180.

## Matthew XXV Garden

### Garden Continues to Provide!

We are still adding to our harvest totals!! These photos capture the latest harvest by our faithful volunteers last Tuesday, September 19. That brings the harvest total to **1,509 lbs.** 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.

Congratulations to all our gardener's, weed pullers, grass cutters, vegetable pickers, crate carrying muscle people and supportive families. You are making a change in our local community.

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me,*  
Matthew 25:35

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  
Project  
hours are  
welcome.



## THE Eucharist IS EVERYTHING

A SPECIAL Eucharistic Event  
for Youth & Families

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023  
At Malvern Retreat House

Meet Blessed Carlo's Mom!

MRS. ANTONIA ACUTIS

Learn about Carlo's beautiful life, his deep Love for Jesus Alive in the Eucharist - and how the Eucharist became his highway to heaven.

Blessed Carlo believed we are all called to be saints, and that as we grow closer to Jesus in the Eucharist, we become more like him.

Malvern Retreat House  
315 S. Warren Ave.  
Malvern, PA

**Event Details:** 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
**Includes:** Adoration, Carlo's Mother will speak and we conclude with Mass  
For more information visit:  
[www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com)



### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

Saint Cornelius Parish

You can contact Mrs. Sullivan at  
[stcornprep@scornelius.org](mailto:stcornprep@scornelius.org) or by calling  
the PREP office (610) 459-7723

### PREP

We are welcoming back our Sunday PREP students into the classroom this week. We appreciate all of our parents' support as we have begun our program year. Please remember that class begins at 10 and wraps up at 11. If you can place your child's last name and grade in your car window, it will help us as we continue to learn cars and students. Your help is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions about any of our PREP programs or if you have a student in grades 1-7 in a private or public school needing religious education, please contact Julie Sullivan at [stcornprep@scornelius.org](mailto:stcornprep@scornelius.org).

### YOUTH GROUP

Although our Youth Group has not started yet for this year. However, Saint Norbert Parish is hosting a Youth Event on 10/15 it's for 8th to 12th graders! They would welcome any members of St. Cornelius who are interested to come join them. The event starts with a Youth Mass at 6 pm and the event is from 7-8:30 for all to enjoy the dynamic Catholic Artist, Joe Melendrez. There is a QR code to sign up, which can be found on the Youth Group Page of the St. Cornelius Website.



### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word starts at 9:00 am this week! We invite all children ages 3-7 to join our leader to celebrate the liturgy of the Word on their level. All are welcome!



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2023

[catholiccharitiesappeal.org](http://catholiccharitiesappeal.org)





## SAINT John's HOSPICE

Saint John's Hospice in Philadelphia is a place where homeless men find dignity, respect & new beginnings. St.

John's Hospice houses 52 men, feeds 200/day and provides weekly showers for these men.

YOU can help St. John's Hospice help our brothers in need!

We are collecting NEW TRAVEL SIZE:

Toothpaste	Shave cream
Toothbrush	Deodorant
Disposable razors	Combs
Shampoo	Hand Lotion
Powder	Lip Balm
Soap	Tissues

We are also collecting: NEW

- Men's underwear/undershirts: Any color/style. (Sizes: Large, Extra large, 1X, 2X, 3X)

New/Gently Used:

- Men's pants (sizes 34x30-36, sizes 36x30-36)
- Men's sneakers (any size/color)

They ALSO need Socks, Socks and more Socks!!  
(Any size NEW white athletic socks.)

Winter is coming. These men also need Gloves, Scarves & Hats

Collection ONE Weekend: October 14 & 15.  
Please bring your donations to the (Parish Life Center) PRIOR to any Mass!

Should you wish to help with the collection, please call:  
Jean Burke (610) 220-6646  
or Nancy Todor (609) 234-1193

Please help OUR brothers in need!

## Save the Date PA March for Life



Monday, October 16

Bus departs from St. Agnes Parish, West Chester, at 8:30 am and returns around 4:30 pm \$25.00 to reserve a seat.

Sign-ups available after Mass on the weekends of October 1, 8 and 15. Join our parish Pro-Life Group in Harrisburg to participate in this work of mercy, marching on behalf of those with no voice.

## Sunday Mass Intentions

7:30 AM	Stephen Notaro
9:00 AM	Clare Wirth
11:00 AM	Margaret Adams
4:00 PM	George Cirillo

## Weekly Mass Schedule (Week of October 2 - October 6)

### Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*  
Reading: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5];  
Mt 21:28-32

### Monday 7:30 AM

#### The Holy Guardian Angels

Intention: Lucretia Fitzpatrick  
Reading: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;  
Mt 18:1-5, 10

### Tuesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Mary Daly  
Reading: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56

### Wednesday 7:30 AM

#### St. Francis of Assisi;

#### Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset

Intention: Jennie Shilinski  
Reading: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

### Thursday 7:30 AM

#### Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Intention: Wilma Ainscon  
Reading: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11;  
Lk 10:1-12

### Friday 7:30 AM

#### St. Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

Intention: Ann Walker  
Reading: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16



## PILGRIM STATUE

10 - 01 - 2023	Kathy Howley
10 - 08 - 2023	Ellen Ward
10 - 15 - 2023	Kathy Eno

**Dates are available for November.**

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

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time****October 1, 2023****GOD'S WAYS**

In the stream of readings during this portion of Ordinary Time one week's texts can often appear to pick up exactly where the previous week's concluded. The sentiments expressed in today's first reading seem to be a direct reaction to the Gospel passage we heard last week. In that Gospel, the landowner pays the same wages to his workers whether they worked for a full day or for only a few minutes. Today Ezekiel gives us the lament, "The LORD's way is not fair!" (Ezekiel 18:25). These Sundays in Ordinary Time offer us a glimpse into the ways of the Lord. We see how God's way has the tendency to turn the accepted conventions of the day upside down. Those who always expected that their way to heaven was guaranteed are disappointed. Those who thought they never had a chance are given that chance. Today offers us another opportunity to discover the abundance of God's mercy and love.

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Spirit is asked to come down again, after the consecration, to make holy the communicants who "partake of this one Bread and one Chalice that, gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit, they may truly become a living sacrifice in Christ to the praise of your glory." This beautiful phrase is well worth meditating on. What is the goal of your reception of Holy Communion today?

The preface for this Eucharistic Prayer is firmly attached to the prayer, and the directives for using the prayer anchor it to Ordinary Time. It is not intended to be an option if the Mass has a proper preface of its own, like a funeral, a Lenten weekday, or a great feast. It is not often used these days, in part because of these limitations. At first, it was suggested that this prayer was better suited to small groups of people who were well educated in scripture. This was kind of an odd stipulation, especially since its images are so beautiful and worthy of attention.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Eucharistic Prayer IV is, like Eucharistic Prayer III, a fresh composition from the 1960s, based on a prayer from the tradition of the ancient church of Alexandria. It has an interesting structural feature. The new prayers all nod toward the East with the *epiclesis*, or calling down of the Spirit, over the gifts. In this prayer the



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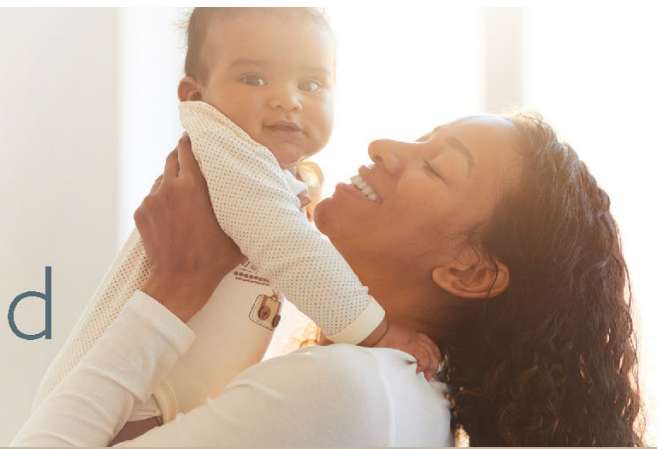
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# Called to Serve Moms in Need



Our Blessed Mother models a profound witness to love and life in the Gospel account of the Visitation. Luke's Gospel tells us that, when Mary learns that her cousin Elizabeth is pregnant, she travels to the hill country "*in haste*" (Lk 1:39). Despite being unexpectedly pregnant herself, Mary responds to this news with urgency.

She embarks on a long and perhaps difficult journey to be with her cousin during her time of need, bearing Christ to her as He lay quietly hidden in Mary's womb. And, although Jesus is veiled from view, when Mary first arrives John the Baptist leaps for joy in Elizabeth's womb, recognizing the presence of Christ (Lk 1:44). Mary, with Jesus, spends the next three months at Elizabeth's side.

The witness of our Blessed Mother invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child.

Following Mary's example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children.<sup>1</sup> How can we, like the Blessed Mother, lovingly support mothers in welcoming and caring for God's gift of life?

Throughout the whole of Scripture, Mary's words are few. Yet, in her sacred encounter with Elizabeth, a powerful declaration pours from her lips. Mary proclaims to all generations that the Lord *lifts up the lowly, fills the hungry with good things, and remembers his promise of mercy from age to age* (Lk 1:46-56). In both word and deed, Mary speaks a

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My soul proclaims  
the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

Luke 1:46-47

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message of *hope*—not only to Elizabeth, but also to every mother in need and to each of us.

Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to *make haste* to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone. By doing so, we too can bear Christ within us and help others experience His presence.

Inspired by the Blessed Mother's example and guided by the Holy Spirit, may we offer Christ's presence and love to mothers in their time of need through our faithful service and support.

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