

St. Cornelius Parish

SUNDAY BULLETIN

October 29, 2023



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St. Cornelius Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Friday 8:00 pm to 12:00 pm Noon

Saturday: Confessions 2:30 - 3:30 Vigil Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 4:00 pm

Weekday Mass: 7:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday's after morning Mass to 4 pm

LiveStream www.livestream.com/saintcornelius

Thoughts from the Second Floor Front XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 2023

St. Paul arrived in Greece around the year 50 AD. He first made converts in Philippi, his favorite community and then pressed onto Thessalonica. He met with great opposition there, actually harassed by his enemies and suffered persecution from both Jews and Gentiles. Remember that Paul took great pride in preaching the gospel in places that had never heard of Jesus of Nazareth. Thessalonica was the capital of the Roman Province of Macedonia, an important trade route and by the time of Paul's arrival a city of some importance. What words did Paul use to bring the Thessalonians into a relationship with Jesus? What makes the church attractive to those who are seekers of the truth today?

Think about the good the members of the Church accomplish. The phrase about the Church having a preferential option for the poor has been an essential element in Catholic Social teaching. Fr. Pedro Arupe, S.J. is credited with initially coining the phrase. Pope Paul VI, Pope John Paul II and Pope Francis have, through their social encyclicals, asserted our obligation to care for those least among us, the most vulnerable, dispossessed and the needy. The opportunity for that occurs in all kinds of ways. While it may occur to us that the opportunity to care for those in need immediately focuses on the financial need, there are other aspects of poverty in our contemporary society. There are other means for a disciple of Christ to provide care for those in need.

The author of the Book of Exodus speaks of the care that the people of Israel are to take regarding the alien among them. It is more than curious that the issue of resident aliens (what we today call undocumented immigrants) and foreign nationals in our country remains an issue for us as it did for the ancient Israelites. Oppressing the alien among us has entered into the political and social dialogue that is a part of our society. Aside from testifying to the timeless nature of Sacred Scripture, today's readings call on us to listen to the Lord's voice in our contemporary issues that entangle us beyond the sacred walls of our parish church and well into the week past Sunday morning.

This care for others is directly addressed in the Gospel passage from St. Matthew. The dialogue in which Jesus and the "scholar of the law" engage concerning the greatest commandment is nothing out of the ordinary. Jesus' answer is not original. The answer comes from His favorite book of Scripture, the Book of Deuteronomy (Deut. 6:4-9). It is called the *Shema* and a pious Jew would have then and now prayed those words throughout the day. So meaningful is this prayer that a pious Jew would write it on parchment and place in a tefillin, a small box attached to the door post of a Jewish household. The people living in the house would touch it as they entered or exited their homes. There was a similar pious practice that was common in Catholic Culture years ago. In their homes would have been placed a small holy water font, usually by the front door, and people would bless themselves with the holy water as they went in and out. This was done to have an awareness of the presence of God in their lives and on their journeys. We are also called on to have an awareness of God's presence and action in others.

That Jesus joins together the love of God and love of neighbor was something that other Rabbis had done. Jesus' emphasis on this point today is a reassertion of the obligation that we have for the care of others.

The final line is among the most important in this passage. In stating that the whole law and the prophets are summed up in this teaching is significant. The Pharisees, Sadducees and the scholar of the law would have considered all of God's revelation summed up in the prophets and the law – essentially the entire body of sacred scripture revealed to Israel. Love of God and Love of neighbor is the revelation of God. In its root form the word revelation means to take back the veil, to show forth, to manifest. When we care for those among us who are impoverished, both spiritually and temporally, we show forth the very presence of God. When that opportunity comes to us this week, may we have the courage to respond.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond

Mass Times November 1

7:30am
12:00 noon
7:00 pm



Solemnity of All Saints

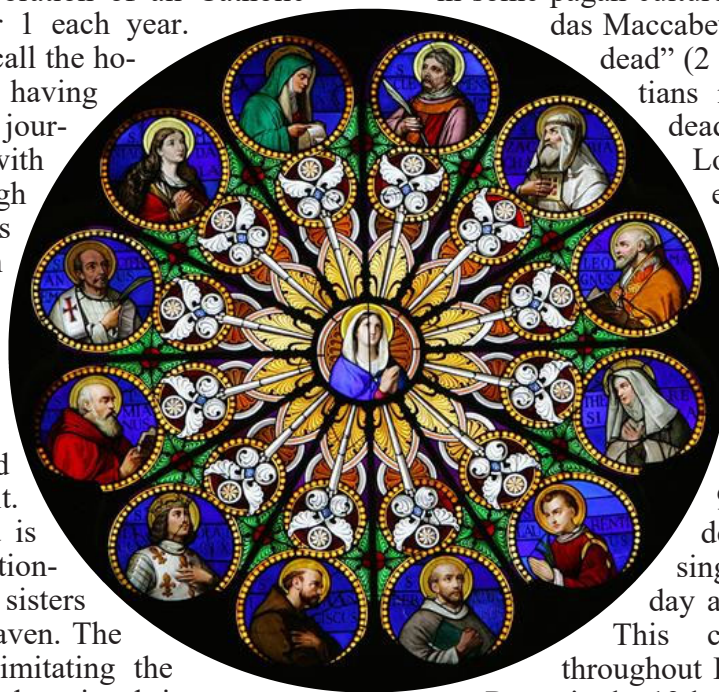
THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
NOVEMBER 1 ♦ IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

All Hallows' Day, the Solemnity of All Saints, or All Saints' Day is a celebration of all Catholic saints held on November 1 each year.

"On this solemnity, we recall the holy men and women who, having completed their earthly journeys, now live forever with God. These saints, though not canonized, offer us models of abiding faith and love of God and neighbor"

(Essential Guide to Seasons and Saints, 109).

Veneration of the saints fosters our faith in God and does not detract from it. Rather, our faith in God is strengthened by our relationship with our brothers and sisters in the faith who are in heaven. The Church teaches that by imitating the virtues lived by the saints, the saints brings us closer to Christ. When we ask the saints to pray for us, we ask them to join their wills with the will of God and intercede for us here on earth. This is the Communion of Saints which we profess every Sunday in the Creed.



All the Faithful Departed

NOVEMBER 2 ♦ COMMEMORATION

Prayers for the dead were an ancient tradition, even in some pagan cultures. In Jewish Scriptures, Judas Maccabeus "made atonement for the dead" (2 Mc 12:46), and early Christians inscribed prayers for their dead in Rome's catacombs.

Local Catholic churches started remembering all the faithful departed in the early Middle Ages, with a Spanish feast from the time of St. Isidore of Seville, who died in 636. The fixed November date is generally attributed to St. Odilio of Cluny, who decreed in 998 that all monasteries under the Cluny rule should sing the office of the Dead the day after the feast of All Saints.

This custom gradually spread throughout Europe and was adopted by Rome in the 13th century.

November is that special time of year when the Church invites us to remember and celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us. On **Sunday, November 5** at the **4:00 PM Mass** we will celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance of those who have passed from our parish.

Annette Alloway • Elizabeth Blake • Joseph Boyle • Theresa Briglia • Elizabeth Brown • Joseph Caulfiel
Grace Cecil • Roland Cecconi • Mariannina Cianci • Francis Clemens • Arthur DeMarco • Nicole Drulik
Carolyn Duffy • Joseph Fedena • Joe Francisco • Jennifer Honig • Peter Kress • Harriet Kuberski
Ju Gyong Lee • Frederick Linett • Virginia Mazzei • James McGeehin • Carol McKnight • Stephen Medvid
Joseph Mullen • Mary Ann Murr • Eileen Murray • Paul Michael O'Neil • Fritz Petroll • Lawrence Ramunno
Susan Reagoso • Lawrence Rowles • Timothy Slachta • Lise Taylor • Clare Wirth



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.

Holy Hour - Join Us!

Monday, November 6, 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.



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

Annette Alloway

Mother of Michael Alloway

Lynn Frances DeMaio

Wife of Joseph DeMaio

Gloria O'Reilly

Mother of Diann Leschinsky

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord.
May they rest in peace.

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, November 5**. Nick Cappelli of Pronto Catering is again supplying us with the caffeine, cocoa and tea. This month the women of **Walking with Purpose** will be providing baked goods to share with all our parishioners.

Please join us after Mass with your fellow parishioners.

See you there!!



"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 609-234-1193

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 29, 2023



*"You shall love the Lord,
your God,
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
and with all your mind."
— Matthew 22:37*

SAVE THE DATE!

November 10

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

NOVEMBER

RETREAT

10

Fr. Jasper

Women's Faith Sharing Group is sponsoring an evening of reflection with adoration. Our guest speaker will be **Fr. Jasper** of the Wilmington Diocese. Fr Jasper will explore the ways in which the often taken-for-granted and overlooked gifts of our Catholic faith are the very means God uses to make us grace-filled disciples and saints. Pulling from Scripture stories, the liturgical calendar and the Sacramental life of the Church, this evening retreat will allow us the opportunity to spend time with each other and before our Eucharistic Lord as we journey deeper into the heart of what it means for each of us to live an "Extraordinary Ordinary" life as Catholics.



Welcome to the Parish!



Louis and Elaine Franzini



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.

October 22, 2023

WeShare eGiving \$7,212.50
Envelope Offering \$9,929.00
\$17,141.50



*"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.

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 the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter listed above.
- ♦ Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at:

website at wwwme-philly.org

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



CYO Basketball Tryouts

The leaves are changing and that means basketball season is getting closer.

Boys and girls grades 5-8 and boys grades 9-12 are invited to join us for a great season of St. Cornelius basketball. Tryouts will be held at Garnet Valley Middle School.

JV November 7th and 10th.
6-7:30 at the PLC

Varsity November 8th and 9th.
7-8:30 Garnet Valley Middle School.

If your child is interested, please register at:

<https://forms.gle/6r3FiPsxEgPHZMS96>

Additional information on times will be sent to all registrants. Questions? Contact Tara Faccenda at tfaccenda@comcast.net.



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

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| 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 | |



Rachel's Vineyard

A PLACE TO HEAL FROM ABORTION

NOVEMBER 3 - 5, 2023

IHM SPIRITUALITY CENTER
210 IHM DRIVE MALVERN, PA 19355

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of an abortion – no matter how much time has passed – please know that a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into hope for the future. Rachel's Vineyard retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who think they have committed the unforgivable sin. God's mercy is greater than sin and is waiting for us to reach out for it. Join us for a safe, loving, and confidential weekend to experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy.

Contact our team to register or for questions:

Susan at (610) 716-4795

Georgeann (484) 955-4278



St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

The Concordville Fire Department came to school to teach us about fire safety. They demonstrated what to do in case of a fire, they dressed in their gear so we won't be afraid and we even got to go in the fire truck! They asked the children to remind their parents to check the batteries in the smoke alarms in their house and to pick a meeting place if there was ever a fire. The children loved having them at our school! A BIG THANK YOU to these amazing people for all they do and for taking time out of their busy day to come and help us learn!



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. If you were not able to make our first meeting, please consider joining us for any other Tuesday.

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,
agnesa324@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>

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



CRS NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Violent conflict in the Holy Land has escalated dramatically. More than 1,800 people have been killed and even more have been wounded. The United Nations has reported that in Gaza, more than 300,000 internally displaced people are sheltering in U.N. schools, public places and with family members. These numbers are expected to increase as hostilities continue. Bombardments have damaged and destroyed homes, leaving tens of thousands displaced. Schools, medical facilities and other infrastructure are severely damaged or destroyed. Access to vital food, fuel and water are of tremendous concern.

Currently in the Gaza Strip, electricity is restricted to four hours per day, limiting the ability of health facilities to treat the injured. An area of just 140 square miles between Israel and the Mediterranean sea, the Gaza Strip is one of the most



vulnerable and crowded corners of the world. Pope Francis has called on people worldwide "to pray that there be peace in Israel and Palestine." CRS has activated coordination in the region among 13 partners trained in emergency preparedness and response. We are able to draw on our extensive experience and partnerships in the Holy Land, where CRS has been active for decades and where we responded comprehensively to the needs of those affected by the 2014 war and successive conflicts. Please visit www.crs.org to see how you can help!



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.



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.



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.

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 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



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:

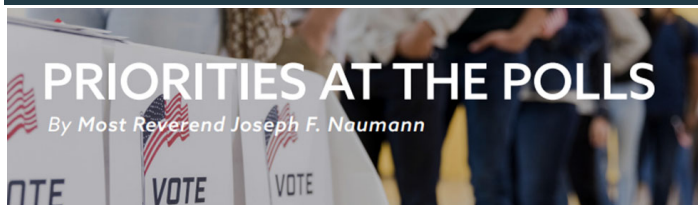
"Blessed are they who mourn; they shall be consoled"

(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 **November 18, 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.



As Catholics approach the polls, we are asked to weigh many important issues. The U.S. bishops have reaffirmed that *“the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed.”* While they did warn us not to “dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty, and the death penalty,” they did give priority to upholding and defending our brothers’ and sisters’ most basic right - to live.

Abortion tragically ends someone’s life when he or she is most vulnerable and most in need of loving protection. Abortion is an intrinsic evil, meaning that it is never permitted or morally justified, regardless of individual circumstances or intentions. The personal and societal consequences of attacks against human life, whether at its earliest stages or at its final stages, are all the more serious because most often they are “carried out in the very heart of and with the complicity of the family - the family which by its nature is called to be the ‘sanctuary of life.’” This is the place where a person should be *most* loved, cherished, and protected.

Catholics are called to defend human life wherever it is threatened and stand up for human dignity wherever it is violated. The enormous number of human lives destroyed by abortion is one factor that elevates its importance. Beginning in 1973 with *Roe v. Wade*, and during the nearly 50-year period after *Roe* in which the Supreme Court forbade state prohibitions on abortion, nearly 64 million children have been killed - and untold numbers of women and men suffer in the aftermath.

Even with the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* in June 2022, a decision that returns the abortion issue to the electorate, many states continue not to recognize children in their mothers’ wombs as persons warranting protection under the law. Federal laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children, and many political leaders at the state and federal level, work actively to increase access to abortion. Some falsely describe it as health care and even as a basic human right.

People of good will must boldly stand up against this intrinsic evil, especially when it is occurring on a massive scale, implemented in law and funded, in some instances, by the government. As believers and citizens inspired by the Gospel and guided by the shepherds of our Church, we must do what we can to end violence in the womb, to ensure that unborn children are fully recognized and protected by our laws, and to support mothers and fathers in embracing life.



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

As always, we are excited to have our Sunday students with us in the school from 10-11 this week.

We ask that our June PREP students mark their calendars for their next follow up session, which will be in the school on November 19th from 10-11:15.

Our PREP program is open to all members of St. Cornelius in grades 1-7 that attend a public or private school that does not provide religious education. If you have a question about our program, please feel free to contact Julie Sullivan at stcornprep@scornelius.org.

YOUTH GROUP

Thank you to all of the members of our Youth Group who came out to help prepare the Matthew XXV garden for the winter. Many hands make light work and truly appreciate your help. If you have any suggestions of upcoming service opportunities for students in 7th - 10th grade, please contact Julie Sullivan at stcornprep@scornelius.org.



Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Please join us for our Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9 am each Sunday. We invite all children ages 3-7 to join our leader to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word on their level. All are welcome!



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VOCATION OFFICE FOR
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD
Visit our website
WWW.HeedTheCall.org





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.

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.



—BIBLE STUDY—

We are beginning our fall Bible Study once again with Monsignor Diamond. All women and men are invited to join us each **Thursday morning from 9:00 to 10:00 am., in the PLC.**

The goal of this Scripture study will be to broaden our knowledge of Scripture, our church's teaching regarding the Scriptures, and how it can enhance our understanding and personal faith life.



If you have questions, please call
Nancy Todor - cell 609-234-1193.

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.

Sunday Mass Intentions

7:30 AM Mary Spillane
9:00 AM Thomas Less
11:00 AM Arthur McGuigan
4:00 PM Angelo Capoferri

Weekly Mass Schedule (Week of October 30 - November 3)

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*
Reading: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51;
1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

Monday 7:30 AM

Intention: Michael Francis Cotter
Reading: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21;
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday 7:30 AM Halloween

Intention: Eleanor Moore
Reading: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday

7:30 AM • 12:00 Noon • 7:00 PM
All Saints

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Reading: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3;
Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday 7:30 AM

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Reading: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9;
Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668
or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Friday 7:30 AM

St. Martin de Porres

Intention: Vivian Parker
Reading: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

PILGRIM STATUE

10 - 29 - 2023 Jim Chuchman
11 - 05 - 2023 Diane Shull
11 - 12 - 2023 Open

Dates are available for November.

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



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 2023

BALANCE

Today's scriptures emphasize the fundamental link between love of God and love of our neighbors, especially those who are most in need. Love of God should compel us to love the people whom God cherishes. Conversely, work for justice and charity for those in need should be rooted in our love of God.

That connection and balance, however, isn't always easy to maintain in our lives. Even in religious orders we find that some Christians are more oriented toward contemplation and prayer, while others are more active in reaching out to those who are oppressed. Today Jesus reminds us of the necessity for both in the life of faith.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week we have in All Souls' Day a commemoration that is linked to the Halloween customs. The big-spending sugar shock holiday is a long way removed from Thursday's grateful remembrance of the souls who are hidden from our sight, but alive to Christ. Old pagan superstitions might find us holding our breath when going by the graveyard, whereas others might actually go to the cemetery to tend the family graves, to share good food, and remember dear

ones. Nowhere does a culture embrace this day as fully as in Mexico. The "Day of the Dead" is a national holiday that unfolds over three full days.

For three thousand years, the indigenous people of Mexico have been mocking death in an annual festival, and the invading Spaniards were shocked at the spectacle. To the Aztecs, life was a dream, and death was the entry into full life. Skulls were thus a symbol of joy and release from life's sorrows. The missionaries found all this a bit creepy, but they moved the three-day feast from August to synchronize it with the Christian calendar. So today, graves are decorated, altars are built in the home to honor the family dead, children feast on candy skulls, and people dress up in elaborate skeleton outfits. The devout spend hours in the cemetery, and there is a lively sense of the communion of saints, the living and the dead.

—Rev. James Field



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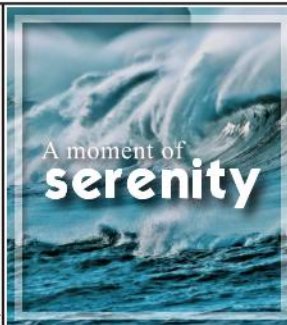
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