

St. Cornelius Parish

SUNDAY BULLETIN

February 18, 2024



THE KINGDOM
OF GOD
IS AT HAND.
REPENT,
AND BELIEVE
IN THE GOSPEL.

MARK 1:15

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St. Cornelius Parish Office Hours

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

Friday 8:00 am 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 after morning Mass to 4 pm

LiveStream www.livestream.com/saintcornelius

Thoughts from the Second Floor Front I Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

Has it been a while since you celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation? In reference to going to Confession, a bishop friend of mine occasionally tells me “I am going to get myself dusted off.” That is not an altogether bad approach to this great gift we have as Catholics. I remember a priest in confession told me: *Dave, going to confession is like going to the dentist. You know you don’t want to go and it will probably hurt a bit. But you’ll be better off after it.* As we begin the sacred season of Lent I encourage you to come to confession. If you think you have no sins, ask your spouse or a sibling or a colleague what they think of that assessment.

I will be returning to this topic for the next several weeks.

Today we hear that the same Spirit that descended on Jesus at the Jordan River when he emerged from the waters of John’s baptism now drives Him into the desert. An odd place to begin you might think; removed from the public eye, no crowds around Him to hear the message He came to deliver. Why the desert?

On a symbolic level the desert is a place that is bursting with meaning for the people of Israel. It was in the desert that they were lead after their escape from slavery in Egypt to wander for forty years. It was in the desert that God provided both food and water for them, intervening on their behalf. It was in the desert where the people of Israel were constituted as the people of God. In His desert experience Jesus confronts evil head on and is surrounded by good in the care He receives from the angels. Both good and evil are present to Him. The same is true of us. Although we do not have to go to a desert to deal with those realities. Yet they are realities in our world and in our life.

Would you agree that any human experience has the potential to encounter one or the other of those realities? Think of something simple; something you do every day. Going to work is an example right at hand. On the train into Philadelphia or on the road to the job site or on the bus to school there is an opportunity to experience the worst in people or the “angels of their better nature.” Both seem to be possible. From the overworked grump who is speaking too loud on a cell phone to the kindly fellow passenger, albeit a stranger, who greets you with a nod and a smile. From the road rage maneuvers of another commuter to the person who yields so you can go through the toll booth first. From the insensitive bully loudly denouncing some innocent within ear shot to the classmate who asks what your day holds for you.

We have the ability to choose on which side of the human continuum we will stand. In light of the sacred season we entered this past week when ashes were imposed on us and the readings from Sacred Scripture there is an urgency to the decision. John has been historically removed from the scene and now Jesus begins the Public Ministry: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” We are called to turn away from any rebellious nature that may be part of our lives and yield to the will of God. Now.

In a commentary he wrote on John Milton’s *Paradise Lost*, C. S. Lewis quotes another scholar: The great moral which reigns in Milton is the most universal and most useful that can be imagined: Obedience to the will of God makes people happy and Disobedience makes them miserable. Later Lewis wrote: “[Does that not have the] desolating clarity and concreteness of certain classic utterances we remember from the morning of our own lives – “Go to bed” – “Write out *I must do as I am told* a hundred times” – “Do not speak with your mouth full.” How are we to account for the fact that great modern scholars have missed what is so dazzlingly simple? ... It is after all, the commonest of themes; even Peter Rabbit comes to grief because he *would* go into Mr. McGregor’s garden.”

We have been given the ability to choose the good and reject the bad. The theme of *metanoia* heard throughout Lent is the call to turn towards the Good to which we know we are called. The sacrifices we make are to be more than a test of our willpower. They become a sign, internal or external, that we desire to move to the Good, move to God. The self-imposed trials of Lent can be a means of spiritual strengthening which is so necessary in the life of a disciple, whether we are on the train or the road or the school bus. Wherever we are and whatever we are doing can be sanctified by that movement toward God.

Among the first steps in that journey of Metanoia is celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond

— Scripture Study —

We are continuing our Bible Study with Monsignor Diamond. All women and men are invited to join us each Thursday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 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.

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TO ALL

ASH WEDNESDAY The Basics of Lent

Lent is the annual preparation for Easter observance calling us to reform our lives and to open our hearts to the spiritual blessings God has promised to bestow on us. Lent begins Ash Wednesday and ends Holy Thursday evening when the Triduum begins.

What *Must* I do?

According to the Church's Canon Law, all healthy Catholics from age 18 to 59 are required to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat on all other Fridays of Lent. Youth 14 and older are also to abstain from meat on those days. "Fasting" means that no more than one main meal is eaten daily, while in the same day no more than two partial meals are eaten which together don't equal the one main meal.

What *Should* I do?

Take the necessary steps to get yourself on the road to conversion and spiritual renewal. To help you do this, the three main Lenten disciplines urged are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are invited during Lent to practice these disciplines often. But these aren't just chores we must do because the Church strongly urges them; they are above all opportunities to grow in faith and in love for God.

Why Prayer, Fasting and Alms?

The Lenten basic practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are rooted in Jesus' original guidance about how to be his disciples that we find in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt Chapters 5-7). The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1966-1972) also reminds us that Jesus here outlines for us the new law which, if we embrace and implement it, will lead us more surely to the interior renewal and growth in holiness and perfection that Jesus expects of us as his disciples.

Should I set Lenten Goals?

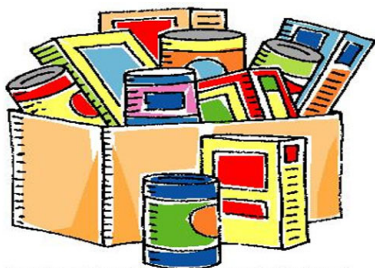
Absolutely. Reflect prayerfully about your Lenten resolutions before making them. Then make yourself a list. But be modest. You may be setting yourself up for disappointment if you set unrealistic goals. And doing a little with love and devotion is spiritually more beneficial than trying to do much but doing it halfheartedly.

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**St. Cornelius FEBRUARY
Food Drive benefiting:**



*(Serving the basic needs of the poor
in the Chester County Area!)*



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

February 17th & 18th

**(Drop donations off at the Parish Life Center
PRIOR to Mass)**

Suggested donations:

Please, NO glass containers!

Cold Cereals - Low Sugar	Canned Tuna & Chicken
Canned Tomato Products	Canned Soup - Low Sodium
Rice (2 lb. packages)	Canned Fruit - Low Sugar
Dried Beans (kidney, black & pinto) Canned Beans	Canned meals: Beef stew, pasta, baked beans, Spaghetti-Os, SPAM)
Canned Vegetables - Low Sodium	Peanut Butter & Jelly

**For further information or to Volunteer,
please contact:**

**Mary Allen (text 484-432-5098) or
Colleen Zangla (colleenmz@hotmail.com)**



"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



***16th Annual Archdiocesan
Catholic Men's Conference
Register for
MAN UP PHILLY 2024***

On Saturday March 2, 2024 at St. John Vianney Hall Theater, Cardinal O'Hara High School. The men of the parish are invited to join Catholic men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 16th Annual Archdiocesan Catholic Men's Conference.

Speakers will include Mark Hartfiel, Vice President of Paradisus Dei. For over 15 years, Mark has worked tirelessly to help thousands of men recognize their calling as authentic leaders in their marriages and families through the **That Man is You!** men's program. He witnessed it from its infancy with one to now 500 parishes across 42 states and over 20,000 men. Other speakers will include:

- **Danny Bader** - Best-selling author whose life was transformed by a near death experience.
- **Mike Schmidt** – Philadelphia Phillies and National Baseball Hall of Fames.
- **Deacon Nathan Gunn** - Initiatives Coordinator for the Young Life Northeast Division which ensures collaboration between Young Life and the Catholic Church.

The return of acclaimed Irish tenor, **Mark Forrest**, who will again provide inspirational accompaniment during a special Eucharistic Adoration.

The Conference will conclude with Saturday Mass (not the Sunday Vigil) celebrated by Archbishop Nelson J. Perez.

What better gift can you give the important men in your life than an opportunity to grow deeper in their faith?

To register go to <https://manupphilly.com/registration>

**St John Vianney Hall Theater
Cardinal O'Hara High School
1701 S. Sproul Road
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February 11, 2024

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

Luke 12:34

SAVE THE DATE



Women's Lenten Soup Supper
Thursday Evening, March 14,
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Speaker: Fr. Thomas Whittingham,
Pastor of St. Laurence.

Step out of your daily routine to be fed, spiritually, socially and physically, by encountering Jesus while enjoying a traditional Lenten meal of soup, bread and water with friends.

Save the date now and stay tuned for further details in the bulletin and Monsignor Diamond's weekly email.

*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
Lt. Ryan Gallagher
2nd Lt. Nicholas Gallagher
SSG. Eric Gardner
Capt Matthew Gibbons
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Maj Rachel Gonzalez
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Capt Daniel Kohli
Maj. Chris Love
Maj. Megan Love

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2nd Lt. Kevin Malone
Sgt Alexander Marlow
Pfc Zachary Marlow
Lt. Cmdr Daniel McCadden
CSM Sean McGlensey
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Lt. Christopher Vish
Capt. Aidan Walsh
Capt Jennifer Wynn



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

As the National Eucharistic Revival (June 2023 - June 2024) moves into the Parish phase of this national effort, I invite you to share a reflection of the Eucharist. As you compose your thoughts, these bullet points below may help to guide you in your reflection.

- What does the Eucharist mean to you?
- How does the Eucharist help you in prayer and your spiritual life?
- Any memories of your First Holy Communion?
- How does the Eucharist strengthen you or how does the Eucharist challenge you?

It can be prose or poetry or another form of expression. About 250 words. Please give a title to your contribution. Submissions may appear in the bulletin and/or our website. Who knows, your words may inspire someone else to reflect on the importance of the Holy Eucharist. Share them with others. Please send submissions to stcorn1@comcast.net.

Submitted by Doug Kitson, a reflection on his First Holy Communion.

I remember my First Communion like it was yesterday. A hot Wisconsin spring day, May 5, 1968 to be exact. I wore a pressed white shirt, a black tie and matching cuff links and tie clasp designed in the fashion of an International Harvester tractor, given to me by my father who probably received them from a client. The fact that they came from dad only made the occasion all the more special, you see my father is a Methodist and didn't attend church with us too often. Not that he took issue with our Catholic faith, he simply attended his own Methodist services. This day, however, was a day for our family to gather as one, Methodist and Catholic to celebrate my First Holy Communion, a day of special clothes, different seating in the church, our own procession to the altar and then capped off with the planting of a tree outside the church.

Once home, mom had prepared our usual roast dinner while dad, my brother and I played catch in the yard; me in my white shirt, tie, cuff links and baseball mitt, never wanting the special day to end—it was family.

The shirt and tie long gone, but the International Harvester cuff links still sit in my drawer. Probably worn once or twice more in my youth, but now remain a reminder of our family and what it meant to gather as family for Mass.





St. Cornelius Early Learning Center



100 Days in School!

100 days I've been in school,
my teacher thinks it's pretty cool!
I'm 100 days smarter, yes it's true.
100 days of reading, writing and math too!
I've learned a lot of exciting things.
Let's see what the next 100 brings!
We're going to have fun, we'll let out a cheer.
Our hundredth day is finally here!



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.

Sunday February 18 12:00 Noon



Join our Parish Pro-Life Group in the church on Sunday, February 18, at noon, as we pray a Rosary and the Litany of Loreto for the unborn and an end to abortion. It is a perfect way to perform a spiritual work of mercy for the most vulnerable.

This event is scheduled every 3rd Sunday so please mark your calendar now. Bring a friend.



We have an Oblate of St. Francis De Sales with us each weekend in the person of Fr. Joseph Morrissey, OSFS. In order to share in the Charism of DeSales, I invite you to consider spending Saturday morning with a program titled Live Jesus.

"Bloom Where You Are Planted"

Saturday, February 24, 2024

St. Thomas the Apostle in Glen Mills, PA

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Live Jesus! Pennsylvania is a morning reflection sponsored by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales.

Gather in fellowship and prayer centered around the humble and gentle spirituality of St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane de Chantal.

Continental Breakfast ~ Fr. Patrick Kifolo, OSFS ~
Heather Kinney ~ Exposition and Confessions ~
Closing Prayer

Register at Oblates.org or by scanning the QR code with your smart phone



CRS NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Communities worldwide are experiencing life-threatening levels of hunger and malnutrition on an unprecedented scale. The Farm Bill oversees international programs that address hunger and its root causes. A bill is being considered in the Senate for inclusion in the Farm Bill that would effectively end critical U.S. programs designed to fight global hunger and build communities' resilience. This is a dangerous proposition for millions of people, especially children.



Please urge Congress now to protect international hunger-reducing programs and to oppose the American Farmers Feed the World Act (S. 2862), a bill that would seriously harm Food for Peace Title II, includ-

ing McGovern-Dole Food for Education (which provides free, nutritious school lunches for millions of children who might not otherwise have a daily meal), Food for Peace (which has provided emergency and developmental support to more than 4 billion people around the world since 1954), and Farmer-to-Farmer (which enables U.S. volunteers to help train and support farmers in other countries so they can adapt to climate change and improve their harvests). Please visit www.crs.org to see how you can help!



Plan for our
Annual Fish Fry
Friday, March 22
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

More information to follow in coming weeks.



Monsignor's Thursday Email

Msgr. Diamond's weekly Thursday Email is a popular weekly news letter for our parishioners. Currently there are **over 1061** 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.

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

Rose Lovell, Ed Lovell, Lorraine Colgan, 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, Mary Harnes, Mary Helen Arthur, Anne Spetzer, 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, 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, Brittaney 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



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 **March 16, 2024**, the Consolation Group will meet at the **Parish Life Center, Fr. Simon Room** from **2:30pm to 3:30pm**.

Contact Joan Holliday for any questions
dochollisv@aol.com or call (610) 717-2180.



Assisted Hearing Devices

We have assisted hearing devices, which connect directly to the sound system. They are located on the table by the Sacristy entrance.

Easy to operate: take a unit out of the charger, attach the ear piece, turn it on once you are seated. A green light will blink and then remain on, adjust the volume.

Comments from satisfied users:

Wow - That is the first time in a long Time that I have heard everything at Mass.



Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church.

Join us for Adoration on Friday mornings after Mass. You are welcome to visit anytime during the day until we repose the Blessed Sacrament at 4:00 PM.

If a funeral is scheduled for a Friday, there will be NO exposition.

The St. Cornelius Literary Society

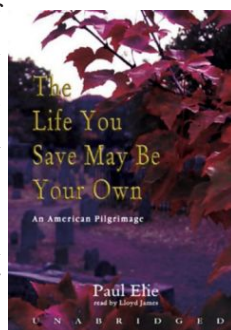
The next read for our Bibliophiles is *The Life You Save May Be Your Own* by Paul Elie.

The story of four modern American Catholics who made literature out of their search for God. In the mid-twentieth century four American Catholics came to believe that the best way to explore the questions of religious faith was to write about them - in works that readers of all kinds could admire. *The Life You Save May Be Your Own* is their story - a vivid and enthralling account of great writers and their power over us.

Thomas Merton was a Trappist monk in Kentucky; Dorothy Day the founder of the Catholic Worker in New York; Flannery O'Connor a "Christ-haunted" literary prodigy in Georgia; Walker Percy a doctor in New Orleans who quit medicine to write fiction and philosophy. A friend came up with a name for them - the School of the Holy Ghost - and for three decades they exchanged letters, ardently read one another's books, and grappled with what one of them called a "predicament shared in common."

A pilgrimage is a journey taken in light of a story; and in *The Life You Save May Be Your Own* Paul Elie tells these writers' story as a pilgrimage from the God-obsessed literary past of Dante and Dostoevsky out into the thrilling chaos of postwar American life. It is a story of how the Catholic faith, in their vision of things, took on forms the faithful could not have anticipated. And it is a story about the ways we look to great books and writers to help us make sense of our experience, about the power of literature to change - to save - our lives.

Our next gathering is **Sunday, February 24th at 2:00.**
We meet in the Fr. Simon Room in the PLC.



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

There is no PREP this week due to the President's day holiday. We will see everyone back in class on Sunday Feb 25th.

Thank you to all of our Summer PREP students who planted over 200 seedlings for the garden this year. What a wonderful example of our call to family, community and participation.

If you have any questions about our current program offerings, please feel free to contact Julie Sullivan at stcornprep@scornelius.org.

YOUTH GROUP

We would like to wish all of our Youth Group members and their families a blessed 2024. We look forward to getting together more often in 2024.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

There is no children's liturgy this Sunday due to the President's Day holiday. We look forward to seeing the children back on February 25th.

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



St. Cornelius CRAB CAKE SALE

Order in the Church Narthex after all Masses
on the weekends of March 2-3,
March 9-10, and March 16-17

Pick-Up Dates: Thursday, March 21
and Friday March 22

**Orders available for pickup at the
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Crab Kritters	\$18.00 per bag
Bag of 50 bite-size crab cakes	

St. Cornelius Council #12391



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Sunday Mass Intentions

7:30 AM	Deceased members of the Cronin family
9:00 AM	Lucretia Fitzpatrick
11:00 AM	Grace & Frank DeFeo
4:00 PM	Angelo Capoferri

Weekly Mass Schedule (Week of February 19 - February 23)

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*
Reading: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22;
Mk 1:12-15

Monday 7:30 AM

Intention: Helen Niemkiewicz
Reading: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday 7:30 AM

Intention: William Scott
Reading: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday 7:30 AM

St. Peter Damian

Intention: Barbara Strazzeri
Reading: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday 7:30 AM

Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Intention: Danielle Bastian (Living)
Reading: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Friday 7:30 AM

St. Polycarp

Abstinence from meat



Intention: Theresa Thempelton
Reading: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26



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PILGRIM STATUE

02 - 18 - 2024	Phyllis Albany
02 - 25 - 2024	Kathy Howley
03 - 03 - 2024	Carla Santoleri

The new sign up sheet for 2024 is now
available. Feel free to pick your dates.
Call Carla Santoleri at (610) 361-8447
for more information.

First Sunday of Lent**February 18, 2024****PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT**

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Holy Father usually marks the solemn opening of the Lenten fast with a procession and Mass on Ash Wednesday evening. He walks from the Benedictine monastery, San Anselmo, down the Aventine hill to the Dominican monastery of Santa Sabina. This very old tradition was revived by Pope John XXIII in the late 1950s. Have you ever wondered who gives the pope his ashes? It's the cardinal who has been given the "title" of the church of Santa Sabina. The pope's homily at this Mass states his theme for Lent.

Santa Sabina dates from the fifth century, and is one of the most beautiful churches in Rome. One of the panels on its main doors features the Crucifixion, a scene not normally depicted in art until much later (See below). In the year 1219 the Pope gave the church to Saint Dominic for his new religious order, the "Order of Preachers," commonly called the Dominicans, and it remains their world headquarters to this day. That Pope, Honorius III, was a member of the Savelli family, and this church was their personal family chapel. Sabina was a wealthy Roman lady who became a Christian and was martyred, and whose home became a place of prayer. Later, the church built on that spot was dedicated to her memory.

—Rev. James Field




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