

# St. Cornelius Parish

SUNDAY BULLETIN

February 25, 2024



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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](http://www.livestream.com/saintcornelius)

## Thoughts from the Second Floor Front

### II Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

Lent is all about transformation, moving from the darkness of sin to the brightness of renewed discipleship. To do that we will no doubt need to change which in Lent requires Grace and resolve. Flannery O'Connor wrote that people resist Grace because Grace requires change and change is difficult. The manner we respond to the need for Grace and change is evident though our words and actions. In a General Audience Pope Francis, prior to his visit to Philadelphia in 2015, told the assembly the three most important expressions that are so necessary for a family to embrace. Our Holy Father added: *They are simple expressions, but not so simple to put into practice!* They are: May I? Thank you. I'm sorry.

On the first Sunday of Lent we heard Jesus use the imperative mood when He called out to His followers: *Repent!* That requires the change about which O'Connor wrote. We are required to say I'm sorry to God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession not only cleanses a person spiritually but it also names evil for what it is, objectifies it and requires sinners to take responsibility for it. Once evil has been honestly engaged, then with God's grace and the support of other believers, evil can be overcome by goodness. St. John Henry Newman once said: *People are generally not as bad as they could be. But they are not as good as they might be.*

From the Hebrew Scriptures this week we read that Abraham was called to change. With a direction from God which is more than counterintuitive we have the story of Abraham and Isaac. The story we hear today in the first reading from Genesis reveals that a life of faith involves: a time of darkness, a trial and loving trust. Both characters, Abraham and Isaac, manifest their faith in God and in each other. Abraham does not understand what he has been ordered to do. We are rightly horrified at the prospect of human sacrifice. Ending the life of his only son would seem to, not just impede the fulfillment of God's plan, it would end any possibility of Abraham's children being as countless as the stars in the sky. Still Abraham trusted. Isaac did not understand what it was that his father was requiring of him. Still Isaac trusted. How about us?

There are aspects of our life over which we have no control. I am not talking about the weather. On that topic alone we expend enormous amounts of our personal resources. Whoever would have thought that an entire television network would dedicate itself to reporting about the weather? Yet despite all our interest, there is absolutely nothing that any of us can do to affect a change. But what about those things in our life we can change? What about those things in our life that do not belong in the life of a believer, the life of a disciple. The season of Lent is all about change. Are we, like Abraham, courageous enough to follow a life of faith that involves challenges to us at the deepest level of our being?

Rejoice in our Catholic faith. It empowers us to recognize the ability of God to live and act in and through us. A noted physicist was once asked what the strongest force in the universe was. He answered as a scientist and a believer: Love. He further explained that loving The Love, the One who first loved, enables you to draw on that love and then extend it to others. That is faith. Life without faith is death.

In these days of Lent and beyond, when we are tested, tried and in darkness realize that our faith will enable us not to be well but to be victorious. Have you noticed that in the celebration of Mass in Lent all the prayers tend to look forward to Easter and beyond? Keep your eyes fixed on that future glory and embrace the moment.

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.

## THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENTING ST. PADDY'S DAY DINNER

Featuring Irish Music by



And Dancing with DJ Schaffer!

Saturday, March 9, 2024  
6:00pm to 10:00pm

St. Cornelius Parish Life Center

- ✿ Buffet Dinner
- ✿ Beer, Set-up & Mixers for BYOB
- ✿ Tickets **\$50.00** per person

*Make checks payable to the Knights of Columbus*



More information,  
call 610-459-2502



## 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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## 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, March 3**, Nick Cappelli of Pronto Catering is again supplying us with the caffeine, cocoa and tea. This month we have asked our lectors to help out by bringing a dozen or so baked goods to share with all our parishioners. Why not ask one of them how you too could become a lector

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

## IN COMMUNION WITH OUR SAINTS

### Saint Gregory of Narek, Monk and Doctor of the Church

Gregory was raised in a monastery and eventually entered the Narek Monastery, known as Narekavank in what is now Turkey, as a monk and lived there for nearly the entirety of his life.

At the time, Armenia was experiencing a literature, painting, architecture, and theological renaissance, in which Gregory participated.

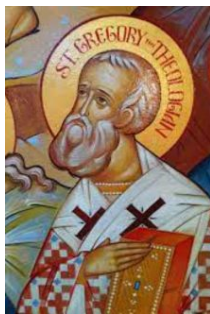
As an Armenian monk, Gregory lived humbly and taught at the monastic school. He wrote his prayers in the encyclopedia of prayer for all nations in hopes the book would one day guide people of all stations around the world to prayer.

He was a leader of the well-developed school of Armenian mysticism at the Monastery and was asked to answer the question, "What can one offer to God, our creator, who already has everything and knows everything better than we could ever express it?"

In his Book of Prayer, also called the Book of Lamentations or the Song of Songs, Gregory wrote that the answer to the question is "the sighs of the heart." The book contains 91 prayers and was completed one year before he died.

Several miracles and traditions have been traced back to Gregory and he is known as "the watchful angel in human form."

Gregory of Narek was venerated as a saint by the Armenian Catholic Church and is also recognized as a saint of the Roman Catholic church. On April 12, 1015, Pope Francis officially proclaimed Gregory of Narek as a Doctor of the Church.



### 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  
Springfield, PA 19064





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.

**February 18, 2024**

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

Luke 12:34

## SAVE THE DATE



**MARCH**

LENTEN

**14**

SOUP SUPPER

**Women's Lenten Soup Supper**

**Thursday Evening, March 14,**

**6:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

**Speaker: Fr. Thomas Whittingham,  
Topic: Divine Mercy and The Eucharist**

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  
Ens Patrick Gibbons  
Ens John Paul Gibbons  
Maj Rachel Gonzalez  
SPC Logan Hannum  
Sgt Andrew Hart  
Devin J. Hunt  
PO1 Nathan R. Keller  
1st Lt Lauren Kinnee  
Spc. Andrew Koehler  
Capt Daniel Kohli  
Maj. Chris Love  
Maj. Megan Love

Sgt Jason Lyons  
2nd Lt. Kevin Malone  
Sgt Alexander Marlow  
Pfc Zachary Marlow  
Lt. Cmdr Daniel McCadden  
CSM Sean McGlensey  
Capt Jonathan McGrath  
LT Molly K. McGuckin  
LCDR Ryan A. McGuckin  
Maj. Sean P. Noll  
Lt. Col Brian J. O'Shea  
Lt. Cmdr Inga O'Shea  
Maj James O'Shea  
PFC L Roland  
LTJG Christian Samulewicz  
2nd Lt. Olivia Samulewicz  
Capt. Neal F. Schubert  
HM3 Charles Schwartz  
Ens Nicholas Spadaccini  
MSG Thomas Stone  
Cpl Mark Truex  
Lt. Christopher Vish  
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](mailto:stcorn1@comcast.net).

Bob Holliday shares with us his Eucharistic inspiration as it is derived from Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*.



*When I reflect on the meaning of the Eucharist in my life today, I am always drawn back to the following two images and the description of Pope Francis in his encyclical, Laudato Si' as a starting point for my contemplation:*

*From Laudato Si' (236):*

*It is in the Eucharist that all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation... In the Eucharist, fullness is already achieved; it is the living center of the universe, the overflowing core of love and of inexhaustible life. Joined to the incarnate Son, present in the Eucharist, the whole cosmos gives thanks to God. Indeed the*



*Eucharist is itself an act of cosmic love... The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God's hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, "creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself" (Pope Benedict XVI). Thus the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation."*





## St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

We learned all about the season of Lent this week. The children learned that Lent is forty days and the first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday. Monsignor Diamond came to all our classrooms and explained why we receive ashes on Ash Wednesday. The children learned that the ashes tell



everyone we see that we love Jesus and we are followers of Jesus. Once the ashes are gone, we show others that we are followers of Jesus by our words and actions. We are learning to be more like Jesus during Lent and all year long. We are focusing on the importance of helping and doing nice things for others; this is our Lenten Acts of Kindness.



## 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.



**YOUNG CATHOLIC  
PROFESSIONALS**  
*Working in Witness for Christ™*

In a world that can be void of meaning and leave young adults restless and dissatisfied, Young Catholic Professionals Philadelphia brings together young professionals in their 20s and 30s into a community of belonging, support, and encouragement at all stages of your faith journey. Young Catholic Professionals empowers and equips you to live your Catholic faith through everyday work and to perform all work with excellence for the glory of God.

Our patron saint is Saint Joseph the Worker. Our mission calls upon the intercession of Saint Joseph the Worker, a simple carpenter who reminds us of the importance of stillness, reflection, and prayer.

Young Catholic Professionals mission is to challenge, train, and inspire young adults working in various professional careers to work in witness for Christ. For more information go to our local Philadelphia website at

[www.ycphiladelphia.org/cpages/home](http://www.ycphiladelphia.org/cpages/home)

## Holy Hour - Join Us!

Monday, March 4, 8:00 am

After the 7:30 Mass, the Pro-Life Group is hosting a Holy Hour. We will pray a rosary for the unborn, and an end to abortion. We will also pray the Miraculous Medal Novena for the unborn. There will be time for silent prayer. The hour will close at approximately 9:00 am.

Look for this event monthly on the first Monday of the month.





## CRS NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Palestinians in Gaza are facing mass starvation. Catholic Relief Services is joining Mercy Corps, Refugees International and many other organizations in stating that only an immediate cease fire will save them. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and to see how you can help!

*"Let us pray for peace in the Holy Land... Let us pray that the difficulties resolve themselves in dialogue and negotiation and not with a mountain of dead on each side... We must not forget that grave violations of international humanitarian law are war crimes, and that it is not sufficient to point them out, but also necessary to prevent them."*

~ Pope Francis



## 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](mailto:dochollisv@aol.com) or call (610) 717-2180.

## CONGRATULATIONS!



Saint Cornelius has been notified by **Villa Maria Academy** that **Kayla Cellucci**, has been listed as receiving **First Honors** on the Honor Roll for the first semester of the academic year 2023-2024.

*We congratulate and wish Kayla continued success in her academic endeavors.*



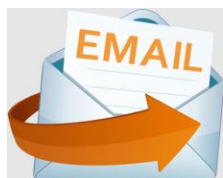
## Assisted Hearing Devices

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.*



## 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](mailto:Stcorn1@comcast.net).



## 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

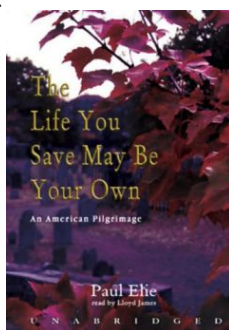
The next read for our Bibliophiles is *The Life You Save May Be Your Own* by Paul Elie.

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](mailto:stcornprep@scornelius.org) or by calling the PREP office (610) 459-7723

### PREP

Please join us in congratulating all of the children in our parish who made their first penance this Saturday February 24. What a special time in their faith journey.

We will see all of our Sunday program students in class Sunday February 25th for class at 10.

If you are interested in volunteering within our prep programs as a teacher, aide, substitute, etc please contact Julie Sullivan at [stcornprep@scornelius.org](mailto:stcornprep@scornelius.org).

### 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.

## CONGRATULATIONS!



Saint Cornelius has been notified by Padua Academy of the following young women from our parish who have earned Merited Honors. Congratulations to these young women and their families for continuing to develop spiritually, academically, physically and morally as responsible young women.

*We wish them continued success in their endeavors.*

#### Distinguished Honors

*Elena Pettineo - 10th Grade*

#### High Honors

*Elce Walsh - 11th Grade*

*Juliana Mongiovi - 10th Grade*

#### Honors

*Valerie McIntyre - 12th Grade*

*Bridget McManamon - 12th Grade*





# 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  
Parish Life Center 5 pm to 7pm**



**Featuring  
Capt'n Chucky's  
Famous "Smith Island  
Crab Cakes"**

Crab Cakes	\$7.00 each
Available in packs of 4, 6 or 12	
Lobster Stuffed Ravioli	\$16 box of 14
Crab Stuffed Ravioli	\$16 box of 14
Maryland Crab Soup	\$14 per quart
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	Frank Puzzenchera
9:00 AM	Gloria O'Reilly
11:00 AM	Vicente Baltazar
4:00 PM	William Grant

## Weekly Mass Schedule (Week of February 26 - March 1)

### Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*  
Reading: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

### Monday 7:30 AM

Intention: Raymond Sharp  
Reading: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

### Tuesday 7:30 AM St. Gregory of Narek

Intention: Jennifer Mauk  
Reading: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

### Wednesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Raymond McKenney  
Reading: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

### Thursday 7:30 AM

Intention: Richard Bastian (Living)  
Reading: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

### Friday 7:30 AM

### Abstinence from meat

Intention: Angelo Capoferri  
Reading: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46



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DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD  
Visit our website  
[WWW.HeedTheCall.org](http://WWW.HeedTheCall.org)



## PILGRIM STATUE

02 - 25 - 2024	Kathy Howley
03 - 03 - 2024	Carla Santoleri
03 - 10 - 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.

**Second Sunday of Lent****February 25, 2024****THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND JESUS**

God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

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