

# St. Cornelius Parish

SUNDAY BULLETIN

March 3, 2024



## CONGRATULATIONS

BISHOPS-ELECT REV. KEITH J. CHYLINSKI, REV. EFREN V. ESMILLA AND  
REV. CHRISTOPHER R. COOKE

*"MAY THE PEACE OF GOD, .... KEEP YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS IN THE  
KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE OF GOD, AND OF HIS SON, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST"*

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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

### III Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2024

Our Lenten Journey continues as we mark the beginning of the third week in this annual serious but not somber trek towards Easter. This week our guide in Sacred Scripture leads us to water. It was through the waters of baptism that we began our journey and at the end of our journey water will be sprinkled over our sacred remains. The element of water is an essential need for our lives, both physical and spiritual dimensions. I remember somewhere in my reading; I believe it was about the hunger strikers in Ireland in the 80's and 90's, that if you stopped eating today you could live for another 75 to 90 days. If you stop drinking water, you would be dead in a week.

The Israelites cry out for water, the Holy Spirit is poured into the hearts of the Romans and Jesus satisfies the sinful woman's thirst with living water. Her encounter with Jesus changes her life. What slowly emerges in the story from John's gospel is the story of this woman's life and it has not been a good one. When she enters into the dialogue with Jesus, she is snappish, even insulting and sarcastic. However, given the life she's had it is not surprising that she is hostile to Him. *"Go call your husband and come back."* The woman answered and said to him, *"I do not have a husband."* Jesus answered her, *"You are right in saying, I do not have a husband. For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband."*

Even in our contemporary culture marrying five times is considered, by most people, outrageous. Why has she done this? We can only speculate but the men to whom she was married in all probability used her for their own pleasure and then, growing bored or hostile to her simply dropped her. She has been consistently maltreated, leading her to be hostile and suspicious of all people because of her own history of relationships.

The Samaritan woman, is about to begin her life of faith. However, she does not know it. When Jesus begins the conversation with her, itself a violation of social mores and the culture of the day, she has no idea that her world is about to be turned on its head. He begins to wear her resistance away and brings her to a level of understanding that changes her life. Through the dialogue with Him, the Samaritan woman gradually begins to appreciate Jesus for who He is. This is demonstrated through her responses and the names and titles she uses to address Jesus:

*How can you, a **Jew**, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?*

***Sir**, you do not even have a bucket.*

***Sir**, give me this water,*

*...I can see that you are a **prophet**.*

*Could he possibly be the **Christ**?*

Jew, Sir, Prophet, Christ. She uses all of these titles in the span of one conversation on a hot afternoon in Samaria. She has gradually come to an understanding of who Jesus is. That is the way of life for a disciple. We come to know Jesus early in our life of faith and the more time and effort we spend with Him and on our relationship with Him we come to know Him better. At the end of the story the woman goes off, leaving her water jar behind. Remember she went to the well to get water but after the dialogue with the Master she leaves without the bucket. Why? She no longer needs the water that comes from the well. She has the lifegiving water Jesus told her about earlier.

In and through her encounter with Jesus the woman was transformed. She has become a better and more enthusiastic apostle than the Twelve. Great things can happen when you start a dialogue with God. As our Lenten journey continues may our dialogue continue as well, drawing us more closely into a relationship with Him.

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



*Giving Hope*  
**TO ALL**

## 3rd Annual Lenten Fish Fry/ Grilled Cheese Dinner



**Friday, March 22, 2024**  
**5:00 – 7:00 PM**  
**Location: Walker Hall**

**Cost:** \$15.00 per Fish Meal

\$10.00 per Grilled Cheese Meal

\$40.00 per family (*Parents and dependent children*)

**Meal includes:** Fried Fish with French Fries, & Cole Slaw *Or* Grilled Cheese, French Fries & Cole Slaw

**MARCH**  
**LENTEN**  
**22**  
**FISH FRY**

Reserve your meal and preferred seating time slot online by Sunday, March 17!

Scan the QR code to register or go to the St. Cornelius website at:

[www.saintcornelius.org](http://www.saintcornelius.org).



Reservations will also be taken after Mass the week-ends of **March 16 and 17**.



## 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!!



## Baptisms

Baptized in Christ

**Luke James Lambertson**

Son of Ryan and Rachel Lambertson

Let us pray for our newly baptized Christian.

## THE CATHOLIC PREACHING INSTITUTE (CPI)



The CPI at **Saint Charles Seminary** again invites you to participate in what could be the largest-ever study of preaching in the nation! Tell us what you think in a 10-minute online survey at

<https://catholicleaders.online/phillypreaching>.

Please share this info with your family members, friends, and contacts so that we receive maximum input ... to help us better design programs that will make your experience of homilies more compelling!



## IN COMMUNION WITH OUR SAINTS

### Saints Perpetua and Felicity - Martyrs

*"When my father in his affection for me was trying to turn me from my purpose by arguments and thus weaken my faith, I said to him, 'Do you see this vessel—waterpot or whatever it may be? Can it be called by any other name than what it is?' 'No,' he replied. 'So also I cannot call myself by any other name than what I am—a Christian.'"* So writes PERPETUA, young, beautiful, well-educated, a noblewoman of Carthage, mother of an infant son and chronicler of the persecution of the Christians by Emperor Septimius Severus.

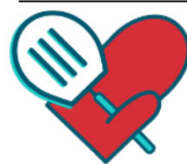
Despite threats of persecution and death, Perpetua, FELICITY (a slave woman and expectant mother) and three companions, Revocatus, Secundulus and Saturninus, refused to renounce their Christian faith. For their unwillingness, all were sent to the public games in the amphitheater. There, Perpetua and Felicity were beheaded, and the others killed by beasts.

Perpetua's mother was a Christian and her father a pagan. He continually pleaded with her to deny her faith. She refused and was imprisoned at 22.

In her diary, Perpetua describes her period of captivity: *"What a day of horror! Terrible heat, owing to the crowds! Rough treatment by the soldiers! To crown all, I was tormented with anxiety for my baby.... Such anxieties I suffered for many days, but I obtained leave for my baby to remain in the prison with me, and being relieved of my trouble and anxiety for him, I at once recovered my health, and my prison became a palace to me and I would rather have been there than anywhere else."*

Felicity gave birth to a girl a few days before the games commenced.

Perpetua's record of her trial and imprisonment ends the day before the games. *"Of what was done in the games themselves, let him write who will."* The diary was finished by an eyewitness.



**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 609-234-1193

## Lending Library



You may not be aware of the Lending Library that exists in our ambulatory, near the large stain glass windows overlooking the family portico. The cart pictured to the left contains a variety of reading material that you are welcome to take with you. You may also find a variety of holy cards, prayer pamphlets and novenas. Please feel free to take what you like.



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 25, 2024**

WeShare eGiving \$7,053.50  
Envelope Offering \$13,867.50  
\$20,921.00



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

Luke 12:34



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

**Maryann R. Pagano**

Wife of Daniel M. Pagano

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



Stay up to date with Catholic news – it's as close as your email inbox. Sign up for **CatholicPhilly.com**'s free email newsletter covering local, national and world Catholic news, features and catechesis at [CatholicPhilly.com/newsletter](http://CatholicPhilly.com/newsletter). Our parish has been featured in the CatholicPhilly News covering a story on The Matthew XXV Garden and the Early Learning Center.

Good News always attracts an audience. We have a great deal of activity here at St. Cornelius.

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

SSG Ana Brunal	Sgt Jason Lyons
SPC Mike Canfield	2nd Lt. Kevin Malone
Cpl Michael Castle	Sgt Alexander Marlow
Lt. Connor Cleary	Pfc Zachary Marlow
Fr. Joseph Coffey (Chaplain)	Lt. Cmdr Daniel McCadden
Maj Robert B. Cusick, Jr.	CSM Sean McGlensey
Capt Joshua deFreitas	Capt Jonathan McGrath
SSGT Michael DiVernieri	LT Molly K. McGuckin
Cadet Emily Fanning	LCDR Ryan A. McGuckin
Lt. Ryan Gallagher	Maj. Sean P. Noll
2nd Lt. Nicholas 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
1st Lt Lauren Kinnee	Cpl Mark Truex
Spc. Andrew Koehler	Lt. Christopher Vish
Capt Daniel Kohli	Capt. Aidan Walsh
Maj. Chris Love	Capt Jennifer Wynn
Maj. Megan Love	



## 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).

Joan Holliday shares with us her poem to *Become Like Little Children*; to be in awe as we approach our Lord in the bread and wine of the Eucharistic meal.

### Become Like Little Children

By Joan Holliday

*Dressed all in white---Precious child*

*Great anticipation---Jesus is coming*

*It is YOU, Jesus, alive and present with me always  
I receive*

*He said, "Become like little children"*

*Through the years, have I lost a childlike awe?  
Through the years, have I forgotten who is coming  
under the species of bread and wine?*

*Wake up!*

*Go back to the Source*

*Remember the ultimate gift of Jesus awakening  
Divine Love within*

*Remember the unifying gift given to us to become  
One Body of Christ.*

*It is YOU, Jesus, alive and present with me always in  
the Eucharist  
I receive.*





## St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

The children were feeling the love at our class Valentine parties last week. They played many fun games, did a card exchange, made adorable crafts, and ate lots of special treats.

The children show their love for their friends and school not only on Valentine's Day, but everyday!



## 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

The lives and safety of millions of our sisters and brothers around the world are at stake. In the face of global food insecurity, conflict and other humanitarian crises, our faith calls us to act quickly and decisively to avoid further suffering. The Senate recently passed a supplemental package that includes \$9.2 billion to address dire humanitarian needs around the globe, including in places like Sudan, Central America, Gaza and Ukraine. We need your help to ensure the House also passes a supplemental package that includes \$9.2 billion in humanitarian aid to respond to urgent needs around the world.

Conflict and food insecurity in places like Sudan, the Sahel and East Africa have caused extreme hardship for millions of people who are struggling to access basic necessities like food, clean water and health care. The war in Ukraine continues to increase humanitarian needs including food, safe shelter, continued education for children and trauma healing. In Gaza, children lack food and water, mothers cannot feed their babies and families lack the most basic shelter. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and to see how you can advocate!



## 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).

## Welcome to the Parish!



Mihai and Jessica Gavril and family  
Wayne and Margie Jurich  
John Mitchell and family  
Derek and Kelly Rieger and family

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

Peyton Lott, Brittany Lott, 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 Harmes, 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, Nancy Young, 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  
[docholliv@aol.com](mailto:docholliv@aol.com) or call (610) 717-2180.





Congratulations to our 7<sup>th</sup> Grade PREP Classes  
for making their Confirmation and receiving the Gift of the Holy Spirit  
Saturday, March 2, 2024

Christopher **Matthew** Abbott

**John** Abessinio

**Francis** Abessinio

Ryan **Sebastian** Anderson

William **Luke** Bienick

Parker **Alber** Biggs

Reilly **Catherine** Cahill

Mason **Patrick** Cantwell

Eric **Nicholas** Ciarlante

Michael **Sebastian** DiPrinzio

Julian **Constantine** Doherty

Aidan **Anthony** Douglas

Christina **Marie** Dragoni

**Michael** Dragoni

Alexa **Stella Maris** Evans

Maxwell **Mark** Grant

Matthew **Anthony** Hays

Sophia **Clare** Hislop

Graham **Donald** Huntley

Alexander **James** Ioannou

Dylan **Matthew** Ivans

Ilyana **Maria** Ledakis

Quinn **Peter** Lewis

Samuel **Ciaran** Llyod

Caleb **John** Maas

Donovan **Vincent** May

Jack **John** McAndrew

William **Mark** McCue

Ryder **Jude** McGlynn

Shyla **Maria** Misra

Graeme **Carlo** Nardoizzi

Gavin **Joseph** Newby

Aidan **Michael** O'Rourke

Louis **Dominic** Pagnoni

Colin **Edward** Perse

Cayden **Stanislaus** Pinto

Roy **Sebastian** Pomarico

Nolan **Anthony** Pragooff

Carly **Michelle** Ranieri

Cara **Kateri** Rapin

Juliana **Ursula** Ramaize

Natalie **Mary** Rishel

Collin **Mark** Schaller

Catherine **Michael**  
the Archangel Shaposky

Kelsey **Sophia** Sigston

Gregory **Michael** Stanoch

Adrianna **Frances** Stevenson

Avery **Lucy** Tomlinson

**Cecilia** Tront

Molly **Rose** Walsh

Jason **Justin** Weis

Sophia **Rosa** Williams

Kendall **Diane** Wilson

*"Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit"*



## 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.*

## 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.



Third Sunday of Lent  
March 3, 2024

*I, the LORD, am your God . . .  
You shall not have other gods besides me.  
— Exodus 20:2a, 3*



## CHOSEN FATHERS

*A ministry of Mutual Support for  
Fathers of Children with Special Needs*

Being a good dad day-in and day-out is not an easy task. Yet raising children with special needs can make fatherhood even more challenging.

We invite fathers of children with physical, mental, sensory, or emotional challenges to our monthly meetings aimed at enabling dads to follow Christ's example of love, patience, mercy and service in raising and supporting their children.

**3rd Tuesday of every month  
7:30 - 8:45 pm**

Please call the gentlemen below with questions about meeting location as it can change from month to month depending on group size.

Joe Howard (610) 458-7831; [jchoward72@aol.com](mailto:jchoward72@aol.com)  
or Liam Dempsey (610) 390-9076; [liam@LBdesigns.tv](mailto:liam@LBdesigns.tv)





# 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	Jack and Mary Padden
9:00 AM	Gloria Lavini
11:00 AM	Annette Alloway
4:00 PM	William Hammond

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

### Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*  
Reading: Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps  
19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

### Monday 7:30 AM

**St. Casimir**

Intention: Joseph Hartranft  
Reading: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;  
Lk 4:24-30

### Tuesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Joseph Cori  
Reading: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and  
7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

### Wednesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Brigitte Aris Garboushian  
Reading: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;  
Mt 5:17-19

### Thursday 7:30 AM

**Ss. Perpetua and Felicity**

Intention: Anthony Gambacorta  
Reading: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;  
Lk 11:14-23

### Friday 7:30 AM

**St. John of God**

**Abstinence from meat**

Intention: Dorothy O'Neill  
Reading: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,  
14, 17; Mk 12:28-34



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VOCAION OFFICE FOR  
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD  
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[WWW.HeedTheCall.org](http://WWW.HeedTheCall.org)



## PILGRIM STATUE

03 - 03 - 2024	Carla Santoleri
03 - 10 - 2024	Carla Santoleri
03 - 17 - 2024	Debbie Brisgone

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.

**Third Sunday of Lent****March 3, 2024****KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH**

There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments. The first three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath.

If we take this commandment literally, babies will go undiapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)?

We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul" (19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

If your parish is reading from Year B of the Lectionary today, and not Year A, as is normally done when there are elect present for the scrutinies and preparing for Easter baptism, you hear about Jesus driving the money-changers from the temple. If you wished to get as close as possible to

this site today, you would in fact be at a Muslim shrine, the Dome of the Rock, built on the ruins of Herod's temple.

Archeologists believe that this striking, gold-domed crown of a shrine is set precisely where the Holy of Holies once was. Jews believe that the rock is the exact spot where Abraham was prepared to sacrifice Isaac. It is not a mosque, as some think, but a shrine, the oldest one in the Muslim world. For them, the rock is the place from which the Prophet Mohammed ascended on a visit to heaven. The Crusaders mistook the shrine for the actual Temple of Solomon, and the infamous Knights Templar used it as their headquarters and model for their churches elsewhere. The geometric perfection of the shrine is a mathematician's dream. The inscriptions are not exactly hospitable though, since they encourage Christians to "depart from error" and declare that "Jesus son of Mary was only a messenger of God." In ancient times, those who prayed here after walking around the rock were given a certificate entitling the bearer to admission to paradise. The ticket had to be buried with them.

—Rev. James Field





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# Women's Lenten Soup Supper



**Thursday Evening, March 14,  
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

Please join us at the St. Cornelius Parish Life Center for a Lenten Soup Supper. Enjoy an evening of fellowship and a traditional Lenten meal consisting of soup, bread and water. The Lenten practice of fasting allows us to offer our sacrifice to God.

Our guest speaker will be Father Thomas Whittingham.

Fr. Tom is pastor of St. Laurence Parish in Upper Darby, PA. Our topic will be: ***The Complete Pardon of Divine Mercy and the Total Gift of the Eucharist.***

*\*Open to all women of the parish and their female guests.  
Please sign up after mass on March 9 & 10 in the church vestibule.*

*Donations will be accepted for current and future  
Women's Faith Sharing Group events.*

