

# St. Cornelius Parish

SUNDAY BULLETIN

March 10, 2024



Do you believe  
in the Son of Man?

"You have seen him,  
the one speaking with you is he."

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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

### IV Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

The Gospel of John is divided into two sections: the Book of Signs and the Book of Glory. Today's excerpt is from the Book of Signs in which our Lord performs seven signs each becoming greater in meaning and more exacting in the response of the participants and the witnesses to the sign. No miracle in the Gospel is performed solely for the benefit of the recipient. Those who are witnesses to the work of Jesus are also called to respond to what they have seen and heard. There are all sorts of characters in the story today and each of them is expected to make a response to the miracle of the man born blind who can now see.

Among the most notable people in our history as a nation who was blind is the great Helen Keller. Her story is ably related in the play The miracle worker. The story revolves around her teacher, Miss Anne Sullivan, and her efforts to educate Helen as a young girl. It is a touching story and brings about a dramatic presentation of what must have been a great struggle for both teacher and student. Helen Keller is immensely quotable. One of her statements is appropriate for our Gospel passage today: "The most pathetic person in the world is someone who has sight but no vision." The gift the man in the gospel received was both vision and faith. Physical sight in Sacred Scripture is often an allegory for one's faith. The man has been given the gift of faith and Jesus assures him that giving others vision is the reason He came into the world.

Our vision, challenged on occasion, affirmed at other times, must be consistent with the call we have as His disciples. I remember reading a book by Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York – To whom shall we go? The book is a series of meditations on the life and response of St. Peter. As a writer, Dolan is direct and easily accessible. He is basically saying that the believer is best served if he or she, like St. Peter, keeps his or her eyes fixed on Jesus. When St. Peter does this, he is able to accomplish great things. When he focuses on himself or something other than the Christ, he begins to fail.

Evidently part of the means that must be at our disposal is that we are to see things, people and events as God sees them. Is that not a challenge? Take as your example the great prophet Samuel who is sent by God to select a King for Israel. *Do not judge from his appearance...* Samuel is instructed by God. How often we have done that in matters and circumstances less important than selecting the Lord's anointed.

In this season of Lent, **the** penitential season in the Liturgical Year, we are called to put aside those aspects of our life that obscure our ability to see Jesus. We must also make a conscious decision to look for God. Once St. Teresa of Calcutta was asked by the British journalist Malcolm Muggeridge (A thoroughly British name) how she could do the work she does. Going out into the streets of Calcutta and picking up people left to die in the streets amid the filth and refuse in which they lay. He told her: *I wouldn't do that for a million dollars.* She responded: *Neither would I.*

We may not be called on to do the work of a St. Teresa of Calcutta, but as disciples we are called on to see Christ in the world and in each other. We have been given the gift of faith and that is to lead us to collaborate as best we can with the effort to work for the Kingdom of God. With our sight, with our vision, may we throughout this season keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and look for Him in others. And more to the point be Jesus for others so that through our words, our vision, our work, Jesus can be made present in our world. A world that we all know needs Him now.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond



### CHURCH CLEANING

Monday, March 25, 6:00 PM



Volunteers are needed to help clean and prepare the Church for our Holy Week Triduum celebrations. Bring your buckets, rags and Murphys Oil.

### CHURCH DECORATING

Saturday, March 30, 9:30 AM  
(After Morning Prayer)



Please join us to help decorate and prepare the church for our Easter Celebrations.

## — 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.

## 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.



# 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**.



## 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.*

## Why is the Fourth Sunday of Lent called Laetare Sunday?

The name comes from the first words of the Entrance Antiphon for Mass, "Laetare Jerusalem" — "Rejoice, O Jerusalem".

The fourth Sunday marks the half-way point of the Lenten season, even though the Thursday before Laetare Sunday is the actual middle day of Lent.

Signs of joy are allowed on this day, expressing our belief in the hope of the resurrection and to inspire us as we continue our Lenten commitments to prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Symbolizing joy, rose-colored Mass vestments may be worn instead of purple, to indicate the contrast between Laetare and the other Sundays of Lent. According to the Roman Missal, instrumental music is permitted and the altar may be decorated with flowers.

The tradition of using the color rose is thought to come from the tradition of the Golden Rose; at one time popes sent golden roses to Catholic heads of state in Europe on this Sunday.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent was once called Refreshment Sunday, or the Sunday of the Five Loaves, for the miracle of the boy with loaves and fishes in the Gospel of John.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent was also previously observed as Mothering Sunday, in reference to Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, where the faithful are called "sons and daughters of God". Families visited the church where they were baptized, or made offerings to the cathedral, or mother-church, on this Sunday.



## Baptisms

Baptized in Christ

**Roman Elliot Ciliberti**

Son of Lous and Jaclyn Ciliberti

**William Dennis Filer, III**

Son of William and Lindsey Filer

**Isabella Barry Thielmann**

Daughter of Michael and Bernadette Thielmann

Let us pray for our newly baptized Christians.



## 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-minutes 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!



**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



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.

March 3, 2024

WeShare eGiving	\$10,358.50
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	\$28,881.70



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

Luke 12:34



## SAINT AGNES OUTREACH SERVICES

Saint Agnes Outreach Services is looking for a fun loving, competent, education professional, who is a faithful Catholic, to run our summer camp programs. The individual would help to plan, organize and run our two week "Camp of Light" as well as "Pop-up Enrichment Programs" and assist with "Camp Guadalupe" which is hosted at Saint Mary Magdalen Parish. These summer adventures are for under privileged children in West Chester ages 5 - 11. All of the necessary clearances are required.

For more information please contact Barbara Kirby at [bkirby@saintagnesparish.org](mailto:bkirby@saintagnesparish.org).

*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
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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).

Jon Lippard shares with us some thoughts on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. A fitting reflection as we continue our Lenten journey.

### *His Everlasting Arms*

*Opening my heart to the Real Presence of our Lord  
Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, I receive His*

- *Power – our eternal Lord's strength and direction for living;*
- *Presence – the abiding assurance of His love and protection; and,*
- *Peace – deep within my soul, which surpasses all understanding.*

*Sacred Scripture tells us eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are His everlasting arms. (Deuteronomy 33:27) Submitting to Him, I can find true joy and peace in His everlasting arms.*

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on His everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on His everlasting arms.*

*What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on His everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on His everlasting arms.*

-Elisha A. Hoffman (1887)

*Turning my eyes toward Jesus, His Real Presence makes  
the cares of earth grow dim in the light of His glory and  
grace.*

*Nothing compares.*





## St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

In our kindergarten classroom, we celebrated Leap Year with an extra-special day filled with fun and learning! We kicked off the festivities by exploring the concept of leap years and why they occur, sparking curiosity and excitement among our young learners. Throughout the day, we engaged in a variety of leap-themed activities, from hopping like frogs during recess to practicing counting by fours in math class. We also delved into the wonders of frogs and their unique ability to leap, incorporating science and nature into our celebration. Our Leap Year celebration was not only a memorable occasion but also a valuable opportunity for our students to deepen their understanding of time, mathematics, and the world around them.



## 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.ycpphiladelphia.org/cpages/home](http://www.ycpphiladelphia.org/cpages/home)

**Sunday  
March 17  
12:00 Noon**



Join our Parish Pro-Life Group in the church on Sunday, March 17, 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.*

## CRS NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Your voice is urgently needed! At a time of rising global hunger, tell Congress you care about children and families around the world experiencing severe hunger and malnutrition. Food for Peace is an international hunger-reducing program in the Farm Bill that provides lifesaving food aid during emergencies. In addition, its long-term development programs address the root causes of hunger and help communities lift themselves out of poverty.

But Food for Peace programs that prevent hunger are in jeopardy. Congress is considering a bill called the American Farmers Feed the World Act that would effectively end Food for Peace long-term development programs, reaching 3 million fewer people with support. We need your help to protect Food for Peace programs so that families can access the resources they need to build thriving futures. Please visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) to see how you can help!



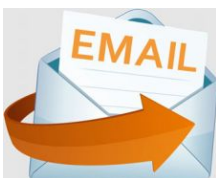
## Assisted Hearing Devices

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!



Maura Hanlon

Marilyn Hedtke

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

Doris Wysocki, 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  
[dochollisv@aol.com](mailto:dochollisv@aol.com) or call (610) 717-2180.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry... Come, Join US!



Did you know that each baby baptized at St. Cornelius receives a hand-made blanket made by our Prayer Shawl Ministry? You are welcome to join us in this rewarding ministry. We also make shawls, blankets, scarves, hats, mittens etc. for elderly homes, the Giving Tree and anyone looking for a comforting gift.

**Every 4th Monday of each month  
1:30pm to 3:00pm**

We find ourselves in need of white acrylic yarn or funding to help continue this wonderful ministry. Please prayerfully consider donating to our ministry or purchasing a "Pound of Love" or "Caron Pound" of white acrylic yarn. We have a basket set up in the narthex, below the large TV monitor, to offer our works and for your donations. Also, you are welcome to drop off any yarn donations to the Parish Life Center. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Shawls and blankets are available in the Bethany Room. If you have any questions, please contact

Valerie Childs (610) 213-0515  
and Vickie Gambino (317) 440-5210



## 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)

## 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.



## PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

Saint Cornelius Parish

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

## PREP

We would like to take a moment to thank all of the parents, sponsors and members of our parish who supported the preparation of our newly confirmed students. We would like to especially take a moment to thank Mike Delea, Jennifer Rowe and Veronica Egner for their dedication throughout the year and for making our Confirmation masses so beautiful.

We look forward to seeing all of our Sunday program students in class at 10 on Sunday.

Our program offerings for next PREP year are being finalized and we will open registration as soon as possible.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Welcome to all of our youngest parishioners! Our Children's liturgy of the Word welcomes those 3 years old until they have made their First Holy Communion to join us during the 9 am Mass. We look forward to seeing you all there!



*Giving Hope*  
**TO ALL**

## Fourth Sunday of Lent March 10, 2024



*God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.*

— John 3:17





# St. Cornelius CRAB CAKE SALE

Order in the Church Narthex after all Masses  
on the weekends of  
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**



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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	Mulrenan Family
9:00 AM	Robert Perkins
11:00 AM	Bobbie DeLuca
4:00 PM	Anthony Gambacorta

## Weekly Mass Schedule (Week of March 11- March 15)

### Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*  
Reading: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;  
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

### Monday 7:30 AM

Intention: Cyril Seddon  
Reading: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

### Tuesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Peter Zabaga  
Reading: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

### Wednesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Nobile Tranzilli  
Reading: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;  
Jn 5:17-30

### Thursday 7:30 AM

Intention: Joe Konecki  
Reading: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

### Friday 7:30 AM

### Abstinence from meat



Intention: Margaret McAleer  
Reading: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30



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## PILGRIM STATUE

03 - 10 - 2024	Carla Santoleri
03 - 17 - 2024	Debbie Brisgone
03 24 2024	Jean Wysocki

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.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday****March 10, 2024****COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY**

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Year B of the Lectionary has the Letter to the Ephesians today. Ephesus, today in Turkey, was in the first century a great Greek city, the center for the worship of Diana, the goddess of the hunt. It was a vast city even by modern standards, having nearly half a million people in the time of Paul. Yet that was a time of economic recession and moral decay. No wonder Saint Paul stayed here the longest. It gave him an enormous and religiously curious audience.

His preaching stirred up the artisans who depended on the pilgrims who came to honor (and buy mementos of) seventeen gods and goddesses enshrined in the city's temples. You can still see the open-air theater where Paul's homily triggered a riot. Paul did have success here, and many conversions among Jews and Gentiles. They seem to have struggled with hope, perhaps because of their suffering from economic woes and isolation.

Some old traditions say that the Apostle John lived out his days here, and that the Blessed Mother was cared for by him. There's no biblical basis for this, but it is certain that a small house just outside the city has been treasured by Christians and Muslims for centuries as the last dwelling of Mary. Long ago, the harbor silted up and the city was nearly abandoned, becoming a small village. As is so often the case, that accident of history preserved the ancient city, so that archeologists have been very successful in revealing ancient Christian sites. One such site is the Church of Mary, probably the first church to be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and the site of the Council of Ephesus in 431. Today, a visit to Ephesus is one of the most rewarding journeys for any pilgrim.

—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.*

