

St. Cornelius Parish



SUNDAY BULLETIN

April 20, 2025

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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 Easter

April 20, 2025

Resurrexit sicut dixit! He has risen as He said!

This is the day of beginnings. The hackneyed statement “Today is the first day of the rest of your life” pales in comparison to the reality that we celebrate on this most Holy of Sundays. We celebrate Eternal Life. St. Paul tells us through the letter to the Colossians: Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Our old ways of living marked by sin, darkness and death must be replaced with the new life erupting in grace, virtue and life – eternal life.

Last evening, in the beautifully stirring Easter Hymn of Praise, the Exultet, we heard these words: O love, O charity beyond all telling, to ransom a slave you gave away your Son! Jesus has done for us what we are incapable of doing for ourselves. He has defeated death and now we will live forever. That reality should have us rejoicing on this great day. All of the other enjoyments that we may have this day – gathering with family and friends, food and drink shared and celebrated – are extensions of the beauty that surrounds us this day.

What we celebrate this day is nothing short of the new life we are called to have in the Risen Christ. While we await that entrance into eternity – standing in the halls of heaven, Saints among the Saints, as the first Eucharistic prayer for reconciliation says – Christ beckons us to live in a manner worthy of the calling that we have received.

What does that mean?

It means that those people who populate our lives are to be recognized as what they are, a gift from God who enjoy their dignity as a child of God. Our work – whatever it may be – is to be seen as a means, not just of earning a living and supporting ourselves and our families – but as an opportunity to witness to God and our Catholic faith at the workplace. Our relationships are to be bound by a concern for the good of the other not our own gain. Our prayer life is to be reinvigorated by the Divine Spirit we have received at Baptism and to which we recommit ourselves as we renew those vows today.

Liturgically, our celebration of Easter will continue for eight more weeks – an Octave of Octaves. It is a pious Lenten practice to attend daily Mass. Why not make it a part of your Easter celebration? Continue if you have been coming to Mass through Lent or start tomorrow if you have not. The story of our salvation continues to unfold on the pages of Sacred Scripture, in the celebrations of the Liturgy and the manner in which we live our lives. The ultimate reality is that our lives have been changed in a most radical way because of the events we have celebrated in the Sacred Triduum and Easter Sunday. May we live this Easter Sunday in a manner marked by that Grace we have received from our God who has shared with us His very life, His eternal life.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond



AMPS MEETING

For Parishioners 55 and Up

Spiritual Enrichment Talk Prayer
Social Enrichment Talk Light Meal
Social Time

May 1, 2025
2:00-6:00 PM
Parish Life Center

SCP Saint Cornelius Parish

Parish Office Hours

The parish office will be closed on
Wednesday, April 16
Holy Thursday, April 17
Good Friday, April 18
Easter Monday, April 21

We will resume normal office hours on Tuesday, 22 April.



An Invitation from Archbishop Pérez

On January 5, the Feast of St. John Neumann, Fourth Bishop of Philadelphia, Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez released a pastoral letter, at the core of which is a call to *a pastoral change of heart, a conversion to the life-style and mindset of a missionary disciple*. The letter also shares with us the Archbishop's vision for the future of the Church of Philadelphia and invitation to all Catholics to be a part of the conversation about what that will look like.

To read the letter, watch the Archbishop's video and sign up for a consultation session, visit trustandhope.org or scan the QR code with your smart phone.



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, Parish Life Center**

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.

If you have any questions, please contact

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



Starry Night Seniors' Prom

Formal Dance For Parishioners 55+

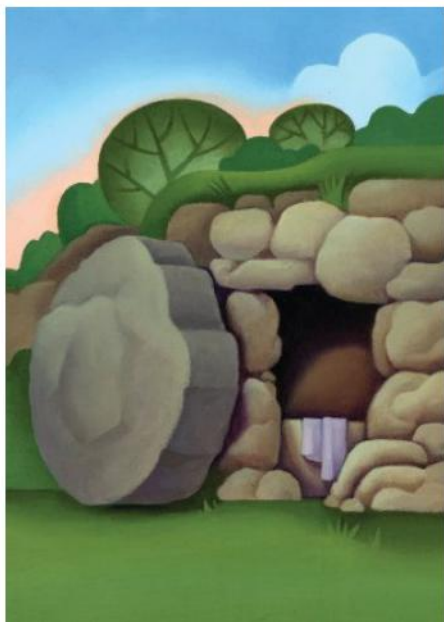
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MAY 8, 2025
5:00-9:00 PM
PARISH LIFE CENTER

Dance Lessons Provided

SCP SAINT CORNELIUS PARISH

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Belief

O God who works wonders,
 we marvel in the Resurrection of Jesus, your Son.
 In Christ, you have redeemed us and brought us to life.
 May our “alleluia” proclaim the Resurrection
 and profess our willingness to join ourselves to the Paschal Mystery.
 Grant us, we pray, O Lord,
 eyes to see you and ears to hear your voice
 so that we might grow stronger in faith
 like the disciples on that first Easter.
 Help us to bear witness to your Son’s Resurrection
 and give us a desire to seek and serve you among the living.
 May your Holy Spirit fill us with joy,
 rousing our hearts to proclaim Christ, the victor King.
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Written by Timothy A. Johnston

Sunday, April 20, 2025 Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad

Today’s Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8; John 20:1–9.

The refrain of today’s psalm captures the sentiment of the Church this day. With hearts full of joy, we rejoice and give thanks to God for redeeming us in Christ. Christ, who suffered and died, has trampled death and bestowed life on those in the grave. We were once dead, but now, through the power of the Cross, we have life. For me, it’s always difficult to articulate what I feel on this day. After forty long days of prayer and purification, it’s an awesome wonder to relish in the gift of new life. Examining the areas of my life that have risen with Christ and been renewed invig-

orates me to share the Good News. Several years ago, when the “alleluia” erupted during the Easter Vigil, I was brought to tears because it announced with great vigor Christ’s victory, and I knew how much I was loved. How have you or do you experience the Resurrection? The Gospel describes the story of Mary Magdalene arriving at the tomb while it was still dark. Do we need to see the Christ to believe in the Resurrection? Instead of joy, the Gospel paints a picture of distress and confusion. Where has the body of the Lord gone? The clue we get is that the burial cloths are still there—Jesus must have risen. When and where have you encountered the Risen Christ? In renewing our baptismal promises, we have been invited to show forth the Risen Christ to all we encounter. Go forth rejoicing.

Written by Timothy A. Johnston.

The Paschal Candle

The first sound of Easter Time is the crackling of new fire. Even before the presider greets the people, the Easter flame burns to warm the hearts of believers and to fascinate our eyes, which long to behold the glory of God.

The Paschal candle that leads the procession into the church at the Easter Vigil becomes a dominant symbol for the season. Tall, bright, decorative, stately, it creates the first light for the faithful and dispels the darkness that belies our sins. The Paschal candle first announces the news of the Resurrection, followed by the Glory to God, the Alleluia, the Gospel, the homily, and, of course, the Eucharist. All join to make the same proclamation. Christ is risen!

So big is this message that it takes fifty days to celebrate. That Paschal candle burns in our churches every day during those seven weeks, proclaiming: Christ is risen, and we too may rise!

The Paschal candle appears in our liturgy on two other very significant occasions: Baptisms and funerals.

Whenever infants are baptized, we light the Paschal candle. The Resurrection of Christ foreshadows our own resurrection. Baptism incorporates us into the Body of Christ and gives us a share in his Resurrection. Whenever the Baptismal waters are poured, the Paschal candle burns bright. Parents and godparents light a Baptismal candle from the Paschal candle. They accept the responsibility of keeping the flame of faith alive in the heart of the newly baptized. Parents carry this candle home, where it may shine on Baptismal anniversaries to symbolize the first news of the risen Christ.

We also light the Paschal candle at funerals. In the midst of our grief, we call upon the symbols that enliven our faith. Several images of Baptism reappear at the funeral: the sprinkling with holy water, the placing of a white pall (like a white garment) over the coffin, and the lighting of the Paschal candle. Christ rose from the dead so that we too might pass from death to life. Every death reminds us of Easter. And every Easter gives us hope that death is not the end, but the passage from darkness to eternal light.

Written by Paul Turner

**Thursday
Scripture Study
10:00 am - 11:00 am
Parish Life Center**



Join us at any time!

All women and men are invited to join us each Thursday morning from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. If you weren't able to join us last year, do not let that deter you. The goal of this Scripture study will be to broaden our knowledge of Scripture, our church's teaching regarding the Scriptures, and it will enhance our understanding and personal faith life. Please bring a bible.

saintcornelius.org/morning-bible-study

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



**Mark Your Calendar!!!
American Red Cross Blood
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Thursday – May 15, 2025
1PM to 6PM**

Registration Opportunity after ALL Masses
April 26 & 27

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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 in the chapel. You are welcome to visit anytime during the day until we repose the Blessed Sacrament at 4:00 PM.



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For more info visit: www.wwme-philly.org.

Taco Tuesday-Themed



**DINNER
WITH
DISCIPLES**

**April 22 @ 7:00 PM
Parish Life Center Gym
Ages 18-35**



Topic of Discussion:
"The Logical Reason for
God's Existence"
by Dan from JMJ Missions



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are available

Questions? Contact:

Director: Debbie Anderson

danderson@scornelius.org / 610-459-8663



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.

April 13, 2025

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

Luke 12:34



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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



**Caring
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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 ongoing at our parish. We invite you to contribute what you can. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Todor 609-234-1193

CRS NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Recent shifts in priorities for U.S. international humanitarian assistance are having an immediate impact on vulnerable communities worldwide. The suspension and reduction of vital aid have created significant gaps in CRS' programming, particularly in areas where help is most urgently needed. These dramatic shifts in international humanitarian relief are taking a toll on the world's most vulnerable people.

Mothers and children are at the greatest risk. Nutrition during a child's first 1,000 days is critical to their physical and mental growth - as well as the future of entire societies. But now, vital nutrition programs have been terminated due to cuts to USAID, and that means the lives of the world's most vulnerable children are at risk. If famine-like conditions spread in Sudan as predicted, more than 100,000 people are at risk of starvation in the next 30 days without continued food assistance. Visit www.crs.org to see how you can help!



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

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Ens Nicholas Spadaccini
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PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AND THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM

Bob McKinney, Mindy Tumolo, Angelo Tiberi, Dorothy Brady, James Egner, Joan Carrington, River Agren, Rosemarie Tangi, Kathryn Howland, John Faulkner, Sr., Janice Letourneau, Lorraine Farrugia, Amy Hartranft, Patricia Ackerman, Doris Wysocki, Peyton Lott, Brittany Lott, Ed Lovell, Lillian Corbett, Eileen Kane, C. McCollum, Joshua Gidlewski, Denise Banta, Patty Burke, Tom Eno, Diana Duffy, Isaac Burks, Nancy Cunningham, Jay Holland, Thomas Drane, Kara Ulatowski, Harold Von Brockdorff, Mary Helen Arthur, Anne Spetzer, Carolyn Duffy, Carleen Peters, Marian Short, Matthew Hess, Bryan Thompson, 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, 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, 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 **May 17, 2025**, the Consolation Group will meet at the **Parish Life Center, Fr. Simon Room** from **2:30pm to 3:30pm**.

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



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Monsignor's Thursday Email

Msgr. Diamond's weekly Thursday Email is a popular weekly newsletter for our parishioners. Currently there are **over 1,125** 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.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 20, 2025

Resurrexit Sicut Dixit!

He has Risen as He said!



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

Salvatore J. Russo

Choir member

Husband of Regina R. Russo

*Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord.
May he rest in peace.*

A RECOMMITMENT TO END HUNGER!



HAPPY EASTER!

As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to the PLC in the coming week or donate online at crsricebowl.org/donate. You can also scan the QR code to donate using our own St. Cornelius Rice Bowl donation page.



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) 947-7295.

Updating Our Prayer List

We are attempting to update our prayer list as it has grown over the years. If you know of a loved one listed whom you feel has been helped by our prayers and are now recovered, please email the office at stcorn1@comcast.net so we can remove their name.



THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA & CHAPLET

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a prayer that can be prayed on a rosary at any time, but is particularly encouraged on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27. The novena begins on Good Friday, 4/18 & continues until 4/26. How to pray the Chaplet:

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet>

How to prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday (4/27) to receive the special graces and indulgence of the day.

A Plenary Indulgence (a special forgiveness of all sins and provides for the removal of all punishment due to sin even for sins forgotten to be confessed) can be obtained on Divine Mercy Sunday (4/27) by fulfilling certain conditions, including receiving Holy Communion and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father.

To fittingly observe Divine Mercy Sunday in a solemn way, we should:

- **Celebrate** the Feast on the Sunday after Easter;
- Sincerely **repent** of all our sins;
- Place our **complete trust** in Jesus;
- Go to **Confession**, preferably before that Sunday;
- Receive **Holy Communion** on the day of the Feast;
- **Venerate the Image** of The Divine Mercy (To venerate a sacred image or statue simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents, in this case, our Most Merciful Savior);
- **Be merciful** to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf:

Additionally, for the sick or others who are unable to make it to church that day, a plenary indulgence may still be obtained. One must intend to make a confession, receive Communion, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father as soon as possible, while praying one Our Father and the Nicene Creed before an image of Jesus.

For additional information go to:

<https://www.shrineofdivinemercy.org/What-is-Mercy-Sunday>



Sunday Mass Intentions

7:30 AM	Dan Feruck
9:00 AM	Rosemary Marciano
11:00 AM	Joseph Arbuckle

Weekly Mass Schedule (Week of April 21 - April 25)

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*
Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

Monday 7:30 AM

Intention: John Campbell-Barmmer
Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Bill Holstein
Reading: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Thomas Less
Reading: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Ps 118:24; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday 7:30 AM

Intention: Dylan John Barmmer
Reading: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday 7:30 AM

Intention: Julia Kane
Reading: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

No 4:00 pm Easter Sunday evening Mass



PILGRIM STATUE

04 - 20 - 2025	Carla Santoleri
04 - 27 - 2025	Joanne Fonash
05 - 4 - 2025	Kathy Howley

The new sign-up sheet for 2025 is now available. Feel free to pick your dates.

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

HAPPY EASTER!

Happy Easter! Or as most other languages prefer: Blessed Pasch—Passover! *Pasqua, Pascua, Páscoa, Pâques!* Israel's Passover through the Red Sea to the Promised Land! Jesus' Passover through the Cross to resurrection! Catechumens' Passover at the vigil, and ours once upon a time, through Baptism's waters to our family's Eucharist! Welcome, everybody! As someone once said of the Catholic Church, "Here comes everybody!" So in this Jubilee year of Hope, we make our own Saint John Chrysostom's Easter welcome from fourteen hundred years ago: *"Let everyone enjoy this radiant feast! You who fasted from Lent's beginning, and you who didn't fast at all, rejoice! The table's richly set! Come, take from it, everybody, no worries, no embarrassment! All of you, taste the banquet of faith! Enjoy the feast of forgiveness! Let no one grieve for having sinned again and again: pardon has risen from the tomb!"* Happy Easter! Blessed Pasch! Welcome, everybody!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the centuries, the Church has demonstrated a wonderful ability to adopt a culture's favorite symbols and customs and assign them new meaning. Easter eggs have a very ancient pedigree: nature's perfect

package, emblem of new life, dyed and decorated and given as gifts in ancient Egypt, Rome, China, and Persia. Just as the long hard winter is over, the egg bursts with promise of life and nourishment. Long ago, Christians came to see the egg not as a symbol of spring's rebirth, but of ours, and as a sign of Christ's tomb. A Polish legend says that Mary, in compassion for the soldiers at the cross, gave them eggs, but that her tears stained their shells with brilliant color. Legends have their origin in tales told around a hearth, but they often contain a profound truth. The idea of Mary, the first Christian, engaged in a merciful act of forgiveness and tenderness even in the shadow of the cross, describes the age-old wish that Christ "Easter in us."

—James Field




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