

St. Cornelius Parish



SUNDAY BULLETIN

April 27, 2025

Pope Francis December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025



Pope Francis,
Philadelphia September, 2015

Thoughts from the Second Floor Front

II Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

Waking up on Easter Monday at the usual hour to begin the day, I characteristically checked my cell phone for weather conditions and headlines. Like many of you I had to take a moment to process what I was reading. Having read it again, the news began to sink in that the Holy Father had died. This was particularly poignant immediately after the celebrations of Easter Weekend. We celebrate the gift of eternal life that Jesus has given us through his life-giving sacrificial actions on our behalf. And Francis enters into the Eternal Life.

We have arrived at a unique experience which is a sacred time called *The Papal Interregnum*. The *Interregnum* is an expression derived from the Latin meaning *between the reigns* of one Pope and the beginning of the next. In ecclesiastical documents it is formally called *The Vacancy of the Apostolic See*. It begins the moment a Pope dies or retires, or resigns, and ends as the moment his successor consents to election as Pope.

Immediately, reflections on Pope Francis, of late and happy memory, began pouring in across the media. Non-Catholics and even non-believers have addressed the significance of his Petrine Ministry. Those who attempt to belittle his teaching and preaching by focusing on those elements with which they disagree only reveal how shallow their understanding of the power of the Successor of Peter really is. Two of his greatest and most impactful themes of his teaching and preaching are Evangelization and Mercy. His own motto on his Papal coat of arms clearly stresses the need to receive mercy and be a vehicle of mercy.

Early on in his Pontificate he called for a Year of Mercy with the Papal Bull *Misericordiae Vultus* (The Face of Mercy). When he was ordained a bishop, he chose the phrase: *Miserando atque eligendo* (literally, “Looking on him with mercy, he chose him”) for his motto. It is taken from a homily of St. Bede the Venerable, commenting on how Jesus had chosen the tax collector Matthew to be one of his Apostles, and reproduced in the Liturgy of the Hours for the feast of St. Matthew.

This homily of St. Bede the Venerable on Divine Mercy has a particular meaning in the life of Pope Francis. In fact, on the Feast of St. Matthew (September 21) in the year 1953, the young Jorge Mario Bergoglio experienced at the age of 17 years, in a very special way, the loving presence of God in his life.

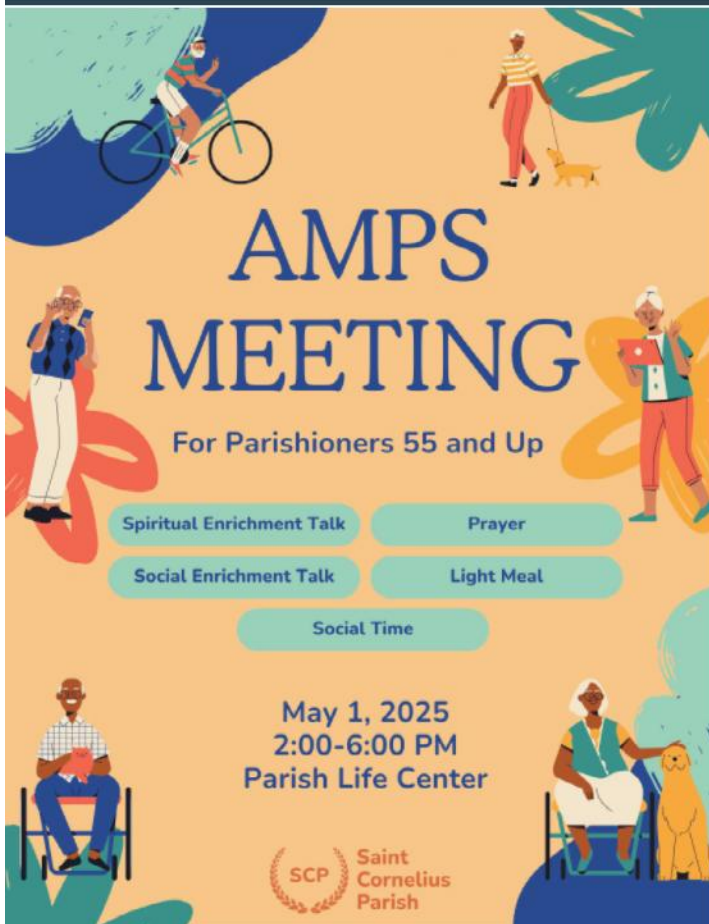
Following a sacramental confession, he felt his heart touched and sensed the descent of the mercy of God, who with a look of tender love, called him to the religious life, following the example of St. Ignatius of Loyola. That was the beginning of Pope Francis’ life as a member of the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits.

Many of us remember his visit to Philadelphia in 2015 for the World Meeting of Families. He electrified the city and touched the minds and hearts of Philadelphians, Catholic and non-Catholic.

Now he lives for ever in the presence of our Merciful God. We can ask for his intercession. Pope Francis, pray for us.

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



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- and **June 20-22** at St. Mary of Providence Center, Elverson.

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Giving Hope to All



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

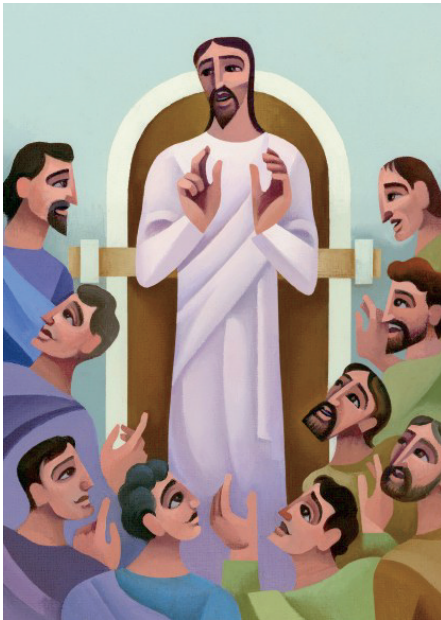
Valerie Childs (610) 213-0515
and Vickie Gambino (317) 440-5210



CONGRATULATIONS!

Saint Cornelius has been notified by **Padua Academy** that **Elce Walsh** has merited High Honors and **Elena Pettineo** has merited Honors. We congratulate and wish Elce and Elena continued success in their academic endeavors.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



A Sense of Peace

God of peace and source of all life,
 we praise you for the gift of new life we received in Baptism.
 Like the disciples,
 we too hide from our call to evangelize.
 Grant us, who are filled with fear and doubt,
 a renewed sense of hope and peace.
 In Baptism, you claimed us,
 so help us to hear your voice,
 which calls us from our isolation.
 May the Holy Spirit inspire us to share the Good News
 and fill us with the joy of your Risen Son.
 Implant within our hearts
 a deep sense of courage and keen sense of faith
 so that until the end of time your chosen people will praise your name
 and rejoice in the presence of Christ.
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Written by Timothy A. Johnston

Sunday, April 27, 2025 Peace of Christ

Today's Readings: Acts 5:12–16; Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24; Revelation 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19; John 20:19–31.

Two words from the Gospel that stand out are peace and fear. Imagine what it must have been like for Jesus' followers after his Death and Resurrection. Filled with fear, they locked themselves in a room. Think of a time when you've been so afraid that you needed to hide yourself or your ideas. Consider those who suffer physical or mental abuse, those who are persecuted for their religious convictions, or those who fear speaking truth when faced with death. Feeling afraid can entrap and confuse us.

In Death, Jesus triumphs over sin and death and

The Tabernacle

Start up a discussion about the tabernacle and be prepared for strong feelings. It ranks right up there with topics like a balanced budget and the designated hitter rule.

The reason is simple. The tabernacle houses the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus Christ is God. Catholics before a tabernacle quickly find themselves at the nucleus of their faith.

Tabernacles got their start for a very practical reason. Christians prized the Eucharist, so central to their faith. If some member was unable to participate in the weekly gathering because of illness, the healthy community sent a representative to the home to bring part of the sacred meal to its ailing member. We continue this custom today when Communion ministers bring Communion to the sick.

To make the idea work, it became necessary to create a place to store the Eucharist. The tabernacle was born. Earlier, the community simply consumed the Body and Blood of the Lord at every Eucharist, except for what they brought immediately to the sick.

unlocks the doors to new life. He ushers in a peace that surpasses all understanding, a peace that helps us endure suffering, a peace that empowers us to forgive, and a peace that demands justice. Think about the past few days. What in your life has been unlocked because of Christ's Death and Resurrection? What still needs to be unlocked and consumed by the peace of Christ? Filled with the Holy Spirit, Christ sends us to be his presence in the world, a presence that speaks peace in the midst of violence, war, and much more. We must say "Peace be with you" to all we encounter so as to restore relationships and help others know the amazing gift of the Resurrection. How does your faith community or family live peace? Consider how you might share the gift of Christ's peace this week at a homeless shelter, a nursing home, or a shelter for survivors of abuse.

Written by Timothy A. Johnston.

Later, as Christians realized that the tabernacle housed the most precious object of our faith, a devotion grew up around the tabernacle itself as a place for divine worship. It made sense, but the original idea was to reserve Communion for the sick, not to foster adoration. Gradually, the tabernacle began to serve a further function. It provided extra hosts for Mass. When Communion time came, the priest could always rely on the reserves in the tabernacle. First, a storehouse for the sick, then an object of adoration, now it became a source of feeding the community gathered for Mass.

To bring it down home, the tabernacle began as a medicine chest, became an heirloom, and ended up as a refrigerator. No wonder people disagree about where it should be placed in the church.

Its primary purpose remains the same—to keep Communion for the sick. Secondly, it deserves our devotion, but apart from the celebration of Mass. We should avoid feeding the faithful who attend Eucharist from the contents of the tabernacle (see GIRM, 85). The tabernacle serves the sick at home; the altar serves the assembly at church.

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
Drive at St. Cornelius!!
Thursday – May 15, 2025
1PM to 6PM**

Registration Opportunity after ALL Masses
April 26 & 27

OR....Register at redcrossblood.org using Zip Code **19317** and *Refine Search* or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) Call Marilyn at 484-947-7295 leaving your name and phone number with any questions.

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Eligibility questions? Call the Red Cross Donor Center
@ 1-866-236-3276



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has a Facebook page?**

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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.

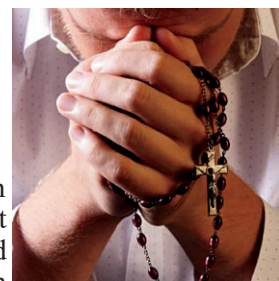


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**Sunday
May 18
11:45 AM**



Join our Parish Pro-Life Group in the church on Sunday, May 18, at 11:45 AM, 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.

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 right 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.



CAMP CORNELIUS

Location: Saint Cornelius Early Learning Center
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Week of July 14th



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Before care (8 AM) and After care (until 5 PM)
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 20, 2025

WeShare eGiving	\$8,268.40
Envelope Offering	<u>\$28,319.00</u>
	\$36,587.40



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

Luke 12:34



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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



**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 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

The Catholic Church has a moral responsibility to respond to the needs of our global neighbors. The Catholic Church has long seen this charitable, pro-life responsibility as one shared with governmental partners. But U.S. international assistance is not solely charity. It is a strategic investment with profound impacts on life, dignity and global stability. Terminating life-saving programs not only neglects our nation's responsibility but also weakens the very foundations of peace, stability and prosperity.

Due to extensive cuts to USAID, 69 of Catholic Relief Service's programs have received termination notices. Terminations of Catholic Relief Service's programs have impacted over 35 of the countries in which CRS works. Please urge Congress and the Administration to halt and reverse all terminations of lifesaving and life-affirming humanitarian and development assistance until a thorough and transparent review of programs is conducted and to disperse all Congressionally appropriated funds in a timely manner. Learn more at www.crs.org!



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

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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
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
Capt Jonathan McGrath
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Lt. Cmdr Inga O'Shea
Maj James O'Shea
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PFC L Roland
LTJG Christian Samulewicz
1st Lt. Olivia Samulewicz
Capt. Neal F. Schubert
Ens Nicholas Spadaccini
MSG Thomas Stone
Cpl Mark Truex
Lt. Christopher Vish
Capt. Aidan Walsh
PFC Ellianna Welsh
Capt Jennifer Wynn

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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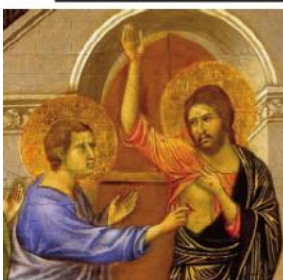
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or call the Early Learning Center office at
(610) 459 - 8663.



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.



Second Sunday of Easter,
Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 20, 2025

*Blessed are those who have
not seen and have believed.*
Jn 20: 29



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

Kathleen A. Koperna

Mother of Michelle (Koperna) Van Horn

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

A RECOMMITMENT TO END HUNGER!



THANK YOU!

Together, we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. THANK YOU for being a part of this effort! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at the PLC in the next two weeks.

You can also scan the QR code to donate using our own St. Cornelius Rice Bowl donation page. The people of the world really need our assistance.

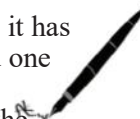


Helping Hands and Hearts

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	The Gleason Family
9:00 AM	Helene Pileggi
11:00 AM	Helen Stillwell
4:00 PM	Donald Daly

Weekly Mass Schedule (Week of April 28 - May 2)

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*
Reading: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Monday 7:30 AM

Intention: Rev. Msgr. Gregory Parlante
Reading: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday 7:30 AM

Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Intention: Frank DiJoseph
Reading: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5;
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Mary Wazeter Mannhardt
Reading: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday 7:30 AM

Intention: Olimpia Tranzilli
Reading: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20;
Jn 3:31-36

Friday 7:30 AM

Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Intention: Joseph Bawduniak
Reading: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

PILGRIM STATUE

04 - 27 - 2025	Joanne Fonash
05 - 04 - 2025	Kathy Howley
05 - 11 - 2025	Mary Chuchman

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.



SEEING IS BELIEVING

Seeing is believing! Since cellphone screens connect us instantly to social media, live TV, and loved ones' faces near and far, "Doubting Thomas" could be our patron saint: "Unless I see, I will not believe!" But how comforting for any of us who share Thomas's doubt, or love "doubters" who do, to see how kindly Jesus responds. By offering the very evidence that Thomas demanded, Jesus doesn't scold Thomas, but seems to understand such skepticism. Could Jesus have been thinking of us, who long to believe that "Jesus is risen!" but see so much suffering, and perhaps even cause some, that we wonder, how could something so wonderful be true? In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the risen Jesus' healing love comforts through disciples who love others. In Revelation, "our brother John" doesn't just claim he saw Jesus alive, but passes on Jesus' life-giving words, "Do not be afraid." Seeing Jesus in others is believing!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

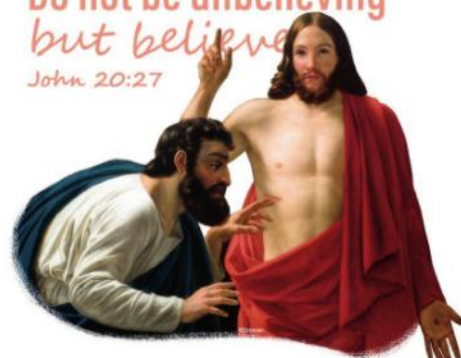
An ancient title for this Sunday is *Dominica in Albis*, or "Sunday in White." During the Easter Vigil, the newly baptized are invested with a white garment, a sign that they have put on Christ. At one time, the gar-

ments were worn for a full week of celebration and reflection, and on this Sunday the newly baptized would appear in their robes again in their new place among the faithful for Eucharist.

In later centuries, the energy of new life at Easter was largely forgotten, and this Sunday was renamed "Quasimodo Sunday," or "Low Sunday." In recent years, with the recovery of the insight that Easter is the privileged time for celebrating and renewing baptism, there is nothing "Low" about this Sunday. At a week's distance, the beauty and grace of our Easter celebration is sustained by joyful alleluias, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water, and the comfort of the Lord's presence to us. He is risen, and he summons us together, opening up the scriptures for us, breaking the bread, filling us with new life.

—James Field,

Do not be unbelieving
but believe
John 20:27



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