

St. Cornelius Parish



SUNDAY BULLETIN

May 4, 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

III Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

What do you think it was like in that upper room after the passion, suffering and death of Jesus? We have the benefit of knowing how the story turned out; Jesus' suffering was not for nothing, He returns to them and life is given for all eternity. What do you think of that meeting in that upper room? It could have been a supreme moment of chagrin and embarrassment. Did you ever have to apologize to someone for hurting their feelings or say you were sorry for something that you said in a moment of frustration or anger or exhaustion? It is not a pleasant bit of the human condition to contend with is it? It seems that the Lord is hammering Peter with the same question and watching as Peter squirms out a response that appears to be nothing more than rhetorical redundancy. But this is no exercise in rhetoric.

Others have written that the three fold affirmation of His love for Jesus in a way atones for his triple denial on the night before our Lord died. It is not only a statement about Peter's love but also the quality of love. Love is one of the three theological virtues. It is the third and greatest of the theological virtues which St. Paul beautifully articulates in the 13th chapter of I Corinthians. The issue of love in today's gospel and its relationship to Peter is that the sort of love known as unconditional or disinterested love. Unconcerned about its reception we offer this love to others. The ultimate miracle of the gift of Divine Love is that we are empowered to give it to others. This need not be a burden. In actuality, offering love to others (they are free to accept it or not) is not anything that is beyond any of our abilities. It is not a burden. The act of loving one another can be and is done in the every day, ordinary, quotidian, even hum drum life that we call our own.

Ours is not a call to greatness in moments when we manifest our love for another. Certainly there are occasions when an act of love is heroic; organ donation, generous acts of charity, giving up one's life so that another may live. For most of us that reality rarely comes to us as an opportunity. What does come to us are those times, when through specific moments lived fully, we can show and share love.

Sometime the realization of the God's Love rushes over us. Read the words of St. Augustine taken from his Confessions:

Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you.... You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace.

We continue to celebrate Easter. Gathered as a community of believers at Mass and then as a family for the Easter meal, we celebrated the gift of life, eternal life that is offered to us. Was that just another Sunday afternoon or can you look back on it and recall the goodness and joy of being with those you love and who love you? God's love for us is always available. Look at the world in bloom this spring. If you do not recognize God's love in your life reflect on how it is that you are seeking it. Do you seek it? Or are you distracted by the things, activities or possessions that occupy your time.

Make a conscious effort to look for and share God's love this week.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond



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.

If a funeral is scheduled for a Friday, there will be NO exposition.

Holy Hour - Join Us!

Monday, May 5, 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.



When's the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! Let the light of your marriage sacrament shine for all. Make your light bright by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next in-person experience will be **June 20-22** at St. Mary of Providence Center, Elverson.

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



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**

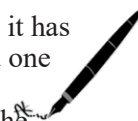
We find ourselves in need of white acrylic yarn or funding to help continue this wonderful ministry. Please prayerfully consider donating to our ministry or purchasing a "Pound of Love" or "Caron Pound" of white acrylic yarn. We have a basket set up in the narthex, below the large TV monitor, to offer 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

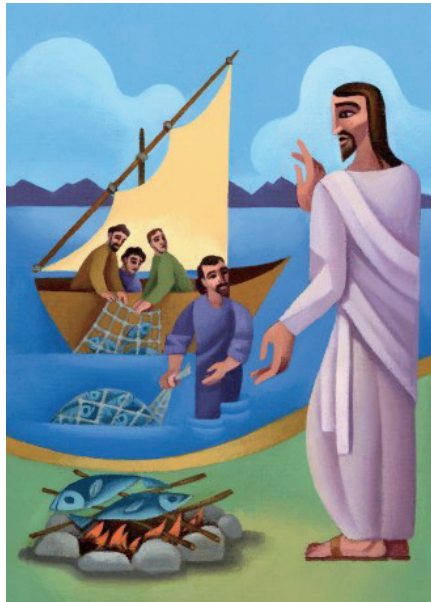
Valerie Childs (610) 213-0515
and Vickie Gambino (317) 440-5210

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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Presence

Good and gracious God,
in Baptism you call us out of darkness into the light of life.
Open our eyes to see your Son
and fill us with zeal so that, like Peter,
who jumped into the sea to greet Christ,
we may delight in your friendship.
May the abundant love you share with each of us overflow,
and lead us to care for all your children.
Grant that our Eucharistic sharing
unite us in one heart and mind
so that we can faithfully and joyfully
proclaim the Good News of salvation to the ends of the earth.
And may your Holy Spirit
lead us always to accept your invitation to feast at your table.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Written by Timothy A. Johnston

Sunday, May 4, 2025 Pilgrims Bearing Witness

Today's Readings: Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–12, 13; Revelation 5:11–14; John 21:1–19. Where have you seen the Risen Christ? The disciples encountered him again in Galilee while they were fishing. This story seems to have two parts. First, Jesus calls the disciples “children” and invites them to recast their nets to catch some fish. It seems that Jesus is reminding them that, though they are “fishers of people,” they still have a lot to learn.

Isn't this true for us too? Each year we cycle through the Scriptures as pilgrims on a journey to share at the feast of life. During this pilgrimage, we encounter Christ and are confronted with sin. This deepens our communion with the

living God and opens our hearts to know the path of discipleship. This, in turn, propels us to share the Good News.

The second scene recalls Peter's denial of Jesus. Three times Peter denied Jesus, and here, three times Peter confesses his love for Christ. This powerful image teaches us that no matter how badly we turn from Jesus, we are still loved. What does your love of the Lord look like? Sharing the Good News of the Resurrection isn't easy for any of us. Like the early disciples, we too will be faced with ridicule and persecution, and yet, we must bear witness to the truth. That's one reason we gather at Eucharist. There, we are strengthened in our faith so that we can go forth and witness the Paschal Mystery. Draw a timeline that shows your journey of faith and witness.

Timothy A. Johnston

Alpha and Omega

Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. They are both vowels. Alpha equates to our letter A and is shaped the same way. Omega looks like a horseshoe: Ω. It has a long O sound, so its aural equivalent appears earlier in our alphabet. In Greek, though, alpha leads to omega as A leads to Z.

These two letters appear several times in the Book of Revelation (1:8; 21:6; 22:13), at the end of the Bible. Together they form a title of Jesus Christ, who is the first and the last; the beginning and the end; the one who is, who was, and who is to come; the almighty; the one who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

At the Easter Vigil each year, the priest carves the letters Alpha and Omega into the candle while reciting a text that proclaims *Christ as the beginning and the end*. The symbols remain in the candle throughout the

year. They may appear elsewhere in Christian art, often associated with the Cross.

As one Church year draws to a close and another begins on the First Sunday of Advent, it is appropriate to remember Christ, who stands above all time as the beginning and the end. He existed before time began. He will rule as judge at the end of days. And he appeared in human history, an event we recall every Christmas Day. Whether we are celebrating the turning of the Church year or of the calendar year, we hail Christ as our Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the one to whom all time belongs, and in whom we live, move, and have our being.

A Ω

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

You can 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.

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds. Blood cannot be manufactured. It can only come from generous donors like YOU.

Be that Good Samaritan! Be a donor on May 15th !!!

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



**Did you realize St. Cornelius
has a Facebook page?**

Like us on Facebook to stay up to date with information about upcoming events, how you can become active on committees, and other parish news.

HEED THE CALL



**VOCATION OFFICE FOR
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD**
Visit our website
WWW.HeedTheCall.org

Welcome to the Parish!



Thomas and Mary DelVecchio & family
Shawn and Kimberly Hagerty
Lucas Nicosia
Kathryn Rodgers
Lyn Ryan
Jeffery and Sara Schmidt & family

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.



FUNERAL MINISTRY

Funeral Ministry is a parish organization that provides volunteers to assist with the celebration of the funeral liturgy.

ADULT servers carry the cross and lit candles in the Entrance Procession and the Recessional Procession and help with other duties before, during, and after Mass.

Most funerals are in the morning - either 10am or 11am - Monday through Saturday.

So, if you always wanted to be an altar server, this is a great opportunity, and a great way to perform a corporal work of mercy! Training will be provided.

For more information, contact Veronica Egner at

Pave345@comcast.net or (610) 299-9794



St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

Our PreK4 and Kindergarten students had a wonderful time on their spring field trip to Tyler Arboretum! Surrounded by nature, they explored beautiful gardens, walked along scenic trails, and discovered all kinds of plants and wildlife. The children especially enjoyed hands-on activities that brought their classroom learning to life, sparking curiosity and excitement about the world around them. It was a joyful day of learning, laughter, and adventure in the great outdoors!



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 27, 2025

WeShare eGiving	\$7,816.40
Envelope Offering	<u>\$10,571.50</u>
	\$18,387.90



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

Luke 12:34



**YOUNG CATHOLIC
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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 in the United States has partnered with the government for decades to help the poor overseas. However, due to extensive cuts to USAID, 69 of Catholic Relief Services's programs have received termination notices. This will cut off critical aid to more than 11 million people worldwide. Specifically, in Burkina Faso, 43,000 people will not receive emergency kits for shelter, water, hygiene, sanitation and basic household needs.

In Haiti, 4,300 families will not receive support to meet their survival food needs and prevent malnutrition in children and pregnant women. In Iraq, 1,205 young men and women, including minority Christians, are not receiving seed money for youth employment projects, which increases the risk for migration and radicalization. In the Philippines, household kits cannot be distributed, leaving 3,395 people without blankets, sleeping mats and cooking-ware after the severe impacts of Typhoon Pepito. Please urge Congress and the Administration to halt and reverse all terminations of lifesaving and life-affirming humanitarian and development assistance. Thanks for your support!



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

SSG Ana Brunal
SPC Mike Canfield
Cpl Michael Castle
Lt. Connor Cleary
Fr. Joseph Coffey (Chaplain)
Maj Robert B. Cusick, Jr.
Capt Joshua deFreitas
SSGT Michael DiVernieri
Cadet Emily Fanning
Lt. Ryan Gallagher
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
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LCDR Ryan A. McGuckin
Maj. Sean P. Noll
Lt. Col Brian J. O'Shea
Lt. Cmdr Inga O'Shea
Maj James O'Shea
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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

Dominique Copper, Brian Walheim, 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
dochollisv@aol.com or call (610) 717-2180.



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Early Learning Center

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2025 - 2026

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CONTACT US

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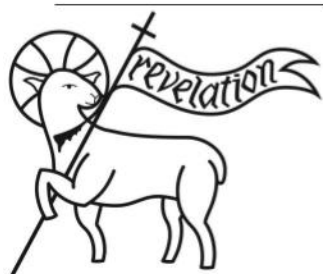
or call the Early Learning Center office at (610) 459 - 8663.



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.



**Third Sunday of Easter,
May 4, 2025**

*"Worthy is the Lamb
that was slain
to receive power and riches,
wisdom and strength,
honor and glory and blessing."*

— Revelation 5:12

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

Kathleen A. Koperna

Mother of Michelle (Koperna) Van Horn

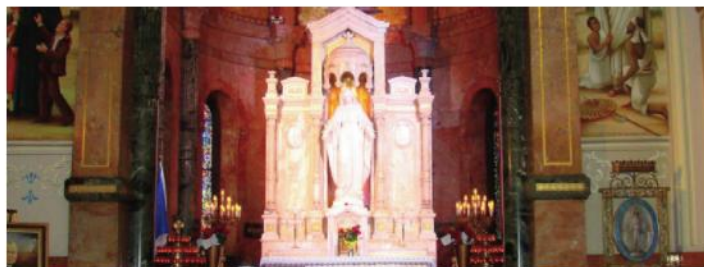
*Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord.
May she rest in peace.*



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.

Pilgrimage to the Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Monday, May 12, 2025



The parish is planning a pilgrimage to the Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, located in the Germantown section of the city of Philadelphia. We will be carpooling and asking for volunteer drivers. We meet at St. Cornelius at 8:15, leave no later than 8:30am and arrive at the shrine by 9:30. Upon arrival, there will be a Tour and History of the Basilica Shrine and the Miraculous Medal. The donation for this is \$15. Following the tour, we will have the opportunity for Confession and Adoration. The Rosary will be recited, followed by the Miraculous Medal Novena prayers and Mass. We will be bringing our own Lunch and spend time in the Gift Shop and tour the Rosary Walk. Our departure time will be 2PM.

If you are interested in going on the Miraculous Medal Shrine Pilgrimage, please sign up below! Again, we are asking for volunteer drivers! If you need additional information, please contact Agnes at 302-290-3486 or agnes324@verizon.net.



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Location: Saint Cornelius Early Learning Center
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Questions? Contact:

Director: Debbie Anderson

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Sunday Mass Intentions

7:30 AM Joseph & Nancy Yankoski
9:00 AM Gertrude Grabowski
11:00 AM Stephen F. Laskowski
4:00 PM Donald Daly

Weekly Mass Schedule (Week of May 5 - May 9)

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*
Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6,
11-12, 13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

Monday 7:30 AM

Intention: Eileen McGuigan Molz
Reading: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Dominic Martorana
Reading: Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and
8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Michael Kane
Reading: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a;
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday 7:30 AM

Intention: Denis Daly
Reading: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;
Jn 6:44-51

Friday 7:30 AM

Intention: Alex & Jennie Palovitch
Reading: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

TABERNACLE CANDLES

In memory of Gertrude Grabowski,
Req. by Phyllis Albany

PILGRIM STATUE

05 - 04 - 2025 Kathy Howley
05 - 11 - 2025 Mary Chuchman
05 - 18 - 2025 Open

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.



LIFELONG SERVICE

"I am going fishing." What an announcement! If asked who made this announcement and I am not told it was a Bible quote, we might guess "Grandpa" or "Uncle Fred," or admit, "I said that last summer!" But it is a Bible quote, from today's Gospel. The person who said it also once declared, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Yes, it's Peter! So today's announcement seems quite the comedown. Last Sunday Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." But Peter seems determined to return to his pre-apostolic occupation, until Jesus intervenes, making Peter's later announcement deeper, "Lord, you know that I love you," and Peter's apostolic calling clearer, "Tend my sheep." Peter does so. Acts presents the consequences: Peter declares, "We must obey God rather than men." As Revelation proclaims, "Worthy is the Lamb"—to receive Peter's lifelong service, and ours.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Gospel today sees Peter and his colleagues after the Resurrection, returning to Galilee and resuming the family business. They are fishing by night. Although it is true that fish feed by night, the mention of darkness here is more about the human spirit than it is about fishing advice. Modern life keeps darkness effec-

tively under control; much of the world has been glowing radiantly through the night for a century. Yet just as surely as the Risen Christ breaks into Peter's fishing, so does he break into the usual patterns of our own darkness, electric lights notwithstanding. It is Easter, and we are the people of the light.

In our tradition, Evening Prayer, celebrated in monasteries, parishes, cathedrals, and homes everywhere, is a kind of solemn protest against the darkness and its claims, an act of praise for our light-bearing God, and a commitment to carrying that light forward. Sunset is a turning point of our day, felt less acutely in an electrified world, but still an effective reminder that one day darkness overtakes us all. Yet our Eastering has taught us in a hundred ways that the victory belongs to the Bearer of Light. Easter summons us to transform our everyday

"blackouts," perhaps in a way as simple as a whispered prayer of thanks at evening for the blessings of the day.

—James Field



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