

St. Cornelius Parish



SUNDAY BULLETIN

May 11, 2025

"My sheep hear my voice;
I know them,
and they follow me.

...and no one
can take them
out of the Father's hand.
The Father and I are one."

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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 <https://vimeo.com/user123448673>

Thoughts from the Second Floor Front

IV Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

The liturgy of the Word throughout the season of Easter is structured in the same manner each week: a reading from Acts, a reading from Revelation and a reading from the Fourth Gospel. The most challenging to embrace is, in all probability, the reading from the Book of Revelation. It is a literary genre known as Apocalyptic Literature. The sacred writer does not misrepresent the visions of God he receives, but to us it seems that he is certainly disguising them. Sometimes these disguises take on extraordinary, if not bizarre, forms. Today is a very calm day with the Apocalypse. However, we have to ask what the vision has to do with us in our contemporary experience of the faith.

I would offer that in an analogous way we too are experiencing a “time of great distress.” The author was referring to an empire wide persecution against the nascent Church. Domitian, who demanded that all address him as *Dominus et Deus – My Lord and my God*, had engaged in a systematic and savage attack on the new Way, as our faith was initially called. One of John’s purposes in writing Revelation was to offer hope to a beleaguered and beaten people. Evil cannot win the day because the victory is already ours in Jesus who has defeated the ultimate enemy – death.

Where then is the analogy? How is our “time of great distress” characterized? The opposition we experience will not be in the form of a wicked Emperor who forces his whimsical and capricious will on us. The opposition that we experience will be much more subtle. We and our values will be ignored. Not rejected but not even given consideration. I believe there is a sort of malaise that has affected our contemporary society. The malaise is chiefly seen in a level of self absorption, if not bordering on then running over into Narcissism. For a disciple, this cannot be accepted.

John writes of a great number of people in his vision. The numbers of people in our day, unlike in John the Seer’s vision, are not on our side. Despite a reported record number of people who came into the Church at Easter, our numbers are down. Whether it is Mass attendance, marriage or baptisms, which means that there is a greater demand on us to live in a manner consistent with the call we have received from the Shepherd whose voice we still hear. You have heard His voice; otherwise you would not be in a church on a Sunday morning. You have heard His voice and responded. As the days of this upcoming week unfold when we find ourselves immersed in the demands of our daily work and life, may we not only hear His voice but speak in His voice to others. Through us, through our self-giving not taking, through our patience, kindness and constancy may others come to know the Risen Lord and our unity with God.

This Sunday is generally known as Good Shepherd Sunday because the Gospel excerpt proclaimed addresses the image of Jesus as our Shepherd. As I write this the Cardinal Electors are preparing to enter the Sistine Chapel for the election of a new universal Shepherd and successor to Saint Peter for the needs of our times. On Sabbatical in Ireland ten years ago I found myself in a unique position. I was celebrating Mass in a very rural area of County Donegal and the congregation in attendance was composed mainly of families who raise sheep for a living.

There I was preaching about shepherds and sheep to shepherds who raise sheep for a living. For a kid from 28th and Tasker to preach to such a gathering on such a topic was more than a stretch. Incredibly, or perhaps due to the congregations’ charity, I was not laughed off the altar. I was welcomed back Sunday after Sunday and as the time of my sabbatical was ending, I would be lying if I said I was not all that sad to be leaving that place. I miss it still and hope someday to return. The ancient Greek Philosopher Heraclitus was entirely correct when he said: *No man ever steps into the same river twice. For it is not the same river and he is not the same man. That being true, I would at least like to put my feet in it again.*

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.

St. John's Hospice Thanks You!



A huge thank you to all our generous parishioners for the donations of clothes and toiletries for St. John's Hospice! We collected \$250 and several boxes and a couple dozen large trash bags full of donations! Our next collection will be a Food Drive on May 31-June 1 for the Kennett Area Community Service Food Bank. Thanks again for your generous almsgiving during this season of Lent.



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.

Welcome to the Matthew XXV Garden Season 5 Matthew XXV

A big round of applause to all those who were able to come Saturday to help prepare for planting. It couldn't have been done so quickly and beautifully without your help.

If available, we would love to see you again, in order to get all the seedlings into the ground. The forecast is for a beautiful morning.

Then we stand back and wait for God's magic to be done.

Again, thank you,
Matthew XXV Committee
Laurie, JoEllen, Steve, & Regina



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 lifestyle 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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Good Shepherd

O Shepherd of Israel,
 you know your sheep by name and call us to heed your voice.
 When we were lost and afraid, you sent your only Son, Jesus,
 the font of life-giving water,
 to quench our thirsty hearts
 and, by grace, restore us to life.
 Open our ears so that we may hear the voice of Jesus,
 who shepherds us on the path to eternal life,
 and grant to those who follow Christ
 refreshment and protection.
 Increase our faith in your Son
 so that, with joy,
 we may announce the gift of salvation to your flock.
 May your reign eliminate all hunger and thirst
 and draw all creation closer to you.
 Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Written by Timothy A. Johnston

Sunday, May 11, 2025 Heed Christ's Voice

Today's Readings: Acts 13:14, 43–52; Psalm 100:1–2, 3, 5; Revelation 7:9, 14b–17; John 10:27–30.

Having been raised in the country near many farms, I know the demanding work that a farmer/shepherd must put in to keep the flock or herd healthy and safe. Like our story, the farmer knows the herd and the herd knows him. My uncle Jack knew each of his cattle and could tell if one was missing. Similarly, we have come to know Christ in Baptism, and he intimately knows us. In Baptism, Jesus calls us to be heralds of justice and compassion. We hope that during Lent our reflection led us to listen more carefully and heed Jesus' invitation.

Paul and Barnabas, members of the flock, heeded Jesus' call and went forth preaching. The First Reading tells us about the abuse and persecution they suffered on one trip. When we pay attention and listen to Jesus' call, we are obedient to his will and are faithful disciples. When you pray, what does Jesus ask of you and to what does he invite you? The beauty in all this is that Jesus calls us from all races and nations to bear witness to God's love. We are a diverse flock with many diverse gifts to share. We are one with each other as Jesus is one with his Father and the Holy Spirit. Today's Gospel affirms that no matter what, Jesus will care for us and protect us. We truly are his people and forever joined to him. Engage in some active imagination with the image of resting in God's hand. What comforts you or challenges you in this image?

Timothy A. Johnston

The Paschal Candle

A question arose about the Easter Candle (often called the Paschal candle as well) and what it is that Msgr. Diamond puts in the candle at the Easter vigil.

This is a great question since our new candle was blessed at the Easter Vigil and it will be used throughout the year as a source of light at Baptisms and at funerals as a sign of the Christians own Passover. From this candle, you may recall, your own candles were lit that evening illuminating the darken church as we celebrated our Lord's resurrection. The new candle is a symbol of our renewed life in Christ, our hearts burn with the Joy of the resurrection.

If you take a moment after Mass some time, take a close look at what you see. A cross, symbolizing the Paschal mystery, Jesus death and Resurrection. You also see two Greek letters; *alpha*, the first letter in the Greek alphabet, and the *omega*, the last letter in the alphabet (see yellow square). These letters represent that God is everlasting,

encompasses all things, from first to last, the beginning to the end - all of life. From the time you are born, to the time you die. You also will notice five objects that look like pins (blue circles). These are inserted into the candle while prayers are recited. They are grains of incense that represent the five wounds of Jesus; two for his hands, one for his feet, one for the spear that pierced his side and one for the crown of thorns. The last item to mention are the numerals for the new year (red square).

Like all symbols the candle reflects elements of our faith. God is the first and the last, from the time of our baptism, to the time of our death. Always burning, ever present at the font of our salvation.





Praise & Worship

St. Cornelius Church
Tuesday, May 13
@ 7 PM
All Ages Welcome!

Music by Jack Terzian, a well-known musician among the Archdiocese of Philadelphia



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.

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Easter Collection

Our Easter collection this year, which includes all the Easter envelopes from January 1, 2025 up to Sunday, April 27, 2025 as well as the Sunday envelope from April 20th as well as WeShare contributions, came to a strong total of **\$45,222.00**.

We are grateful for the continuous generosity our parish always demonstrates towards one another, the parish and the wider community.

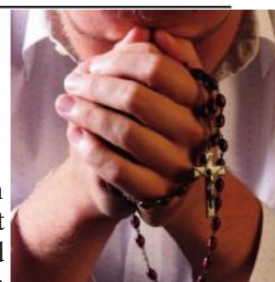
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Sunday
May 18
11:45 AM

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.



33 DAYS OF EUCHARISTIC GLORY

As we close out the three-year National Eucharistic Revival on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, let us prepare our own heart to fall deeper in love with Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament by making a personal consecration to Our Eucharistic Lord on Sunday, June 22, 2025.

We will use Matthew Kelly's book, 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory. If you want to follow along in the book, it may be purchased on Amazon at <https://a.co/d/gFZEu20>. Purchase is not essential. We will begin preparing on Tuesday, May 20.



To sign up for daily messages for your 33 days of preparation, please send an email to Michelle at virginmaryfiat@gmail.com with "2025 Eucharistic Consecration" in the subject line, and in the body of the email, put your name and parish, St. Cornelius. Please send an email if you have any questions. Invite a friend to join you in growing closer to Jesus.



St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

Last month our early learning center was filled with smiles and sweet treats as our little friends enjoyed “Donuts with Dad” — a special time shared with dads, grandpas, uncles, and other important men in their lives. The room buzzed with excitement as the children proudly shared donuts, juice, and laughter with their guests. It was a heartwarming sight to see so many meaningful connections being celebrated, creating lasting memories over sprinkles and sticky fingers. We are so grateful to all the wonderful men who came out to make this day extra special!



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.

May 4, 2025

WeShare eGiving	\$9,651.40
Envelope Offering	<u>\$10,726.50</u>
	\$20,377.90



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

Luke 12:34



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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



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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

Now more than ever, it's important to ensure that the most vulnerable among us can lead healthy, prosperous lives. Malaria, a disease spread by mosquitoes, kills nearly 600,000 people a year. However, insecticide-treated bed nets and medicines like seasonal malaria chemoprevention (SMC) help to protect families from malaria.

Catholic Relief Services and local partners distributed over 35.2 million insecticide-treated bed nets in 2024 to help protect children and families from malaria. This helped to avert over 3.3 million estimated malaria cases and over 24,700 estimated malaria deaths among children under age 5.

Please help us continue this work by urging Congress and the Administration to halt and reverse all terminations of life-saving and life-affirming USAID humanitarian and development assistance. Thank you for your support!



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

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*Let us pray for our Men and Women
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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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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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 11 2025



"I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."

— Acts 13:47b



Giving Hope to All



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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Questions? Contact:

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Sunday Mass Intentions

7:30 AM Deceased members of the
DiFrancesco Family
9:00 AM Barbara Kolp
11:00 AM Mary Elizabeth Vendzules
4:00 PM Donald Daly

Weekly Mass Schedule (Week of May 12 - May 16)

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*
Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5;
Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Monday 7:30 AM

Intention: Marie Murphy
Reading: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3, 43:3,4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Vantie Felicione
Reading: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday 7:30 AM

Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

Intention: Marian Cullen
Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,
7-8; Jn 15:9-17

Thursday 7:30 AM

Intention: Bruce Parker
Reading: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and
27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday 7:30 AM

Intention: Frances Kane
Reading: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab;
Jn 14:1-6

PILGRIM STATUE

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05 - 18 - 2025 Isabel Mueller
05 - 25 - 2025 Open

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

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for more information.



SHEPHERDS LIKE JESUS

Each year this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrates Jesus the Good Shepherd. Today's Gospel seems especially timely, for as Christians worldwide suffer persecution like Paul and Barnabas, Jesus promises his sheep enduring, invincible safety: "They shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand." But we who are free to live our faith peacefully sometimes take our membership in Jesus' flock for granted, wandering astray to seek our own pleasure and prosperity. The simple cross that Pope Francis always wears seems to show us how Jesus responds to that. Francis's cross features an image of Jesus, who has sought and found a lost sheep, then joyfully set it on his shoulders to carry it gently home. May Good Shepherd Sunday inspire us, so often lost and found ourselves, to assist Jesus in seeking, finding, and gently carrying home our fellow precious lambs.


TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass is such an expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries, receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian. "Easter duty" means that Catholics must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin, and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season.

For a while, this was a requirement of Easter week, and later extended to the whole season of fifty days, and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago, this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the bishop.

Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the church of their baptism in order to fulfill their duty, and therefore the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your "Holy Mother Church" is within a drive, why not make a pilgrimage to that font a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days?

—James Field



Christ The Good Shepherd

I am the good shepherd.
A good shepherd lays down
his life for the sheep.
John 10:11



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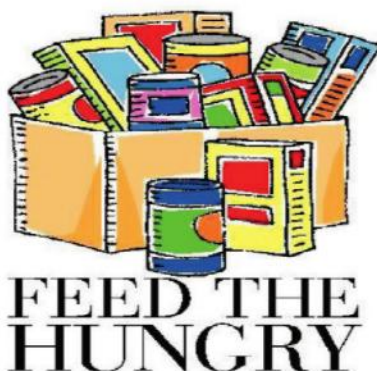
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(Serving the basic needs of the poor in the Kennett Square Area!)



Weekend of May 31 - June 1, 2025

BEFORE each mass volunteers will assist in loading your donations onto the KACS truck located at the PLC. Thank You!

Suggested donations:

Please, NO EXPIRED Items and NO GLASS Containers – Thank You!

- Cold Cereals - **Low Sugar**
- Canned Tomato Products
- Rice (2 lb. packages)
- Dried Beans (kidney, black & pinto)
- Canned Beans
- Canned Vegetables – **Low Sodium**
- Ketchup, mayonnaise, hot sauce
- Salt, pepper, garlic, cayenne pepper
- Canned Tuna & Chicken
- Canned Soup – **Low Sodium**
- Canned Fruit - **Low Sugar**
- Canned Meals: Pasta, baked beans, Spaghetti-Os, SPAM)
- Jelly; **NO Peanut Butter Please**
- Cooking oil, vegetable oil
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