St. Cornelius Parish

SUNDAY BULLETIN



May 25, 2025

We remember the many brave men and women who have given their lives through the history of our country to protect us from danger and harm. We salute all those who served in the military, the police and the fire departments. We also remember all those who sustained injury in mind and/or body in the course of their service.

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St. Cornelius Parish Summer Office Hours Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Noon closed for Lunch 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

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Thoughts from the Second Floor Front VI Sunday of Easter

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St. Augustine once said: There can only be two basic loves... the love of God unto the forgetfulness of self, or the love of self unto the forgetfulness and denial of God. This week's Gospel excerpt speaks of the love that disciples are to have. There ought to be a tremendous sense of danger in undertaking this love because it means dying to our ego and living for others. This can be done not just by the spiritual greats who span our history but also by those of us who this day have been embraced by the Good News. This love can be made real not only in words but in actions in the days of this upcoming week. Evidence of it can be seen in the promptings of the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus promises to us.

We have received the Spirit at Baptism and Confirmation, at the Eucharist and through prayer. The Spirit comes to those of us who are poor and in need and willing to admit weakness. As we draw closer to the feast of Pentecost the readings from Sacred Scripture will articulate the importance of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Life of a believer. This is especially true in St. Luke's gospel account (sometimes called the Gospel of the Holy Spirit) and the Acts of the Apostles where the author stresses the centrality of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church. In today's excerpt from the Acts of the Apostles the resolution to one of the first stumbling blocks to Church unity is resolved by the Holy Spirit.

There were some in the Church who demanded that those Gentiles coming into the New Way first practice Judaism before being baptized. To enter the waters of Baptism, these people claimed, one must walk through the portals of Judaism. The people who put forth this erroneous teaching came to be called *Judaizers* due to their insistence on practicing Judaism before becoming Christian. St. Paul fought against the Judaizers throughout his entire ministry. He was not entirely successful.

To demand more of a person to enter the Church than is necessary, that is to become a practicing Jew before becoming a practicing Christian, is excessive. If you add to Jesus you take away from Jesus. That is essentially the decision of the Council of Jerusalem which we heard in the first reading this weekend.

In a certain sense it is understandable that the Judaizers think as they do in so far as Jesus' original followers were Jews. However, something new is being achieved through the Spirit and that something new cannot be constrained. Resistance to change is nothing new evidently and it affected the members of the nascent Church; preferring the security of their comfort zone to the effort required to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

All throughout the Easter Season we are reminded that the Lord Christ has created something new. The renewal that is ours in the celebration of Easter brings life that requires us to love one another. This type of love is not the sloppy sentimentality that often is presented as an acceptable substitute for the real thing by our contemporary society. The love we are bid to have brings us to God and others, not ourselves. There may be circumstances when it is challenging to love. In those circumstances the opportunity for Grace abounds all the more.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond

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Ascension Thursday

May 29 Holy Day of Obligation

> Mass Times: Thursday 7:30am. 12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM

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.

Adoration will return after Labor Day, September 5, 2025



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.

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.

Welcome to the Matthew XXV Garden

Matthew XXV

The garden has been expanded this year, but the additional planting space did not deter our gardeners last weekend from putting in a good morning of planting and preparation for another strong season of growth. This garden has not only provided food for the needy in our area, it has also provided laughter, and sharing of ideas, and knowledge and friendship for those who have participated.

What grows inside the fenced garden, isn't just vegetables, it's friends, it is parish, it is Community.

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.



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Sacred Papal Symbols and Their Significance

The ancient office of the pope is rich in symbols and insignia. (Next week, additional items of the Petrine Ministry of Pope Leo)

The Pallium and Crozier

Two other symbolic objects that are closely associated with the papacy are the pallium and the crozier. Like the mitre, both of these items can be used by other members of the Catholic clergy, but have a special significance for the pope.

The pallium is a circular piece of wool worn around the neck that has two additional pieces hanging down the front and back. Originally, a pallium was an everyday long tunic worn in ancient Greece, then it became a form of symbolic dress associated with the early Christians. By the 5th century, wearing the pallium was reserved the highest offices of Catholic clergy and the honor could only be given by the pope himself.

Today, only the pope and archbishops can wear the pallium. Each of the sacred objects is made from the wool of two lambs selected each year during the Feast of St. Agnus (in Latin, agnus

means "lamb"). When an archbishop wears the pallium, it symbolizes his jurisdiction over a certain geographic area like a city or state. When the pope wears the pallium, it symbolizes his jurisdiction over the entire world. Bellitto says that if the pope visits a city, the local archbishop will not wear his pallium as recognition of the pope's ultimate authority.

The crozier is a shepherd's crook that dates back to the staffs carried by Jesus's original 12 disciples. By the 4th century, all new bishops were presented with a crozier as a symbol of their responsibility to care for the weakest among their flocks.

It wasn't until the papacy of Paul VI in the late 1960s that the crozier was adopted as a papal symbol. Paul VI wanted to emphasize his role as the supreme "pastor" of the Church, so he chose to carry a silver staff crowned with a crucifix. Several popes since then have adopted the pastoral staff as one of the symbolic fixtures of their office.

The Umbraculum

Another sacred and ancient symbol of the papacy is a striped parasol or umbrella known as the umbraculum or ombrellino. Like the

papal tiara, the umbraculum started out as a functional object.

"It was something that people carried around to give the pope shade," says Bellitto, "like they used to do for kings and pharaohs."

Over centuries, the large striped parasol became associated with the pope, who traveled seated on a special litter called the sedia gestatoria carried by footmen and flanked by large, feathered fans. The emperor-like portable throne was abandoned by Pope John XXIII as part of the Vatican II reforms and the umbraculum took on a purely symbolic role.

The umbrella symbol is most promi- and Paul, Philadelphia nently displayed on the coat of arms of

the camerlengo, the Vatican official who is in charge of the Church during the interregnum, the period following the death of a pope when the papacy is temporarily vacant. The sede vacante ("empty seat") coat of arms has the umbraculum in place of the tiara above the crossed keys.

Also, all Catholic cathedrals that qualify as basilicas receive a physical umbraculum that sits to the right of the altar and represents papal authority. When the pope visits one of those basilicas, the umbrella is opened.

The Fisherman's Ring

The pope's signet ring, known as the "fisherman's ring," symbolizes his authority as the heir to Saint Peter, the apostle of Jesus considered the founder and "rock" of the Roman Catholic Church. The ring, typically made of gold, features an image of Saint Peter and the pope's name.

The tradition of a papal fisherman's ring dates back to at least the 13th century and was first mentioned by Pope Clement IV in a 1265 letter as a seal for private papal documents. Originally depicting Saint Peter fishing (or sometimes with keys), the ring symbolized the apostle's

role as the "fisher of men" - or evangelist for the Church. Though its practical use has evolved, the ring remains a symbol of papal authority.

When a pope dies, the ring is removed from the body. The camerlengo (the Vatican official tasked



with supervising day-to-day operations of the Holy See between popes) takes responsibility for it until it is ceremoniously destroyed, symbolizing the end of the papal authority. The camerlengo oversees the ritual, historically smashing the ring with a special hammer to prevent misuse - a rite witnessed by cardinals to ensure authenticity. This tradition was modified when Pope Benedict XVI resigned in 2013; instead of breaking the ring, a deep cross was carved into it with a chisel.

The destruction of the papal fisherman's ring is both practical and symbolic. Practically, destroying the ring prevents forgery. Symbolically, it signifies the end of the pope's authority.



Cathedral Basilica of Ss. Peter

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HEED THE CALL



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What is the Papal Cross and Why Is It So Important?

The Papal cross, sometimes called the Papal Staff, is the official symbol for the office of the Pope, the highest authority of the Roman Catholic Church. As the official emblem of the papacy, the use of the Papal cross by any other entity is forbidden.

What Is the Papal Cross?

The design of the papal cross features three horizontal bars, with each subsequent bar being shorter than the one before it and the topmost bar being the shortest of the three. Some variations feature three horizontal bars of equal length.

While the most popular version is that of the cross with three bars of diminishing lengths, different Popes have used other types of crosses during their papacy, as per their choice. However, the three-bar Papal cross is the most ceremonious and easily recog- The Catholic Faith: Because nizable as representative of the Pope's authority and office.

The Papal cross has many interpretations, with no single significance considered more important than the other. The three bars of the Papal cross represent several triads, integral to the Catholic belief.

The Holy Trinity – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

- The three roles of the pope as community leader, teacher and worship leader
- The three powers and responsibilities of the pope in the temporal, material and spiritual realms
- The three theological virtues of Hope, Love and Faith

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 pur-



chased 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.

But in addition to these meanings, the Papal cross also represents the following concepts:

- Papal Authority: This cross represents the authority, power, and leadership of the Pope.
- Papal Office: Papal cross is an emblem of the Papal office, representing the Pope's spiritual and temporal authority.
- Papal Blessings: It represents his authority to give blessings.
- **Papal Ceremonies**: The Papal cross is featured in many Papal processions and ceremonies.
- the Papal cross represents the Pope, by extension it also represents the core tenets of the Catholic faith. It's a visual symbol of the Papacy and the Catholic faith.

The Papal Cross is an im-

portant symbol in the Catholic Church and holds significance specifically in relation to the Pope. If you would like to learn more about different types of crosses, check out our in-depth article detailing the many variations of crosses.

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Our early learning center was filled with love and laughter as we hosted a very special Mother's Day Tea Party to celebrate the incredible moms and special ladies in our little friends' lives. The children were so proud to welcome their guests, sharing handmade crafts and delicious treats prepared just for the occasion. It was a heartwarming morning full of smiles, hugs, and precious memories, as we honored the love, care, and guidance these amazing women provide every day. Thank you to all who joined us for making it such a joyful and unforgettable celebration!





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 18, 2025

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"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.ycpphiladelphia.org/cpages/home



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

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CRS NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Ever since she was a young girl, Mariam Fata dreamed of owning her own farm. Her father passed away when she was just six years old and she was taken in by her uncle, a farmer. Many years later, Mariam's dream did come true. She and her husband, a former teacher, bought some land. They worked side by side, planting and harvesting each season. But then tragedy struck a few years ago when an accident

left her husband paralyzed.

"I had children to care for and was now the only one providing for the family, plus the medical costs," she says. "But I couldn't go to the farm because I had to care for my husband. It had a big impact on our lives."



Then, in late 2023, staff from the **I Londo I Mai** project came to her village. I Londo I Mai, which means "*rise up and grow together*" in the local language, is funded by USAID. Catholic Relief Services and local partner **All for Peace and Dignity** manage the project, and provide short-term emergency assistance as well as longer-term development activities. Visit www.crs.org for more information!

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

Sandy Fecondo, 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

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

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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 June 21, 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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SAINT CORNELIUS Early Learning Center ENROLLMENT OPEN FOR THE 2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR!

At Saint Cornelius Early Learning Center we are dedicated to educating each child to learn academic and social skills for success in their future. Our energetic teachers and staff create a nurturing, creative and exciting environment for children to learn, grow, and thrive!

Now enrolling PreK 3, PreK4 and Kindergarten!

CONTACT US

For more information or to schedule a tour, please email Abigail McCusker at

akohlbrenner@scornelius.org 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.

Peace I leave with you

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 25 2025

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! — Psalm 67:6





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.

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



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CAMP CORNELIUS

Location: Saint Cornelius Early Learning Center 160 Ridge Road Chadds Ford, PA 19317





This summer we are excited to bring four weeks of summer fun!

> Half day: 9:00 am- 12:00 pm Full day: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

> > PreK3 to 2nd grade Week of June 16th Week of June 23rd Week of July 7th Week of July 14th





A summer camp experience for children ages PreK3 through 2nd grade. Volunteer opportunities available for older students

> Half Day Camp (9am-12pm) \$225 per week

Full Day Camp (9am-3pm) \$365 per week Before care (8 AM) and After care (until 5 PM) are available

Questions? Contact: **Director: Debbie Anderson** danderson@scornelius.org / 610-459-8663

Sunday Mass Intentions

7:30 AM	Mary Falls
9:00 AM	Dylan John Barmmer
11:00 AM	Paula Kurtas
4:00 PM	No Mass

Weekly Mass Schedule (Week of May 26 - May 30)

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)* Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

> Monday 9:00 AM **Memorial of Saint Philip Neri Memorial Day**



Reading: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b: Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Olimpia Tranzilli Reading: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Joseph Wurm Reading: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14: Jn 16:12-15

> Thursday The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) 7:30 AM 12:00 Noon 7:00 PM

Intention: Jean Twardy Reading: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Friday 7:30 AM Intention: John Campbell-Barmmer Reading: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23



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THE GIFT OF PEACE

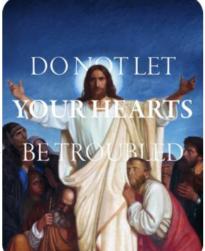
happen at work this week? Most of us can recall run-ins with coworkers, even with the boss. Did it happen while socializing with friends? Go easy on politics, religion . . even sports. At home? Even the most peaceful household experiences a little "give and take" now and then. So where was it that "there arose no little dissension and debate"? That tumultuous conflict occurred among our first Christian ancestors, disrupting the community life of the early church. But today's Acts of the Apostles shows how beautifully the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus in today's Gos- and by never kneeling pel, helped the church achieve a grace-filled resolution. at liturgy. What evolved was that "reconciled diversity," often encouraged by Pope Francis and even envisioned in today's Revelation passage; and a wondrous experience of Jesus' promised Gospel gift: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

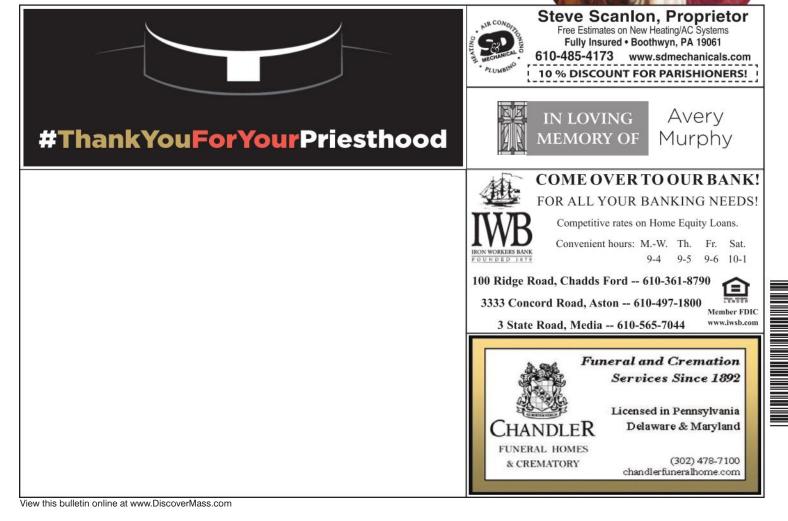
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Why is it still Easter? The lilies have long since and faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoic- way to fifty days of ing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day unrestrained rejoicing. rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days That's why it is still of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the Easter! Lord's Day among our ancestors in the faith was "The Eighth Day," meaning that in Christ a breakthrough to

a new humanity was achieved. With that inner archi-"There arose no little dissension and debate." Did that tecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, again signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of his Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year, when debts were released and prisoners set free. Today, the character of our Easter Sundays is conveyed by joyful Alleluias and the rite of sprinkling at Mass. Long ago, people expressed this joy by suspending all rules of fasting

These customs all point to our conviction that time is holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast discipline give







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