

St. Cornelius Parish



SUNDAY BULLETIN

June 1, 2025

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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

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: Will return after Labor Day

LiveStream <https://vimeo.com/user123448673>

Thoughts from the Second Floor Front

VII Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025

Our sense of time will soon shift. The event will almost go unnoticed, except by the children, for whom time means very little. For them one day is as filled with adventure as the previous one and if things do not proceed as they had planned there is another day immediately at hand in which they can spend it as they wish. For the older among us, time is a different matter altogether; however, whether we are aware of it or not our sense of time will soon shift. It's called summer.

It was James Russell Lowell (why do all those poets and writers of the 19th century seem to have three names?) who wrote:

“And what is so rare as a day in June?
Then, if ever, come perfect days...”

Time is shifting in the liturgical sense as well. We are about to complete our celebration of Easter which we have marked for the last seven Sundays and soon celebrate Pentecost. After that we enter into what is known as Ordinary Time. That title may be a bit off putting because we think of the word ordinary as being synonymous with usual, customary or common. Summer is anything but ordinary. We use time differently. Time has a different feel to it. Our sense of time is unique in summer. Was it not that great philosopher Gershwin who wrote: It's summertime and the livin' is easy...

Each year when the semester ended at the seminary someone, an aging professor or a seminarian imitating him, would say: Remember gentleman, there is no vacation from your vocation. Clever. It was a subtle way of encouraging virtue and a steadfast spirit. Summer often brings the opportunity to use the time we have on weekends in a unique way. The Sunday count in the pews goes down because people travel on vacation or simply go away for the weekend to that great refuge that we in Philadelphia refer to simply as “the shore” (or in rougher sections of town “da shore”).

Each year at the end of the semester and at the final House Meeting of the year, I would admonish the seminarians to do two things. Firstly, shoot your televisions. Other than baseball and a few cooking shows, it is a wasteland. Secondly, I encouraged them with each book they finished reading to set it on a shelf apart from the rest. The next and the next and so on until they could see their literary progress.

The summer will progress all too swiftly, it always does. We will continue to celebrate the 4:00 Mass on Sunday afternoon here at St. Cornelius parish church. Some parishioners have told me that this will be a good thing for their children who can come to Mass in the afternoon after being at the beach for most of the weekend. I hope to see them there. I also hope that you see the Lord on Sunday where you are. Spending time with Him on a weekend is a wonderful way to go for that perfect day of which Lowell wrote.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond

Welcome to the Parish!

Shane & Nikki Cox and family
 Katelyn Dunning
 Joseph Forrest
 Mary Rose Mitchell
 David Musacchio

Welcome to the Matthew XXV Garden Season 5

**Matthew XXV****A FEW GOOD MEN NEEDED:**

We would like to form a small group of volunteers who would take turns mowing the grass in the Matthew XXV Garden.

If interested please TEXT Steve Muntz at 610-454-8937 and he will be happy to fill you in with what needs to be done.

Again, thank you,

Matthew XXV Committee
 Laurie, JoEllen, Steve, & Regina

**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.

**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.



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



One in Christ

Almighty and ever-living God,
 through the Death and Resurrection of your Son,
 you called us to be witnesses to your glory.
 Open our eyes so that we might relish in your presence
 and be stirred from our contentment.
 Help us to be one with Christ as you and he are one.
 By enduring death, Stephen, your chosen servant,
 united his heart to Christ and declared your mighty deeds.
 Grant us steadfast faith when confronted with ridicule and disbelief.
 May the Holy Spirit draw us deeper into the heart of Christ,
 filling us with the profound love of Jesus,
 so that we might share it with every living creature.
 Through Christ our Lord. men.
 Amen

Written by Timothy A. Johnston

Sunday, June 1, 2025 Jesus' Love Note

Today's Readings: *Acts 7:55–60; Psalm 97:1–2, 6–7, 9; Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20; John 17:20–26.*

In preparing to write this reflection, I encountered today's Gospel in a new light. After years of hearing this Gospel, I heard Jesus' prayer differently, with a broken and vulnerable heart. After all these weeks of Easter, this passage underlines that our God, who reigns over all creation and is exalted on high, profoundly loves and cares for us. Slowly read this text aloud. Pay attention to your reaction to Jesus' tone and especially meditate on the phrase, "Father, they are your gift to me." These powerful words illuminate the depth of Jesus' heart.

As disciples of Christ, we share in this love and have been

Gathering Space

When you walk into someone's home, you expect to find inside the door a living area suitable for conversation. The rooms designated for special usage—the kitchen, den, or bedrooms—are usually deeper in. In church design, the areas set aside for special usage—the sanctuary, nave, and sacristy—are usually deeper in. Just inside the main door of the church, though, you can often find a place suitable for conversation. The early Church called it the narthex. Later churches call it the vestibule. Today many parishes are calling it the gathering space.

The earliest Christian basilicas established a narthex where ministers forming processions could prepare. A cathedral church today should have one for the same reason. A procession begins smoothly when the ministers who carry incense, cross, candles, and Gospel book have a suitable space for organization.

The vestibule in many churches is often a room of small scale. It may hold bulletin boards and tables for announcements. It offers a place to let umbrellas dry. A small vestibule assists those who need a practical place to pause before entering or exiting the building.

made one with the Father, Son, and Spirit in the waters of Baptism. Whether we are like Stephen, who died for Christ, or faithful companions, we are disciples who profess Sunday after Sunday our belief in Jesus, who gives us life. Jesus' Death and glorious Resurrection bear witness to God's unfailing love for us and desire that we be freed from sin.

I think the invitation in this passage is to sit in prayer and give ourselves to Christ in intimate conversation. Surrender your heart to Christ so that it might be filled to the brim with his Word. Let us pray this week that the love of Christ permeate all people and unite us to God. Let us also be filled with the Spirit of Christ and go forth spreading the Word of God so that all may be made one in the Body of Christ.

Timothy A. Johnston

By contrast, a gathering space's larger area allows people to meet, greet, and mill around before and after the church service. Located inside the main doors, it allows people to make the transition from world to worship. (In some climates, a landscaped area outdoors may serve this purpose.) The space is designed with socializing in mind. Because of their size, some gathering spaces get cluttered with too many bulletin boards, tables, and activities. Their main purpose is not to provide stations for advertising the parish, but to help the community assemble.



In churches with a gathering space, you are invited to stop inside the door to visit with others. Once you establish relationships, you have prepared yourself to join people in prayer upon entering the body of the church.

Written by Paul Turner



Baptisms

Baptized in Christ

Enzo D'Anna

Son of Juan Pablo and Caroline D'Anna

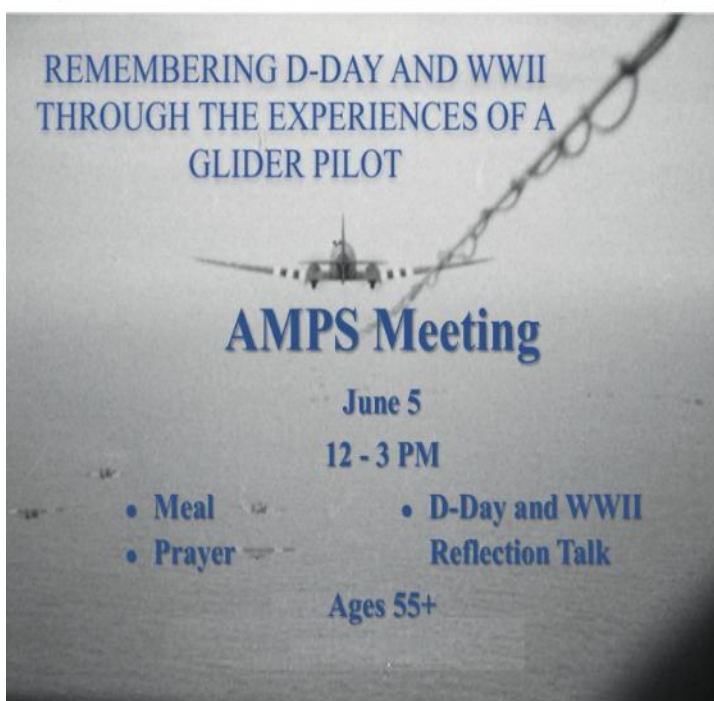
Let us pray for our newly baptized Christian.

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.



Holy Hour - Join Us!

Monday, June 2, 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.

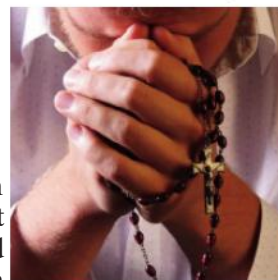


Look for this event monthly on the first Monday of the month.

**Sunday
June 15
11:45 AM**

Join our Parish Pro-Life Group in the church on Sunday, June 15, 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.



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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.





St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

Our Pre-K 3 students had an exciting week filled with roars and giggles as they explored the fascinating world of dinosaurs! From digging for fossils in sensory bins to stomping like T-Rexes during movement games, our little friends were fully engaged in hands-on learning. They listened to fun dinosaur stories, practiced counting with dino eggs, and even created their own colorful dinosaur art. It was a week of imagination, discovery, and prehistoric fun that brought learning to life in the most joyful way!



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 25, 2025



Offertory for May 25 was not available at time of printing

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

Luke 12:34



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Our patron saint is Saint Joseph the Worker. Our mission calls upon the intercession of Saint Joseph the Worker, a simple carpenter who reminds us of the importance of stillness, reflection, and prayer.

Young Catholic Professionals mission is to challenge, train, and inspire young adults working in various professional careers to work in witness for Christ. For more information go to our local Philadelphia website at www.ycpphiladelphia.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

In a rural village of Timor-Leste, local leader Gabriella is on a mission to restore her ancestors' land. Having spent her entire life on the land, she knows well – and lives with on a daily basis – the wide range of problems created by years of deforestation. Communities in Timor-Leste are vulnerable to landslides, as highlighted by the severe damage to a school in Daudere village. Despite these challenges, there are solutions that are affordable, natural and doable.



As communities reverse the trend of deforestation, they are receiving assistance through the "Transforming Rural Lives through Adaptation and Carbon Capture" (TRACC) project, funded by the Australian Government and implemented by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and partners. By working together, the program is promoting sustainable agroforestry practices so that communities like Gabriella's protect their land, increase their income, and build resilience. 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
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Cpl Michael Castle
Lt. Connor Cleary
Fr. Joseph Coffey (Chaplain)
Maj Robert B. Cusick, Jr.
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SSGT Michael DiVernieri
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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
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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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Monsignor's Thursday Email

Msgr. Diamond's weekly Thursday Email is a popular weekly newsletter for our parishioners. Currently there are **over 1,148** 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.

**Seventh Sunday of Easter,
June 1, 2025**



"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

— Revelation 22:13



Assisted Hearing Devices

We have assisted hearing devices, which connect directly to the sound system. They are located inside the church, along side the wall to your left as you view the altar.

Easy to operate: the ear pieces are already attached. Just turn it on, a green light will blink and then remain on, adjust the volume.

Comments from satisfied users:

Wow - That is the first time in a long Time that I have heard everything at Mass.



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.

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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Questions? Contact:

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Sunday Mass Intentions

7:30 AM Bob James
9:00 AM Irene Natalie Davison Brislin
11:00 AM Gerry Zippilli
4:00 PM Hugh Thompson

Weekly Mass Schedule (Week of June 2 - June 6)

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*
Reading: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rev 22:
12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

Monday 7:30 AM

Intention: Deacon Richard Wirth
Reading: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday 7:30 AM

Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Intention: Joseph Wurm
Reading: Act 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11; 20-21;
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Dr. Patrick Johnston
Reading: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a,
35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday 7:30 AM

Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Intention: Margaret Rogowski
Reading: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8,
9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday 7:30 AM

St. Norbert Bishop

Intention: Ron & Thomasina Bena
Reading: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12,
19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

PILGRIM STATUE

06 - 01 - 2025 Debbie Brisgone
06 - 08 - 2025 Kathy Howley
06 - 15 - 2025 Stephanie Fuss

The dates for July 6 to December 28 are
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Call Carla Santoleri at (610) 361-8447
for more information.



THE GIFT OF PEACE

"There arose no little dissension and debate." Did that 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 Gospel, helped the church achieve a grace-filled resolution. 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 faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the 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 architecture, 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 and by never kneeling at liturgy.

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 and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That's why it is still Easter!

—James Field,




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