

# St. Cornelius Parish

SUNDAY BULLETIN



July 13, 2025

Which of these was neighbor to the robbers' victim?"

"The one who treated him with mercy."

Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."



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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

### XV Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2025

*For this command that I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you. It is not up in the sky... Nor is it across the sea... it is something very near to you... you have only to carry it out. (Dt 3:11a, 12a, 13a, 14a)*

Our salvation is never closer than in the ordinary everyday aspects of our lives. Our salvation is never more threatened than in the everyday ordinary aspects of our lives. Do you think the Samaritan in the parable was prepared for what he came across on the road to Jericho? The opportunity to do good does not knock at your door, it knocks at your teeth. We have endless opportunities to live the gospel message in our daily lives. The shame is that we are too preoccupied with ourselves and our petty problems to recognize the opportunity. Last week we heard the story of Jesus sending the 72 disciples on mission. We are the disciples that are on mission now.

In popular culture the image of the Good Samaritan we hear proclaimed in today's gospel has been reduced to a sort of social do-gooder. People who do nice things for others, especially in a manner marked by generosity, are hailed as Good Samaritans. While the character in Jesus' story is indeed good and generous in action and intention the point of the parable is not only about doing good for others. The parable is a scathing denunciation of hypocritical religiosity as opposed to the honest, true, authentic and sincere practice of religion.

The scholar of the law who questioned Jesus was probably not looking for a parable in response to his question. When he got this story as a result of his questioning the Master, he now came face to face with the power of a parable rather than the complex intricacies of a philosophical or theological statement from the peripatetic Rabbi with a growing reputation. Parables have certain characteristics. One is that the story is usually based on everyday life; something with which the listener would be familiar. There actually was a road from Jerusalem to Jericho and it was populated thick with thieves. People going up to Jerusalem were either going there for religious purposes or business. In either case they would have had money on them to pay for lodging or participate in worship of the Temple. Banditry was common and some of His listeners that day may themselves have been held up on that road or knew someone who had been.

Another aspect of a parable is that it invites reflection. Do you see yourself in the story? If you do, be careful as to whom you think you may want to be. There will be demands on you as a result of your alignment.

There are always two contradictory elements of the parable. One is that the meaning is crystal clear. Only the dullest of wits would truly be able to claim that they did not understand it. The other is that there is usually a loop hole through which one can try to crawl claiming that the story does not apply to them. Sadly, the scholar chose the latter. Which would you choose?

Probably to his surprise, Jesus chose to make the protagonist in His little story a Samaritan. Samaritans were regarded more with suspicion and distrust, if not outright hatred, for a perceived inadequacy. It was basically an ancient form of prejudice. Notice that at the end of the story when Jesus asks the scholar which of them was neighbor to the victim, the scholar cannot even bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. He replies with the anonymous statement: *The one who treated him with mercy.*

Doing good, being good, willing good, speaking good are all aspects of discipleship. Those actions come with a cost. The benefits are present as well. But there is no denying that we are part of the story. Not the story of the Good Samaritan. Ours is the unfolding story of the Kingdom of God in our midst.

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.

**Adoration will return after Labor Day,  
September 5, 2025**

## 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



## RETRouvaille

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

### REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held **August 1 - 3, 2025** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.

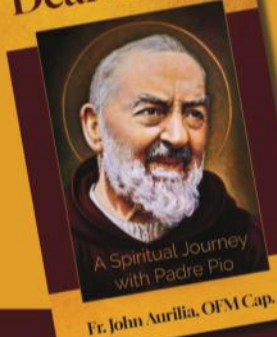
JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE

## INSIDE THE BOOK

*with author Father John Aurilia*

**TUESDAY, JULY 22ND - 6:30 PM  
ST. HELENA'S CHURCH**

Dearest Soul



Father John Aurilia, OFM Cap., was ordained a priest in 1966. For a brief period as a young priest, he was personal secretary to Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. He has taught at seminaries and served for many years as a pastor at various parishes in the United States after being called in 1973 to serve Italian immigrants in New Jersey. In 2022, he was transferred to St. Francis Friary in Wilmington, Delaware.

## 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.



## IN COMMUNION WITH OUR SAINTS

### St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin July 14

The blood of martyrs is the seed of saints. Nine years after the Jesuits Isaac Jogues and Jean de Lelande were tomahawked by Iroquois warriors, a baby girl was born near the place of their martyrdom, Auriesville, New York.



Her mother was a Christian Algonquin, taken captive by the Iroquois and given as wife to the chief of the Mohawk clan, the boldest and fiercest of the Five Nations. When she was four, Tekakwitha lost her parents and little brother in a smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind. She was adopted by an uncle, who succeeded her father as chief. He hated the coming of the Blackrobes—Jesuit missionaries—but could do nothing to them because a peace treaty with the French required their presence in villages with Christian captives. She was moved by the words of three Blackrobes who lodged with her uncle, but fear of him kept her from seeking instruction. Tekakwitha refused to marry a Mohawk brave, and at 19 finally got the courage to take the step of converting. She was baptized with the name Kateri—Catherine—on Easter Sunday.

Now she would be treated as a slave. Because she would not work on Sunday, Kateri received no food that day. Her life in grace grew rapidly. She told a missionary that she often meditated on the great dignity of being baptized. She was powerfully moved by God's love for human beings and saw the dignity of each of her people.

Her dedication to virginity was instinctive: Kateri did not know about religious life for women until she visited Montreal. Inspired by this, she and two friends wanted to start a community, but the local priest dissuaded her. She humbly accepted an "ordinary" life. She practiced extremely severe fasting as penance for the conversion of her nation. Kateri Tekakwitha died the afternoon before Holy Thursday. Witnesses said that her emaciated face changed color and became like that of a healthy child. The lines of suffering, even the pockmarks, disappeared and the touch of a smile came upon her lips. She was beatified in 1980 and canonized in 2012.

## THE PARISH CHURCH AND ITS FURNISHINGS ALTAR

The altar is a fixed, freestanding table, the central focus for the celebration of the Eucharist. It is both altar and table. As altar, it is the place of sacrifice, where Christ, who was sacrificed on the Cross for us, becomes present again under the sacramental form of bread and wine. As table, it gathers the people of God to share the Body and Blood of Christ, their holiest meal, which recalls the Passover and grants a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.

The altar is traditionally made of stone, but it may be constructed of another solid, well-crafted material such as wood or metal, which establishes its beauty and dignity. Its rectangular shape suited the liturgy before the Second Vatican Council, when the Scriptures were read from the sides of the altar. Today's altar is often more square to accommodate the priest, the bread, and the wine. But it should always be clear among church furnishings that the altar is the center of focus.



When the altar of a church is consecrated, the bishop anoints its top with Chrism. Chrism is the perfumed oil we reserve for the sacraments that are celebrated only once in one's lifetime: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. The consecration of an altar sets it apart permanently for its sacred purpose. In conjunction with this anointing, the altar also represents Jesus, whose title "Christ" means, "anointed." The proper reverence upon entering a church is to bow to the altar, unless the tabernacle is centrally located, in which case one genuflects to the tabernacle.

In the past, the altar was located against the rear wall, and the priest celebrated Mass with his back to the people. Additional altars were often located in chapels around the church, permitting other priests to celebrate separate Masses at the same time. Today a church should have one altar, freestanding so the priest may walk completely around it. It should be permanently fixed to reflect the stability of our faith (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 299).





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.

**July 6, 2025**

WeShare eGiving \$10,605.40  
Envelope Offering \$13,575.50  
\$24,180.90

**June 29, 2025**

WeShare eGiving \$6,980.40  
Envelope Offering \$10,601.50  
\$17,581.90



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

Luke 12:34



## 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](mailto:Stcorn1@comcast.net).

## HEED THE CALL



VOCATION OFFICE FOR  
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

Visit our website

[WWW.HeedTheCall.org](http://WWW.HeedTheCall.org)



## 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.*

## St. Cornelius August School Supplies Drive benefitting



BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SCHOOL

DARBY, PA

(They are expecting 203 students, Grades 1-8!!)



## 2 Weekends: August 9 - 10 and 16-17

Drop donations off at the Parish Life Center  
PRIOR to Mass

St. Cornelius has always been very generous & our recipients are VERY grateful!

## Suggested school supplies:

Back Packs - Great need	Hand Sanitizer & Wipes
Copy Paper - for printers	Crayons
Loose Leaf /	Erasers
Filler Paper (wide - ruled)	
Pens	Pencils &
(Blue & Black)	Colored Pencils
Index cards	Glue Sticks
Scissors	Kleenex Boxes
(blunt end only)	

**Gift Cards to Target or Staples are also appreciated; please write the value directly on the card.**

**For further information or to Volunteer (Help Needed to collect, sort & deliver)**

**please contact: Mary Allen (text 484-432-5098) or Colleen Zangla ([colleenmz@hotmail.com](mailto:colleenmz@hotmail.com))**

*Thank you so much and God Bless You  
for your Generosity.*



## Camp Cornelius

Week three of summer camp at our early learning center was full of rhythm, energy, and fun! Our little friends were thrilled to welcome dance instructor Miss Ovia, who brought so much joy and excitement to our days. She taught the children some lively jazz and hip hop moves, and it was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they danced along to the music. From big smiles to funky foot-



work, the room was bursting with enthusiasm. Our campers couldn't get enough of the beat, and they were so proud to show off their new moves to their teachers and friends!



## 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](mailto:mgustin05@gmail.com) (484) 947-7295.



**YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS**  
*Working in Witness for Christ™*

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.ycppphiladelphia.org/cpages/home](http://www.ycppphiladelphia.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

Your voice is urgently needed! The House of Representatives recently voted to pass a package of cuts, called rescissions, that were requested by the White House. This is the first of many packages expected to eliminate even more lifesaving international assistance programs. Over the next several weeks, the Senate will consider the package. Please tell your senator to oppose cuts!



Countless lives are at risk. This package proposes cancelling funding for programming focused on supporting pregnant mothers and their children, providing emergency food, preventing infectious diseases and ensuring children, families and communities can move out of poverty over the long-term. At this very same moment, Congress is also assessing support for lifesaving aid in the fiscal year 2026 federal budget. Approving this new package of cuts would signal approval for shrinking or eliminating funding for international poverty-reducing programs in future budgets. Please visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) to send a message now urging the Senate to push back and oppose canceling funding for lifesaving international assistance programs!

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

Luzmarina Lalli, Marianne Leader, 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, Patricia Ackerman, Doris Wysocki, Lott family, Ed Lovell, Lillian Corbett, Eileen Kane, David III, C. McCollum, Joshua Gidlewski, Denise Banta, 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, 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, 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, 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  
Sgt Jason Lyons

2nd Lt. Kevin Malone  
Sgt Alexander Marlow  
PFC Zachary Marlow  
CPT. Travis Mauer  
Lt. Cmdr Daniel McCadden  
Capt Jonathan McGrath  
LT Molly K. McGuckin  
LCDR Ryan A. McGuckin  
Maj. Sean P. Noll  
Lt. Col Brian J. O'Shea  
Lt. Cmdr Inga O'Shea  
Maj James O'Shea  
Sgt. Maj. Justin Rogowski  
PFC L Roland  
LTJG Christian Samulewicz  
1st Lt. Olivia Samulewicz  
Capt. Neal F. Schubert  
Ens Nicholas Spadaccini  
MSG Thomas Stone  
Cpl Mark Truex  
Lt. Christopher Vish  
Capt. Aidan Walsh  
PFC Ellianna Welsh  
Capt Jennifer Wynn



## 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 **July 19, 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](mailto:dochollisv@aol.com) or call (610) 717-2180.



## 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!

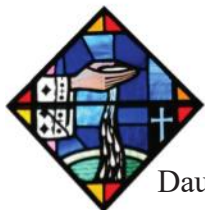
Now enrolling PreK 3, PreK4 and Kindergarten!

### CONTACT US

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

[akohlbrener@scornelius.org](mailto:akohlbrener@scornelius.org)

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



## Baptisms

Baptized in Christ

***Kaia Marilyn Cox***

Daughter of Shane and Nikki Cox

Let us pray for our newly baptized Christian.



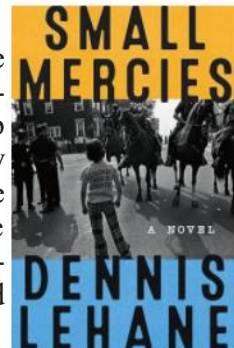
## THE ST. CORNELIUS LITERARY SOCIETY

### Small Mercies: A Detective Mystery

By Dennis Lehane

A tale of revenge, family love, festering hate, and insidious power, set against one of the most tumultuous episodes in Boston's history.

In the summer of 1974 a heatwave blankets Boston and Mary Pat Fennelly is trying to stay one step ahead of the bill collectors. Mary Pat has lived her entire life in the housing projects of "Southie," the Irish American enclave that stubbornly adheres to old tradition and stands proudly apart.



One night Mary Pat's teenage daughter Jules stays out late and doesn't come home. That same evening, a young Black man is found dead, struck by a subway train under mysterious circumstances.

The two events seem unconnected. But Mary Pat, propelled by a desperate search for her missing daughter, begins turning over stones best left untouched—asking questions that bother Marty Butler, chieftain of the Irish mob, and the men who work for him, men who don't take kindly to any threat to their business.

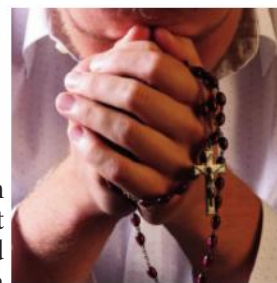
Set against the hot, tumultuous months when the city's desegregation of its public schools exploded in violence, *Small Mercies* is a superb thriller, a brutal depiction of criminality and power, and an unflinching portrait of the dark heart of American racism. It is a mesmerizing and wrenching work that only Dennis Lehane could write.

Please plan on attending our next meeting this Sunday, July 13th at 2:00 PM.

**Sunday**  
**July 20**  
**11:45 AM**

Join our Parish Pro-Life Group in the church on Sunday, July 20, 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.*







Catherine McVey

## Sunday Mass Intentions

7:30 AM	J. Epps
9:00 AM	Charlotte Giblin
11:00 AM	Donna Santoro
4:00 PM	Miquel Pascual

## Weekly Mass Schedule (Week of July 14 - July 18)

### Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*  
 Reading: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34,  
 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Col 1:15-20;  
 Lk 10:25-37

### Monday 7:30 AM

#### Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Intention: Vantie & Elvera Felicione  
 Reading: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8;  
 Mt 10:34-11:1

### Tuesday 7:30 AM

#### Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Intention: Susanne Whitehead  
 Reading: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34;  
 Mt 11:20-24

### Wednesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Susan Haney  
 Reading: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7;  
 Mt 11:25-27

### Thursday 7:30 AM

Intention: Luisa Guerrero  
 Reading: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25,  
 26-27; Mt 11:28-30

### Friday 7:30 AM

Intention: Colin Brady  
 Reading: Ex 11:10-12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15 and  
 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

## TABERNACLE CANDLES

For the intentions of Richard & Peggy Bena

## PILGRIM STATUE

07 - 13 - 2025	Peggy Vinnacombe
07 - 20 - 2025	Open
07 - 27 - 2025	Ellen Ward

The dates for July 6 to December 28 are  
 now available on the sign-up.

Call Carla Santoleri at (610) 361-8447  
 for more information.



### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

Saint Cornelius Parish

You can contact Mrs. Abbie McCusker at  
[stcornprep@scornelius.org](mailto:stcornprep@scornelius.org) or by calling  
 the PREP office (610) 459-7723

## CALLED TO BE A CATECHIST

Do you like working with children? Do you enjoy  
 growing your faith through sharing it with others?  
 Then we have an **opportunity** for you!!!

We are in need of more teachers for our 2025-2026  
 PREP school year. If you are interested in sharing  
 the Good News of our Faith and helping to shape the  
 children of our parish, please consider **teaching** a  
 class.

We are seeking individuals who are comfortable  
 working with younger students (grades 1 & 2). If in-  
 terested please email our DRE, Abbie McCusker at  
[stcornprep@scornelius.org](mailto:stcornprep@scornelius.org).



*Giving Hope to All*



## GOD WANTS TO BE KNOWN

The Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy praises God for inscribing the commandments in our very bodies. God's law is not distant or foreign, but a natural part of us. In his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul echoes Moses, praising God for becoming one of us. The truly human, flesh-and-blood Jesus reminds us that God always wants to be recognizable and familiar to us. Jesus, who is also truly God, wants to be on intimate terms with each of us.

God's passionate desire to be known by us is almost too wonderful to take in. Luke's Gospel helps us understand how to respond. The Good Samaritan parable provides practical advice for those who believe in God's intimate love for them and want to share that love with others.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On a summer day, with the windows open, we may hear the sound of church bells. Bells seem to have come into church life in Irish monasteries around the seventh century, and spread around the Christian world by Irish monks on missionary journeys. By the eighth century, bells were standard equipment in even small parish churches. An ancient ceremony, once called the "baptism of the bells," recognizes that the

church bell has a voice to call people to awareness and summon them to worship, and even bestows a name on the bell.

In a world without clocks or watches, the bell had an indispensable role. For calling monks in from the fields for prayer, or alerting far-flung visitors, the bell's voice was enhanced by hoisting it high into a tower. Soon it was learned that the sound of several bells clanging together in harmony imparted a sense of joy to great celebrations, and bell towers prospered, some chock full of bells. Different combinations of rings could indicate a death, a Mass, a wedding, a fast day, the curfew at the end of day, and the Angelus. Before electricity, bell-ringing was hard work indeed: the biggest bell in the Catholic world, in Cologne, Germany, weighs twenty-seven tons! There's no substitute for the resonant roar of a mighty bell; electric chimes are not eligible for blessing!

—James Field



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