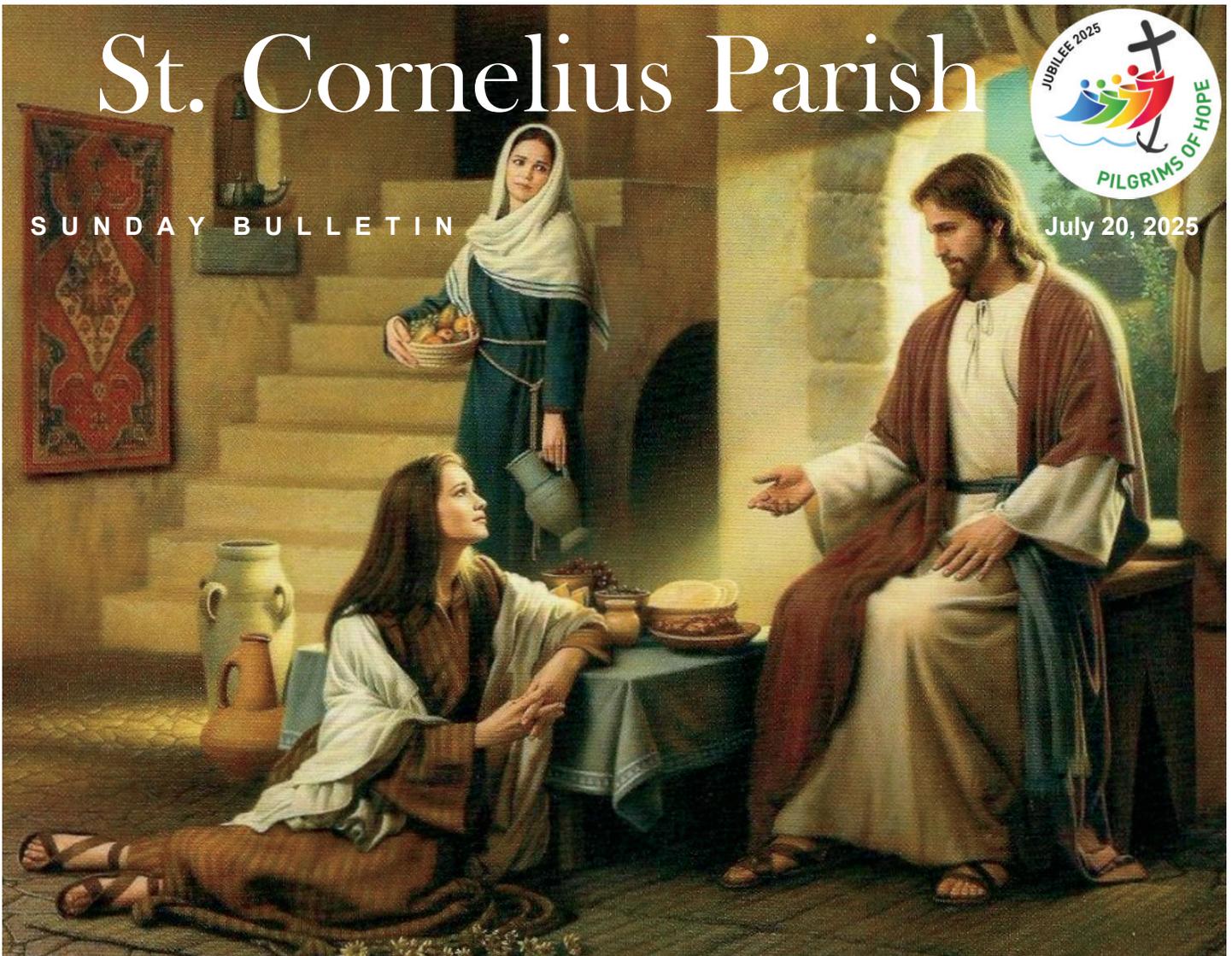


# St. Cornelius Parish



SUNDAY BULLETIN

July 20, 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 XVI Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025

It was not uncommon for people to approach the Gospel passage we hear today about the encounter between Martha, Mary and Jesus as a demonstration of the distinction between the contemplative life and an active one. At a certain level that seems understandable but, as is usually the case with stories from the Gospel, there is more here than what appears at first blush. In light of the Liturgist joining the story of Abraham and Sarah's hospitality to their mysterious visitor we see that the hospitality Martha and Mary offer to Jesus is an element of the faith life of a disciple.

The busy life styles that mark our existence also makes demands on us – some legitimate, some not. Occasionally we find ourselves engaging in endless activity and in the midst of it we are not only incapable of reflection and contemplation, we can't even remember why we're doing what we're doing. For many, summer does afford a time to slow down a bit, read, reflect and enjoy those aspects of life that can occasionally pass us by.

The figure of Mary has been seen as a sort of an icon for the contemplative religious life; sitting at the feet of The Master taking in the words of The Word. In this image she has become emblematic of a particular vocation and lifestyle that is marked by reflection rather than action and perceived as passivity rather than activity. St. Luke does hold Mary up for our consideration as a faithful disciple doing what we are all called to do – listen to the Word. This takes discipline and determination and is usually more noticeable in its absence rather than its practice. I regularly see people in church looking at and attending to their newest text message or email or even the latest challenge presented by a stirring game of Angry Birds. The incongruity of that scene continues to produce in me both amazement and not a bit of sadness in that the person is no more engaged in the sacred space and time of the liturgy than they are if they would be at a soccer field. They just could not be engaged. Multi-tasking in the work place may be desirable; although I don't believe it is achievable. Isn't it impossible to do more than one thing at a time? Attending to the Word requires a purposeful intention.

There are enough distractions in the world that draw our attention away from the sacred. The reality is that we could all do with a bit more time in front of the Blessed Sacrament and less time in front of that wasteland of boredom we find in television or the internet.

Jesus states clearly that Mary has chosen the better part. It is a challenge to live in a manner mark by contemplation when so often we seem to be in a vortex of activity. Take time to be with the Lord. Think of arriving for Mass early rather than rushing in late. Stay in Church rather than, as so many do, leave immediately after receiving Holy Communion. Sit with Jesus, the Word, and listen in the silence as He speaks.

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 The First Harvest

Our first harvest is in! Last Monday, July 14, we returned to the garden to harvest the results of our spring labor. In total our volunteers harvested 87.6 lbs. of vegetables. We are on our way to fulfilling the mandate to feed those in need.

If interested in cutting grass around the garden beds, 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

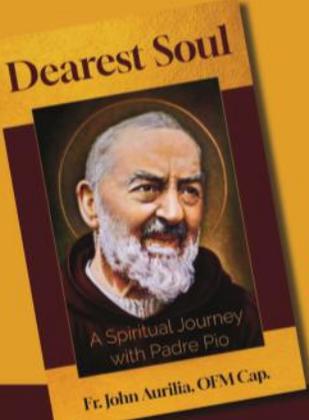


JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE

# INSIDE THE BOOK

with author *Father John Aurilia*

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




**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.

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All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## 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. Bridget of Sweden Religious July 23

From the age seven on, Bridget had visions of Christ crucified. Her visions formed the basis for her activity - always with the emphasis on charity rather than spiritual favors.

She lived her married life in the court of the Swedish king Magnus II. Mother of eight children - the second eldest was Saint Catherine of Sweden- Bridget lived the strict life of a penitent after her husband's death.

Bridget constantly strove to exert her good influence over Magnus; while never fully reforming, he did give her land and buildings to found a monastery for men and women. This group eventually expanded into an Order known as the Bridgetines.

In 1350, a year of jubilee, Bridget braved a plague-stricken Europe to make a pilgrimage to Rome. Although she never returned to Sweden, her years in Rome were far from happy, being hounded by debts and by opposition to her work against Church abuses.

A final pilgrimage to the Holy Land, marred by shipwreck and the death of her son, Charles, eventually led to her death in 1373. In 1999, Bridget, Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, were named co-patronesses of Europe.

Bridget's visions, rather than isolating her from the affairs of the world, involved her in many contemporary issues, whether they be royal policy or the years that the legitimate Bishop of Rome lived in Avignon, France. She saw no contradiction between mystical experience and secular activity, and her life is a testimony to the possibility of a holy life in the marketplace.



## THE PARISH CHURCH AND ITS FURNISHINGS COMMUNION RAIL

The Communion rail, or altar rail, was introduced into Catholic churches centuries ago to separate the sanctuary from the assembly and to provide a support against which communicants could kneel. After the Second Vatican Council, the rubrics no longer asked the faithful to kneel during Communion. Consequently, many churches removed their Communion rails; others left them in place; new constructions generally do not include them.

The removal of Communion rails caused great pain for many in the Church. Because the Mass culminates in the sharing of Communion, the rail became a place of the highest importance for the faithful. The removal of the rail disoriented many people, who feared that someone had compromised the very heart of Catholic belief.



In fact, the beliefs of the Church remained intact. Although the posture for Communion has changed, the Catholic belief in the real presence of Christ, the importance of reverence at Communion, and the insistence that the Mass culminate in Communion has remained the same, as it always will. By encouraging the faithful to stand for Communion, the rubrics returned to a symbolic posture that stresses belief in the Resurrection rather than one that promoted simple adoration.

Standing for Communion demonstrates our belief that Christ is risen and that the Eucharistic food we share is a foretaste of the life to come. Although the real presence of Christ deserves our adoration, standing emphasizes our participation in the mystery of the Mass, which is the point of Communion. Because the range of beliefs we express at Communion has opened wider, the rail has become inessential.

The other function of the rail, to separate the clergy from the laity, hindered the Vatican II Church that had heard the universal call to holiness and affirmed that all the baptized together form the People of God. Now the rubrics just encourage that the sanctuary be identifiable by its elevation or the distinction of its design.

Written by Paul Turner



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 13, 2025

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Luke 12:34

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# Camp Cornelius

We had another great week of summer camp at our fabulous little school, filled with laughter, learning, and lots of sunshine! Our little friends stayed busy with creative crafts, outdoor games, and fun hands-on activities that sparked their curiosity and imagination. Each day brought new adventures and joyful moments as the children played with friends, tried new things, and made lasting memories. It's always a joy to see their bright smiles and excited energy fill the halls—we can't wait to see what next week brings!



## 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.



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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.ycphiladelphia.org/cpages/home](http://www.ycphiladelphia.org/cpages/home)



**Caring for Friends™**

Help provide home cooked meals to neighbors in need! Caring for Friends (formerly Aid for Friends) is collecting frozen meals and soups for homebound seniors and food insecure individuals. Meal trays and soup containers can be found in the utility closet on the right of the side door of the narthex. Consider putting aside an extra dinner or soup portion, freeze it and then bring it to the freezer also located in the utility closet. PLEASE sign the meals and soup in on the list attached to the shelves next to the freezer. The food is distributed all over the Greater Philadelphia Area. This effort is ongoing at our parish. We invite you to contribute what you can. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Todor 609-234-1193



## CRS NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Catholic Relief Services, which has been active in Sudan since 2004, provides life-saving assistance to address the needs of the most vulnerable in conflict-affected and natural disaster-prone areas such as Darfur. CRS also implements longer term programs designed to respond to climate or conflict related shocks through skills building, enhancing basic services and strengthening linkages between local communities and government. These programs maintain the flexibility to enable them to respond to acute needs, such as El Nino related disasters, where necessary, and build longer term resilience and address chronic vulnerability. After a tough battle with severe malnutrition that left her 14-month-old weak and underweight, Rashida is finally seeing signs of recovery. "Thanks to God, my child is getting better," said Rashida, who lives in Darfur, Sudan. Today, her baby is gaining weight, growing stronger and smiling again.



With the support of Catholic Relief Services and generous contributions from UNICEF to six health facilities and two mobile clinics, over 100,000 children in West Darfur have benefited from vital nutritional support. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and to see how you can help! Thanks for your support!

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

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MSG Thomas Stone  
Cpl Mark Truex  
Lt. Christopher Vish  
Capt. Aidan Walsh  
PFC Ellianna Welsh  
Capt Jennifer Wynn

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

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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 **August 16, 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.



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Good News always attracts an audience. We have a great deal of activity here at St. Cornelius.



**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).

**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.

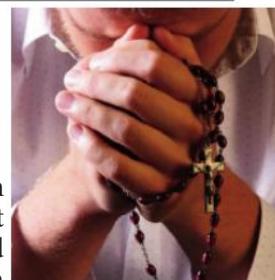
**Every 4th Monday of each month  
 1:30pm to 3:00pm, Parish Life Center**

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

**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.*





Welcome to the Parish!

Michael & Kira Fasanella and family

Sunday Mass Intentions

- 7:30 AM Evy Ciofani
- 9:00 AM Grace & Frank DeFeo
- 11:00 AM Cutrufello Family
- 4:00 PM Manuel Riquelme



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

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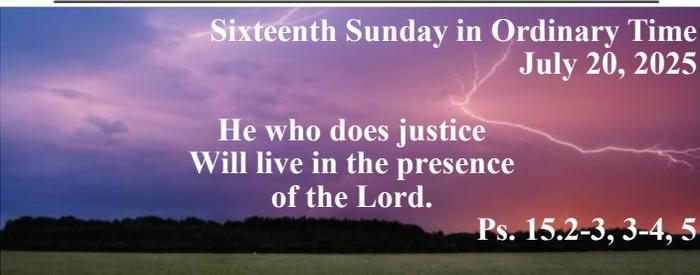
Do you like working with children? Do you enjoy growing your faith through sharing it with others? Then we have an **opportunity** for you!!!

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 interested please email our DRE, Abbie McCusker at [stcornprep@scornelius.org](mailto:stcornprep@scornelius.org).



*Giving Hope to All*



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 20, 2025

He who does justice  
Will live in the presence  
of the Lord.

Ps. 15.2-3, 3-4, 5

Weekly Mass Schedule (Week of July 21 - July 25)

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*  
Reading: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Monday 7:30 AM

Intention: Karen Bergmann  
Reading: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday 7:30 AM

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

Intention: Rocco S. Stezzi, Jr.  
Reading: Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Thomas & Rita Rafferty  
Reading: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday 7:30 AM

Intention: James McGorry  
Reading: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17

Friday 7:30 AM

Feast of Saint James, Apostle

Intention: John E. McGlinchey  
Reading: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

PILGRIM STATUE



- 07 - 20 - 2025 Open
- 07 - 27 - 2025 Ellen Ward
- 08 - 03 - 2025 Kathy Howley

The dates for August thru December are now available on the sign-up.

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

**A MINDSET OF SERVICE**

There's a lot of traveling, delivering, and visiting going on in our readings today. In Genesis Abraham cares for the needs of three mysterious travelers. The psalm responds, celebrating the kind of righteousness that Abraham practices. Then, in his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul describes his own ministry as almost like a delivery service: he, God's steward, brings the word of God to their community. Finally, Luke's Gospel shares the well-known story of Mary and Martha, and the different ways they welcome Jesus into their home. Amid all this coming and going, we are invited to pay attention to the ways we tend to the needs of others. Each of us can ask, *How am I present to God and others in my life?*

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

There's a different pace to a summer Sunday, especially on those days when we dream of air conditioning and wave any available paper to stir the air. Yet we persist in gathering, even with so many breaks from the usual routines. We distance ourselves not only from routines, but from schedules and familiar well-worn paths. These are playful days and contemplative days. We see long-lost friends and visit almost-forgotten places. We have more leisure than any peo-

ple before in the history of the world, and we need it because our lives are so care-worn and tiring. More of us walk barefoot and look up at the stars or dip our toes in the lake or sea, sing around campfires, read novels on the beach, and eat comfort food with our fingers. We see how beautiful life can be, and are more aware than usual of how God is always breaking in with signs of love.

In Genesis today, Abraham and Sarah practice hospitality to their visitors, who turn out to be God dropping in. During the summer months, God practices hospitality in return, inviting us into a season of celebration. Keeping Sunday holy is a good habit to cultivate in these days when our spirits are especially receptive to God's deep desire for us to know divine love.

—James Field

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