

# St. Cornelius Parish



SUNDAY BULLETIN

August 31, 2025

“WHEN YOU HOLD A LUNCH OR A DINNER, DO NOT INVITE YOUR FRIENDS OR YOUR BROTHERS OR YOUR RELATIVES OR YOUR WEALTHY NEIGHBORS ...

RATHER, WHEN YOU HOLD A BANQUET, INVITE THE POOR,  
THE CRIPPLED, THE LAME, THE BLIND...

Lk 14:12a-13

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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 XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025

In an age marked by an overwhelming effort on the part of celebrities, politicians and others in the public eye to draw our attention to themselves, the words offered to us today by Jesus in Luke's Gospel and Sirach, the ancient sage of Jerusalem, strike an ironic note. From Sirach we hear "...conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God." Jesus directs: "...everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." It's a tricky thing, this virtue we call humility. But it is also a mandatory component of following the Christ.

For most of us the spotlight of media attention and the 15 minutes of fame allotted to us, as Andy Warhol said so many years ago, is not much of a possibility. Few of us appear on the evening news or make headlines. The phenomenon of social media, source of some of the worst experience in my pastoral ministry, has served to provide a forum for those who seek to express themselves and gain some, if only a sort of localized, attention. Sometimes the instantaneity of that type of communication overrides one's judgment and I would offer that in those moments pride drives the decision to hit the "send" button – sometimes to the writer's great, and late, regret. The reality of pride is that it feeds and relies almost exclusively on self; unchecked the ego can be a dangerous thing. C.S. Lewis had some strong things to say about that in a wonderful section of his book *Mere Christianity*. He asserts that pride is easily recognized and abhorred when identified in others, it shocks us to discover it in ourselves. Lewis writes: "As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on things and people: and, of course, as long as you are looking down you cannot see something that is above you."

Humility does not mean denying our abilities or talents. It does demand that we do not boast of them or bring them into every conversation we have. We are obliged to live in a manner that these talents, given to us by God, be utilized for the common good. They are to be at the service of others. Above all others is the one we call God. The humble person brings to his or her tasks those gifts given to them. But this use of gifts is not to be reduced to mere pragmatism or functionality. We certainly are more than what we do. Although in American culture during normal social interchange this truth is regularly overlooked if not ignored.

Years ago, I was playing golf. Do not be misled that playing the game well was ever within my grasp. I hope to enter the Kingdom of heaven without ever touching another golf club. I was with a friend and we were teamed up with another twosome. The social niceties and introductions were engaged and we teed off. At the first green one of the men I had just met asked the question you may have gotten from a stranger. It is what Americans ask. We generally forget people's names as soon as we are given them. Americans do not usually say: I'm sorry what is your name again. Or, sorry I've forgotten your name what is it again? We generally say something like: So, Dave, what do you do? Not wearing clerical clothing on the golf course meant that what I do was not immediately identifiable as it usually is. I replied: I'm a priest. Huh, the man responded. My son's a minister. Then after a brief silence he added as he walked toward the next hole: Me, I'm nothing.

It must be a terrible loneliness to be nothing.  
We are not nothing. But neither are we everything.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond



### Join us for our Fall Program!

We come together each Wednesday morning at 6:00 am for coffee, light fare and fellowship. At 6:15 am, we begin our program with a video followed by discussion. The group then closes at 7:15 am in time for daily Mass at 7:30 am.

#### This year's theme: "The Light of Men"

If you were not available to participate previously, no worries! The program is designed to jump in when you can.

The 2025-26 schedule for our TMIY group can be found at:

<https://www.saintcornelius.org/that-man-is-you>

Our first gathering is **Wednesday, September 17th, 2025.**

Scan the QR code to the right or copy the link below to join us!



<https://programs.paradisusdei.org/join/05E3A5>

All men are welcome to join us at any time during the program.

SCHEDULE: Each Wednesday, Parish Life Center (PLC)

6:00 am Coffee, light fare and fellowship

6:15 am Video and discussion

7:15 am Closing in time for 7:30 am Mass

All men are welcome to join this enriching formation experience.

All you need to do is show up Wednesday morning.



### 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)

## Welcome to the Matthew XXV Garden Season 5 Matthew XXV The First Harvest



Our most recent harvest from last week yielded over 94 Lbs. of produce! The total weight in produce is still being calculated and although the weather has been HOT, still our volunteers have returned to the garden 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



### Thursday Scripture Study 10:00 am - 11:00 am Parish Life Center with Msgr. Diamond



#### Join us at any time!

All women and men are invited to join us each Thursday morning from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. If you weren't able to join us last year, do not let that deter you. The goal of this Scripture study will be to broaden our knowledge of Scripture, the Church's teaching regarding the Scriptures, and it will enhance our understanding and personal faith life. Please bring a bible.

[saintcornelius.org/morning-bible-study](https://saintcornelius.org/morning-bible-study)

If you have questions, please call Nancy Todor - cell 609-234-1193.



**Beginning  
Thursday, September 11**





**A MASS FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION 2025**

Please join us for a Mass for the Season of Creation 2025, At the **St. Raphaela Center in Haverford, PA** 616 Coopertown Rd. **Sunday, September 7, 4:00pm** Outdoor, weather permitting

It will be an opportunity to renew your Relationships with our Creator and all creation through: Celebration, Conversion, Commitment.

There will be resources present after Mass from EcoPhilly, a network of parishes, schools, etc., from across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, prepared to help you to create and build Creation Care Teams and Projects, based on a contemplative Christian spirit and the common good.

*St. Cornelius, Laudato Si Ministry*

The St Cornelius ProLife Committee invites you to join us on the PA March for Life Monday, September 22nd Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.



This March for Life is a very important statement for the ProLife effort in Pennsylvania. With the demise of Roe v Wade, each state now determines their own prolife policies and your legislators will see and hear your voice at this March.

We will be riding on the St Thomas the Apostle bus. The bus will leave St Thomas the Apostle at 8:30 am after their daily Mass and return to church about 4:00 pm Cost is \$15 and children are free. There will be an opportunity to get lunch at the March, or feel free to bring your own lunch.

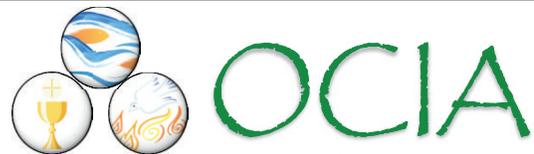
To reserve a seat on the bus, please send an email to Kathy Howley at [KHowley50@gmail.com](mailto:KHowley50@gmail.com). You will need to provide a cell phone number for contact at the March in case there are any changes to the expected schedule.

And please invite your friends who share your prolife concerns. More information is available at <https://pafamily.org/march>

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

There is no 4:00 PM Mass on Sunday, August 31st

Join us for a Labor Day Mass at 9:00 AM, Monday, September 1st



**Order of Christian Initiation for Adults**

This year I invite any and all members of the parish to consider joining the group as a means of Adult Education and ongoing Faith Formation. The sessions follow the United States Catholic Catechism. We usually meet on a Thursday evening in the Fr. Simon Room. They last for about an hour. There are no tests. The only books you will need are the Catechism and a Bible. Even if you do not believe you can commit to each week, please consider joining when you can.

We will have a Meet & Greet prior to the start of our instructional and exploratory sessions. That date will be announced.



**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 begins the weekend of **October 3 - 5** at the **Family Life Center in Malvern, PA**. For more information, or to register, call 215-766-3944 or send an email to

[retrodelvalley@gmail.com](mailto:retrodelvalley@gmail.com).

*All inquiries are strictly confidential.*

# 40 HOURS DEVOTION

The Forty Hours Devotion is a special forty-hour period of continuous prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. Of course, the focus of this devotion is on the Holy Eucharist.

*"I myself am the living bread come down from Heaven. If anyone eats this bread, He shall live forever; the bread I will give is my flesh for the life of the world"*

(John 6:51).



The number forty has always signified a sacred period of time: the rains during the time of Noah lasted 40 days and nights; the Jews wandered through the desert for 40 years, our Lord fasted and prayed for 40 days before beginning His public ministry. The 40 Hours Devotion remembers that traditional "forty-hour period" from our Lord's burial until the resurrection. Actually in the Middle Ages, the Blessed Sacrament was transferred to the repository, "the Easter Sepulcher," for this period of time to signify our Lord's time in the tomb.

The Forty Hours Devotion can be seen almost like a parish mini-retreat or mission. This year **Fr. Frank Danella, OSFS**, has agreed to be our homilist and celebrant and he will lead us in three evenings of prayer and reflection.

### Sunday, September 14

- 11:00 AM Mass Exposition at the close of Mass
- 12 noon Rosary
- 3:45 PM Repose Blessed Sacrament for 4 PM Mass
- 4:00 PM Mass Exposition at the close of Mass
- 7:00 PM Evening Prayer / Homily / Benediction  
Repose Blessed Sacrament

### Monday, September 15

- 7:30 AM Mass Exposition at the close of Mass
- 8:00 AM Rosary
- 7:00 PM Evening Prayer / Homily / Benediction  
Repose Blessed Sacrament

### Tuesday, September 16

- 7:30 AM Mass Exposition at the close of Mass
- 8:00 AM Rosary
- 7:00 PM Evening Prayer / Homily / Benediction  
Conclusion  
Repose Blessed Sacrament



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.

### August 24, 2025

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Envelope Offering \$10,038.50  
\$17,193.90



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

Luke 12:34

## 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 this Friday, September 5, 2025**



AbbeyFest Fans...  
It's YEAR ELEVEN!!  
SEPTEMBER 20th

This year we are at the National Shrine of **Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA**

Tickets on sale NOW including new group rates so you can bring all your friends and family!!

For more information go to [www.TheAbbeyFest.com](http://www.TheAbbeyFest.com)



## Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 31, 2025

*Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position. Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table.'*

Lk 14:10



# St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

Our team has been busy with back-to-school staff meetings, planning, and preparing for another wonderful year at our early learning center! Teachers are collaborating, sharing ideas, and organizing their classrooms to make sure everything is welcoming and ready for our little friends. From decorating bulletin boards to setting up learning centers, every detail is thoughtfully prepared to create a joyful and nurturing environment. We are so excited to greet our students and families soon and begin a new school year full of

learning, laughter, and love!



## 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.

### Have you Registered with the Parish?



Summer is a good time to reconnect with your Catholic faith and your parish. We invite you to stop in to the Parish Life Center and complete a registration form so we can meet you, your family and include you in our activities.

Perhaps you have recently moved to the area, or maybe you have been here awhile and just haven't taken the time to register.

Whatever the reason, we encourage you to stop in the Parish Life Center and join the life of the Church here at St. Cornelious.

Our office hours are Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, and Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Noon. We close for Lunch 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm



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

WASHINGTON – “The situation in Gaza and across the Middle East cries out for the assistance of the Catholic community of the United States,” said Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). In a letter to the U.S. bishops, he asked them to consider taking up a voluntary special collection in their dioceses, if they are able, to support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). Both organizations have well established partnerships with the Catholic Church in the region to allow them to respond quickly and efficiently.



“Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions,” continued Archbishop Broglio. “The Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that ‘Gaza is starving,’” and encouraged the bishops to consider the special collection in their dioceses at their earliest opportunity.

*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  
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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

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

Hayes Gonzalez, James M. Sullivan, Samantha Grant, Oliver Raymond Grant, Indie Mae Grant, Jean Burke, Luzmarina Lalli, Marianne Leader, Sandy Fecondo, Dominique Copper, Brian Walheim, Bob McKinney, Mindy Tumolo, Angelo Tiberi, Dorothy Brady, Joan Carrington, River Agren, Rosemarie Tangi, Kathryn Howland, John Faulkner, Sr., 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



## 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 **September 20, 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.



**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.ycpphiladelphia.org/cpages/home](http://www.ycpphiladelphia.org/cpages/home)



## walking with purpose

Ladies, we would love for you to be part of something special.

### The Walking with Purpose Bible study

Whether you are just beginning to explore your faith or have walked with God for years, you will find encouragement, support, and meaningful conversation as we study God's word. Previous experience with Bible study is not necessary. Bring your Bible, bring a friend and consider joining us this fall for our next study:

### Opening Your Heart

We meet weekly in the Parish Life Center starting Tuesday, October 7th through March of 2026, with breaks for the holidays.

For more information, an Open House will take place at the Parish Life Center on Tuesday morning September 30th from 10:00 am -11:00 am, and Tuesday evening from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm.



To Register for the fall session, contact one of our Parish Coordinators for your preferred time:

Tuesday Mornings  
 10:00 am -12:00 pm - Agnes Arkus  
[agnesa324@verizon.net](mailto:agnesa324@verizon.net) (302) 290-3486

Tuesday Evenings  
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Beth Baldo  
[baldobetha@gmail.com](mailto:baldobetha@gmail.com) (845) 558-7089

Information about WWP is available on the St. Cornelius parish website at: <https://saintcornelius.org/walking-with-purpose>

Accompanying study guide for **Opening Your Heart** can be purchased at: <https://shop.walkingwithpurpose.com>





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

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Many of the names on the prayer list have been there for several years. I would like to begin the prayer list anew.



Later in the summer, after Labor Day, we will eliminate the current names on the prayer list. I ask that **after that date** you contact the Parish Life Center by email ([stcorn1@comcast.net](mailto:stcorn1@comcast.net)) and submit the name of your relative whom you believe would benefit from our parish prayers. Our first bulletin with the updated list will be September 14.



*Giving Hope to All*



Sunday Mass Intentions

- 7:30 AM Barbara Rachko
- 9:00 AM Rose Marciano
- 11:00 AM Charles Martin
- 4:00 PM No Mass

Weekly Mass Schedule  
(Week of September 1 - September 5)

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*  
Reading: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday 9:00 AM

Labor Day

Reading: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Denise Hill  
Reading: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday 7:30 AM

Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great,  
Pope and Doctor of the Church

Intention: Margaret A. Dixon  
Reading: Col 1: 1-8; Ps 52: 10, 11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday 7:30 AM

Intention: Ralph Mario Minchini, Jr  
Reading: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday 7:30 AM

Intention: Patricia Williams  
Reading: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 5:33-39

PILGRIM STATUE

- 08 - 31 - 2025 Mary Chuchman
- 09 - 07 - 2025 Stephanie Fuss
- 09 - 14 - 2025 Jean Wysocki

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

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



**HUMILITY**

Humility is a virtue we don't see much in our times. It seems that bragging, swaggering, and arrogance dominate our fashion for everything and our Internet conversations. Who hasn't been irritated by the "trolls" who try (usually with bad grammar and poor spelling) to start an online fight with those whose opinions do not align with theirs? Our stores, catalogs, and online shopping sites are full of useless items geared in use and price to the very rich, as ordinary, useful things seem to fade off the sales scene. As the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the middle class is fading away. What is the antidote to this? Humility is a good place to start. Devotion to God is worth more than riches. "The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; [God] leads forth prisoners to prosperity."

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God's plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus' presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September's shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to

life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives.

*Altar* means "high place," yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar's three steps, chanting *Introibo ad altare Dei*, or "I will go to the altar of God," followed by the altar servers' response, "The God who gives joy to my youth." Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.



—James Field

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