

St. Cornelius Parish



SUNDAY BULLETIN

September 7, 2025



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St. Cornelius Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Noon

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: Friday after morning Mass to 4 pm

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

Thoughts from the Second Floor Front XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7, 2025

...the pandemic of arms, large and small, which infects our world.

Leo XIV on the school shooting in Minneapolis.

The shock and sadness we all experienced as news of the incomprehensible violence experienced in the Church of the Annunciation in Minneapolis this past month has not passed from the consciousness we have now. We are changed because of the violent madness unleashed on the innocent children that day. We know their names. Fletcher Merkel and Harper Moyski. Lives destroyed because of the insane actions of a deranged person. Even in our contemporary culture in which violence relentlessly comes to us by way of the constant news cycle, by way of the ironically called entertainment industry by way of our streets and highways this saddest of events is beyond us. I believe that several years ago, with the Covid experience our culture has become much more aggressive behind the wheel and that aggression sadly and so easily spills out into other areas. We cannot become inured to what happens in a world that rejects the peace Jesus came to offer.

It is beyond our abilities to change the mindset of others but it is within our grasp to change the manner we perceive the world and the people in it. Today's excerpt from Paul, which is a brief excerpt from the briefest of epistles, we hear St. Paul pleading with Philemon, a person who owns a runaway slave, Onesimus. Paul has evidently met Onesimus while in prison. He is, is guilty of theft. He stole himself. Onesimus, perhaps also guilty of theft either before or during his escape, has experienced a conversion. Paul is sending him back to Philemon with the hope that Philemon will recognize him not just as a slave but as a brother in The Lord.

Some may take exception to St. Paul's lack of concern for Onesimus' status as a slave. While detestable to us, Paul seems to gloss over that issue altogether. As a Christian and a member of that persecuted minority in Ancient Rome, neither St. Paul nor any other member of the nascent Church was in any position to affect a change within the Roman Empire, known more for its brutality and oppression than it was for social justice. St. Paul has, however, affected a change in Onesimus and is hoping for a change in Philemon. It is quite a challenging thing St. Paul has set out to do; change or shift a person's perception. Yet this is exactly what Jesus is doing in this passage from St. Luke's gospel.

The parable He offers concerns two persons of some means: a builder and a king. Both make plans which they had better be willing to alter lest they fail in their attempts at construction and warfare leading to ridicule and defeat. Jesus is calling on us to change as well. Change our plans and our relationships; change our perception. The beginning of this passage seems uncharacteristic from what we are accustomed to hearing from Him. Instead of words of peace, mercy and forgiveness He seems absolute and intolerable. In actual fact He is. Absolute and intolerant of anything thing or person that comes between us and Him.

We can have lots of relationships in our lives but none can top the one we have with Him. That is a challenge. Are we willing to risk our relationships and our reputations to follow the gospel? This is not about WWJD. This is about what will *we* do when called to manifest the discipleship we claim that we have with Jesus. The cost may not be significant. It may only amount to an inconvenience, not great suffering. It will happen this week as it does every week. But eventually there will be a time when we will be involved in great suffering requiring great sacrifices. Such a time as the parents and families in Annunciation parish in Minneapolis experienced. That will be the time to depend on His grace to assist us in not only changing our perceptions but to be willing to change ourselves and become more like Him.

Our Holy Father clearly articulated the path we are to walk. At Mass the Pope said, "Our prayers are for the victims of the tragic shooting during a school Mass in the American state of Minnesota. We hold in our prayers the countless children killed and injured every day around the world. Let us plead with God to stop the pandemic of arms, large and small, which infects our world."

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

Welcome to the Matthew XXV Garden Season 5 Matthew XXV The Latest 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

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. 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>



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.

On **Thursday, September 18th** we will have a Meet & Greet prior to the start of our instructional and exploratory sessions.



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



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.

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 31, 2025

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"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. You are welcome to visit anytime during the day until we repose the Blessed Sacrament at 4:00 PM.

If a funeral is scheduled for a Friday, there will be NO exposition.



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

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For more information go to www.TheAbbeyFest.com



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 7, 2025

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.

— Psalm 90:14



St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

Our back-to-school Meet and Greet at our early learning center was such a joyful way to kick off the new school year! Students and families had the chance to visit classrooms, meet teachers, and explore the fun learning spaces prepared for them. It was wonderful to see our little friends' smiles as they found their cubbies, played with new toys, and began making connections with classmates. Families were able to chat with teachers, ask questions, and feel at ease knowing their children are entering a warm and welcoming environment. The evening was filled with excitement and anticipation, setting the perfect tone for a year of growth, learning, and happy memories together.



OCT. 17 | 6:30 PM

Saint Cornelius Parish Life Center
\$45 for Dinner and Comedy Show

Clean, Christian comedy is hard to come by.
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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.

Have you Registered with the Parish?



End of 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. Cornelius.

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

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.

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

Bishop Barron says the following on Praying for the sick

- **Healing is through Christ:** Following the biblical narrative, Christ is the ultimate healer. He accomplishes this not only through his life and ministry but also through his passion and death on the cross, offering salvation and spiritual healing to a fallen humanity.
- **The Church as a "field hospital":** The Church as a field hospital for the wounded, with the sacraments as the primary means of healing, highlights how Jesus, our High Priest, enters into our suffering out of loving solidarity, inspiring believers to do the same.
- **The spiritual dimension:** A healing prayer is not simply about eliminating a physical ailment. It's about bringing the sick into closer union with God. True healing is the restoration of the whole person—body, mind, and spirit—and a deeper alignment with God's will.

In today's bulletin we have lifted the 86 names from our prayer list. Some had been listed for several years and it had become uncertain if those individuals were still in need of prayer, or for that matter, still living. They are not forgotten, and their needs are not overlooked. For certain, at Sunday and daily Mass we always remember our sick ...*For the suffering, the sick and the dying in this community ...*

Next week, we begin our prayer list anew. If you would like a loved one added to the prayer list, please email us at stcorn1@comcast.net. **N.B. Only family members should be added as a matter of privacy. Not everyone wants their name publicly listed**

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

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| SPC Mike Canfield | Sgt Alexander Marlow |
| Cpl Michael Castle | PFC Zachary Marlow |
| Lt. Connor Cleary | CPT. Travis Mauer |
| Fr. Joseph Coffey (Chaplain) | Lt. Cmdr Daniel McCadden |
| Maj Robert B. Cusick, Jr. | Capt Jonathan McGrath |
| Capt Joshua deFreitas | LT Molly K. McGuckin |
| SSGT Michael DiVernieri | LCDR Ryan A. McGuckin |
| Cadet Emily Fanning | Maj. Sean P. Noll |
| Lt. Ryan Gallagher | Lt. Col Brian J. O'Shea |
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| Capt Daniel Kohli | Capt. Aidan Walsh |
| Maj. Chris Love | PFC Ellianna Welsh |
| Maj. Megan Love | Capt Jennifer Wynn |
| Sgt Jason Lyons | |



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 or call (610) 717-2180.



Are you being called to be a Permanent Deacon?

Maybe It's Time To Answer The Call: Exploring a Vocation to the Permanent Diaconate

Date: Thursday, September 25, 2025

Location: Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary
1400 Evans Road, Ambler, PA 19002

Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

If you're a Catholic man feeling called to a life of service, prayer, and leadership in the Church, this may be your time to answer.

This session is open to Catholic men (and their wives, if married) aged 29 to 55. Learn about the discernment process and formation journey from a panel of clergy, featuring details about the School for Diaconal Formation program, and the Permanent Diaconate.

Interested in learning more?

Visit <https://archphila.org/deacon> or

School of Diaconal Formation website
<https://www.scs.edu/diaconal-formation>



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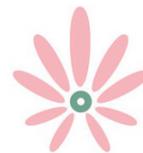


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walking with purpose

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 (302) 290-3486

Tuesday Evenings
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Beth Baldo
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 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.

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) 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 Raymond Kitson
- 9:00 AM Nicholas Ficca
- 11:00 AM Thomas Less
- 4:00 PM Lynn Gehouskey

Weekly Mass Schedule
(Week of September 8 - September 12)

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*
Reading: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Monday 7:30 AM

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Intention: Margaret Dixon
Reading: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Tuesday 7:30 AM

Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

Intention: Hugh Thompson
Reading: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday 7:30 AM

Intention: John - Campbell Barmmer
Reading: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday 7:30 AM

Intention: Juanita Garcia Salgado
Reading: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday 7:30 AM

Intention: Rosemarie Schramski
Reading: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

PILGRIM STATUE

- 09 - 07 - 2025 Stephanie Fuss
- 09 - 14 - 2025 Jean Wysocki
- 09 - 21 - 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.



POST-SUMMER CHALLENGES

With any luck, summer delights will continue a while: refreshing recreation (with maybe an occasional swim) or enjoyable relaxation on the deck (with tasty outdoor grilling). With schools back in session, mealtimes and driving schedules needed readjustment to coordinate youth sports with adult commitments. Some religious education and parish programs resumed, too. No surprise, then, that this weekend's scriptures sound a little like post-summer challenges. For instance, Wisdom reminds us that believers in God can never be content with "timid deliberations" and "unsure plans." Paul challenges longtime friend and follower Philemon to "let the good you do be voluntary." Jesus instructs "great crowds" traveling with him—including us—on three things necessary for all true disciples to accomplish. On this early autumn weekend, our scriptures describe disciples' lifelong labors.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together three separate

layers of prayers: a liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of God's people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate.

In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was "full, conscious, and active," a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been obscured in our own Church and are slowly being recovered.



—James Field

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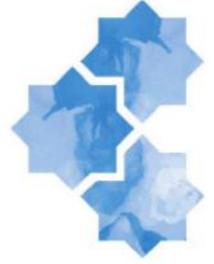
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Register on line at saintcornelius.org/meal-packing-event and join your fellow parishioners to fight hunger.

DATE

November 8, 2025

2 TIME SESSIONS

8:30 am - 11:00 am

or Noon - 2:30 pm

LOCATION

St. Cornelius Church, PLC

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