

# St. Cornelius Parish



SUNDAY BULLETIN

September 21, 2025

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**St. Cornelius Parish Office Hours**

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

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**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

### September 21, 2025

XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time

In a reflection that speaks to the gospel we hear proclaimed this weekend, the spiritual writer and director, Fr. Richard Rohr wrote: *“Living in this consumer-driven world, we are all deeply infected by what some call ‘affluenza,’ a toxic and blinding disease with the basic assumption that more is always better and more of self is always good.”* The term was coined in 2007 in a book of the same title. In part, the word connotes an understanding of our human behavior based on an inability to recognize that our actions have consequences for which we are to be responsible. It also implies a sort of irresponsibility that, although initially affiliated with wealth, can strike anyone of us who find ourselves more concerned with the self rather than the other.

The dishonest steward in today’s excerpt from St. Luke ironically receives praise for dealing with the vendors he was initially using as a means of stealing from the master. “And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently.” (Luke 16:8) Evidently even crooked people can be prudent. However, we are called to be prudent, not crooked. Prudence involves the ability to deal wisely with practical matters we encounter in everyday life. It is one of the four cardinal virtues: Justice, Temperance, Prudence and Fortitude. The name “cardinal” virtues does not imply some association with the Sacred College of Cardinals. The word cardinal come from the Latin word “cardo,” meaning “hinge” because all other virtues hinge on these four. *‘Prudence disposes reason to discern in every circumstance our true good and to choose the right means for achieving it. Prudence guides the other virtues by pointing out their rule and measure.’* (CCC § 1835)

So it comes down to discerning what is the true good. The steward put himself as the supreme good and his theft is only a logical extension of his decision to care for himself not his employer. He chose wrongly. So too did the people to whom Amos was prophesying. They choose their own work and profit rather than the authentic practice of their faith. Amos’ prophetic ministry occurred in a time of great prosperity in the Kingdom of Israel. Lured away from the sincere and true celebration of the liturgy because of the desire to make money and gain more and more wealth, Amos attempts to re-direct the people of Israel back to a proper relationship with the God of the Covenant. His words are of divine judgement and a call to care for the other not the self.

The endless pursuit of wealth is a search for what truly cannot satisfy. It is a thirst that will never be slaked and a hunger that can never be sated. Willie Nelson recorded a song entitled: *It’s only money*.

Well, it's only money  
It will go away  
It's only change in pockets  
And it'll get back to mine someday  
But it's only money  
And it will go away

The song is a breezy dismissal of making, having and amassing money for its own sake. When the opportunity to do good with your wealth comes to you this week (and it will) may you have the courage to take the risk. Offer what you can for the good of others and in so doing, ultimately, you are doing good for yourself.

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.

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

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

*It is never too late to  
pick up and read.*



## 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).



## Eucharistic Adoration

St. Cornelius is open again for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 7:30 am Mass on Fridays, beginning September 5. We are asking for your commitment for one hour of Adoration for each of the four Fridays in September.

As a committed Adorer, you agree to be present for your whole Holy Hour (or find a substitute). Committed Adorers are essential to ensure that Jesus is not left alone on the altar and that the gift of Adoration can continue to be offered at St. Cornelius. We need you.

Please help by signing up for Adoration at least one hour each week. Your commitment will cover the same hour for each of the four Fridays this month, including September 5, September 12, September 19 and September 26. A new request will be sent for October. Scan the QR code to sign up. Making a commitment to Jesus is important. Your reward will be great in Heaven!



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>

## Daily Mass Book

The 2026 Parish Mass Book will be available on Tuesday, September 23 in the PLC to select your Sunday and weekday Mass dates. Saturday vigil Mass is for the parish, Holy days of obligation are reserved for the feast of that day as well as national holidays; Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day and Thanksgiving. NO Masses will be accepted by phone, e-mail or by postal mail. All Masses must be requested in person and limited to 5 per family.

The Daily Mass Record  
2026



### 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.*



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

St. Cornelius October Drive  
Benefitting...



Silvio & Lizandra Bessa and family  
Gabriel & Amanda Cordes and family  
Michael & Kelli Gilhool and family



A Philadelphia Ministry where homeless men find dignity, respect, nourishment and opportunities for new beginnings



Weekend of October 11 & 12, 2025

Drop donations off at the Parish Life Center (PLC)  
PRIOR to Mass

Suggested Donations  
**NEW TRAVEL SIZE**

Toothpaste  
Toothbrush  
Disposable razors  
Shampoo  
Powder  
Soap

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Lip Balm  
Tissues

ALSO

- NEW White Athletic Socks: any size
- NEW Men's underwear/undershirts: Any color/style. (Sizes: Large, Extra large, 1X, 2X, 3X)
- NEW/GENTLY USED Men's pants (sizes 34W x 30-36L, sizes 36W x 30-36L)
- NEW/GENTLY USED Men's sneakers (any size/color)

For further information or to volunteer, please contact: Mary Allen (text 484-432-5098) or Colleen Zangla (colleenmz@hotmail.com)

Welcome to the Parish!



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.

**September 14, 2025**

WeShare e Giving	\$6,823.40
Envelope Offering	\$11,130.50
	\$17,953.90



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

Luke 12:34

*Annual Baby Bottle Drive*



Our Pro-Life Group is partnering with Legacy of Life again this October to raise money to support the mission of helping pregnant women choose life. We will have baby bottles available after all the Masses on the weekends of October 11-12 and 18-19. We accept bottles with checks made out to Legacy of Life as well as cash, including coins. Please return the filled bottles on October 26 and 27.

**AMPS MEETING OCTOBER 2**

After lunch, our guest speaker George Kodokian will speak on AI:

How AI Works | Everyday Use of AI | Tips to Get Started

Ages 55 and Up  
October 2, 2025  
12:00-2:30 PM  
Parish Life Center

SCP Saint Cornelius Parish



**Thursday, September 25, 2025**  
**10:30 am – 10:00 pm**  
**5609 Concord Pike**  
**Wilmington, DE**

You can participate in this fundraiser by:

- Dine in
  - Take Out
- Delivery & Pick up orders

In addition to dining in, you can participate in this fundraiser in several ways:

- Restaurant Website
- Storefront Walk-in
- **Notice:** Orders from third party delivery apps do not qualify for this fundraiser.

Please read the instructions below, so that Honeygrow knows you are with the GroupRaise Meal for St. Cornelius Early Learning Center, and your group will get 20% of your meal's price donated back!

**Restaurant Website**

Visit Honeygrow's online order website. Use the promo code of "GIVE106" and 20% of your meals price will be donated back to St. Cornelius Early Learning Center. **This does not include 3<sup>rd</sup>-party delivery apps.**

scan the QR code to view on-line menu.



**Storefront Walk-in**

Visit the location at 5609 Concord Pike, Wilmington 19803 and they will take your order from their storefront for take-out. Mention that you are with **St. Cornelius Early Learning Center** before placing your order.

**OCT. 17 | 6:30 PM**  
 Saint Cornelius Parish Life Center  
 \$45 for Dinner and Comedy Show

Clean, Christian comedy is hard to come by. Gordon Douglas is the answer.

Register here:



**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.

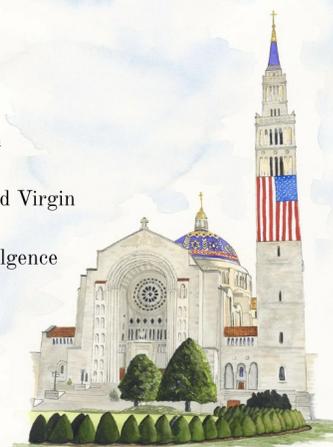
**Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**

Where: From St. Cornelius to Washington, D.C.  
 When: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 (Time TBA)  
 Cost: Free

This pilgrimage will be led by Msgr. Diamond and will include:

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation
- The celebration of Holy Mass
- Devotions in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Opportunity for the Jubilee Indulgence
- Time for quiet prayer

RSVP:



## CRS NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Did you know that international humanitarian aid makes the world, including the United States, safer? International humanitarian aid programs help people get an education and find jobs, reducing future aid needs. It supports fragile governments in providing services like health care and building infrastructure. It also prevents conflicts and promotes peace, making the world - including the United States - safer. When young people feel connected to society, they are less likely to turn to extremism. When farmers can earn a living from the land, they're less likely to migrate. Cutting aid could lead to more conflict, increased migration, more disease outbreaks and a lack of basic necessities. It also compromises hard-won progress toward peace and stability in areas where the U.S. has invested so much to keep our country safe.

CRS has long and enduring relationships with trusted local Church partners. They know the people, the culture, the needs. Supporting these networks strengthens the United States' global influence and stability. In Iraq, a U.S.-funded project empowered 13,000 young people to promote peace and create job opportunities - part of ongoing efforts to rebuild after the Islamic State invasion. The initiative aimed to build trust between communities and provide training in business development, with the goal of reducing conflict and radicalization. The project abruptly ended with the Trump administration's cuts to international humanitarian aid, halting progress in a region still recovering from conflict. Please visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information!



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

*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.  
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Ens John Paul Gibbons  
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Maj. Chris Love  
Maj. Megan Love  
Sgt Jason Lyons

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Sgt Alexander Marlow  
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Capt Jennifer Wynn

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

*Jim & Kathy Buckley, Brian Buckley, Judy & Ed Field, Eileen Talley, Tom Eno, Luke Post, Nancy Cunningham, Andrea Bateman, Bernice & Arthur Hindle, Joan Carrington, Edna Werwinski, Jean Burke, Hayes Gonzalez*



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.

If you would like a loved one added to the prayer list, please email us at [stcorn1@comcast.net](mailto:stcorn1@comcast.net).

**N.B.** *Only family members should be added as a matter of privacy. Not everyone wants their name publicly listed*



## 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.



## 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>

Scan the QR code below to sign up!



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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)



## 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  
[agnes324@verizon.net](mailto:agnes324@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 [stcomprep@scornelius.org](mailto:stcomprep@scornelius.org) or by calling the PREP office (610) 459-7723

We are happy to share that beginning this fall, September 21, our parish will be offering a Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass. This special time allows our youngest parishioners to hear God's Word in a way that is age-appropriate and meaningful, helping them grow in their love for Jesus and understanding of the Gospel. The children will be invited to gather separately during the Liturgy of the Word and will return to their families for the remainder of Mass. We are blessed to have Abigail McCusker and Debbie Anderson leading this ministry, and we encourage parents to bring their children so they can take part in this wonderful opportunity to learn, pray, and grow in faith.

**Sunday  
September 21  
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.*



*Giving Hope to All*



**Sunday Mass Intentions**

- 7:30 AM Shirley Polk
- 9:00 AM John Rodgers
- 11:00 AM Camillo & Anna Veratti
- 4:00 PM Gary Drejka

**Weekly Mass Schedule  
(Week of September 22 - September 26)**

**Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning**

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*  
Reading: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

**Monday 7:30 AM**

Intention: John Rahner  
Reading: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday 7:30 AM**

**Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

Intention: Louis DeCarlo  
Reading: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday 7:30 AM**

Intention: Phyllis Young  
Reading: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday 7:30 AM**

Intention: Ted Mulroy  
Reading: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday 7:30 AM**

Intention: Bertha Daly  
Reading: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22

**PILGRIM STATUE**

- 09 - 21 - 2025 Jean Wysocki
- 09 - 28 - 2025 Open
- 10 - 05 - 2015 Open

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

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



**GOD IS ON THE SIDE OF THE POOR**

Two of today's readings make it quite clear that God is on the side of the poor. Amos describes in detail the exploitation of the poor and needy. The psalm repeats that God acts to benefit the poor and lowly. But Luke turns things upside down, telling a tale of a conflicted steward, about to be fired, who demonstrates his cleverness and is rewarded. Like the community to whom Paul writes in Timothy, these readings are personal, directed to believers, members of the Jewish and Christian communities, who struggle to deal with personal choices about how to conduct their lives. They offer an outline for how God wishes us to live in a world as complicated and as confusing as our own.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Although June is the month most associated with weddings in the United States, September has become more popular in recent years. Wedding celebrations always require some savvy planning, and people who have a talent for hospitality in the mix. At the wedding feast at Cana, the mother of Jesus was recruited to deal with some of the details of the banquet, and when a very understandable crisis arose, she did what she could to rescue the party. Anyone who has ever run

out of ice, dessert, or table settings knows the stress!

Slowly, the memory of Jesus Christ's blessing of this marriage feast led the Church to form a way to bless marriages. A thousand years ago weddings migrated from the family home to the doors of the church, where the celebration was held in public view. From this practice came a prayer called the "Nuptial Blessing," one of the most solemn prayers in our tradition. It is very much like the prayers by which baptismal water and chrism are consecrated, the ordination prayer over a priest, and the Eucharistic Prayers over bread and wine. Four hundred fifty years ago, weddings moved inside the church building. All of this gives married couples good reason to celebrate their anniversaries well, especially with the clinking of glasses filled with good wine.

—James Field



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## JOIN US TO FIGHT GLOBAL HUNGER

PACKAGE MEALS FOR THOSE IN NEED WITH HELPING HANDS

Our goal this year is to package and send at least 50,000 meals to those who suffer food insecurity in Africa and other parts of the world. In addition, we hope to raise the awareness of the growing need of our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

With the support of volunteers like you and your family, we will once again gather to confront the hunger that our brothers and sisters suffer from each day.

Register on line at [saintcornelius.org/meal-packing-event](http://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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