

# St. Cornelius Parish



SUNDAY BULLETIN

October 12, 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

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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 XXVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 2025

In the Liturgy of the Word this weekend, we hear about one of the only two people in the Hebrew Scriptures who were cured of leprosy. Namaan, the Syrian general is one and the other is Miriam, Moses' sister. In the continental United States, leprosy is so rare as to be nonexistent. Not so in the ancient world. In a culture that lacked the medical sophistication that we sadly take for granted there is no concern over this illness that was marked by hysteria and mystery. In Jesus' day leprosy was feared in a way we cannot understand. So fearful did even the suspicion of that ailment make people that a bad case of acne or some kind of skin ailment was often mistaken for the dreaded disease. The result was the person was shunned, isolated and received little care from the healthy in a society not known for charity.

We hear the very tail end of Namaan's saga. The whole story is worth while reading. Namaan wanted drama and Elisha did not even go out of his home to see the diseased man. Namaan is clued into the power of the prophet Elisha by a slave girl. Perhaps the girl was enslaved by Namaan's own army. The irony is that this little girl, a slave and a Hebrew, becomes the means by which Namaan receives the miraculous cure. God often employs what we least expect to be touch by the divine as the very catalyst for the miraculous. Flannery O'Connor based most if not all her writing on that irony. God and grace appear in a manner that we least expect.

Jesus' miracle is part of the great reversal which is an important theological and literary element in the Third Gospel. This reversal is clearly and most beautifully expressed in Mary's prayer, the Magnificat. The scene we hear proclaimed this weekend begins with a brief statement about Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. In His travels, Jesus meets people. All are changed because of the encounter. Some experience a change for the better, others not so much. His question goes to the heart of people's response to His presence and His work: *Where are the other nine? Where are they?*

Each Sunday we can ask a similar question. Where are they? I know regular church attendance is down. One does not need a lesson in statistical analysis to grasp that reality. Just look around. I've been pastor here for 8 years. We do keep records of Church attendance. In the time I've been here I can state without fear of contradiction the reality that our numbers are down. Jesus never said: Count my sheep. He did say to feed them which is what I and all the members of the staff here in St. Cornelius strive to do.

So I close by fashioning a question based on the gospel passage. Where are they. Please do not assert that people do not attend church because of Covid. Although that assertion was made to me recently. Do they go food shopping? Do they go out for dinner? Do they go to sporting events or the movies? I believe that the Covid was the catalyst for their absence but it makes no sense now. Not that it made much sense then when bars were kept open but churches were ordered to be closed.

Pope Benedict, of late happy memory, asserted that in the future the church will be smaller. But for those who remain faithful the church will be stronger because they will have to be. I commend you for your presence each week. I commend you for your presence on the weekend.

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 was **Wednesday, September 17th, 2025**, but you can join us at any time.

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)



In our charity, let us pray for the repose of the soul of

*William L. McDowell, Jr.*

Husband of Helen McDowell

*Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord.*

*May he rest in peace.*



## Knights of Columbus®

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all the men of St. Cornelius who expressed interest in joining the St. Cornelius Council. We had over 20 men express interest in joining at our membership drive this past weekend!

If you are a Catholic man 18 years or older, you may join the Knights of Columbus. The St. Cornelius Council invites you to become part of this vibrant fraternity.

You may join online at [www.kofc.org/join](http://www.kofc.org/join) and use our council number, [12391], to connect with us. New members may join for free using the promo code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY in honor of Blessed Michael J. McGivney, the Founder of the Knights.

For your convenience, a QR code that will take you to the membership page is here:



## 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 on-going at our parish. We invite you to contribute what you can. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Todor 609-234-1193



Join us for a Bible study designed for parents of young children. Grow in faith, connect with other parents, and find encouragement through God's Word.

Children are invited to attend!  
While we dig into Scripture together, your

# Bible Study For Parents of Young Children

Sessions will be held every other Sunday!

Information Meeting/Launch Date:

Sunday, October 26th, 2:30PM

Please email Abbie McCusker to register or to learn more information!

Abbie McCusker- akohlbrener@scornelius.org

## Buildings and Grounds Committee



If you have any experience in the trades, the Buildings and Grounds Committee is looking for new members. As the pastor says: If you can hammer a nail in straight, you are over qualified. In reality we have a big campus, close to 60 acres, with a lot of moving parts. The Committee meets once month, discusses aspects of the temporal goods of the parish and make recommendations for the attention that is necessary. Please give it consideration and if interested talk to Msgr. Diamond.

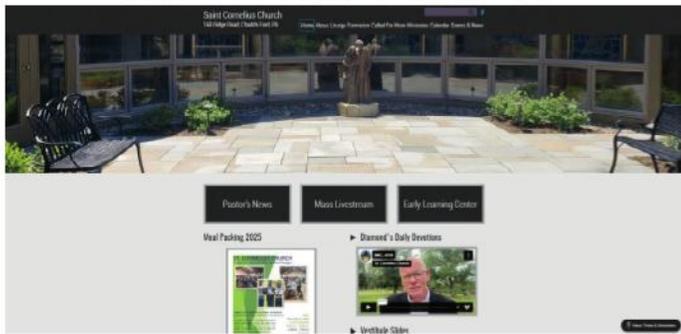
*Annual Baby Bottle Drive*



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.



# DDD – The Triple “D”



Four days a week the pastor records *Diamond's Daily Devotions*. It is basically a brief reflection on the Liturgy of the Word that day. Access to this is by way of our web site where you can find what the pastor can share in terms of a spiritual message for that day.



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.

**October 5, 2025**

WeShare e Giving	\$10,355.40
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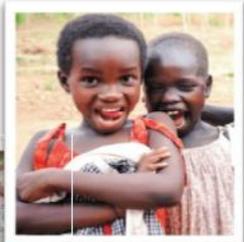
*“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”*

Luke 12:34



## ST. CORNELIUS CHURCH

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### JOIN US TO FIGHT GLOBAL HUNGER

PACKAGE MEALS FOR AFRICA WITH HELPING HANDS

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

**DATE**

November 8, 2025

**TIME**

8:30 am to 2:30 pm

**LOCATION**

St. Cornelius Church, PLC

**CONTACT**

Parish Office 610.459.2502

Register on line at [saintcornelius.org/meal-packing-event](http://saintcornelius.org/meal-packing-event) and join your fellow parishioners to fight hunger.



Do you have the desire to be part of building a **CREATION CARE TEAM** In St. Cornelius Parish?

**INFORMATION SESSION**  
Please join us, learn about how you can participate in creating a **Creation Care Team** based on a contemplative Christian spirit and the common good.

**WHEN-WHERE?**  
Thursday, October 23  
7:00-8:00pm  
Parish Life Center  
Fr. Simon Room

Please let us know if you will attend: Bob Holliday, [uwholliday@gmail.com](mailto:uwholliday@gmail.com)  
610-717-2265



# St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

Our little PreK-4 friends had so much fun doing a bubble experiment with vinegar and baking soda! The children were amazed to see how the two ingredients mixed together to make bubbles and fizz, teaching them about chemical reactions in a hands-on way. While exploring, they also learned how important it is to stay safe in science by following directions, keeping materials in the containers, and watching closely with curious eyes. It was an exciting and safe way to discover that science is full of surprises! How cute are our little scientists!



IT'S TIME TO  
**LAUGH**  
WITH  
**GORDON DOUGLAS**

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HERE!



OR CALL THE  
OFFICE!  
610-459-2502

**WHEN:** October 17 at 6:30 PM  
**WHERE:** St. Cornelius Parish Life Center  
**COST:** \$45 for Catered Dinner and Show

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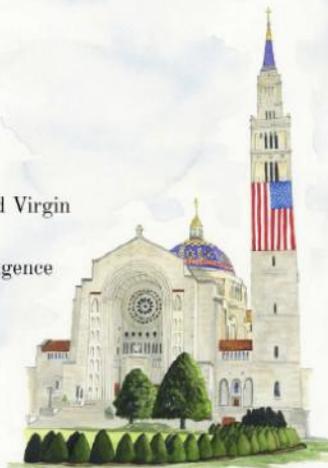
## Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

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

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*Giving Hope to All*



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

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
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| 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   |
| SSG. Eric Gardner            | Lt. Cmdr Inga O'Shea      |
| Capt Matthew Gibbons         | Maj James O'Shea          |
| Ens Patrick Gibbons          | Sgt. Maj. Justin Rogowski |
| Ens John Paul Gibbons        | PFC L Roland              |
| Maj Rachel Gonzalez          | LTJG Christian Samulewicz |
| SPC Logan Hannum             | 1st Lt. Olivia Samulewicz |
| Sgt Andrew Hart              | Capt. Neal F. Schubert    |
| Devin J. Hunt                | Ens Nicholas Spadaccini   |
| PO1 Nathan R. Keller         | MSG Thomas Stone          |
| 1st Lt Lauren Kinnee         | Cpl Mark Truex            |
| Spc. Andrew Koehler          | Lt. Christopher Vish      |
| Capt Daniel Kohli            | Capt. Aidan Walsh         |
| Maj. Chris Love              | PFC Ellianna Welsh        |
| Maj. Megan Love              | Capt Jennifer Wynn        |
| Sgt Jason Lyons              |                           |

## 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, Hayes Gonzalez



American Red Cross  
Blood Drive  
St. Cornelius Church

Thursday – November 6, 2025  
1PM to 6PM

Registration Opportunity after ALL Masses  
October 25 & 26

OR....Register at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) using Zip Code 19317 and Refine Search or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) Call Marilyn at 484-947-7295 leaving your name and phone number with any questions.

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Be a donor on November 6th

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@ 1-866-236-3276



## 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 **October 18, 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.



## 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. Please help by signing up for Adoration at least one hour each week. Your commitment will cover the same hour for each Friday.



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.***



## 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.

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



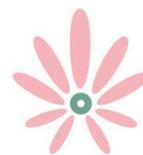
### Join us at any time!

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](http://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.***



## 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

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  
October 19  
11:45 AM**

Join our Parish Pro-Life Group in the church on Sunday, October 19, 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.*

**Sunday Mass Intentions**

- 7:30 AM John & Joanna Boznango
- 9:00 AM Mary Duricek
- 11:00 AM Fr. Charles Sullivan
- 4:00 PM Theresa Facht

**Weekly Mass Schedule  
(Week of October 13 - October 17)**

**Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning**

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*  
Reading: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

**Monday 7:30 AM**

Intention: Twardy Family  
Reading: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday 7:30 AM**

Intention: Daniel & Mary Flanagan  
Reading: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday 7:30 AM**

**Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus,  
Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

Intention: Matthew Robert Morris  
Reading: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46

**Thursday 7:30 AM**

Intention: Bertha Daly  
Reading: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab, Lk 11:47-54

**Friday 7:30 AM**

**Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch,  
Bishop and Martyr**

Intention: Waldo Hicks  
Reading: Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

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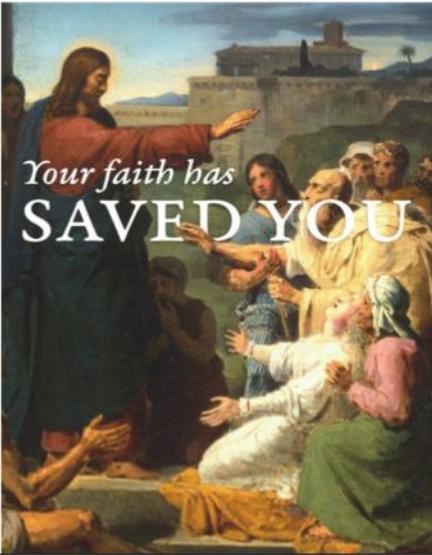
- 10 - 12 - 2025 Debbie Brisgone
- 10 - 19 - 2025 Open
- 10 - 26 - 2025 March Chuchman

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

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

**HEALING AND SALVATION**

The readings today speak of healing and salvation. In Second Kings, Naaman, a commander of the army of the king of Syria, develops leprosy. He goes to a stranger, a prophet from Israel, when no one else can cure his disease. Much to his surprise, after a simple bath in the river, he is cured. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus cures ten lepers and sends them to the priest. Only



one, a Samaritan, returns to thank Jesus for his cure and only he hears the words, "Your faith has saved you." The psalm and Timothy remind us that salvation involves justice, kindness, and faithfulness and forever links us with Jesus. In a world as broken as ours, both healing and salva-

tion are necessary.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Christian liturgy has always contained an opportunity to make a choice for sharing. From the beginning, Christians pooled their resources, especially for the care of widows and orphans, at the weekly Eucharist. Over the years, the collection became detached from the liturgy and baskets or plates would be passed through the community while the Mass was going on at the altar, or contributions would be collected at the doors. In Milan's Ambrosian Rite, these gifts have always been brought to the altar by lay people in procession. In German countries, the ancient custom was for the entire assembly to process with their gifts—first the men, then the women, then the priests and deacons—to offer their gifts at the altar. The old ceremony of canonization included a curious vestige of this procession: people would present the pope with two loaves of bread, two barrels of wine and water, five candles, and three cages containing pigeons or turtledoves!

-James Field

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

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