

St. Cornelius Parish



November 2, 2025

SUNDAY BULLETIN

THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS

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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 XXXI Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 2, 2025

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Very few times is the Sunday Liturgy bumped for another celebration. Today's liturgy is a rare example of that phenomenon when Ordinary Time yields to the Commemoration of All Souls. Praying for the faithful departed is an aspect of our Catholic Faith and is supported by both Scripture and Tradition, which we believe are the means of God's revelation. This is one area where we disagree with our Protestant brothers and sisters. It goes back to Martin Luther's assertion of *sola scriptura* (only scripture). We believe that God reveals Himself through Scripture and Tradition. Ours is a both and religion: Scripture *and* Tradition. Mercy and Compassion. Law and Love. Jesus is both human and divine.

As we pause in our usual celebration of the cycles of the Liturgical Calendar and pray for all the Faithful Departed it is a good reminder to reflect on the gifts that have been given to us through the people God has shared with us in love. Many years ago when I was teaching high school, I had a student who lost a parent to a fatal disease. We gathered in the chapel for prayers for the student and for the parent who had died. I remember one of my prayers that day was for me. My parents were both alive at that time and I remember praying for myself that when the time comes, I may deal with their death in a manner consistent with our faith.

Losing anyone in death is a uniquely painful experience. The sense of loss and now being alone when death strikes is like nothing else we experience. I have been blessed in accompanying the dying on their final journey. Being at the bedside of a person the moment they have died is a powerful moment. No matter how well prepared you may think you are for that event, when it arrives words cannot adequately express the thoughts, feelings and prayers that are part of that moment.

As we celebrate the annual Remembrance Mass, which is offered for all the people who have been buried from our church in the last calendar year. I regularly call on an episode in St. Augustine's great work The Confessions. In that particular passage Augustine relates the story of his own mother's death. He and his brother and mother, Monica, were traveling. She suddenly became ill and went into what we would call a coma, in and out of consciousness. Augustine writes that she awoke and upon awaking saw their distress and asked why they were so disturbed. Augustine replied that she was ill and they were far from home and they were afraid that she would die and be buried in a place far away from their home. With motherly and saintly insight she replied: Care not where you bury me; simply remember me at the altar of God.

That is what we do at the Remembrance Mass. That is what we do at every Mass. In his letter to the Thessalonians, St. Paul writes: *We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.* (I Thessalonians 4: 13) St. Paul does not tell us not to grieve. He tells us not to grieve like those who have no hope. We are a people of hope and with the strength our faith gives us we can live in the hope that comes to us through the love of Christ.

Pray for the faithful departed. Yes, certainly express your grief as St. Paul directs and express your faith in the One who has defeated death by His death.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond

November AMPS Meeting

★ “America’s Military Readiness on the Global Stage” ★



Speaker: The Honorable Kenneth J. Braithwaite, 77th Secretary of the Navy, U.S. Ambassador to Norway and U.S. Navy Rear Admiral (retired)



Ages 55 and Up
November 5, 2025
12:00-2:30 PM
Parish Life Center
Lunch Provided



Robert & Maria Alesi-Hannold and family
Mitchell McLeod



Knights of Columbus®

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal service organization that operates on the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. The Saint Cornelius Council of the Knights of Columbus performs many good works for the benefit of the parish community. We will be assisting at the Meal Packing Event being held on November 8. Please sign up here: www.saintcornelius.org/meal-packing-event

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 kofc.org/join and use our council number, [12391], to connect with us. New members may join for free using the promo code **BLESSEDMC-GIVNEY** 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:

*Come grow in faith, build lasting friendships,
and serve our community as a Knight!
God bless you.*



ALL SAINTS' DAY THEOLOGY ON TAP

PIZZA AND DRINKS!

AGES 18-30
7 PM - 9 PM

ANSWER SAINT TRIVIA!

MONDAY NOVEMBER 10
PARISH HOUSE BASEMENT



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



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

ALL SOULS DAY

The Church, after rejoicing yesterday with those of her children who have entered the glory of heaven, today prays for all those who, in the purifying suffering of Purgatory await the day when they will be joined to the company of saints. At no place in the liturgy is stated in more striking fashion the mysterious union between the Church triumphant, the Church militant and the Church suffering; at no time is there accomplished in clearer fashion the twofold duty of charity and justice deriving for every Christian from the fact of his incorporation in the mystical Body of Christ. By virtue of the consoling doctrine of the communion of saints the merits and prayers of each one are able to help all; and the Church is able to join her prayer with that of the saints in heaven and supply what is wanting to the souls in Purgatory by means of the Mass, indulgences and the alms and sacrifices of her children.



The celebration of Mass, the sacrifice of Calvary continued on our altars, has ever been for the Church the principal means of fulfilling towards the dead the great commandment of charity. Masses for the dead are found in the fifth century. But it was St. Odilo, fourth abbot of Cluny, who was responsible for the institution of the general commemoration of all the faithful departed; he instituted it and fixed its celebration on November 2, the day after All Saints. The practice spread to the rest of Christendom.

Daily in a special Memento in the Canon of the Mass, at which the priest remembers all those who have fallen asleep in the Lord, the priest implores God to grant them a place of happiness, light and peace. Thus there is no Mass in which the Church does not pray for the faithful departed; but today her thoughts are directed towards them in a particular fashion, with the maternal preoccupation of leaving no soul in Purgatory without spiritual aid and of grouping them all together in her intercession. By a privilege that Benedict XV's decree has extended to the whole world every priest can today celebrate three Masses; for the liberation of the souls in Purgatory the Church multiplies the offering of the sacrifice of Christ, from which she draws forever on behalf of all her children, infinite fruits of redemption.

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Things to do

- Remember your family and friends who are deceased and make an extra sacrifice for them; pray the rosary for the most forgotten soul in Purgatory.
- There is also solemn commemoration from the Book of Blessings that can be used on All Souls. See Visiting a Cemetery on All Souls Day, Memorial Day, or on the Anniversary of Death or Burial.
- Have family discussions about death, preparing for death, funerals, and the Sacrament of the Sick. Visit the cemetery with children. Visits to the cemetery can be uplifting, calm and peaceful and not a scary event.



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 26, 2025

WeShare e Giving	\$7,205.40
Envelope Offering	\$9,399.50
	\$16,604.90



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

Luke 12:34



CYO Basketball Tryouts

Tryouts for boys in 5th and 6th grade will be held Monday November 10th and Thursday November 13th from 6 to 7pm in the Saint Cornelius gym.

Tryouts for boys in 7th and 8th grade will be held Monday November 10th and Thursday November 13th from 7 to 8pm in the Saint Cornelius gym.

Any girls in grades 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade interested in playing CYO basketball please email Jeanine Shea at JeanineMShea@gmail.com.

For any questions or to express an interest in boys and girls CYO basketball please email Jeanine Shea at JeanineMShea@gmail.com.

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.

Holy Hour - Join Us!

Monday, November 3 , 8:00 am

After the 7:30 Mass, the Pro-Life Group is hosting a Holy Hour. We will pray a rosary for the unborn, and an end to abortion. We will also pray the Miraculous Medal Novena for the unborn. There will be time for silent prayer. The hour will close at approximately 9:00 am.

Look for this event monthly on the first Monday of the month.



St. Cornelius Annual Thanksgiving Drive

To Support Mercy Neighborhood Ministries

The Mission of Mercy Neighborhood Ministries of Philadelphia, Inc. is to create partnerships and services that respond to the needs of those who are poor in the North Philadelphia community, especially women, children and persons with special needs.



Weekend of November 22 & 23, 2025

Drop donations off at the Parish Life Center
PRIOR to Mass

Suggested Donations

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| Canned vegetables | Muffin mix |
| Instant potatoes | Canned cranberry sauce |
| Turkey gravy | Low sugar breakfast cereal |
| Stuffing mix | Instant pudding |
| Goya beans | Unbreakable juice bottles |

Cash or Gift Cards to Shop Rite & Giant (PA) are also appreciated; please write the value directly on the card.

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please contact: Mary Allen (text 484-432-5098)
or Colleen Zangla (colleenmz@hotmail.com)

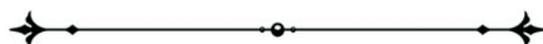
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for your Generosity*

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

All Souls' Day is a unique day in the life of the Church. This is the commemoration of the faithful departed. Prayer for the dead reaches deep into our human history, and it has been our custom from the earliest days of the church. The belief that our prayers can be of assistance to the dead is a treasured tenet of our Catholic faith. We profess it every time we recite the creed "...I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come." In a special way, please remember those for whom a funeral Mass was celebrated here at St. Cornelius or a memorial service at the funeral home since last November (*listed in alphabetical order*):



- Dylan John Barmmer
- Teresa Bellew
- Mary Collin
- Joanne Cossaboon
- John Daly
- Dan Deardorff
- Joseph DeMaio
- Charlotte Giblin
- Leo Karwaski
- Kathleen Koperna
- William McDowell
- Dcn. Clement McGovern
- James McVey
- Daniel Pagano
- Rosemary Pinca
- Shirley Polk
- Salvatore Russo
- Elaine Shull
- John Steckel
- Teresa Strommer
- Hubert Thompson
- Philip Travaglini
- Antimo Varriale
- Joseph Wurm



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen



St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

Trunk or Treat at the Early Learning Center

Our recent Trunk or Treat at the Early Learning Center was an absolute blast! Families came together for an evening filled with laughter, creativity, and Halloween fun. The decorated trunks were amazing, and our little friends had the best time collecting treats from each one. This year's event was even more exciting with the addition of a moon bounce that kept the children jumping with joy and a delicious food truck that served tasty treats for everyone. It was a wonderful night of community, costumes, and smiles all around!



Baptisms

Baptized in Christ

Alyssa Fasanella
Micaela Fasanella

Daughters of Michael and Kira Fasanella
Let us pray for our newly baptized Christian.



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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.ycphiladelphia.org/cpages/home

Prayer Shawl Ministry... Come, Join US!



Did you know that each baby baptized at St. Cornelius receives a hand-made blanket made by our Prayer Shawl Ministry? You are welcome to join us in this rewarding ministry. We also make shawls, blankets, scarves, hats, mittens etc. for elderly homes, the Giving Tree and anyone looking for a comforting gift.

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

We find ourselves in need of white acrylic yarn or funding to help continue this wonderful ministry. Please prayerfully consider donating to our ministry or purchasing a "Pound of Love" or "Caron Pound" of white acrylic yarn. We have a basket set up in the narthex, below the large TV monitor, to offer our works and for your donations. Also, you are welcome to drop off any yarn donations to the Parish Life Center. Donations are greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact

Valerie Childs (610) 213-0515
and Vickie Gambino (317) 440-5210

CRS NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

CRS provided porridge made from local and affordable ingredients to young children suffering from moderate malnutrition in Nigeria. The result? A 98% recovery rate from malnutrition for just \$50 to \$66 to feed each child.

In order to be as effective as possible, humanitarian relief agencies must choose interventions that have the greatest impact on the most people at the lowest price. Within complex, large-scale programs, the methods for determining the cost of individual activities are often inconsistent, labor-intensive and error-prone. To ensure programs implement the most impactful cost-efficient interventions, CRS uses Dioptra, an online tool that generates evidence to calculate an activity's total cost per output (per participant, per hectare, etc.). Dioptra retrieves existing data from an agency's financial database and guides staff through a standardized process. Visit www.crs.org to learn more!



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

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| SSG Ana Brunal | 2nd Lt. Kevin Malone |
| 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 |
| 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 |
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| 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

James M. Sullivan, 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

OR....Register at 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.

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds. Blood cannot be manufactured. It can only come from generous donors like YOU.

Be that Good Samaritan!

Be a donor on November 6th

Eligibility questions? Call the Red Cross Donor Center @ 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 **November 15, 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.



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 wedding 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 (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

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

It is never too late to pick up and read.



Charitable Giving Through Appreciated Stocks and Mutual Funds

If your investment portfolio has appreciated assets, a great way to reduce your taxes and donate to the church is to gift St. Cornelius appreciated investments. If you do have appreciated investments, Saint Cornelius is able to accept stocks and mutual funds as a charitable contribution through *Charles Schwab*.

For further information, please contact David Bauer, the business manager for the church, at 610-459-2502.

Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

ST. CORNELIUS
BINGO NIGHT
November 14
@ 7 PM
Parish Life Center
\$10 for 10 rounds



Stay up to date with Catholic news – it's as close as your email inbox. Sign up for **CatholicPhilly.com**'s free email newsletter covering local, national and world Catholic news, features and catechesis at CatholicPhilly.com/newsletter. Our parish has been featured in the CatholicPhilly News covering a story on The Matthew XXV Garden and the Early Learning Center.

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



First Sunday

Coffee

The St. Cornelius Council of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a coffee reception in the Holy Family Portico after the 11:00 Mass on **Sunday, November 2**.



Nick Cappelli of Suburban Food Service is again supplying us with the caffeine, cocoa and tea. This month we invite those with the last names beginning with A-M to bring baked goods to share with all our parishioners. Please join us after Mass with your fellow parishioners.

See you there!!

Sunday Mass Intentions

- 7:30 AM Diane Sangillo
- 9:00 AM Marie Megill
- 11:00 AM Carol Lombardi
- 4:00 PM Ken Castelle

**Weekly Mass Schedule
(Week of November 3 - November 7)**

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*
 Reading: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
 Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

Monday 7:30 AM

Intention: Karen Bergmann
 Reading: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36;
 Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday 7:30 AM

Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Intention: For the deceased who have no one to pray for them.
 Reading: Rom 12:5-16ab; Ps 131:1bcde, 2,3;
 Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Evelyn Covington
 Reading: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112: 1b-2, 4-5, 9;
 Lk 14:25-33

Thursday 7:30 AM

Intention: Scott Brady
 Reading: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14;
 Lk 15:1-10

Friday 7:30 AM

Intention: Francis J. Clemens
 Reading: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
 Lk 16:1-8

PILGRIM STATUE



- 11 - 02 - 2025 Open
- 11 - 09 - 2025 Open
- 11 - 16 - 2025 Debbie Brisgone

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

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

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

We are happy to share that 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.

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Giving Hope to All





**The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
The Church Suffering**

One of the most beautiful aspects of our Catholic faith is the Communion of Saints. Whether it be the Church Militant still fighting the good fight here on earth, or the Church Suffering enduring their final time of purification in Purgatory, or the Church Triumphant rejoicing with our Lord in heaven, we are all united together in faith. We are one Church, united in the mysteries of the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord.

What makes this reality so beautiful is our ability to pray for one another, no matter what state of life we find ourselves in. Those on earth can pray to lessen the time in purgatory of one of their brothers, and those in Purgatory can offer up their sufferings for those on earth. Those in Heaven can pray for both those on earth and those in Purgatory. It is an incredible circle of love and care that won't end until Christ comes again.

Today we celebrate the Church Suffering. It is a day to

remember "those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith." In other words, all of our departed brothers and sisters who have been baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Since our souls must be completely cleansed before entering the heavenly banquet, many of us will be required to endure this time of purification. Others will be permitted to undergo great hardships here on earth and be cleansed through them, with the aid of the sacraments.

Sometimes we may wonder why our aunt suffers from alzheimers, or why our grandfather must continue to live through the discomforts of old age. We may wonder why our nephew was allowed to get in that car accident or our own child had to endure the after affects of a burst appendix. But all of these trials, when lived with faith, can be opportunities for purification for ourselves and others. "Offer it up" is no longer a cliché, but rather a reminder to direct our minds and hearts to God during times of difficulty.

Today, let us pray for all the souls in purgatory, that they may soon gaze upon the glorious face of our Saviour, and may they in turn pray for us, that we may one day join them in Heaven.

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DATE

November 8, 2025

2 TIME SESSIONS

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