

St. Cornelius Parish



SUNDAY BULLETIN

November 9, 2025

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YOUR HOUSE**
will consume me

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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 XXXII Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
November 9, 2025

There is a massive difference between religion and religiosity. I have little tolerance for people who report that they are spiritual but not religious. They make the assertion with a weak sense of superiority, thinking themselves preeminent over those poor mortals who are associated with and practice a particular creed. In its root and origin, the word religion connotes being bound, tied or fastened. When the assertion is made that there is more than a significant difference between religion and religiosity, the question then is what is the difference? True religion is authentically relating to the Other, to God. Religiosity would be more correctly defined as binding oneself to the trappings of true religion; not binding oneself to the essence of worship of the Other but sentimental and emotional attachments to what in philosophy is called the accident as opposed to the essence. Accidents refer to the color of one's hair, or in some cases like mine, whether one has much hair. The clothing you wear, the car you drive, the home in which you live are all accidents of your existence, not essential to it.

The denunciation that Jesus regularly levels against the scribes and the Pharisees is that they have turned the accidents of religion into the essentials of religion. The cleansing of the Temple is an instance when Jesus demonstrates the ferocity of His commitment to the Kingdom of God. The episode is found in each of the four gospels with one difference among them. In the Synoptic accounts the event is placed at the end of the Public Ministry. It is presented as the immediate catalyst for the leaders of the people to arrest, condemn and kill Jesus. John, from whom we hear this weekend, places it at the beginning of Jesus' public life and ministry. In it Jesus attempts to sort out the proper means and manner of worship. He has thrown down the gauntlet and now there is no going back to the obscure town of Nazareth. Now He mounts that public stage and begins to invite and challenge all who hear Him to be transformed.

As Catholics we celebrate with our senses; there is some truth to the phrase you may have heard: "Oh, those Catholic with their smells and bells." It is true, our worship engages all of us. Our liturgies are filled with appeals to the senses. Our churches are stocked with symbols. Gothic cathedrals are a feast for the eyes. Designed by Abbe Suger, an 11th century monk instrumental in the origin and design of Gothic Cathedrals, knew this in building these beautiful sacred spaces. When you walk into a Gothic Cathedral, you cannot help yourself; you immediately begin to look up. That is what the sacred space that surrounds you does; it takes you beyond yourself. That is what the practice of true religion does; it takes you beyond yourself.

Religiosity tends to invert the true nature of religion. One does not look to the Other; rather one looks to the self. Blessings are turned into curses, bad teaching leads to bad practices. In Sacred Scripture it is often ineptitude or corruption of the priests that causes people to lose their way. It is all upside down. This is the point the Lord is making with the Pharisees and scribes. Their distortion of the practice of religion has led others to stray from the truth.

It is in the practice of religion that our faith is most clearly manifest, and that manifestation is preeminently in evidence through our relationships. Our salvation is never closer than in the daily, every day, quotidian existence we all live. Our salvation is never more threatened than in the daily, everyday, quotidian and even mundane existence we all live. Most of us are not going to find ourselves at a critical point in the history of national or international relations. But is Thoreau correct in that "most [people] lead lives of quiet desperation?" That seems incongruous with the life we are called to live as a disciple. Reflect on the recent feast which opened this month, the Feast of All Saints. We have some familiarity with the saints on the liturgical calendar. The Feast of All Saints celebrates the unsung heroes and heroines of our faith. Those countless people whose lives, sometimes marked by Thoreau's desperation, still managed to live their baptismal call, despite obstacles and impediments.

The acts of faith and good works that are present in and through the disciples in our parish will not make the evening news or the morning headlines. And that is too bad. The world could do with more good news – authentic religion, lived and practiced.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond



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



Patricia Hanna



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. Our next membership meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 13, at 7 pm in the Parish Life Center.** Please join us!

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 **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:



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

**ALL SAINTS' DAY
THEOLOGY ON TAP**

**AGES 18-30
7 PM - 9 PM**

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 10
PARISH HOUSE BASEMENT**

PIZZA AND DRINKS! **ANSWER SAINT TRIVIA!**



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



Assisted Hearing Devices

We have assisted hearing devices, which connect directly to the sound system. They are located inside the church, along side the wall to your left as you view the altar.

Easy to operate: the ear pieces are already attached. Just turn it on, a green light will blink and then remain on, adjust the volume.

Comments from satisfied users:

Wow - That is the first time in a long Time that I have heard everything at Mass.

THE ST. CORNELIUS LITERARY SOCIETY

Marce Catlett: The Force of a Story:

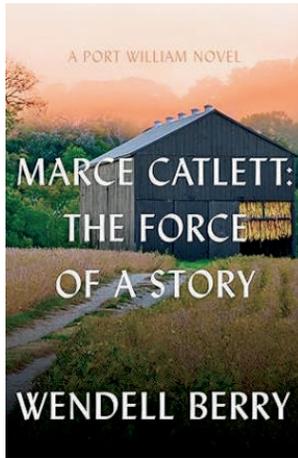
by Wendell Berry

Andy Catlett’s story begins as his grandfather Marce Catlett rises in the dark to travel from his farm by horseback and train to Louisville for the auction of his 1906 tobacco crop. The price paid for each year’s crop has been depressed to virtually nothing by the power of a single buyer, James B. Duke. This year is especially grim since the price offered to each grower is less than the expense of bringing the crop to market. A year’s labor is lost.

Marce returns to his family defeated, defiant, and determined to grow another crop. Many of his fellow farmers at first seem to lack the resiliency and resourcefulness to continue. Only with the cooperation of other growers can a way be found that protects these farmers and keeps their rural families vital and in place.

The power and depth of this story—and of the many stories within the history of the Port William Membership—resonate with love, kindness, and the held memory of family and community. In *Marce Catlett: The Force of a Story*, celebrated author Wendell Berry brings to life a tale that devoted readers of the series will cherish. This moving novel is a testament to the goodwill that lives within the human heart and a stirring reminder that standing up for what we believe in is always a cause worth fighting for.

Please plan on attending our next meeting Sunday, November 23 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Life Center.



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.

November 2, 2025

WeShare e Giving	\$9,510.40
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	\$24,901.90



“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.

Have you Registered with the Parish?



The church calendar is drawing to a close. After today we have only 2 more Sunday’s and then we begin Advent. Advent 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 3:00 pm, and Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Noon. We close for Lunch 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

We look forward to seeing you and your family!

THE PARISH CHURCH AND ITS FURNISHINGS BOOK OF THE GOSPELS

The Book of the Gospels is a collection of Gospel passages proclaimed at Mass. It is an excerpt of the lectionary, usually containing the Gospels for Sundays and solemnities, and decorated with dignity. It does not contain the entire texts of all four Gospels. The words of Jesus are highly esteemed by Christians, so the Book of the Gospels receives more respect than other volumes of the lectionary.

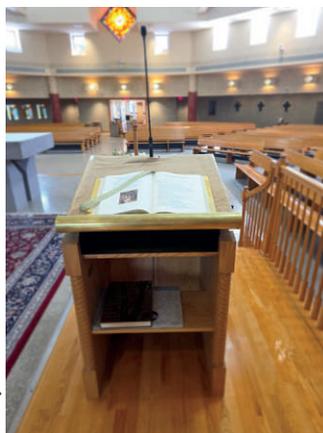
It is not required to use of the Book of the Gospels at Mass, but it is recommended. This book—not the lectionary—may be carried in the Entrance Procession by a deacon, or by a reader when there is no deacon.



The minister walks with the book slightly elevated and places it upon the altar, which represents Christ, the living stone (1 Peter 2:4). This placement unifies two primary symbols for Christ from the

Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

During the Gospel Acclamation, the deacon or priest goes to the altar, lifts the Book of the Gospels, and carries it to the ambo. He may incense the book after announcing the evangelist. He proclaims the Gospel and then kisses the book. If a bishop presides, the deacon who proclaims the Gospel carries the Book of the Gospels to the bishop for him to kiss. The bishop may then grasp the book and bless the people by making the Sign of the Cross with it. Afterward, the book may be placed on the credence table or in some other worthy place.



During the ordination of a deacon, the Book of the Gospels is placed briefly in his hands. During the ordination of a bishop, the Book of the Gospels is briefly laid upon his head.

Written by Paul Turner

IN COMMUNION WITH OUR SAINTS

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini born Francesca on July 15, 1850 in Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, in Lombardy, was the youngest of the thirteen children of Agostino Cabrini and Stella Oldini, wealthy farmers. Born prematurely and small and weak as a child, she remained in delicate health throughout her life. After the deaths of her parents in 1870, she applied for admission to the religious congregation of the Daughters of the Sacred Heart under whom she had been educated, but was told that she was too frail for their life. Instead, she became the headmistress of the House of Providence orphanage in Codogno, where she taught, and drew a small community of women to live a religious way of life. Cabrini took religious vows in 1877 and added Xavier to her name to honor the Jesuit saint, Francis Xavier, the patron saint of missionary service.



In November 1880, she and six other women who had taken religious vows with her founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (M.S.C.). She composed the Rule and Constitutions of the religious institute, and she continued as its superior general until her death. The sisters took in orphans and foundlings, opened a day school to help pay expenses, started classes in needlework and sold their fine embroidery to earn a little more money. The institute established seven homes and a free school and nursery in its first five years.

In September 1887, Cabrini went to seek approval of the pope to establish missions in China. Instead, he suggested to her that she go to the United States to help the Italian immigrants who were flooding to that nation in that era, mostly in great poverty. *“Not to the East, but to the West”* was his advice. She left for the United States, arriving in New York City on March 31, 1889, along with six other sisters. She encountered disappointment and difficulties at every step. Archbishop Michael Corrigan, who was not immediately supportive, found them housing at the convent of the Sisters of Charity, where they were allowed to stay as long as necessary. She obtained the permission of the archbishop to found an orphanage.

In New York City, she founded Columbus Hospital and Italian Hospital. In Chicago, the sisters opened Columbus Extension Hospital (later renamed Saint Cabrini Hospital) in the heart of the city’s Italian neighborhood on the Near West Side.

Cabrini was beatified on November 13, 1938, by Pope Pius XI, and canonized on July 7, 1946, by Venerable Pius XII, the first American citizen to be canonized. She is the patron saint of immigrants.



St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

Our early learning center’s Halloween celebration was filled with excitement and smiles! Families gathered for our annual Halloween parade, where our little friends proudly showed off their creative and adorable costumes for parents to enjoy. After the parade, the fun continued with festive classroom parties full of laughter, music, and special treats. It was a wonderful day of imagination, friendship, and Halloween spirit — creating memories our little ones will cherish!



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

Joy Marie Shields

A long time member of the parish and friend to many.

*Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord.
May she rest in peace.*



A Prayer for Veterans’ Day

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept it’s disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Please help us to help families in Haiti and Jamaica devastated by Hurricane Melissa. With sustained winds of 185 miles per hour, Hurricane Melissa swept through Jamaica, Haiti and Cuba, leaving destruction in its wake. Your gift today can help Catholic Relief Services provide lifesaving support - including emergency shelter, clean water and essential supplies - to families most at risk.

Across much of the Caribbean, Hurricane Melissa's intense winds destroyed homes and buildings, uprooted trees, and left tens of thousands of people without electricity. Jamaica suffered the greatest impact, as the hurricane made landfall there on Tuesday, October 28 at a category 5 strength. In Cuba, residents of Santiago de Cuba - the nation's second-largest city - used machetes to clear debris-clogged streets. While Hurricane Melissa did not make direct landfall in Haiti, the storm has produced heavy rains that have led to flash flooding and landslides in many areas of the Grand Sud, and blocked major national routes. Urgent needs across the region include safe shelter, clean water, food and hygiene supplies. Please visit www.crs.org to make a donation online. Thanks for your support!



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

Kara Ulatowski, 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



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.**

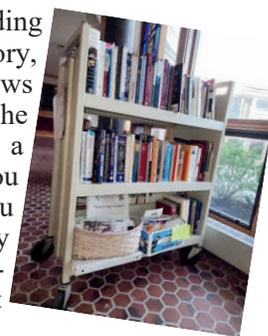
Contact Joan Holliday for any questions
dochollisv@aol.com or call (610) 717-2180.

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

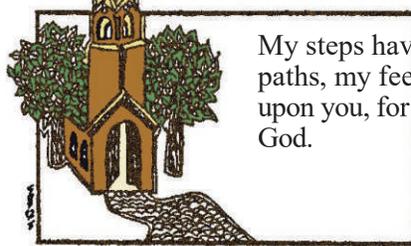
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Cpl Michael Castle	PFC Zachary Marlow
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Capt Joshua deFreitas	LT Molly K. McGuckin
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SSG. Eric Gardner	Lt. Cmdr Inga O'Shea
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Ens John Paul Gibbons	PFC L Roland
Maj Rachel Gonzalez	LTJG Christian Samulewicz
SPC Logan Hannum	1st Lt. Olivia Samulewicz
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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	

LENDING LIBRARY

You may not be aware of the Lending Library that exists in our ambulatory, near the large stain glass windows overlooking the family portico. The cart pictured to the right contains a variety of reading material that you are welcome to take with you. You may also find a variety of holy cards, prayer pamphlets and novenas. Please feel free to take what you like.



Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome November 9, 2025



My steps have been steadfast in your paths, my feet have not faltered. I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God.

— Psalm 17:5-6a



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.



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.



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.



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.



**Sunday
November 16
11:45 AM**



Join our Parish Pro-Life Group in the church on Sunday, November 16, 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 Floyd Bosserman
- 9:00 AM Evelyn Covington
- 11:00 AM Daniel Novelli
- 4:00 PM James Litz

**Weekly Mass Schedule
(Week of November 10 - November 14)**

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*
 Reading: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Monday 7:30 AM

**Memorial of Saint Leo the Great,
Pope and Doctor of the Church**

Intention: Nicole McGuigan
 Reading: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10;
 Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday 7:30 AM

**Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours,
Bishop
Veterans Day**

Intention: Helen Novak
 Reading: Wis 2:23-3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19;
 Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday 7:30 AM

Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Intention: Norine Bastian Pastore
 Reading: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday 7:30 AM

Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Intention: John Kane
 Reading: Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135,
 175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday 7:30 AM

Intention: Susan Reagoso
 Reading: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

**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.

HEED THE CALL



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DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD**
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WWW.HeedTheCall.org



PILGRIM STATUE

- 11 - 09 - 2025 Open
- 11 - 16 - 2025 Debbie Brisgone
- 11 - 23 - 2025 Kathy Howley

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

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

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Why All the Fuss about Buildings?

I have to admit, every time we come across a feast day for the dedication of a church, I am tempted to tune out and yawn. I mean what's all the fuss about buildings? Doesn't the Bible tell us over and over again not to focus on the external, the material and the riches of this world? Aren't we supposed to be all about forming hearts and saving souls, about the Church rather than a church?

Well, if the Church has proclaimed this day a feast, then it must have some great significance, so let's find it. The Archbasilica of St. John Lateran in Rome is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome. In other words, St. Peter's in Vatican City is not the Pope's home church. His cathedra, his bishop's seat, is found at St. John Lateran. This basilica was built on terrain donated by Emperor Constantine himself and celebrated the freedom of worship granted by the Edict of Milan. Wow.

Ok, so maybe this isn't just any old church. Originally this feast was only celebrated in Rome, but in 1726, it was placed on the worldwide calendar. This building holds special significance, reminding Catholics

of the courage of the early Christians who fought for freedom of religion and the unity of the universal Church with the Holy See.

Bringing it a little closer to home, this feast could also be a reminder to us of the respect due our own parish church. Do we see it as a place of honor, reverence and community worship? Do we dress, act and keep silence in an appropriate way, considering we are in the physical presence of Almighty God? Do we offer ourselves together with Christ in the Eucharistic sacrifice, uniting ourselves with Catholics throughout the world?

May we celebrate our universal Church today and may we thank God for all of the churches that have been built and dedicated to allow us a space to worship freely. Maybe we should make a fuss about these beautiful buildings after all.

Tami Urcia



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