

# St. Cornelius Parish



SUNDAY BULLETIN

November 23, 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 XXXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
November 23, 2025

The concept of a King, or a monarch of any kind: king, queen, emperor or a ruler who governs by a means other than democracies is quite foreign to us. Monarchies are usually established and maintained through either violence or heredity occasionally both. When the traditionally powerful chieftains of Ireland left the island nation with little if any explanation the English stranglehold began to loosen. The Flight of the Earls in 17<sup>th</sup> century Ireland marked the beginning of the end of British monarchical rule in Ireland. The American Revolution ended the monarchical rule of the British over the American Colonies. The French Revolution literally decapitated the French Monarchy and on and on through the tiresome blood-soaked pages of history both ancient and modern.

Today we celebrate a King. Our King rules not on the basis of other people's blood, either hereditary or murderous, but on His own. Our King rules on sacrifice, the sacrifice of His own blood on our behalf. The word in its root comes from *sacrum facere* – to make holy – through His sacrifice on our behalf we are made holy. The Solemnity we mark today began, unlike many of our liturgical observances, rather recently. Considering that the Church has been around for 2000 years, this Solemnity began in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

One hundred years ago on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1925, Pope Pius XI issued his encyclical *Quas Primas* (In the first [Encyclical]). In that Papal Statement the Holy Father established the Solemnity of Christ the King. He wrote it in his effort to offset the rising and rampant influence of forms of secular government that threatened human dignity. The rise of Communism in Russia, National Socialism (Nazi-ism) in Germany and Fascism in Italy alerted the Pope to the dangers of secular powers rejecting the omnipotence of God and the Gospel call for peace and justice. Pius XI was the only world leader in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century to publicly denounce the nascent threats these wicked ideologies brought with them.

While we are historically removed from the publication of the Pope's teaching, his assertions remain valid one hundred years later. In a recent book review from [The Catholic Thing](#) – a web-based source of reflection – Auguste Meyrat, an English teacher in Texas wrote this:

One of the great paradoxes of the modern world is that as living has become easier, believing in God has become more difficult. This lack of belief stems from, among other things, the many choices of religion on offer. The world today is largely pluralistic and individualistic, and people now pick their religion like they pick out an outfit at a department store.

Naturally, this results in a kind of spiritual paralysis and malaise. With so many choices, the ordinary person might despair that any of them is the right one and might assume choice itself is an illusion. Moreover, this problem becomes all the worse when most educational institutions regularly deride religious faith and discourage its practice.

Our faith makes demands upon us. The gospel is both an invitation and a challenge. It is simply not possible to accept the invitation and reject the challenge. Anything we accomplish comes with challenges. You may reflect on your accomplishments but were they possible without meeting the challenges to be overcome?

The Holy Father's thesis is that the contention Jesus and His teachings *had no place either in private affairs or in politics*. (QP § 1) That attitude is, sadly, fully embraced by many leaders in contemporary society. Therein lies our challenge. We have already accepted the invitation. May we respond to the strength available to us by Grace to meet the challenge that comes with it.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond



## St. Cornelius Giving Tree

The 2025 Saint Cornelius "Giving Tree" will continue to extend its branches to reach those in need this Christmas season. This ministry benefits hundreds of people who need assistance. The Giving Tree will be set up in the Narthex by Saturday, November 22nd.

Due to the increasing cost of postage, we are NOT mailing a Giving Tree Letter to parish families this year. Rather a Giving Tree Flyer with details can be found on the parish website, it will be included in Msgr's weekly email, and in the weekly bulletin. Look for the Giving Tree Flyer to be posted by November 20 and please pass it along to friends, families and neighbors who may not have access to the internet or are unable to attend mass.

All the charities we sponsor have asked to receive gift cards; they assure us gift cards provide the recipients with the opportunity to shop with dignity for what their families need most. For your convenience envelopes that can be used to return the gift cards will be available in the Narthex. All gift cards must be dropped off at Church or the PLC by Sunday, December 14th to allow time for delivery to the recipients.

Our Parish supports these seven charities which are in great need, and your kindness and generosity will help to provide food, clothing, and Christmas gifts for these good people:

- Catholic Social Services of Delaware County in Chester;
- Mothers with children sheltered at Mary, Mother of Hope House III in Wilmington;
- Mothers with babies living at Mothers' Home in Darby;
- Three schools / outreach centers in Philadelphia: St. Ignatius Parish, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and St. Peter the Apostle Parish;
- Saint Cornelius Ministry of Caring aiding those in our own community.

It is through our charitable actions that we create a legacy that inspires others, for it is more of a blessing to give than to receive.

If you have any questions please contact Mary Allen at 484-432-5098 (cell) or [email\\_maryballen16@verizon.net](mailto:email_maryballen16@verizon.net).

*Welcome to the Parish!*



Harry Veneri and family



## 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.

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](http://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.*



## 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:

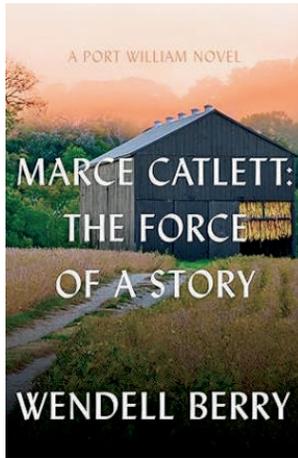
by Wendell Berry

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 16, 2025

WeShare e Giving	\$7,395.40
Envelope Offering	<u>\$40,541.50</u>
	\$47,936.90



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

Luke 12:34



## 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).



## 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.

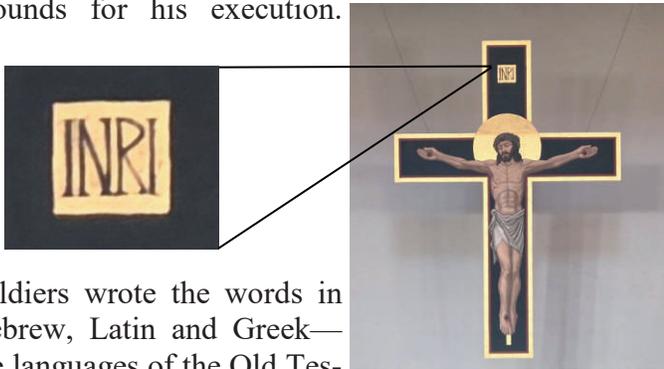
Our office hours are Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, and Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Noon. We close for Lunch 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

*We look forward to seeing you and your family!*

## THE PARISH CHURCH AND ITS FURNISHINGS INRI

Atop a crucifix in a Catholic Church or home is sometimes found the inscription INRI. The letters commonly appear on a banner affixed to the uppermost quadrant of the cross above the head of the crucified Christ. Not all crucifixes bear the letters, but many do.

The letters abbreviate the Latin inscription *Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudæorum*, or “Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews.” According to John’s Gospel (19:19–22), Pontius Pilate ordered this inscription to give the name and hometown of the victim and to publicize the grounds for his execution.



Soldiers wrote the words in Hebrew, Latin and Greek—the languages of the Old Testament, the Roman government, and the New Testament. In Christian art, the words are sometimes completely spelled out, but more commonly, the Latin text is rendered as a simple acronym.

The chief priests of the Jews objected that Pilate should have written, “This man said, I am King of the Jews.” Pilate refused to change the text. His reply became a chilling aphorism of authority in Latin: *Quod scripsi scripsi*. “What I have written, I have written.” Thus, Pilate let stand the words intended for condemnation, now transformed as affirmation. Pilate would not acknowledge the kingship of Jesus in the trial, but he proclaimed it publicly—if sarcastically—on the cross.

The inscription appears in the other Gospels (Mark 15:26, Matthew 27:37, and Luke 23:38), each time with slightly different wording. These are the only known words written about Jesus during his lifetime. To believers, they affirm the humanity and divine royalty of Jesus.

In Rome, the Church of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem claims to have the relic of the original sign.

Written by Paul Turner

## IN COMMUNION WITH OUR SAINTS

### St. Andrew Dúng-Lac and Companions November 24

Andrew Dung-Lac, a Catholic convert ordained to the priesthood, was one of 117 people martyred in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862. Members of the companions group gave their lives for Christ in the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries, and received beatification during four different occasions between 1900 and 1951. All were canonized during the papacy of Saint John Paul II.

Christianity came to Vietnam through the Portuguese. Jesuits opened the first permanent mission at Da Nang in 1615. They ministered to Japanese Catholics who had been driven from Japan.

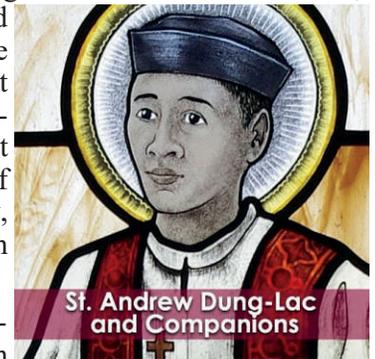
Severe persecutions were launched at least three times in the 19th century. During the six decades after 1820, between 100,000 and 300,000 Catholics were killed or subjected to great hardship. Foreign missionaries martyred in the first wave included priests of the Paris Mission Society, and Spanish Dominican priests and tertiaries.

In 1832, Emperor Minh-Mang banned all foreign missionaries, and tried to make all Vietnamese deny their faith by trampling on a crucifix. Like the priest-holes in Ireland during English persecution, many hiding places were offered in homes of the faithful.

Persecution broke out again in 1847, when the emperor suspected foreign missionaries and Vietnamese Christians of sympathizing with a rebellion led by one of his sons. The last of the martyrs were 17 laypersons, one of them a 9-year-old, executed in 1862. That year a treaty with France guaranteed religious freedom to Catholics, but it did not stop all persecution.

By 1954, there were over a million Catholics—about seven percent of the population—in the north. Buddhists represented about 60 percent. Persistent persecution forced some 670,000 Catholics to abandon lands, homes and possessions and flee to the south. In 1964, there were still 833,000 Catholics in the north, but many were in prison. In the south, Catholics were enjoying the first decade of religious freedom in centuries, their numbers swelled by refugees.

During the Vietnamese war, Catholics again suffered in the north, and again moved to the south in great numbers. Now reunited, the entire country is under Communist rule.





# St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

Our children at the early learning center had a wonderful time learning about Veterans Day! They proudly made their own American flags, carefully coloring and decorating them with love. The little friends joyfully waved their flags high while showing great respect for the brave men and women who serve and protect our country. Through this special activity, they learned the importance of honoring our veterans and showing gratitude for their courage and sacrifice.



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

**Eileen M. Talley**

Wife of Willam A. Talley, Jr.

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

## Salesianum Sanders Scholarship Golf Outing

### Save the Date October 5th, 2026



To benefit young men from Southeastern PA facing financial hardships, who aspire to attend Salesianum and join this community of distinguished gentlemen.

**Kennett Square Golf & Country Club  
Kennett Square, PA**

Registration Opens Winter 2026

Sponsorship Opportunities are available. For more information, please contact Mike Sanders at (610) 836-1864



## YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

*Working in Witness for Christ™*

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.

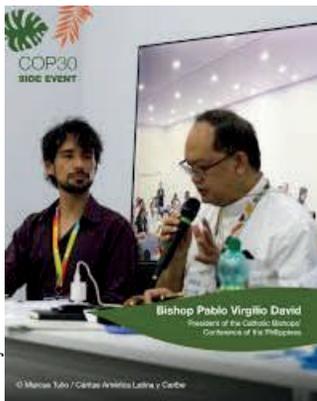
Young Catholic Professionals mission is to challenge, train, and inspire young adults working in various professional careers to work in witness for Christ. For more information go to our local Philadelphia website at

[www.ycpphiladelphia.org/cpages/home](http://www.ycpphiladelphia.org/cpages/home)



### CRS NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Cardinal Pablo Virgilio S. David from the Philippines spoke at our COP30 (“conference of the parties”) side event on climate finance. He highlighted how the changing climate is supercharging typhoons like the recent one that struck the Philippines, killing hundreds of people. Cardinal Pablo Virgilio S. David called out the moral imperative of climate finance—it's justice, not charity. Visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and to see how you can help!



*"Some have chosen to deride the increasingly evident signs of climate change, to ridicule those who speak of global warming and even to blame the poor for the very thing that affects them the most... Everyone in society, through non-governmental organizations and advocacy groups, must put pressure on governments to develop and implement more rigorous regulations, procedures and controls... Only then will it be possible to mitigate the damage done to the environment."*

~ Pope Leo XIV

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

- |                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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 |
| 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

Kathy Coleman, Kara Ulatowski, James M. Sullivan, Jim & Kathy Buckley, Brian Buckley, Judy & Ed Field, Eileen Talley, Tom Eno, Luke Post, Nancy Cunningham, Andrea Bate-man, Bernice & Arthur Hindle, Joan Car-rington, 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 **December 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.

### SAVE THE DATE!

The Brandywine Pops Orchestra will present a free concert **Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.** in the **Parish Life Center**.

In addition to Christmas and Hanukkah music, the Orchestra will also play selections from the Nutcracker Suite and Wizards in Winter from the Trans Siberian Orchestra.

*We hope to see you there!*



*Giving Hope to All*





## 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.*

## Festival of Lessons and Carols

**December 7th at 1:30 pm in Church**

Presented by the Music Ministry – Please join us!



The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol that reflects on the lesson’s message and a brief prayer.

*There will be a prelude presented by each of the music ministry groups.*



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



## 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.***



**Holy Hour - Join Us!**

Monday, December 1, 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.

**Sunday Mass Intentions**

- 7:30 AM Florence Bosserman
- 9:00 AM Teresa Bellew
- 11:00 AM Inez Hulkewicz
- 4:00 PM Alfred, Sr. & Alfred, Jr. Wysocki

**Weekly Mass Schedule  
(Week of November 24 - November 28)**

**Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning**

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*  
Reading: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5;  
Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

**Monday 7:30 AM**

**Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac,  
Priest and Companions, Martyrs**

Intention: Olimpia Tranzilli  
Reading: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;  
Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday 7:30 AM**

Intention: Emily Meachim  
Reading: Dn 2: 31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61;  
Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday 7:30 AM**

Intention: Alyce McGowan  
Reading: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63,  
64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday 8:30 AM  
Thanksgiving Day**



Reading: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73,  
74; Lk 21:20-28

**Friday 7:30 AM**

Intention: Paul Lucas  
Reading: Dn 7:2-14, Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81;  
Lk 21:29-33

**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 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**



**VOCATION OFFICE FOR  
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD**  
Visit our website  
[WWW.HeedTheCall.org](http://WWW.HeedTheCall.org)



**PILGRIM STATUE**

- 11 - 23 - 2025 Kathy Howley
- 11 - 30 - 2025 Jean Wysocki
- 12 - 07 - 2025 Jean Wysocki

The dates for August thru December are now available on the sign-up. Call Carla Santoleri at (610) 361-8447 for more information.

**OF KINGS AND KINGSHIP**

Americans have an uncomfortable relationship with kings. The American Revolution was fought for independence from King George, after all. Nonetheless, today every Catholic church around the world celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today's feast invites us to look beyond our national loyalties and rejoice in our primary identity. We are children of God in Jesus, Christ the King. Our readings help us consider what it's like to belong to God's kingdom. The book of Samuel captures the deep longing of the Israelites for a king to shepherd them. Saint Paul reminds the Colossians that we belong to the kingdom of Christ, whose power he praises in a beautiful hymn. Finally, Luke's Gospel calls to mind the kind of king Jesus chooses to be - a suffering servant, a man for others. By sacrificing his life for us, Jesus throws open the gates of Paradise.

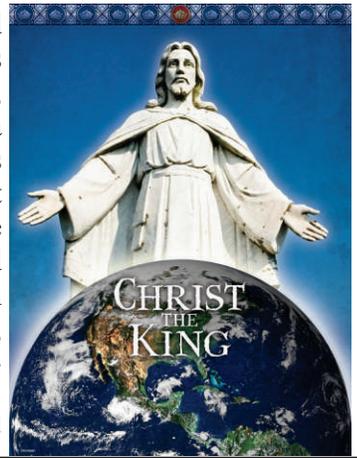
**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Today's solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a "Holy Year," keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of

the Council of Nicaea, when the words "and of his kingdom there will be no end" were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ's love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year.

Fresh from baptism's waters, we are anointed with chrism "as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king." This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service.

—James Field



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