

St. Cornelius Parish

SUNDAY BULLETIN

November 30, 2025



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St. Cornelius Parish Office Hours

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

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Saturday: Confessions 2:30 - 3:30

Vigil Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 4:00 pm

Weekday Mass: 7:30 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 8:00 am to 4 pm

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Thoughts from the Second Floor Front I Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

There is a wonderful emphasis on time throughout the sacred season of Advent, which we begin today. Time as it comes to an end. Time as it weighs heavily on us. Time of expectation. Time as it is given to us as a gift. St. Augustine said: If you ask me what time it is, I can tell you. If you ask me what is time, I do not know how to begin.

Time over these next four weeks of Advent will move very quickly. I have reflected before about my sense that we have just about lost our sense of Advent. While we are still barely holding on to an understanding of Lent, Advent has been displaced by the crushing mandate of mercantilism, the marketplace and the mall. The reality is that there are demands on our time which create a need to set in priority those elements of life which we hold as most important. The fact that you are reading this indicates that church attendance is a priority for you and, hopefully, your family as well.

It would be hard to imagine a person grounded in the gospel living in a way that would so fully embrace the world and the present moment as to deny the reality and importance of the spiritual life. There is little danger that we will deny the faith as an apostate. There is, however, a challenge, if not a trap, that lurks throughout the next several weeks. There will be all sorts of demands on our time. Some legitimate, many not at all. These demands have the potential to obscure the true purpose of the next several weeks.

We anticipate the birth of the Savior at Christmas. Therein lies the tension. Christ's Second Advent will be at the end of time. The first arrival, the Incarnation, is what we commemorate at Christmas and this season of Advent is a time of preparation through penance and prayer. The Advent calendar available to you in our vestibule is an aid to help you and your families have a more heightened awareness of the need for prayer in this sacred season.

The preparations that we make for the holidays tend towards focusing on the one day - Christmas. Years ago I made friends with a couple from Ireland. When they first arrived in America they were struck with many things; two of which stood out. They simply could not get over our fascination with predicting the weather (Which is not a real challenge in Ireland. As the saying goes, if you don't like the weather, wait fifteen minutes - it'll change). The second aspect of American life that registered surprise was that on the day after Christmas people just pack up and go back to life as it had been before the day – as if nothing has changed.

In fact, in light of what we celebrate on that day, everything has changed. We too are called to change. We are once again called to become the disciple that we are Jesus wants us to be. While Advent is a minor Penitential Season it is an opportunity to engage in prayer at a deeper level of reflection and attention for our answer to Jesus' invitation to follow Him. We have our Advent Penance Services scheduled. Thursday December 18th at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM. I will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the usual day and time, Saturday from 2:30 to 3:30. In addition to that opportunity I will be available every Wednesday from 5:00 PM to 6:00 in the chapel. On Sundays we will celebrate Solemn Vespers – the recitation of Evening Prayer and Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The word Disciple and the word Discipline seems to have emerge from the same root word. And they both require effort. Make the effort this Advent take the opportunity to reflect and pray with attention to time. The present time and the future time. We cannot control the future but we can make efforts to live better in the present.

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.



Maxine Brock



Christmas season is upon us, and the Knights are bringing back their beloved poinsettia sale! The Knights will be selling poinsettias on a first come, first served basis during the Masses on the weekend of December 13 and 14. The 15"-18" high plants in red, white, pink and marble will be offered in a foil-wrapped container. The price is \$15/plant, payable at the time of purchase in cash or check payable to **St. Cornelius Knights of Columbus Council 12391**. The proceeds from these sales help support the many charitable functions of the Knights engaged at St. Cornelius. Please support the Knights as we bring back this beloved tradition to St. Cornelius!



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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:

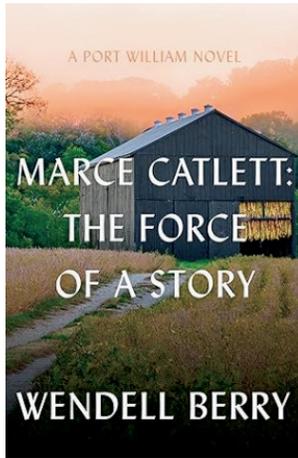
by Wendell Berry

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 23, 2025

Offertory for November 23 was not available at the time of printing.



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

AMPS
DECEMBER 4 NOON-2PM IN THE PLC

Lunch will be provided at noon. After, Brian Bogenrief, General Manager of Main Line Fitness and Wellness Center, will speak to us on the following: the importance of exercise for 55+, how to exercise safely, & a special offer to our parishioners!

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!

St. Cornelius CRAB CAKE SALE

Order in the Church Narthex after all Masses
on the weekends of November 29 & 30,
December 6 & 7

Pick-Up Dates: Friday, December 12
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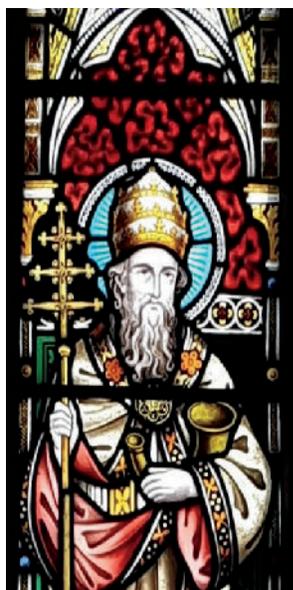
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BULLETIN NEWS!

Today's bulletin marks the beginning of what will be our new bulletin cover. Over the years, dating as far back as December 1987 we have had at least 7 or 8 different cover layouts. None of which really depicted very well our own patron, St. Cornelius. That is until our Business Manager, David Bauer shared with me a picture he had taken of good old St. Cornelius. It is best to hear it in his own words how he came upon this image.



In late September, my wife Angie and I were walking through the town of Dingle Ireland and saw a beautiful old stone church. The church was Saint Mary's Catholic Church and we went for a visit. The stained glass windows immediately caught our attention and I spotted one of Saint Cornelius. I told Angie that I have to take a picture and send it to Father Diamond. Father replied that it was a great picture of Saint Cornelius with all his traditional markings. Dingle is a great town with many Irish pubs, Dingle Distillery and the beautiful Dingle Peninsula.

On our cover photo you will see St. Cornelius holding what is called a **Papal Cross**. All popes before Cornelius and up to Pope Innocent III (1198) carried these types of crosses. You will notice they have three cross bars (*probably indicating the Father, Son and Holy Spirit - but don't quote the author on that one, just speculating*)

You will also notice he is holding a horn. I suspect the artist wanted to draw attention to a deeper meaning, one that cleverly forces the viewer to ask "why the horn"? The easy answer is that the name Cornelius comes from the Latin *cornu*, or horn. Horns were used to announce news, make people aware, blow your horn and people listen. A horn would often be used during battle. You would blow your horn to announce an attack. Horns were also used to listen as well. Holding it to your ear you could hear better when people spoke. During Cornelius' reign as Pope (251 - 253) he had to do a lot of listening since there were many factions and attacks on the Church. Perhaps that it is why he is the patron saint of **earaches**. (Think of him when you have an earache from swimming too much at the shore.)

These symbols sum up pretty well his short tenure; always listening, proclaiming the Good News and leaning on the Cross of Christ through it all. These symbols for us can remind us as well, to *listen* to God's Holy Word and to *lean* on the Cross of Christ as we journey through our life of faith.

Thank you David for sharing this image of Cornelius!



St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

Our annual Turkey Trot at our early learning center was a wonderful success, filled with laughter, excitement, and proud moments as our little friends made their way around the course. The energy from our families made the day even more special, and we are truly grateful for your constant support and enthusiasm. Your partnership helps make events like this memorable for our children and strengthens the

warm, caring community we are so proud to have. Thank you for being such an important part of our school family.



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

Stephen J. Smith

Husband of Annamarie Smith

*Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord.
May he rest in peace.*

Salesianum Sanders Scholarship Golf Outing

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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

CRS NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Special Pastoral Message on Immigration by the Bishops of the United States



As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by

the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity. Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together. Visit www.usccb.org for more information!

SAVE THE DATE!

The Brandywine Pops Orchestra will present a free concert **Monday, December 15th, 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



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 or call (610) 717-2180.

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

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| Maj. Megan Love | Capt Jennifer Wynn |
| Sgt Jason Lyons | |



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.

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.



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



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 John Francis Sullivan
- 9:00 AM Gene Carty
- 11:00 AM Joan M. Santangelo
- 4:00 PM Helen Concannon

**Weekly Mass Schedule
(Week of December 1 - December 5)**

**Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning
First Sunday of Advent**

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*
Reading: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122, 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Rm 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Monday 7:30 AM

Intention: Msgr. John Miller
Reading: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Alyce McGowan
Reading: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday 7:30 AM

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Intention: Mary Kology
Reading: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,6;
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday 7:30 AM

Intention: Rose Lovell
Reading: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday 7:30 AM

Intention: Olimpia Tranzilli
Reading: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

**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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- 11 - 30 - 2025 Jean Wysocki
- 12 - 07 - 2025 Jean Wysocki
- 12 - 14 - 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.

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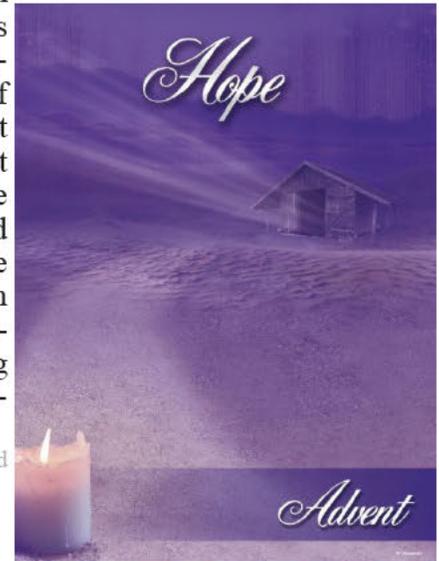
Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

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—Rev. James Field



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St. Cornelius 2025 Christmas Giving Tree



Since 1991 our parish Giving Tree has generously donated gifts and gift cards for the less fortunate throughout our region. We support 7 charities, and they all ask to receive gift cards. The charities and outreach programs are extremely grateful for your generosity!

When purchasing Gift Cards please ask for an **activation receipt** for each card, attach the receipt to the gift card **and write the value directly on the gift card**. If you prefer your gift card(s) to go to a specific organization, then indicate it on the envelope.

Final Drop Off Date: Sunday, December 14th

\$25 Gift Cards For

Catholic Social Service of DELCO	Walmart, ShopRite, \$ Tree, \$ General
Mothers' Home in Darby	Target, Walmart, Giant (PA), Acme, Save-a-Lot
Mary, Mother of Hope House II (Wilm, DE)	Target, Walmart
St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish	Target, Walmart, ShopRite, Aldi, Fresh Grocer
St. Peter the Apostle School	Target, Walmart, ShopRite, Acme
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish	Target, Walmart, ShopRite, Aldi, CVS
St. Cornelius Ministry of Caring	\$50 Gift Cards to Target, Walmart, Giant (PA), Acme & Visa

Drop Off Options

Snowman – stand next to Giving Tree

Music Room Mailbox – inside left of Church entrance

PLC Building Mail Slot – directly to the right of PLC entrance door

Last Resort Mail - to St. Cornelius Church, 160 Ridge Rd, Chaddsford, PA 19317

Any questions please contact Mary Allen: text 484-432-5098 or maryballen16@verizon.net

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