



# St. Cornelius Parish

SUNDAY BULLETIN

January 18, 2026

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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 8:00 am to 4 pm

**LiveStream** <https://vimeo.com/user123448673>

**Thoughts from the Second Floor Front**  
**II Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
January 18, 2026

For some reason, although we will be hearing from the Gospel of Matthew throughout this year, the liturgist has given us a brief, but significant, excerpt from the Fourth Gospel. There was some confusion as to His identity as Jesus began the Public Ministry. John the Baptist had his band of disciples and in this passage John sends them to Jesus. John points out who Jesus is to his own disciples and to others as well.

When John says: *Behold, the Lamb of God*, those within earshot would have been rightly startled. Even in our parish, which in some ways remains more rural than suburban, the idea of a lamb in 21<sup>st</sup> century North America would be very different than the image John offers. The lamb to which John is referring is not the white ball of wool, with a pink nose and blue-ribbon arounds its neck. This Lamb is the Lamb of Sacrifice. What John did that day, in a manner that is entirely prophetic, was to alert his followers and others about the identity of Jesus. The Lord's identity is a big issue in the gospels.

Jesus is often questioned: Who are you? From where do you come? By what authority do you do the things that you do? Fr. Raymond Brown, in a brief work entitled: *The community of the beloved disciple*, posits that in John's gospel there are disparate groups: Pharisees, Scribes Leaders of the people, an amorphous set simply entitled "the world," John's disciples and Jesus' own disciples. Brown presents that Jesus' one goal in the Public Ministry is to bring them into union with Him. He sadly fails at this and not everyone responds to His invitation. Culminating in the High Priestly Prayer on the night of the Last Supper, he prays for unity. Which, as a Church, we still labor at achieving.

But the effort at unity would not have even been possible without knowledge of Jesus. John pointed Jesus out to his disciples. Who pointed Jesus out to you? In all likelihood, it was your parents. But perhaps it was someone else; a teacher, your spouse, a family member, religious sister or brother, a priest or deacon? When you finish reading this little essay, thank God for that person and ask God to bless them for their effort on your behalf.

And now to you.

At the end of the gospel excerpt, Simon is presented to the Master and his name is changed to Peter. From that encounter Peter is changed. I thought of that marvelous story Pope Francis told at the World meeting of families in 2015 about St. Katherine Drexel meeting Pope Leo XIII. When she asked the Holy Father for missionaries to come to America his response, as Pope Francis told it was: *¿Y tú?, ¿qué vas a hacer?* And you? What are you going to do? The same question can be put to us, each day. *¿Y tú?, ¿qué vas a hacer?*

We unite ourselves to Jesus, most especially at the celebration of the Eucharist. That unity need not end at the church door as you begin making your way through the parking lot. As disciples of Christ we are obliged to point Jesus out to someone in our life. There is not always a great or dramatic intervention needed. A kind word instead of negativity. A gentle gesture rather than a harsh response. A word of appreciation rather than a curse. These are actions of Grace. These are actions of a disciple. There is a need to listen for the voice of the Lord. It will probably not come with stained glass windows and organ music. The voice of God will probably be cloaked in the ordinary circumstances of your life. A life that can become extraordinary through your response to the invitation from Jesus to join yourself to Him. One of the essential requirements to hear is to be in silence. Shut out the distractions. Turn off the television and radio and above all the Internet. Read. You may want to consider reading Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. We will be hearing from that selection for the next several weeks. Paul's communication with the Ancient Church in Corinth is as vital and helpful today as it was when he wrote it in the first century.

Faithfully,

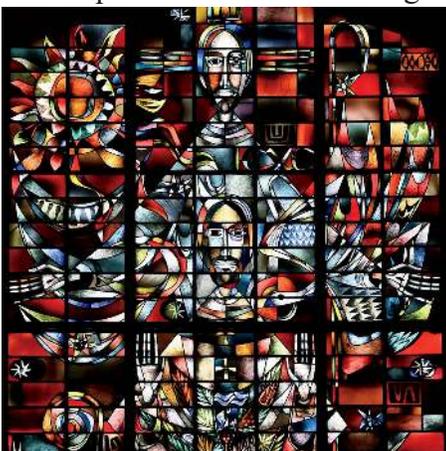
Msgr. Diamond

### THE PARISH CHURCH AND IT'S FURNISHINGS STAINED GLASS

For many people, stained glass windows make church buildings distinct. Their shape, size, and imagery set churches apart from other structures, even those that put stained glass to secular usage. No Catholic church building is required to have stained glass, but it remains a popular choice for decoration.

Perhaps the greatest effect of stained glass is the way it changes the believer's perception of walls. People who step inside a church cross over a threshold that ushers them into sacred space. They think differently about the world around them, as they place themselves at the portal of heaven. Heavy church walls can make the interior seem completely removed from the world around it. Clear glass windows invite the outside in. Glass can help people appreciate the relationship between the church and the world, as they gather inside a place where they praise the God who created what is outside.

Stained glass, however, changes the walls into something else. These windows filter the incoming light and color them. They lift the heads of worshipers to meditate on things outside normal experience.



Stained glass windows acknowledge the existence of the world outside, but also of a world that is more difficult to see, a realm of more mysterious light.

Some stained glass windows carry religious images. Others arrange abstract designs. They can assist catechesis, create harmony, and inspire devotion. Many of them carry the names of donors, though this can distract from the religious purpose of the windows for the assembled faithful.

Churches blessed with good stained glass windows struggle to keep them clean and in good repair. Congregations that treasure them honor their heritage and prepare the next generations for the future, just as they do with their greatest treasure, their faith.

Paul Turner



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.

January 11, 2026

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Luke 12:34



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# SNOW CLOSING

The safety of our children both in the Early Learning Center and PREP are of the utmost importance. Ice, sleet and snow can come at any time. We encourage you to monitor the weather from your home and use good judgement in determining your travel. While it is always good to gather for Mass each day, you should not feel obligated to risk your safety on days when weather conditions do not make it safe to travel.

It takes a big undertaking to clear the parking lot and have the pathways shoveled. Closing the Early Learning Center and canceling PREP allows our snow removal company to clean up the snow and restore our property to a safe and active place. If schools are closed ALL ACTIVITIES for the day and evening are canceled.

**Remember - Safety comes First!!**

## Have you Registered with the Parish?



Christmas Season 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. Cornelious.

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!*



*Giving Hope to All*



# PARISH SERVICES



## THEOLOGY ON TAP

Young Adults (ages 18-35)

### *Raising a Family in the Catholic Faith*

Join us for a discussion with parishioners, Kevin & Janelle Shaw. Kevin is involved in "That Man is You!", a Catholic men's program within the archdiocese.

Tuesday January 27th 7pm  
Parish House Basement

Snacks & drinks provided

# RETRouvaille

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

### **REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE**

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of **February 6-8, 2026** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, call 215-766-3944 or visit [www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org](http://www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org).

*All inquiries are strictly confidential.*

**St. Cornelius February  
Food Drive benefiting:**



*(Serving the basic needs of the poor  
in the Chester County Area!)*



**FEED THE  
HUNGRY**

**Weekend of February 7 & 8, 2026**

**Drop off at the Parish Life Center  
PRIOR to Mass**

**Suggested donations:**

**Please, NO expired items**

- Cold Cereals - **Low Sugar**
- Canned Tuna & Chicken
- Canned Tomato Products
- Canned Soup – **Low Sodium**
- Rice (2 lb. packages)
- Canned Fruit - **Low Sugar**
- Dried Beans (kidney, black & pinto)
- Canned Beans
- Canned meals: Beef stew, pasta, baked beans, Spaghetti-Os, SPAM)
- Canned Vegetables – **Low Sodium**
- Peanut Butter & Jelly

**and NO GLASS containers!**

**For further information or to Volunteer,  
please contact:  
Mary Allen (text 484-432-5098) or**



**MARCH FOR LIFE**

**Friday, January 23, 2026**

This year our Pro-Life committee is not offering a bus trip to the March. However, that shouldn't keep you from participating. If you wish to attend the March there is another option—Go Amtrak!

Prices are dependent on departure time, earlier is **AMTRAK**® cheaper, but you have to wait in DC for the days events to begin. The trip is about 1½ to 1¾ hours.

St. Thomas the Apostle parish will be using Amtrak, so you may want to coordinate with them as well as you plan your day.

[www.amtrak.com/home.html](http://www.amtrak.com/home.html)

Assumption BVM, St. Patrick, St. Gabriel and Sacred Heart are also sponsoring a bus trip to Washington. If bus transport is your preferred mode of transportation, call or text



**Stephanie at (484) 467-6675**



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



## St. Cornelius Early Learning Center

Our Pre-K and Kindergarten friends had an exciting science learning experience as they explored how luminescent slime is made and what makes it glow! The children learned that luminescent materials absorb light energy and then gently release it, creating the magical glowing effect they love to see in the dark. They mixed safe ingredients, watched reactions happen, and were amazed as their slime began to shine with bright color.

This hands-on experiment helped them learn new vocabulary, practice following directions, and sparked so much curiosity and wonder about the science of light and glowing objects!



## Knights of Columbus®

The Knights of Columbus will be attending the Parish Rosary Service after the 11 am Mass on Saturday, January 18, 2026.

The next membership meeting of the Knights is **Thursday, February 12, at 7 pm in the PLC**. We will have pizza and assorted beverages for a period of fellowship following our meeting. We had 20 men attend our January meeting. Please come join our growing Council!

The Knights will be leading the Stations of the Cross on February 27 during Lent.

The Knights continue to serve as Greeters at all Masses. The men of Saint Cornelius are welcome to join the Knights and help us serve in this important ministry.

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 **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!

## 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

## CRS NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Ayiti pi Djanm, or A Stronger Haiti, is a five-year U.S. government-funded foreign assistance project that builds the resilience of vulnerable households and communities through a multi-sector approach. Working with local partners and community leaders, the project reaches more than 17,000 families in Haiti's South and Northeastern departments to improve food security, nutrition and livelihoods.



Activities leverage participants' experiences and local knowledge to identify solutions adapted to their reality in agriculture, infant and young child feeding and youth entrepreneurship. As of June 2025, 1,320 youth entrepreneurs have been trained and 409 have received financing for their businesses. Please visit [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) for more information and to see how you can help! Thanks for your support!

*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 |
| 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

Natalie Gallen, Doris Wysocki, Kathy Coleman, Kara Ulatowski, James M. Sullivan, Jim & Kathy Buckley, Brian Buckley, Judy & Ed Field, 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 Con- solation Ministry.

On **February 21, 2026**, 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.

## 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 prayerful- ly 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



## 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](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.***



**PEACE WITH CREATION**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Please join us to build a **CREATION CARING TEAM** in St. Cornelius Parish!

### WHY?

To create a caring environment, based on a contemplative Christian spirit and the highest good of all creation.

### WHAT

- Pope Leo challenges us to impact on
- A collective moral failure
  - Water is Life, Water is food, Leave no one behind
  - Ecological crisis requires contemplative gaze
  - And a living laboratory

### HOW

**INFORMATION SESSION: Monday, January 26, 7:00-8:30pm, PLC Fr. Simon Rm**

- Attend an Information Session to learn about the work of a Creation Caring Team and how we can participate in bringing about its development in our parish.
- Be able to live our faith in actions – its Trinitarian nature – in all arenas of our life, e.g., in our family, our community, our work, and in the world.

**Please let us know if you will attend**

Contact Bob Holliday at: [uwolliday@gmail.com](mailto:uwolliday@gmail.com); or 610-717-2265.

[saintcornelius.org/laudato-si-ministry-1](http://saintcornelius.org/laudato-si-ministry-1)



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





## Church Contributions

Parishioners who would like a statement of their 2025 contributions must call the Parish Office during business hours at (610) 459-2502, or Email the office at [stcorn1@comcast.net](mailto:stcorn1@comcast.net).



December contributions made using WeShare will be posted by January 15th, 2026.



### ST BLAISE MEN'S RETREAT Malvern Retreat House January 30 - February 1, 2026

Please join us for the annual St Blaise Men's Retreat at Malvern, January 30<sup>th</sup> to February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. This year's retreat is being directed by **Fr Jason Buck**, the Dean of Men at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, where he oversees the formation of young men discerning the priesthood. Whether leading young men through the rigors of seminary life or crafting a powerful hymn or anthem, his mission remains the same: **to call men to greatness and holiness** in a world that desperately needs both.

Please contact David Santoleri at [dave@santoleri.net](mailto:dave@santoleri.net) for more information or follow the QR code below to go directly to the retreat registration page.



Register at: <https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/st-blaise-currant-memorial>.

## Sunday Mass Intentions

7:30 AM	Jesse Leo Hill
9:00 AM	John Kane
11:00 AM	Mrs. Alice Witterholt
4:00 PM	Igor Tkachov

### Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*  
Reading: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10;  
1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

### Weekly Mass Schedule (Week of January 19 - January 23)

#### Monday 7:30 AM

Intention: Marie Lesutis  
Reading: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mk 2:18-22

#### Tuesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Peggy Butler  
Reading: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28;  
Mk 2:23-28

#### Wednesday 7:30 AM

#### Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Intention: Joy Shields  
Reading: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

#### Thursday 7:30 AM

#### Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Intention: Aleta Reed  
Reading: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12

#### Friday 7:30 AM

Intention: Helene Hartranft  
Reading: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11;  
Mk 3:13-19

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## PILGRIM STATUE



01 - 18 - 2026 Ellen Ward  
01 - 25 - 2026 Susan Gomez Rubio  
02 - 01 - 2026 Shirley Snyder

The January - June 2026 dates are now available for you to sign up.

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

**I Know a Guy**

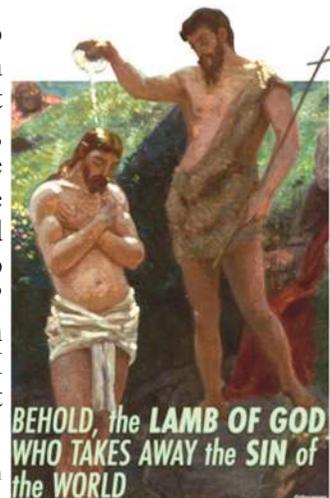
Before he became an Apostle and author of the fourth Gospel, John was a disciple of an unusual man who lived in the desert and ate locusts. The Baptist, as he was known, explained to his followers that he had been told to make straight the path for the Messiah, to prepare the way of the Lord. What their people had longed for for centuries was coming soon, and John the Baptist was called to help the people be ready. John the disciple believed him as did his friend Andrew. So, when the Baptist's cousin appeared on the scene and this compelling figure proclaimed, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world," John and Andrew were prepared to recognize the Messiah. Then Andrew told his brother Peter, and soon after, a Church was born.

John the Baptist's unusual life — from his unlikely conception, to leaping in his mother's womb upon Mary's greeting, to baptising the Savior Himself — was geared toward helping people know Jesus. He was dedicated to his mission even if the people of his time thought he was a little weird. He was an odd, yet compelling messenger. Even Herod, who would eventually put the Baptizer to death, found himself drawn to John and enjoyed listening to him speak.

John the Baptist got people talking as he set the stage for the greater One to follow. The word about Jesus spread as people told their families and friends about a guy they knew who knew a guy. And the word about Jesus still spreads that way.

We are called to be like John the Baptist, to make straight the path and prepare the way of the Lord. Yes, the world may think we're a little weird sometimes for believing what we do and striving to live out what we believe, but few of us will pay the price John the Baptist did for speaking up about Jesus.

Can we find the courage to be like John the Baptist? Can we live lives of faith that draw the curious toward us, and then urge those people toward the Source of the light? Can we tell the world that we know a Guy who came to make all things new? When we do, we stand with John as he proclaims, "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."



By Pamela Kavanaugh

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## JOIN US TO FIGHT GLOBAL HUNGER

PACKAGE MEALS FOR THOSE IN NEED WITH HELPING HANDS

### DATE

February 28, 2026

### 2 TIME SESSIONS

8:30 am - 11:00 am

or Noon - 2:30 pm

### LOCATION

St. Cornelius Church, PLC

### CONTACT

Parish Office 610.459.2502

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

With the support of volunteers like you and your family, we will once again gather to confront the hunger that our brothers and sisters suffer from each day.

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

