



# St. Cornelius Parish

SUNDAY BULLETIN

February 8, 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 V Sunday in Ordinary Time February 8, 2026

The beginning of Lent is just a few weeks away but it seems that it is in the distant future. That holy and penitential season begins on February 18<sup>th</sup>. When we were children, time was never an issue. We disposed of one day as we chose and simply took the next one for granted: apparently, an endless supply of days at our disposal. This was particularly true of summertime. The winter months bring with them a certain forced containment; an inability (or lack of desirability) to be out in the elements contending with the temperature, the precipitation and the general conditions.

But time is not something we take for granted when we get older. It becomes more precious and, for those things that we value, we dedicate time to them carefully. The careful use of time is reflected in the way we approach events in which we are engaged. Coming to Mass on time would indicate the care you have for the liturgy and the disposition to fully engage the sacred time you have with the Lord. Arriving late and leaving early indicates a certain casual approach to the liturgy and the manner in which we dispose ourselves to worship. In Sacred Scripture time, often is marked by an urgency. Think of time in light of the first reading from Isaiah and the Gospel passage as we continue to hear the Great Sermon.

Isaiah writes:

*Share your bread with the hungry,  
shelter the oppressed and the homeless;  
clothe the naked when you see them,  
and do not turn your back on your own.*

Every one of those verbs is in present tense, active voice and indicative mood. The tasks which Isaiah was directing his people to engage were to be accomplished now – not at some vague future date. Thinking you have time on your side you may fool yourself to delay the opportunity to respond to the hungry, the homeless, the needy, your own. That last one is the trickiest of them all. We usually do not have to go far to fulfill the Prophet's mandate. It is ironic that it is those closest to us who are often the ones that we can find ourselves neglecting or taking for granted. We are sometimes more kind to strangers in the supermarket than we are to the people with whom we share our meals.

We are charged to live in a manner consistent with the call of the Beatitudes we read in the fifth chapter of Matthew's gospel.

*You are the salt of the earth....  
You are the light of the world....  
... your light must shine before others,  
that they may see your good deeds  
and glorify your heavenly Father."*

Let those closest to you see your good deeds, the good that you do and are for them. And while it may seem you have all the time in the world, you do not.

There is the old story told of three demons about to be sent into the world to tempt souls. In response to a question by their evil superior as to how the first evil imps would tempt human beings, the demon said: "I will tell them that there is no God." The second member of Team Evil when asked the same question responded by saying that its tactic would be to tell them: "There is no Devil." When asked how the third would tempt human beings, the wicked one smiled a sinister smile and raising one crooked eyebrow replied: "I will tell them that there is no hurry."

There is an urgency to living the gospel. Opportunity to do good does not knock at your door. The opportunity to do good knocks at your teeth,

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond

## THE PARISH CHURCH AND IT'S FURNISHINGS FLAGS

Many churches display the papal and national flags. This optional custom began fairly recently in Church history.

During periods of national crisis, it became popular to post a country's flag inside churches. The practice showed another layer of unanimity within the assembly of believers, signified the country's prayers for security and peace, and tapped the emotional relationship between national pride and religious belief. When the periods of crisis waned, the flags remained. It probably seemed unpatriotic to remove them.

The papal flag commonly took up a position next to the national flag. It carries the pope's coat of arms, a triple tiara, and crossed keys, symbolizing his ministry as ruler and successor to Peter, the apostle to whom Jesus entrusted the keys to the kingdom of heaven, and who, tradition holds, first served as bishop of the Church at Rome. The tiara and keys are depicted in the noble colors of silver and gold.

The two flags often adorned a church's sanctuary. However, since the Second Vatican Council's appeal for simplicity in the liturgy, the sanctuary has become more reserved for those features necessary for the celebration of Mass. The removal of flags from the sanctuary does not promote disloyalty to church or state, but may assist the prayer of those gathered for the Eucharist by keeping their attention fixed on its central symbols: the altar, ambo, and chair, as well as the bread and wine.

At funerals, a national flag may be placed on a coffin before it arrives at the church and after it leaves (*Order of Christian Funerals*, 132). During the funeral, a coffin is covered with a white pall, symbolizing the Baptismal garment.

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.

**February 1, 2026**

Offertory for February 1, 2026

was not available at the time of printing



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

Luke 12:34

## THE SCHOOL OF NAZARETH A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY WITH ST. JOSEPH

Pope St. John Paul II said: "The Holy Family is the beginning of countless other holy families." Pope Paul VI said: "Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand His Gospel."

Please join us for a 30-Day journey leading up to the Feast Day of St. Joseph on Thursday, March 19. "The School of Nazareth - A Spiritual Journey with St. Joseph" book will be our guide:

We will pray together and share our reflections on the readings and how we are personally getting to know St. Joseph in a deeper spiritual manner.

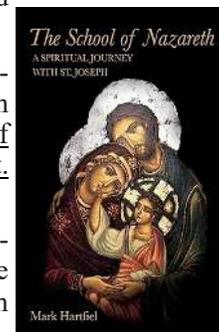
We will meet at 8:00 pm via Zoom on the following dates:

- ◆ Tuesday, February 17
- ◆ Wednesday, February 25
- ◆ Wednesday, March 4
- ◆ Wednesday, March 11
- ◆ Wednesday, March 18

If you are interested in getting to know more about St. Joseph and, hopefully adopt some of his wonderful Christ-like qualities - humility, silence, patience, just to name a few - please contact Agnes or Kevin to sign up and receive more info:

Agnes Arkus, [agnesa324@verizon.net](mailto:agnesa324@verizon.net), 302-290-3486

Kevin Shaw, [kevins8371@gmail.com](mailto:kevins8371@gmail.com), 703-405-7579



## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 8, 2026

Just so, your light must shine before others,  
that they may see your good deeds  
and glorify your heavenly Father."

MT 5:16



## WeShare Online Giving

Online Giving is an easy and convenient way to save time and support St. Cornelius Parish. Donating is **simple, safe,** and completely **secure.**

With **WeShare**, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, savings, or credit card account. You can decide how much to give to the offertory and make changes any time, day or night. Plus, you can leave your checkbook at home on Sundays.

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit <https://saintcornelius.weshareonline.org> If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call our parish office at (610) 459-2502.



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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!!**

## IN COMMUNION WITH OUR SAINTS

### Memorial of St. Scholastica (480-547) February 10

February 10 is the **Memorial of St. Scholastica (480-547)**. She was the twin sister of St. Benedict, the Patriarch of Western monasticism. She was born in Umbria, Italy, about 480. Under Benedict's direction, Scholastica founded a community of nuns near the great Benedictine monastery Monte Cassino. Inspired by Benedict's teaching, his sister devoted her whole life to seeking and serving God.



Scholastica is the patron saint of Benedictine nuns, education, and convulsive children, and is invoked against storms and rain.

She died in 547 and tradition holds that at her death her soul ascended to heaven in the form of a dove.

## 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.*



*Giving Hope to All*



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  
and NO GLASS containers!**

- 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

**For further information or to Volunteer,  
please contact:**

**Mary Allen (text 484-432-5098) or  
Colleen Zangla ([colleenmz@hotmail.com](mailto:colleenmz@hotmail.com))**



## RACHEL'S VINEYARD

A PLACE TO HEAL FROM ABORTION

**DATES: MARCH 6-8, 2026**

LOCATION: IHM SPIRITUALITY CENTER  
210 IHM DRIVE MALVERN, PA 19355

If you or someone you love has been suffering from the emotional and spiritual pains of an abortion – no matter how much time has passed – please know that a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend will help your soul transform that pain into a hope for the future. Rachel's Vineyard retreats bring healing and God's forgiveness to the trauma and darkness of abortion for those who think they have committed the unforgivable sin. God's mercy is greater than sin and is waiting for us to reach out for it. Join us for a safe, loving and confidential weekend to experience the healing power of God's infinite mercy.

Contact our team to register or for questions:  
Susan – 610-716-4795, [Susiemck@comcast.net](mailto:Susiemck@comcast.net)  
Georgeann – 484-955-4278, [geemcgarry@gmail.com](mailto:geemcgarry@gmail.com)



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In a world that can be void of meaning and leave young adults restless and dissatisfied, Young Catholic Professionals Philadelphia brings together young professionals in their 20s and 30s into a community of belonging, support, and encouragement at all stages of your faith journey. Young Catholic Professionals empowers and equips you to live your Catholic faith through everyday work and to perform all work with excellence for the glory of God.

Our patron saint is Saint Joseph the Worker. Our mission calls upon the intercession of Saint Joseph the Worker, a simple carpenter who reminds us of the importance of stillness, reflection, and prayer.

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

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



# Camp Cornelius

St. Cornelius Early Learning Center is thrilled to announce that we will be offering summer camp at our school again this summer. We are excited to be offering extra weeks as well!



Location: Saint Cornelius Early Learning Center  
160 Ridge Road  
Chadds Ford, PA 19317

*Camp Cornelius will run from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm with morning care and aftercare available.*

Week of June 8th—Pre-K only

**AGES 3-10**

- Week of June 15
- Week of June 22
- Week of July 6
- Week of July 13
- Week of July 20



Please contact Abigail McCusker at [Akohlbrenner@scornelius.org](mailto:Akohlbrenner@scornelius.org) or Debbie Anderson at [Danderson@scornelius.org](mailto:Danderson@scornelius.org) with any questions or for a registration form.



## 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

Every Friday, Aissatou Zakari welcomes fellow Savings and Internal Lending Community (SILC), members to her home in Gando village in northern Benin's Bembèrèkè commune. The women spend most of the morning and early afternoon under the hot sun sorting, grinding, boiling, stirring, straining and cooking soybeans into fresh wedges of soy cheese. This popular and nutritious local specialty is high in protein and is used as a substitute for more expensive meat and fish.

So when a field agent from Catholic Relief Services' McGovern-Dole Food for Education and Child Nutrition program, known locally as Keun Faaba, came to her village, she was interested.



Implemented by CRS and its partner Caritas Benin, with funding from the U.S.D.A., Keun Faaba helps community members create and manage Savings and Internal Lending Communities. SILC groups provide members with safe and efficient ways to save money and borrow small loans.

She trained some of her fellow SILC members to make soy cheese, and now, in addition to making it on her own, the group pools its resources to buy soybeans in bulk. By sharing costs and combining production, their profit is higher from selling what they produce at their homes and the local market.

"I am so proud of myself and my life right now," Aissatou says. "I am taking care of my family thanks to this soy business."

*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

David Van Atter, 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 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 **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 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



## 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.***

**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.***



## 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.*

## Sunday February 15 11:45 AM



Join our Parish Pro-Life Group in the church on Sunday, February 15, 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.*



## 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).



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-



# St. Patrick's Day Concert



Irish Music Concert  
March 15, 2026  
4PM-6PM

Come and be inspired Online tickets: \$30 each  
40 each at the door

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## Sunday Mass Intentions

- 7:30 AM Neil McCann
- 9:00 AM William L. McDowell
- 11:00 AM Elvera Feliciane
- 4:00 PM William L. McDowell

### Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*  
Reading: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

### Weekly Mass Schedule (Week of February 9 - February 13) Monday 7:30 AM

Intention: Msgr. Thomas Patrick Craver  
Reading: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

### Tuesday 7:30 AM

#### Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Intention: Lorraine & Jack Weber  
Reading: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11; Mk 7:1-13

### Wednesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Frances & Joseph Cunnane  
Reading: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

### Thursday 7:30 AM

Intention: Ted Mulroy  
Reading: 1 Kings 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40; Mk 7:24-30

### Friday 7:30 AM

Intention: Michael Cannon  
Reading: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 7:31-37

## 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.



## 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.

## HEED THE CALL



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[WWW.HeedTheCall.org](http://WWW.HeedTheCall.org)

## PILGRIM STATUE



- 02 - 08 - 2026 Open
- 02 - 15 - 2026 Phyllis Albany
- 02 - 22 - 2026 Debbie Brisgone

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

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

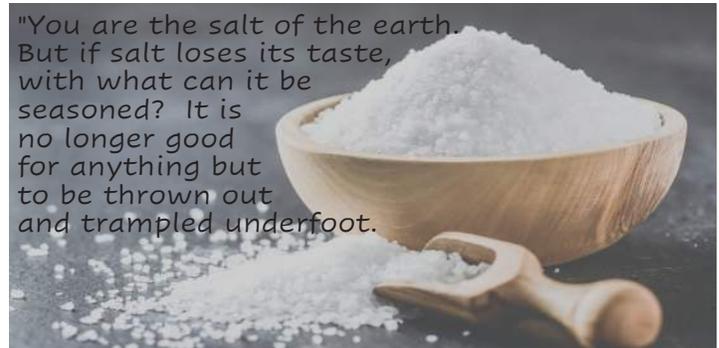
**A Low-Salt Faith**

Jesus uses two different examples of a good disciple—salt of the earth and light of the world. While these images seem to have little in common, there are similarities, the most obvious being that a little of either goes a long way. Just a pinch of salt can change the taste of food. Similarly, when we wake up in a dark room, one light bulb can be blinding. So also, a little faith can make a big difference. The faith of little children can bring their parents back to the Church. The way we live our faith can speak even louder.

Isaiah gives us some hints in the first reading when he writes about feeding the hungry and giving shelter to the homeless and clothes to the poor. When someone has so much faith that it shows in their actions, as Isaiah puts it, “Your light shall break forth like the dawn.” But we sometimes get things backwards. If we do the things Isaiah tells the people to do, we might think that the deeds will give us faith. But faith is the source of those actions, not the result. If we truly believe in God’s love for us, and we believe that God lives in the people around us, especially the poor, then we will want to show our love by caring for each other.

When we do have faith, we don’t have to worry about how people react to us. Like St. Paul in the second reading, we don’t need to be dramatic or full of worldly wisdom. As he preached the wisdom of Christ who died on the cross and was raised from the dead by the power of the Spirit, he let people see that power in the lives of other believers as well as his own life.

But if we don’t have faith, then we are like the salt that has lost its flavor. A low-salt diet may be good for us; but a low-salt faith, instead of making things better, would make them worse. Without faith in God’s love for us, we would not respond with love of our own. We could still be a good person, but we would not be a very good disciple. We could not spread the faith if we didn’t have it ourselves.



"You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot."

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### DATE

February 28, 2026

### 2 TIME SESSIONS

8:30 am - 11:00 am

or Noon - 2:30 pm

### LOCATION

St. Cornelius Church, PLC

### CONTACT

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