

St. Cornelius

SUNDAY BULLETIN

March 3, 2019



*A good person
out of the store of goodness
in his heart produces good*

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St. Cornelius Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Closed for Lunch 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Saturday: Confessions 3:30 - 4:30 Vigil Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

Weekdays: 7:30 am

LiveStream www.livestream.com/saintcornelius

Thoughts from the Second Floor Front The VIII Sunday in Ordinary Time March 3, 2019

*Anointing of the Sick - Part II
One of the Sacraments of Healing*

For a time, and even now, it is fixed in people's minds, that the Sacrament of the Sick is Extreme Unction; as it was one time known, the final anointing. We were anointed at our Baptism and Confirmation, thus being consecrated within the sacramental ritual. And we are anointed when ill. Even now it is incorrectly referred to as the Last Rites. The Last Rites are not given to you on your death bed. The Last Rites is the grave-side service at the time of internment. This misunderstanding of the Sacrament of the Sick has led to drama, both fictional and historical. In motion pictures when a priest is called for it serves as a dramatic technique to heighten tension. The famous moment when a priest was called to Parkland Hospital in Dallas to attend to President Kennedy; it was presumed across the nation, that the reason was he was in *periculo mortis* – danger of death. I have anointed people as they were being wheeled into the operating room and I fully realize the importance of the moment as do the hospital staff who recognize the spiritual reality of what is occurring.

However, the usual manner of celebrating the Sacrament of the Sick, is in a hospital room or someone's home. I have frequently anointed people after Mass if they are about to undergo a medical procedure. Like all Sacraments, The Sacrament of the Sick is for the living. It is not the immediate preparation for death; although there are prayers that can be offered if the person is actively dying. Jesus is present in a unique way in the celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick.

The manner in which the Sacrament is celebrated, as with other sacramental celebrations, has changed through the centuries. The Eastern Church required a number of priests to be present for the anointing: three, five or seven; and the priest blesses the oil to be used. But in an emergency, one is sufficient. In the West, our tradition has required only one and the oil has already been consecrated.

Each sacrament is composed of matter and form. The matter in the Sacrament of the Sick is the consecrated oil. In a beautiful symbol of sacramental unity, the Oil of the Sick is consecrated by the Bishop at the Annual Chrism Mass. At this Mass celebrated on Thursday of Holy Week, the oils (Chrism, Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick) to be used in parishes throughout the coming year are blessed. Deacons and priests attending the Chrism Mass then return home with the newly consecrated oil. If you are able to join us on Holy Thursday, the sight of a filled Cathedral and the experience of a powerful liturgical celebration is a great way to mark the beginning of the Triduum. Getting into Center City Philadelphia can be more than a wee bit of a hassle; but think about it; it's Lent, sacrifice (and a bit of suffering) is what we are to be about.

Finally, the form of the sacrament. Words are very important. The words the church uses to celebrate the sacrament are to most perfectly reflect what it is we believe and what it is we are celebrating. The teaching is: *lex orandi, lex credendi*. Loosely translated (my Latin was never very good) it means: the law that is prayed is the law that is believed. Our faith is all about transformation. Transformation from an ordinary life to the life of a disciple. Transformation from being a sinner to becoming a saint. Transformation from darkness to light. Transformation from the flawed, feeble and fallible beings we are to something made glorious. Transformation from sickness to health. Transformation from illness to well-being; eternal well-being.

You will notice that the words of the Sacrament of the Sick, the Form of the Sacrament, are directed for healing:

*Through this Holy Anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy
help you with the Grace of the Holy Spirit.
May the Lord who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up.
Amen*

Through devout celebrations of the sacraments may we be made well – now and forever.

Faithfully,

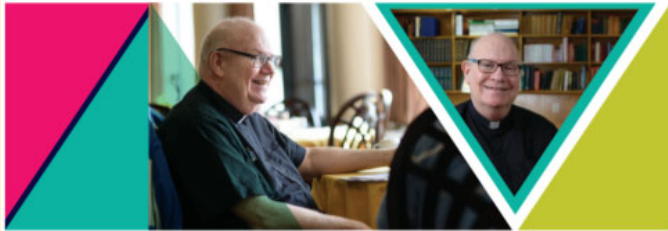
Msgr. Diamond



GIVING HOPE TO ALL²⁰¹⁹

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CLERGY



I've been at Villa St. Joseph for almost two years. I came here after I had a heart attack in the rectory and I happened to be alone that night. In the midst of the heart attack, I fell and broke my back. That set off a long series of surgeries and recovery. I needed a safe place to recover from these serious injuries and found myself here at the Villa.

There are about 50 priests here, of many years of experience, from many diverse ministries, and that has been very enriching to me. Some of them I knew as friends in the seminary, and some I've made as new friends. I've come to feel it's a true community and my real home now.

The care here is tremendous. Without the Villa, I would have been hard-pressed to find a place that would provide an atmosphere of secure care, physical care and the spiritual element of prayer that a priest is accustomed to – Mass every day, liturgy of the hours and a chapel for visiting.

All of my life, especially in key periods of a priest's, I've worked closely with the Catholic Charities Appeal on the giving end of their services. I never realized I'd be on the other end of that equation; I never realized that people would be taking care of me. We are directly taken care of by the good people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and that's a humbling feeling, but also spiritually enriching. Because we realize that people we have preached to are now practicing the charity that we encouraged, it's come full circle. We're full of gratitude for the people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Father Gerald Ronan, resident, *Villa St. Joseph*

MANY ELDERLY PRIESTS WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN SERVICE TO THE FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA NOW HAVE HEALTH ISSUES, PHYSICAL DISABILITIES AND ARE IN NEED OF CARE AND SUPPORT. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 154 RETIRED PRIESTS WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE.

WAYS TO GIVE

The Catholic Charities Appeal is recognized as a non-profit institution. As such, all gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. It has its own Employer Identification Number (EIN) and receives a separate financial audit. Besides gifts of cash, donors to the 2019 Catholic Charities Appeal may contribute in many other ways, each offering tax advantages according to their circumstances:

- Pledge Gift
- Matching Gifts
- Transfer (EFT)
- Planned Gifts
- Gifts of Cash
- Electronic Fund
- Gifts of Security

For more information about any of the ways you can support the 2019 Catholic Charities Appeal, please call The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia at 215.587.5650 or email cca@catholicfoundationphila.org.

MISSION



My family came to this country in 2006. We heard from friends that St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Philadelphia had a large Indonesian community. We have lived here ever since and just love this parish. Our community is very close – we pray together, share meals with one another, help each other in sickness, and have activities for our children and host different events. The Church is definitely the center of our community. The parish helps immigrants and provides much needed services to Indonesian Catholics.

Thank you to the Catholic Charities Appeal and to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for giving us an Indonesian priest, Father Kurniawan. We are able to have Mass in our native language and celebrate as a community, Father makes all of that possible for us.

- Roedy, parishioner, *St. Thomas Aquinas Parish*

THERE ARE 16 MISSION PARISHES WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA. WITHOUT CCA DONATIONS, THESE PARISHES WOULD NOT SURVIVE. THESE PARISHES ARE ANCHORS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.



ASH WEDNESDAY

March 6, 2019

Mass and Imposition of Ashes

7:30 am

9:00 am (School Mass)

Noon

7:00 PM

First Sunday Coffee

The St. Cornelius Council of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting its monthly coffee reception after the 11:00 Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Our next coffee reception is the weekend of **March 3rd**. Nick Capelli of Pronto Catering is again supplying us with the caffeine, cocoa and tea. We request your participation by bringing a dozen or so baked goods for all parishioners to share and enjoy. Also, please use disposable containers for easier clean up. See you there!



11th Annual Archdiocesan Men's Spirituality Conference

REGISTER
FOR MAN UP PHILLY 2019!

On **Saturday, March 9, 2019**, at Neumann University's Mirenda Center One Neumann Drive, Aston, PA, the men of the parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the **11th Annual Archdiocesan Men's Spirituality Conference**.

Speakers include **Matt Kelly** acclaimed speaker and author of Rediscover Jesus and Rediscover Catholicism. He is the founder of The Dynamic Catholic Institute. **Ron Jaworski**, Philadelphia Eagles beloved quarterback of Super Bowl XV, NFL TV and radio analyst and owner of The Philadelphia Soul. **Mark Forrest**, an acclaimed Irish tenor, whose melodic voice has filled concert halls including Carnegie Hall, Kennedy Center and cathedrals worldwide. **Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers**, Catholic author & evangelist, and EWTN TV host. **Bishop Timothy Senior**, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia and Rector of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

The Men's Spirituality Conference seeks to call men together to strengthen one another and grow together in our commitment to faith. Please join your brothers in Christ for this unique experience and make this year a year of spiritual growth.

Register at www.ManUpPhilly.com



Knights of Columbus INSURANCE

YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing our insurance program in the greater Philadelphia area. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact, Joseph Grayeske, General Agent, at (215) 362-2469 or

Joseph.Grayeske@Kofc.org

Respect Life Committee of St. Cornelius

Have you ever wanted to foster an awareness of the dignity and sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death? Have you ever thought...what can I do to change the world? Have you been saddened over the recent news in NY and Virginia and thought...how did this happen? If you answered yes to any of these questions, perhaps you are being called by the Lord to join our Respect Life Committee or to participate in one of the upcoming events. Our Committee meets monthly. Bring your voice and participate in our crusade to uphold life.

Upcoming events:

March 6: Opening Prayer Vigil outside of Planned Parenthood to kick off 40 Days for Life which runs from March 6 to April 14. (Chester County Coalition Event: for more information check out chescoprolife.org).

March 6 through April 12: Essay and poster contest for school-age children with awards presented by Monsignor Diamond. Winners announced after Easter.

March 7: St. Cornelius Respect for Life Committee Meeting at 6 pm in the PLC. New members are always welcome.

March 8: Meet in front of the Parish Life Center at 8:30 am. Carpool to West Chester Planned Parenthood, pray a rosary for the unborn. The event is expected to last less than two hours including travel. Bring a friend.

3rd Sunday Parish Rosary

All parishioners are invited to participate in the 3rd Sunday parish rosary, recited after the 11:00 am Mass on every 3rd Sunday in the year. Come after the 11:00 Mass, **March 17th** and recite the Rosary with your fellow parishioners.



Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



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 24, 2019

\$15,938

Thank you for your generous support.

Family Promise Helps Homeless Families with Small Children



"In the poor and the outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ."
(Pope Francis)

St. Cornelius volunteers care for homeless families in southern Chester County through the Family Promise mission with the host church, Kennett Presbyterian for four weeks a year. Did you know that **St. Cornelius has 48 trained cleared volunteers** in the Family Promise ministry? Our volunteers spend time with the most vulnerable in our neighboring community and testify to growing in Christ-like compassion through this ministry. We warmly welcome new volunteers or donations to support the food purchases for the meals we prepare when we have our turn to volunteer. Join the effort! To volunteer or contribute contact Kathy Silvon at msilvon@aol.com or call 484-720-8214



SAINT CORNELIUS SCHOOL

Academic Excellence – Faith Development – Community



Eucharistic Adoration

Ash Wednesday is this week, it is time to think about what we can do for Lent. Jesus suffered and died for our sins. Can we spend an hour a week with Him in Adoration for our Lenten offering, to comfort Him?

A Prayer of Thanksgiving



O most gracious Jesus, in humble adoration I offer you most fervent thanks for all the blessings you have bestowed upon me, I shall always praise your ineffable mercy and confess that You alone are my God, my helper, and my protector. Henceforth my entire confidence shall be placed in You. Everywhere will I proclaim your mercy and generosity, so that your great love and the great deeds which You perform may be acknowledged by all. May devotion to You extend more and more into the hearts of all Christians and may all who experience your assistance persevere in returning unceasing gratitude to your most Sacred Heart, to which be praise and glory for all eternity. Amen

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To schedule a time. Please contact

Sue Miller 484-480-5882 or Toni Moyer 484-840-0552

*"THE MORE YOU HONOR ME,
THE MORE I WILL BLESS YOU!"*



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 three trained St. Cornelius church members are the facilitators for the consolation ministry.

The next session will be **March 16, 2019**. Open Consolation Sessions will be held in the Bethany Room of the Church the third Saturday of the month from 3:30 to 5:00pm. Please contact Joan Holliday at (610) 717-2180.

OPEN HOUSE

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ALL SCHOOL VISITING DAY

Sunday, March 3
10:00AM to 1:00PM

Can't make the Open House?

Please attend a **WALK THRU WEDNESDAY**

all Wednesdays in March from

900AM to 1100AM or

contact the Main Office at (610) 459-8663 to schedule your private tour

<https://scornelius.org>

DESIGNER BAG

PRESENTED BY

ST. CORNELIUS Catholic School
CHADDIS FORD, PA

B I N G O

Friday, March 15, 2019

Doors Open 6:15pm
First Call 7pm

Tickets are \$30

Saint Cornelius School
160 Ridge Road
Chadds Ford, PA 19317
Walker Hall

Event Details:

- 10 cards included – chance to win from several designers
- Tail Gate Style – Bring your own drinks and food (must be 21 and older)
- Additional Chances to win: Raffles and door prizes
- Reserve a table of 10, receive a complimentary bottle of wine
- Questions Contact: Lori Stanislaus at Stanislaus519@gmail.com

To purchase your seat/table, complete the details below and return to the above email address or hand in at school (attn.: Lori Stanislaus) with your payment
Checks can be made payable to "St. Cornelius Home and School"



St. Cornelius Health Seminar



Fall Prevention - Stay Independent!!

Do you have concerns about falling? 1 in 3 people over the age of 65 will experience a fall. This number increases to 1 in 2 after the age of 75. Please join Kattie Kuffner from the Chester County Health Department to discuss risk factors for a fall, prevention and strategies to stay safe. Safety is a choice – make the decision to be as safe as possible!

Thursday, April 4, 2019

9:30 AM

Parish Life Center

Please register by leaving your name and telephone number at (484) 732-8842 (Marilyn Gustin) or by email at stcfcn@gmail.com



STAND UP FOR LIFE Essay and Poster Contest



The St. Cornelius Respect Life Committee and the Knights of Columbus are cosponsoring an Essay and Poster Contest beginning **March 6 through April 12**. Contest is open to all students of the Parish in grades 1-8. Winners will be notified by April 30.

Prizes awarded to 3 students in grades 1-4 and 3 students in grades 5-8. Awards are \$50 each.

Junior Division: (GRADES 1-4)

Essay Theme: "Every Human Being is a Creation of God."

Poster Theme: "Every Life is a Gift from God."

Senior Division: (GRADES 5-8)

Essay Theme: "Every Life Cherished. Chosen. Sent."

Poster Theme: "Every Life is a Gift from God."

Please go to saintcornelius.org/bulletins for complete details and rules.

CAMP CORNELIUS



Half day- 9am-12pm Full day- 9 am-4pm
Before/Aftercare options are available.

Half Day Programs: Cost: \$150 per week

June 17th-21st

PreK-2nd: Crafts

3rd-7th: STEM

June 24th-28th

PreK-2nd: STEM

3rd-7th: Cooking

July 8th-12th

PreK-2nd: Cooking

3rd-7th: Crafts

Full Day Extension: Cost: \$250 per week

Activities will include...

- sports
- board games
- outdoor play
- water activities
- movies
- art projects

Registration forms available at the Parish Life Center.

For questions or additional information contact:

Amanda Davidson at adavidson@scornelius.org
Abbie Kohlbrener at akohlbrener@scornelius.org

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

SPC Mike Canfield	1st Lt. Megan Love
Cpl Michael Castle	Alexander Marlow
Lt. Connor Cleary	LT Daniel McCadden
Fr. Joseph Coffey (Chaplain)	CSM Sean McGlensey
STC Daniel Concepcion	Capt. Jonathan McGrath
Maj Robert B. Cusick, Jr.	Ens Molly K. McGuckin
Capt. Joshua deFreitas	LT Ryan A. McGuckin
SSGT Michael DiVernieri	Pfc. Jay Mueller
Cadet Emily Fanning	Cpt. Sean P. Noll
LCpl. Eric Gardenr	Maj Brian J. O'Shea
Capt. Matthew Gibbons	Capt. James O'Shea
Ens Patrick Gibbons	Pvt. Justin Rogowski
Ens John Paul Gibbons	Capt. Neal F. Schubert
1st Lt. Juan Miguel Gonzalez	HM3 Charles Schwartz
Capt. Rachel Gonzalez	Ens Nicholas Spadaccini
SPC Logan Hannum	MSG Thomas Stone
Devin J. Hunt	SPC4 Brennan Sullivan
PO1 Nathan R. Keller	Cpl Mark Truex
Capt. Daniel Kohli	Lt. Christopher Vish
1st Lt Chris Love	Capt Jennifer Wynn

March 2 & March 3 Saturday	March 9 & March 10 Saturday
5:00 pm Msgr. Diamond	5:00 pm Msgr. Diamond
Sunday	Sunday
7:30 am Msgr. Diamond	7:30 am Msgr. Diamond
9:00 am Msgr. Diamond	9:00 am Msgr. Diamond
11:00 am Oblate	11:00 am Oblate
5:00 pm Msgr. Diamond	5:00 pm Msgr. Diamond

Sunday Mass Intentions (Week of March 3 - March 8)

7:30 AM Salvatore LaBricciosa
9:00 AM Gus McKeown
11:00 AM Isabelle Reilly
5:00 PM Philip Mueller

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Reading

Intention: *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*

Reading: Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16;
1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Monday 7:30 AM St. Casimir

Intention: Maria Snyder

Reading: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Ripsom & b McDermott Families

Reading: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving

7:30 AM Msgr. Diamond
9:00 AM Msgr. Diamond
Noon Msgr. Diamond
7:00 PM Msgr. Diamond

Reading: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-1

Thursday 7:30 AM Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Intention: Mark Weber

Reading: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday 7:30 AM St. John of God; Abstinence

Intention: Jeanette Perkins

Reading: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

TABERNACLE CANDLES

✠ In memory of Mary & Bill Morrison,
Req. by Bette Morrison

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

Travis Lyster, Margery Butler, Charlotte Kensicki, Jim Barr, Mary Geary, Jerome Lichard, Lisa Winkleblech, Aaron Winkleblech, Patricia Butler, Michael Leavy Bob Post, Mary Ann Holt, Joseph Spetzer, III, Jennifer Carson, Christine Cavaliere, Eleanor Lyster, Margie Thivierge, Janet Kuders, Denise Neils, Peter Wells, John Diaz, Baby, Gloria Carroll, Trish Churchill, Carol Lyon, Elizabeth Haley, Mark Robuck, Dick Arthur, Frank Bern, Peg Camero, Luke Sneed, Rich Pesce, Amy Tucker, Charles Grasty, Bob Frick, Hillary Hopkins, Gregg Afflerbach, Robert Lott, Joel Ziff, Lynnane Smith, Joe Smith, Bertha Bowman, William Grant, Francis Grant, Mary Ann Croce, Joanne Gillease, Patricia Stevenson, Marie Ouly, Peter LaCrosse, Charles Quinn, Jean Pesce, Elizabeth Kephart, Theresa Briglia, Jean Hackett, Art Hindle, Bernice Hindle, Don Masse, Ellen & Frank Ward, Thomas Small, Vicki Wojdak, Mike Schauble, Todd Morris, Olga Bianco, Matthew Duffy, Ally Hampton, Hope and Edward Huber, Karen Jackson, Susan Springman, Joe Spetzer, Sr., Christine Cavaliere, Noreen Decenzi, Catherine Peronace, Joel Rivera, Holly Hampton, Holly Kahles, Joan Eaves, Thama Unger, Barry Ludwig, Bonnie Lou Ludwig, Mary Rose Salisbury, Manalo Bhena, Sandy Schindler, Kathy Menditto, Brittany Lott, Andrea Bateman, Betty Zeller, Joseph Williamson, Joe Greim, Elena Williamson, Rob Downey, John Cairo, Jake Powers, Theresa Ryckman, Andrea Carney, Regina Wise, Parker Jensen, Ed Shell, Virginia Piergiovanni, Cecilann Walls, Marie Harkins, Sue & Bill Shank, Rose DiPrinzo, Carol Sipala, Ed Vitale, Tony DelVecchio

Monsignor's Weekly Thursday Email



Msgr. Diamond's weekly Thursday Email has become a popular weekly news letter for our parishioners. Currently there are over 720 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 email address at (Stcorn1@comcast.net). Many of our parishioners enjoy receiving these emails and staying up-to-date on the goings on of St. Cornelius Church.

PILGRIM STATUE

3 - 3 - 19 Paula Wolf
3 - 10 - 19 Sue Miller
3 - 17 - 19 Sally Hunsinger

Please, only 3 weeks per family this year.

The sign up list for 2019 is now available.
Call Cecille at (610) 361-8899 for more information.

The Basics of Lent



Lent is the annual preparation for Easter observance calling us to reform our lives and to open our hearts to the spiritual blessings God has promised to bestow on us. Lent begins Ash Wednesday and ends Holy Thursday evening when the Triduum begins.

What *Must* I do?

According to the Church's Canon Law, all healthy Catholics from age 18 to 59 are required to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat on all other Fridays of Lent. Youth 14 and older are also to abstain from meat on those days. "Fasting" means that no more than one main meal is eaten daily, while in the same day no more than two partial meals are eaten which together don't equal the one main meal.

What *Should* I do?

Take the necessary steps to get yourself on the road to conversion and spiritual renewal. To help you do this, the three main Lenten disciplines urged are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are invited during Lent to practice these disciplines often. But these aren't just chores we must do because the Church strongly urges them; they are above all opportunities to grow in faith and in love for God.

Why Prayer, Fasting and Alms?

The Lenten basic practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are rooted in Jesus' original guidance about how to be his disciples that we find in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt Chapters 5-7). The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1966-1972) also reminds us that Jesus here outlines for us the new law which, if we embrace and implement it, will lead us more surely to the interior renewal and growth in holiness and perfection that Jesus expects of us as his disciples.

Should I set Lenten Goals?

Absolutely. Reflect prayerfully about your Lenten resolutions before making them. Then make yourself a list. But be modest. You may be setting yourself up for disappointment if you set unrealistic goals. And doing a little with love and devotion is spiritually more beneficial than trying to do much but doing it halfheartedly.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



St. Cornelius Parish Council is soliciting nominations for the upcoming election in May to fill two available positions. Nominees must be Catholics in good standing, registered and active parish members. Newly elected members will serve a three-year term. Nominees will be contacted for confirmation and will be required to submit a brief biography.

Parish councils are serving an increasing role in our parish life. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please use the nomination ballots that will be in the pews the weekend of March 2nd & 3rd and March 9th & 10th. Place this form in the nomination ballot box that will be located in the vestibule of the church on those weekends. You will also be able to submit nominations electronically through Msgr. Diamond's Thursday afternoon email.

Once the nominations are confirmed, the candidates will provide a brief biography articulating why they want to take on this unique and significant role within the parish. Final voting will take place in late Spring.



Helping Hands and Hearts

This ministry offers temporary help (meals, home visits, light cleaning, laundry, errands) 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 (484) 732-8842.



The Faith Community Nurse Holistic Health Ministry

On request, Faith Community Nurses are making home visits to families who may be experiencing medical or social difficulties. The nurses confidentially address the needs holistically through bringing with them prayers from the parish, a knowledge of the medical field and process for providing support. If you know of anyone in the parish or beyond who would benefit from these services, please email: stfcfn@gmail.com. Contact person is Joan Holliday, RN/FCN at (610) 717-2180.

FUNERAL MINISTRY

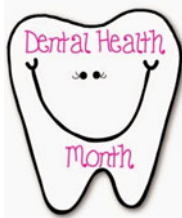
Funeral Ministry is a parish organization that provides volunteers to assist with the celebration of the funeral liturgy.

Have you ever wanted to be an altar server? This could be your opportunity. Funerals are generally celebrated at 10 am; so if you have the occasional morning available, we could use your help. Training will be provided! Please call the Parish Life Center at 610-459-2502 to volunteer.



St. Cornelius Catholic School

Living and Learning the Mission of Christ



As part of Dental Health Month, Doctor Vincent Mongiovi and Mrs. Mongiovi paid a visit to our PK3 & PK4 students. Dr. Mongiovi spoke to them about how to brush their teeth, read a book about what good foods to eat and they even got to practice brushing a dinosaur's teeth! We are most grateful to Mongiovi's Orthodontics for coming out to each year and providing this experience for our students.



Saint Cornelius School is proud to announce that **Marissa Mongiovi, Grade 8**, was awarded a *Villa Maria Academy High School IHM Charism Scholarship*. This scholarship is meant to recognize

students who embody one or all of the pillars of the IHM,

Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, charism. Charism is a special God-given gift. The essence of the founding charism of St. Alphonsus, Father Gillet and Mother Therese Maxis are **Love, Creative Hope and Fidelity**.

Marissa is the daughter of **Dr. and Mrs. Vincent Mongiovi**. We are extremely proud of Marissa for her hard work and for her desire to incorporate these virtues into her life.



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

Saint Cornelius Parish

You can contact Mrs. Swetland at
StCornPREP@gmail.com or by calling
The parish office (610) 459-2502

Registration for PREP 2019-2020 is in full swing. Next year's options are a 1-week summer program, Sundays 10:15-11:30, or Wednesdays 6:00-7:15. The 2nd grade summer class is nearly full. All other classes have plenty of spaces remaining. You can pick up a registration form in the PLC office, after PREP class, or by emailing Mrs. Swetland at the address above.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Our first Children's Liturgy of the Word for ages 3-8 will take place next Sunday, March 10th at the 9:00 am mass. You can bring your little ones to the chapel before that mass to meet the volunteers.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT:

The Archdiocese requires annual Safe Environment lessons for our PREP kids. Most Catechists will present the lessons at the March 12 & 13 classes. Mrs. Campbell/Mrs. Shea will present to their 1st graders on March 26th. You can find information on the age-specific lessons prepared by the Archdiocese at <http://phillyocf.org/safe-environment> Any parent may excuse their child from this lesson with a letter, but be aware that the lessons do not take the whole class period

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 5, 6: **NO PREP** due to Ash Wednesday
March 6: **Ash Wednesday**
March 12, 13: PREP - Safe Environment Lessons
March 19, 20: PREP
March 26, 27: PREP

SCOOP:

The teens tentatively decided to take on a previous name for our youth group: SCOOP - St. Cornelius Organization of Outreaching People. Our next meetup will be this Sunday, March 3rd at 4:00 outside the PLC, ending after mass. Everyone ages 13-18 is invited.



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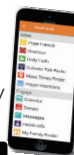
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