

St. Cornelius



SUNDAY BULLETIN

June 30 2019

*No one who sets a hand to the plow
and looks to what was left behind
is fit for the kingdom of God.*

Luke 9:62

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St. Cornelius Parish Summer Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday 8:00 am to 9:00 pm • Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

LiveStream www.livestream.com/saintcornelius

Thoughts from the Second Floor Front

XIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 2019

There is an urgency about the Kingdom of God. Despite any supposed obstacle, its arrival will not be denied. The Liturgy of the Word this weekend addresses the urgency and how an objection, no matter its apparent benignity or even its apparent logic as an objection, is permitted with the pressing need for decisive action in response to the call of the Lord. Elisha initially seems to be resistant to the call from the Prophet Elijah with the request to kiss his mother and father goodbye. It seems like a legitimate request that the Prophet would allow; especially considering the importance of family ties in that culture. Elijah already identified Elisha as his successor with the placement of his cloak on his chosen successor; but the Prophet is not going to force the issue. Elisha's destruction of the 12 yoke of oxen and the plow demonstrates that the young man is ready to follow in that he has destroyed the means of his livelihood. This is to symbolize a radical change in his life.

The gospel passage presents an even more pressing response to the invitation given by Jesus. With the return today to Ordinary Time in the celebration of the Liturgy, we once again pick up the threads of Luke's Gospel narrative. The Galilean ministry of Jesus has finished and now the final journey to Jerusalem, the place of His destiny, begins. I've read that in all probability Jesus would have perceived Himself in the prophetic tradition of Israel. As such He must go to Jerusalem and there fulfill the mission He has received from the Father – to establish the Kingdom in this world.

Just as the onset of the Galilean ministry was met with the rejection of Jesus by His hometown, here He is rejected by the Samaritans. Luke tells us of Jesus' mindset in a dramatic phrase. We read that... *He resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem...* A literal translation is ... *he set his face... towards Jerusalem*. With a fierce resolution, determined against all opposition, He was going to Jerusalem. Jesus was to find that the opposition came to Him from the least likely sources – His own.

In this passage Jesus addresses the severity and unconditional nature of Christian discipleship. What Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the martyred Lutheran pastor from the last century called *The Cost of Discipleship*. (For a good read on Bonhoeffer you might want to try Peter Metaxas' book *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*.) Both the lack of understanding of the nature of discipleship is in evidence next. The first person claims fidelity. But Jesus asserts what that fidelity will involve – total self giving; as He Himself has lived. The next person and the Lord's response shock our sensibilities. To be left dead and unburied was considered a great shame in the ancient world. For a child to want to provide that final act of care for his or her parent seems laudable. Why then does Jesus reject what seems a decent thing to do?

The person who offered the excuse was trying to accept Jesus' invitation to discipleship on terms that he or she defined. That is not how it works. What seems to be a request for a legitimate consideration, ...*let me bury my father first...* is in actual fact an impediment to the Kingdom. We do not even know if the old boy is dead yet. The person making the request may be trying to delay acceptance and thereby delay the arrival of the Kingdom.

And now for us. We too have received a prophetic role as a disciple at our Baptism. We too have been invited to accompany Jesus on His journey to Jerusalem. The opportunity to witness to that Prophetic role and to the Kingdom comes our way frequently. Have you ever been silent when the Church is being denounced at work or at home? Have you ever made an excuse not to pray, thinking: *Oh, I'll get to that later*, and oddly later never seems to arrive? Or an intention to get to confession and how ironic it is that something *always* seems to come up on a Saturday afternoon preventing you. I remember when I was writing my doctoral dissertation and staring at the blank computer screen. Suddenly it became absolutely imperative that I shine my shoes. The dissertation can wait.

The Kingdom will not wait. And neither should we in our response to follow Him.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond



GIVING HOPE TO ALL²⁰¹⁹

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Beneficiary Highlight

This week our featured beneficiary is Archbishop Ryan Academy for the Deaf:

Archbishop Ryan provides a wonderful education for students who have hearing loss. The curriculum serves grades Pre-K to 8th grade in a bilingual environment that prepare students with the tools they need to communicate.

"The education at this school is the best, and knowing Maddie is receiving a Catholic education is really important to me. Without the Catholic Charities Appeal, we wouldn't be able to afford this education for our daughter. Being a parent of a special needs child is so hard, especially making such important decisions. This school is a reminder that I did make the right choice for my daughter."

Colleen, parent, Archbishop Ryan Academy for the Deaf



ARCHBISHOP RYAN ACADEMY

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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
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- Transfer (EFT)
- Planned Gifts
- Gifts of Cash
- Electronic Fund
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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 priests', 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.

This weekend, Please Welcome REV. EDWARD ROONEY



Fr. Ed Rooney is a native of County Kildare, Ireland. He was ordained a priest in 1962 at St. Patrick's College, Carlow, Ireland, for the Diocese of Mobile. He taught high school in Montgomery, Alabama; Mobile, Alabama; and Jacksonville, Florida. He served as a priest in the Diocese of St. Augustine and was the diocesan director of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Fr. Rooney retired in 2010 from St. Luke Parish in Middleburg, Florida, having served as pastor for 28 years. In 2010, he joined the **CRS Global Fellows**, traveling to Haiti and Zimbabwe.

This fall our parish will be engaged with CRS (Catholic Relief Services) in the meal packing we have planned later this year. We look forward to Fr. Rooney's reflections and insights on his experiences and the benefits of parish involvement, such as our own.



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July 4th Mass
9:00 AM
Parish office closed
on July 4th and 5th

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 **July 7**. Nick Cappelli 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!



St. Cornelius School
is accepting registrations
for the 2019-2020
school year!

At St. Cornelius, our students are encouraged to be active in their faith and to be inquisitive learners. All students have Chromebooks or Apple devices for use within their classes; in addition, we offer Advanced Math, Spanish, Art, Music P.E. & Before/After Care for all grades. Space is available in our full/half day PK3, PK4 and full day Kindergarten programs, and Grades 1-8. Call the school at (610) 459-8663 to schedule a tour or for more information.



More information can be found on our website
at www.scornelius.org



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.

June 23, 2019.....\$18,587

Thank you for your generous support.

Family Promise Volunteers Help Homeless Families



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor."

(Luke 4:18)

St. Cornelius volunteers care for homeless families with Family Promise in southern Chester County.

Our volunteers spend time with the most vulnerable in our neighboring community and testify to growing in Christ-like compassion through this outreach ministry. Our next week to

serve is the week of July 28 through August 4th. We warmly welcome new volunteers and if you can't volunteer, we would appreciate donations to support the food purchases for the meals that we prepare when we have our time to volunteer. To sign-up to volunteer or contribute contact Kathy Silvon at msilvon@aol.com or call 484-720-8214



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.



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Eucharistic Adoration



Have a safe and relaxing, Fourth of July. Adoration is cancelled Friday, July 5 and Monday, July 8. Adoration will resume on Friday, July 12.

We need a few people who want to spend an hour a week with Jesus in Adoration. We need an extra person on Fridays, at 10 am, 11 am, 12am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm. . this will improve coverage and assure coverage when one of the two Adorers is on vacation or can not make it.

We can work with you, if you can only commit to once a month, or every other week, what ever it takes to help you get closer to Jesus. PLEASE call us to schedule a time.

Please contact Sue Miller 484-480-5882 or Toni Moyer 484-840-0552h

**SACRED HEART OF JESUS, I ADORE YOU
IN THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT!**

Altar Server Training



We are planning a day of training for our new crew of altar servers. This is a ministry that is essential to our celebration of Eucharist. Many of our current servers have found this ministry rewarding and helpful in better understanding our liturgies. If you are interested in being trained as an altar server, please call the Parish Life Center at (610) 459-2502, and register your name.

Watch this space and Msgr's. Thursday email for further details.



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 **July 20, 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.

CAMP CORNELIUS



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

Half Day Programs:
Cost: \$150 per week

Full Day Extension:
Cost: \$250 per week

July 8th-12th

PreK-2nd: Cooking
3rd-7th: Crafts

Activities will include...

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

Registration forms available at the Parish Life Center.

For questions or additional information contact:

Amanda Davidson at adavidson@scornelius.org
Abbie Kohlbrenner at akohlbrenner@scornelius.org



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

You don't need a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend... You DESERVE a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

You make the time to learn new skills to improve your career and work opportunities, right?

Why not make the time to improve what's most important in your life- your relationship with your Spouse!

One weekend can truly change your life!

The next weekends in the Philadelphia Area will be **Oct 18-20** and **Nov. 22-24** at **Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown.**

For more information or to register, go to www.wwme-philly.org or call (610) 449-1859

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.

**1st and 3rd Monday of each month
1:30pm to 3:30pm**

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 will have a basket set up in the Bethany Room for your donations, or you are welcome to drop off any yarn donations to the Parish Life Center. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Shawls and blankets are available in the Bethany Room. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jo Shell, (610) 361-8198 or Joanne Fonash, (610) 299-9694.

Parish Life Center Summer Hours

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Closed for Lunch 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

We are in need of more **Catechists and Aides** for the 2019-2020 school year. You must be a faithful Catholic and pass security clearances. The faith formation office will offer as much guidance and support as you need as you take on a rewarding role helping to form our children. Please contact Jennifer Swetland at StCornPREP@gmail.com or (610) 459-2502 if you are interested in teaching our faith to the children of our parish.

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. Join us after the 11:00 AM Mass, **July 21st** recite the Rosary with your fellow parishioners.



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

SPC Mike Canfield	1st Lt. Megan Love
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SPC Logan Hannum	Ens Nicholas Spadaccini
Devon J. Hunt	MSG Thomas Stone
PO1 Nathan R. Keller	SPC4 Brennan Sullivan
Capt. Daniel Kohli	Cpl Mark Truex
1st Lt Chris Love	Lt. Christopher Vish

June 29 & June 30 Saturday	June 29 & June 30 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 Oblate	9:00 am Oblate
11:00 am Msgr. Diamond	11:00 am Msgr. Diamond
5:00 pm Msgr. Diamond	5:00 pm Msgr. Diamond

Sunday Mass Intentions (Week of June 30 - July 5)

7:30 AM Col. Edward M. Huber
 9:00 AM Irene Palena
 11:00 AM Kathleen Paglier
 5:00 PM Frances Smith

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Reading

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

Reading: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
 Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

Monday 7:30 AM St. Junipero Serra

Intention: Jodi Arkus, 30 yr. Anniversary

Reading: Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Eleanor Moore

Reading: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday 7:30 AM St. Thomas

Intention: Wanda & Deb Casselli

Reading: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29

Thursday 9:00 AM No 7:30 AM Mass Independence Day



Intention: Robert Van de Wall

Reading: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8; or,
 for Independence Day, any readings from
 the Mass "For the Country or a City," nos. 882-886,
 or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

Friday 7:30 AM St. Elizabeth of Portugal St. Anthony Zaccaria

Intention: Donald Duffy

Reading: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5;
 Mt 9:9-13

TABERNACLE CANDLES

✠ In loving memory of Frances Sculli,
 Req. by her family

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

Rob Kenney, Kelly Kenney, Eugene Monaco, Susan Meyers, Luke Post, Matthew Hess, Gary Hampton, Edwin Schuller, Jim Buckley, Jerome Lienhard, Thomas Yenger, Mary Rose Salisbury, 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, 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, Lynne 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, Todd Morris, Olga Bianco, Matthew Duffy, Ally Hampton, Hope Huber, Karen Jackson, Susan Springman, Christine Cavalieri, Noreen Decenzi, Catherine Peronace, Joel Rivera, Holly Hampton, Holly Kahles, Joan Eaves, Thama Unger, Barry Ludwig, Bonnie Lou Ludwig, Manalo Bhenal, 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

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 768 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

6 - 30 - 19	Joanne Fonash
7 - 7 - 19	Phyllis Albany
7 - 14 - 19	Nancy Montville

Call Cecille at (610) 361-8899 for more information.

Centering Prayer

GROWING IN LOVE FOR GOD

"Be Still And Know That I Am God."

Psalm 46:10

What draws your head and heart to God? Is your mind overwhelmed and filled with distraction and constant noise? Consider the method of Centering Prayer. We meet on Saturday mornings at 8:30 in the chapel. Please call Michael or Rosemary Gidlewski for more information (484) 429-1556.



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.



CHOSEN FATHERS

*A ministry of Mutual Support for
Fathers of Children with Special Needs*

Being a good dad day-in and day-out is not an easy task. Yet raising children with special needs can make fatherhood even more challenging.

We invite fathers of children with physical, mental, sensory, or emotional challenges to the first meeting of this new group aimed at enabling dads to follow Christ's example of love, patience, mercy and service in raising and supporting their children.

3rd Tuesday of every month

7:30 - 8:45 pm

St. Mark Conf. room, Mullin Ministry Center

St. Elizabeth Parish

110 Saint Elizabeth Drive

Chester Springs, PA 19425

If you have questions, please call:

Joe Howard (610-458-7831; jchoward72@aol.com) or

Liam Dempsey (610-390-9076; liam@LBdesigns.tv)

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.



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St. Cornelius School
(610) 459-8663



WEDDING MINISTRY

We are looking for volunteers to help with wedding rehearsals and/or weddings. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings at 6pm and weddings are on Saturdays and sometimes on Friday evening. As a growing parish, we are celebrating more and more weddings and are in need of some help.

We would also like to have a group of adults who would perform the ministry of altar server just like we do for funerals.

Training will be provided and a schedule set up for coverage of rehearsals and weddings.

Please call the Parish Life Center to volunteer at (610) 459-2502.



55th Class Reunion Luncheon! Archbishop Prendergast Class of 1964

Sunday October 13th,
Springfield Country Club
Springfield, PA, 1PM- 5PM

Email PrendergastHS1964@gmail.com
with your contact information,

Or FaceBook: Bonner - Prendie class of 1964



Saint Cornelius School is an essential part of our parish community, empowering our students to develop spiritually, academically, physically, and morally as responsible stewards of God's creation. Living and learning the mission of Christ.



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

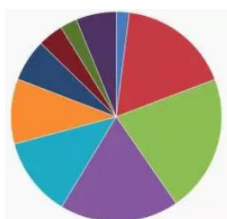
Saint Cornelius Parish

You can contact Mrs. Swetland at
StCornPREP@gmail.com or by calling



The Budget and Fundraising

On Tuesday, the Board of Limited Jurisdiction (BLJ) unanimously approved the changes to the budget. These changes will add to the planned deficit, but other cost-cutting ideas surfaced, and the Board reaffirmed its belief that more funds can be raised through fundraising. Kudos to the Fundraising committee for raising over \$9500 in the discount card initiative!



TERRA NOVA³

St. Cornelius School utilizes a variety of assessments to measure student growth such as observations, teacher-constructed tests, student performance assessments, homework, etc. Each year one outside measure of student progress is administered – **TerraNova**. This measure of student achievement compares student growth to national averages across the nation.

TerraNova results for 2018-2019 at St. Cornelius School offer a very positive picture of students who not only meet, but also exceed, the **national percentile (50%)** significantly when compared to their peers in public and private schools across the nation who also take this assessment.

- In **Reading**, students at St. Cornelius School score **a minimum of 15 points above** the national average.
- In **Mathematics**, students at St. Cornelius School score **a minimum of 19 points above** the national average.

Success at **St. Cornelius School** consists of much more than standardized assessment. However, using this measure, St. Cornelius School is an environment of **high rigor, high learning**.



The Summer Reading 2019-2020, which includes math packets for some grades, is posted on the homepage of the school's website. For students in 6th-8th grade, an update will be available soon confirming the selected books and projects. The link to the Summer Reading

document can be found by going to the school webpage at <https://scornelius.org> and scrolling down to the link titled *Summer Reading 2019 - 2020*.

The first ever **Summer PREP** week at St. Cornelius was a success! Many children going into grades 2 - 7 attended an intense week of religious instruction, community-building, and fun. In addition to the usual textbook learning, students became more familiar with all the beautiful imagery in our Church and had the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the help of several visiting priests.

Many thanks to all of the teachers, the school and parish staff, and the parents and students for making this new venture such a positive experience!





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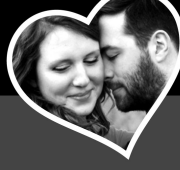
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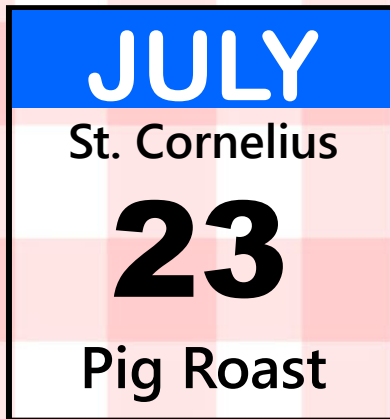
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