

# St. Cornelius

SUNDAY BULLETIN



December 22, 2019



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## St. Cornelius Parish Office Hours

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

Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 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](http://www.livestream.com/saintcornelius)

## Thoughts from the Second Floor Front

### IV Sunday in Advent

December 22, 2019

This weekend, so close to the conclusion of Advent and the commencement of the Christmas celebrations, we meet Ahaz. He was one of the worst monarchs in the history of Judah; and there was a lot of competition for that title. He had come to the throne and was soon threatened by a coalition of Israel and Damascus. Thinking of the contemporary situation in that part of the world it only goes to show how ironic history can be; so little has changed. The leaders of Israel and Damascus want Ahaz to join them in opposing Assyria. Isaiah appeals to the crooked king to rely on God. To demonstrate the power of Isaiah's prophetic promise he tells Ahaz to ask for a sign. Then in a proclamation that could not be more disingenuous, Ahaz assumes the role of the pious patriarch and refuses to ask for a sign. He refuses to ask for a sign because he already is in collusion with the Assyrians - upon whose military power he would prefer to rely rather than the might of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Isaiah counters Ahaz's assertion and states unequivocally that the king will get a sign whether he wants one or not.

The sign is Emmanuel, a word that means "with us is God." This prophecy has consistently been embraced as fulfilled in the birth of Jesus born of Mary, the virgin mother. For Christians, Jesus's Incarnation is the supreme demonstration that God, who wants to be with us *is* the God who *is* with us as one of us. That thought should drop us to our knees; which is exactly what we are called on to do at the Christmas Mass. When we get to the line in the Nicene Creed "*...and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*" we are directed to genuflect; joining ourselves closer to the earth, which He entered for the sake of our salvation.

This wonderful earth is what God has created and given to us; which we are obliged to cherish and care for as our home. This earth, our earth is the same earth on which Jesus walked. He is Emmanuel. The sacred season which we are about to enter is filled with sentimentality and bonhomie and a holiday mood; all of which is understandable. The sentiment of the season is not to supersede the theological reality of what we celebrate on Christmas. Because of what we celebrate all things are different. Because of what we celebrate **we are to be different**. The new world that the Incarnation brings, the restoration that his birth promises is happening before our eyes. If we do not see it, perhaps it is because we are doing nothing to bring it about. Perhaps the peace we wish each other is merely a holiday greeting and not a promise to live in peace. Perhaps we have romanticized the poor and despised shepherds while we ignore the poor and despised in our midst. Perhaps our celebration of Christmas is simply the re-enactment of a seasonal mystery play rather than the re-enactment of God's love for us all.

Through Jesus, God is present to us. The call we have received as His disciples is to be His presence to others; to be Jesus for those who have been given to us in love. That is the call as we close out Advent and commence the celebration of Christmas. The gifts we share with each other cannot be more valuable than the gift of ourselves to and for each other. Two weeks ago, we heard the insistent voice of John the Baptist shouting from the desert: Repent! It is not a suggestion but a mandate to live as the Christ directs us. A Lutheran theologian from the 20<sup>th</sup> century wrote that Christians are called to be counter cultural. We are to be in the world but not of it. With the crass corruption of the commercialized Christmas, you may find it increasingly challenging to live as the gospel directs, in simplicity and solidarity with those around you. That means first of all your family and those who make up your ordinary life. Recognize them as the gift they are in the Christmas Season and beyond. This is one gift that has already been redeemed and cannot be returned.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond



*Behold, the virgin shall conceive  
and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel*

**Advent Vespers with Benediction**

Sunday Afternoons 4:00 pm, during  
Advent. Please join us!

**Christmas Eve Mass Schedule**

4:00 pm

Celebrant: Fr. Joseph Serano, O'Praem

Music Provided by:

*11 am Contemporary Ensemble*

6:00 pm

Celebrant: Msgr. Diamond

Music Provided by:

*Youth Choir and  
Young Adult Ensemble*

8:00 pm

Celebrant: Msgr. Diamond

Music Provided by:

*Trumpet, Flute and Adult Choir*

10:00 pm

Celebrant: Msgr. Diamond

Music Provided by:

*Young Adult Quartet & Walnut Street Trio*

**Christmas Day Mass Schedule**

8:30 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Diamond

Music Provided by:

*Cantor and Organ*

11:00 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Diamond

Music Provided by:

*2 Cantors and Walnut Street Trio*

**New Year's Eve**

5 pm

Celebrant: Msgr. Diamond

**New Year's Day**

8:30 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Diamond

11:00 am

Celebrant: Msgr. Diamond

5:00 pm

Celebrant: Msgr. Diamond



## STAND UP FOR LIFE Essay Contest



The St. Cornelius Respect Life Committee and the Knights of Columbus are co-sponsoring an Essay Contest from January 26 to February 23. Contest is open to all students of the Parish in grades 6-8. Winners will be notified on March 3, the Feast of St. Katherine Drexel.

Cash Prizes:

First Place-\$75

Second Place-\$50

Third Place- \$25

Essay Theme: "Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman."  
Please go to [saintcornelius.org/bulletins](http://saintcornelius.org/bulletins) for complete details and rules.



## 12th Annual Archdiocesan Catholic Men's Conference Register for

MAN UP PHILLY 2020

On Saturday March 7, 2020 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 12th Annual Archdiocesan Catholic Men's Conference.

Speakers will include **Immaculée Ilibagiza**, speaker and author of the best selling book Left to Tell about her trials in the war in Rwanda and how she found unconditional love and forgiveness. former Philadelphia Eagle, **Brent Celek**, a leader and tight end for the Eagles for 11 years who finished his football career on top by helping the Eagles win Super Bowl LII. **Steve Bollman**, founder of Paradisus Dei and creator of **That Man is You**. Steve received a personal call to found a ministry dedicated to the renewal of marriage and family life. Several of our men are currently engaged in our own program of That Man is You. Irish tenor, **Mark Forrest**, will again provide inspirational accompaniment during a special Eucharistic Adoration. Our time together will also include the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by **Archbishop Charles J. Chaput**.

What better gift can you give the important men in your life than an opportunity to grow deeper in their faith?  
To register go to <https://manupphilly.com/registration>



*They shall name him  
Emmanuel, which means  
"God is with us."*

— Matthew 1:23

## 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 **January 5**. Nick Cappelli of Pronto Catering is again supplying us with the caffeine, cocoa and tea. We ask parishioners with last names O thru Z to help out by bringing a dozen or so baked goods to share with all our parishioners.

Thank you to the Prayer Shawl ministry who will be donating this coming month and to those parish groups who have donated baked goods for our earlier First Sunday Coffees: **Parish Prayer Circle, Adorers, Prayer Shawl, Consolers, and Pastoral Council.**

Also, please use disposable containers for easier clean up. See you there!



## Parish Holy Hour

Tuesday, January 14th  
7:00 pm

*Every member of the Church must be vigilant in seeing that the sacrament of love shall be at the center of the life of the people of God so that through all the manifestations of worship due him shall be given back 'love for love' and truly become the life of our souls. (Pope John Paul II)*

Our hour together in prayer will be guided by the following form.

7 pm - Opening Hymn and Exposition  
Reading  
Hymn  
Short Homily  
Private meditation - Bible readings encouraged  
7:35 pm - Rosary  
7:55 pm - Benediction  
Recessional Hymn

*Please join us*  
sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

## 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, **December 15th** 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.



*Collection for December 15 was not available at the time of printing.*

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

*Luke 12:34*



## EXCITING OPPORTUNITY

The St. Cornelius Board of Limited Jurisdiction (BLJ) and its Home and School Association (HSA) are forming a Grant Committee. Working with Mr Robert Touey, our Principal and the staff of St. Cornelius School, the goal of the committee is to enhance all aspects of our school children's educational experience. Initially, we are looking to upgrade technology, expand our library collection, provide a state of the art playground for the preschool grades and acquire additional classroom supplies. Additionally, we are seeking to obtain a grant for a back-up generator for the school.

We are seeking volunteers on as-needed basis. If you have grant writing experience, are affiliated with a company or an organization that has grant programs or make donations or if you feel that you are resourceful, please contact :

Tom Constan, BLJ, at [tomconstanblj@gmail.com](mailto:tomconstanblj@gmail.com)

Robert Touey, School Principal, at [rtouey@scornelius.org](mailto:rtouey@scornelius.org)

Stephanie Matteo, HSA, at [smatteo5@gmail.com](mailto:smatteo5@gmail.com)

## Monsignor's Thursday Email



Msgr. Diamond's weekly Thursday Email is a popular weekly news letter for our parishioners. Currently there are over 805 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)). Many of our parishioners enjoy receiving these emails and staying up-to-date on the goings on of St. Cornelius Church.



## 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 **December 21, 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.

## Eucharistic Adoration



Adoration is cancelled on Monday, December 23, Friday, December 27, Monday December 30, and Friday, January 3 for the Christmas Holidays. Wishing everyone a very Holy Christmas and a Healthy New Year!

Will they know you are Christian by your love and your example? What a gift for the baby Jesus if you helped bring his love to one person this Christmas! Think of all the ways you could bring happiness to others... a smile, a kind word or gesture, a call to someone shut in, a visit to a sick person. Be creative and bring Jesus to all those you meet in your daily life. You will receive more than you give. Jesus will not be out done in his generosity.

As the New Year is approaching please consider being a Permanent Adorer. We need a second Permanent Adorers for Friday mornings and afternoons. Maybe you and a friend would be able to share a time slot every other week. You both would be blessed by Our Lord.

Contact:

*Sue Miller (484) 480-5882 or Toni Moyer (484) 840-0552*

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

## St. Cornelius Volunteers Serving the Homeless



*A generous man will prosper;  
he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."*  
*Proverbs 11:25*

St. Cornelius volunteers care for homeless families through the Family Promise inter-faith ministry in southern Chester County. Our forty-four registered volunteers spend time with the most vulnerable in our neighboring community. We need 27

-30 volunteers each time we serve 4 times a year. Our next time to serve will be the week of January 12<sup>th</sup> 2020. We welcome new volunteers and if you can't volun-

teer, 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](mailto:msilvon@aol.com) or call 484-720-8214.





So far this year, we have raised **\$93,848 (62%)** towards our goal of \$150,805.

Thank you for your generosity towards such a worthy cause in our diocese.

(Data values as of 12/05/2019)

## A PARISH AND SCHOOL EVENT

### ST. CORNELIUS SPAGHETTI NIGHT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

WALKER HALL  
LOWER LEVEL OF SCHOOL



TICKETS:  
\$15 for adults  
\$5 for kids

Ticket includes pasta,  
salad, bread, meatballs,  
and dessert!

Tickets will be available for  
purchase in the school office,  
the Parish Life Center, and  
on the night of the event.



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ST. CORNELIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## OPEN HOUSE

January 6th 1pm-3pm

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## 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.

## SNOW CLOSING

The safety of our children both in school and PREP are of the utmost importance. Ice, sleet and snow can come at any time. During the week, Monday through Friday, if the Unionville Chadds Ford School District announces the closing of schools, or a two hour delay because of weather, **the 7:30 AM Mass will not be celebrated.**

It takes a big undertaking to clear the parking lot and have the pathways shoveled. Closing the school 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!!



The Board of Limited Jurisdiction is looking for additional help with the **Marketing Committee** for our school. Please contact Sally Hunsinger if you are interested in helping this committee or would like more information about volunteer opportunities.

Email: [sallyhunsingerblj@gmail.com](mailto:sallyhunsingerblj@gmail.com).



## HEED THE CALL

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serving in the Armed Forces. Especially for:

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

| December 21 & December 22 | December 28 & December 29 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Saturday                  | 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 Oblate            |
| 11:00 am Oblate           | 11:00 am Msgr. Diamond    |
| 5:00 pm Msgr. Diamond     | 5:00 pm Msgr. Diamond     |

## Sunday Mass Intentions (Week of December 22 - December 27)

|          |                  |
|----------|------------------|
| 7:30 AM  | Thomas Less      |
| 9:00 AM  | Oliva Varacchi   |
| 11:00 AM | Augustine Albino |
| 5:00 PM  | Timothy Duerr    |

## Weekly Mass Schedule

### Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Reading

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

**Reading:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

### Monday 7:30 AM

#### St. John of Kanty

**Intention:** Deacon R. Steven Santoleri

**Reading:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;  
Lk 1:57-66



### Tuesday Christmas Vigil

**4:00 PM, 6:00 PM, 8:00 PM, 10:00 PM**

**Reading:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;  
Lk 1:67-79

### Wednesday

#### The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

**8:30 AM & 11:00 AM**

**Reading:** **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

**Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

**Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

### Thursday 7:30 AM

#### St. Stephen

**Reading:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab,  
16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

### Friday 7:30 AM

#### St. John

**Intention:** Wayne Luff

**Reading:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

## TABERNACLE CANDLES

- ✠ Deacon R. Steven Santoleri,  
Req. by the Santoleri family
- ✠ Joseph & Stella Fedena  
Req. by Carole & Joe Fedena

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

Brandon Heacock, Nancy Young, Peyton Lott, Billy Lott, Nanci Ehmer, Frank Gallagher, Lydia McAndrew, Tom Schreiber, Peggy Peters, Paul McEneaney, John Melasecca, Margaret Rogowski, Ken Rudert, Ed Shell, Virginia Piergiovanni, Ellie McCreight, Ellie Griem, Gregory Varacchi, Michael McKinnen, Jeanne Kitson, Connie Carney, Rob Kenney, Kelly Kenney, Eugene Monaco, Susan Meyers, Luke Post, Matthew Hess, Gary Hampton, Edwin Schuller, Jim Buckley, Jerome Lienhard, Mary Rose Salisbury, Margery Butler, Charlotte Kensicki, Jim Barr, Jerome Lichard, Lisa Winkleblech, Aaron Winkleblech, Patricia Butler, Michael Leavy, Bob Post, Mary Ann Holt, Joseph Spetzer, III, Jennifer Carson, Christine Cavaliere, Margie Thivierge, Janet Kuders, Denise Neils, Baby, Gloria Carroll, Trish Churchill, Carol Lyon, 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, Lynam 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 Cavaliere, Noreen Decenzi, Catherine Peronace, Joel Rivera, Holly Hampton, Holly Kahles, Joan Eaves, Thama Unger, Barry Ludwig, Bonnie Lou Ludwig, Manalo Bhena, Sandy Schindler, Kathy Menditto, Brittany Lott, Andrea Bateman

## —BIBLE STUDY—

We have begun our fall Bible Study once again with Monsignor Diamond. All women and men are invited to join us each **Thursday morning from 10:00 to 11:30 am.** If you weren't able to join us last week, do not let that deter you. The goal of this Scripture study will be to broaden our knowledge of Scripture, our church's teaching regarding the Scriptures, and it will enhance our understanding and personal faith life.

If you have questions, please call  
Nancy Todor - cell 609-234-1193.



## PILGRIM STATUE

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| 12 - 22 - 19 | Mary Chuchman |
| 1 - 6 - 20   | Kathy Howley  |
| 1 - 12 -202  | Jean Burke    |

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



## St. Cornelius Knights of Columbus Council #12391

### Join the Knights of Columbus for the Right to Life March Friday, January 24, 2020

Sign up for a **FREE** seat (*a \$10 tip for the bus driver is requested*) for the trip to Washington DC, leaving from and returning to St Cornelius. Sign up at...

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d48aac28a5ff2-march1>

**Be sure to have a cell phone number for the trip.**

Our first stop is the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, then on to the gathering place for the march, at 7<sup>th</sup> and Constitution Ave.. After the march, there will be time to visit your congressman or get something to eat before re-boarding the bus at Union Station at 5pm to return to St



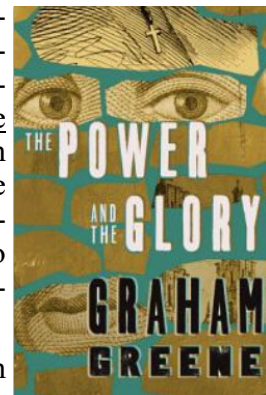
Cornelius around 8pm.

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|----------------------------------------|----------|
| Leave St. Cornelius                    | 8:00 am  |
| Arrive Basilica of the National Shrine | 11:00 am |
| Leave Basilica of the Nation Shrine    | 12:30 pm |
| Arrive March gathering area            | 1:00 pm  |
| Leave Union Station                    | 5:00 pm  |
| Arrive St. Cornelius                   | 8:00 pm  |



## The St. Cornelius Literary Society

The Inaugural meeting of the SCLS will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month of January. We will convene every month after that on the second Sunday of the Month. I can explain what I envision as the format for our gathering at that first meeting. I would like it to be an opportunity for shared insights. I am not talking about the opportunity to pool our ignorance but offer thoughtful reflections with the group. If you prefer to listen, that is fine but realize your contribution may help another reader. In the future, I hope that the group will receive and make recommendations for other selections. For this first effort I believe we should start with The Power and the Glory by Graham Greene. This is the tale of the Whiskey Priest and the Lieutenant who pursues him in Mexico at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.



Let's meet in the PLC in the Fr. Simon Room at 3:00 for an hour or so on January 12<sup>th</sup>.



### 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](mailto:stfcfn@gmail.com). Contact person is Joan Holiday, RN/FCN at (610) 717-2180.

## Centering Prayer

GROWING IN LOVE FOR GOD

**"Be Still And Know That I Am God."**

**Psalms 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.

## CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

Our students enjoyed all the festivities at our Christmas Village this year! Thank you to all our parent volunteers who turned our lunch room into a winter wonderland! The children shopped for Christmas gifts for their families, made Christmas crafts, enjoyed hot cocoa and cookies from Mrs. Claus' Bake Shop, and their visit with Santa!!! It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas!!!



### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

Saint Cornelius Parish

You can contact Mrs. Swetland at  
stcornprep@scornelius.org or by calling  
the parish office (610) 459-2502

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We offer a Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 Sunday Mass. We invite children ages 3-8 to attend if they have not yet received First Holy Communion.

### SUNDAY CLASS TIME CHANGE

We are adjusting the time of weekly Sunday classes. There is a bit too much time in between 9:00 Mass and 10:15 PREP class, so beginning in January, the weekly Sunday classes will meet 10:00-11:15. There will be no change to Summer PREP follow-up class times. They will still meet 10:15-11:30 on January 26 and March 29.

### DATES TO REMEMBER FOR PREP

Dec 22 - Jan 1: **NO PREP**

January 5, 8: PREP

January 12, 15: PREP

January 19, 22: **NO PREP**

January 23: First Communion Parent Retreat

January 26, 29: PREP, Safe Environment lesson

January 26: Summer PREP follow-up #3, Safe Environment lesson

### LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit ...  
Come Lord Jesus, be our light!  
Help us to trust in you, as Joseph trusted in God.*



### PRAY

*Father God, we ask that, like Joseph, we will trust in you and do your will, even when it isn't what we would have planned for ourselves. Amen*

### REFLECT

How is God calling you to trust in Him?

### ACT

This week, practice this simple prayer each night before bed: "Jesus I trust in you."



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# Fourth Sunday in Advent

IN THESE FINAL DAYS OF ADVENT, CONSIDER GATHERING AS A FAMILY AROUND YOUR HOME NATIVITY SCENE TO SAY A BLESSING TOGETHER.

**In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223.**

**The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time.**

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**R/.** *Who made heaven and earth.*

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 2:1 (lines 1-8) or Isaiah 7:10 (lines 10-15, the birth of Emmanuel).

**Reader:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**R/.** *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

The leader prays with hands joined:

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a

Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,

bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

**R/.** *Amen.*

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