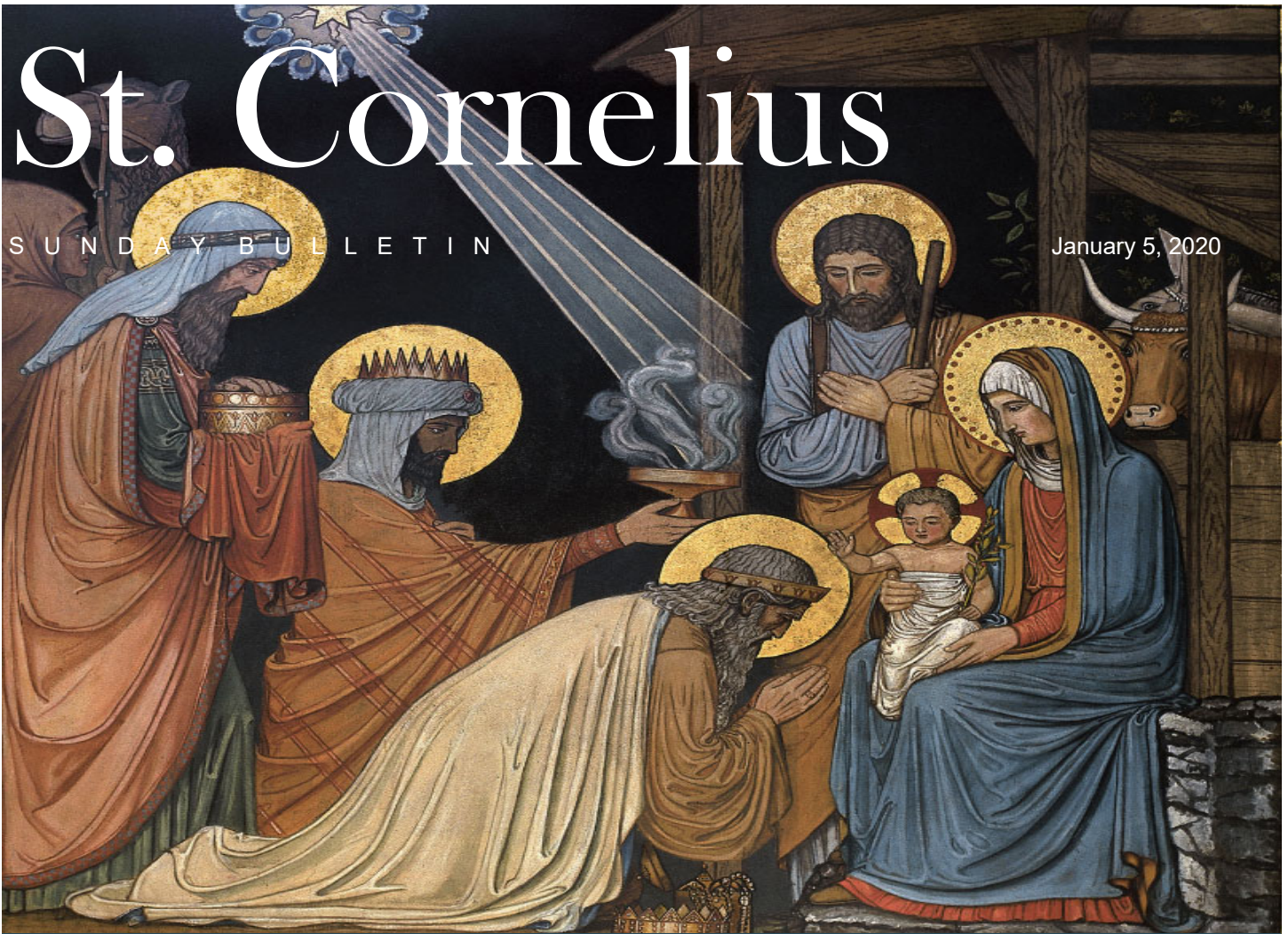


St. Cornelius

SUNDAY BULLETIN

January 5, 2020



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

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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

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Thoughts from the Second Floor Front The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020

If you take a moment or two to reflect on it, you have had epiphanies in your lifetime. Remember a time when you thought you were lost, unable to find your way and then suddenly (Epiphanies usually occur suddenly.) you realize that you are not at all lost and you are nearer to your destination than you recognized. Or a kind gesture from a friend or family member which brought you to a deeper understanding and appreciation of your love for them and their love for you. Some Epiphanies are more significant than others. I try to avoid overusing the superlative degree, however, the Epiphany we celebrate today is most significant – the Epiphany of Epiphanies.

When all around them seemed to misread the message, the Magi in today's gospel account were recipients of THE Epiphany. Through their observation of nature, they were able to observe God. Thomas Aquinas would call this natural theology; the study of what can be known about God apart from Divine Revelation. We can observe natural things (The creatures) and through the use of human reason come to understand something about God (The Creator). They observed a star at its rising. The night sky is filled with stars. In our day the stars are somewhat obscured due to manufactured lights and pollution (also man made); because of that it is more difficult to see the stars. This is an aspect of our own discipleship.

It is precisely because of the interferences that are in our lives that it is more challenging to recognize the Star rising in the East – Jesus whom John describes in his gospel as the light that has come into the world. The light is all around us but we are prevented from seeing it because, more often than not, we impose our own interference on our own vision. C.S. Lewis wrote that he did not believe in the sun because he could see it. He believed in the sun (Son) because by it he can see everything else. This is the quotidian dimension of discipleship. The light is all around us, it is in our everyday actions and encounters. It is in the words we use every day; in every interaction we have.

Or is it?

We are in the last week of our observance of the great feast of Christmas. Has the light led you any nearer to the Christ Child or have those everyday aspects of your life, which have been illuminated by the Star rising in the East, returned to a mundane if not wearisome existence? The joy of the Christmas Season can be a part of our life as a disciple if we allow the Spirit of God to lead on to that Star. I'm not talking about wearing a sprig of holly in your lapel throughout the year. I am asserting that it is possible to bring the light in to a world that has been darkened in so many sad ways. You can be empowered as an instrument in God's hands that bring His Kingdom closer to the people with whom you share your life.

In the final verses of today's excerpt, the evangelist tells us that the Magi returned home by a different route. Fr. Ronald Knox, a 20th century scripture scholar, translated that in a way that expanded the meaning of the verse. His translation infers that after they met the Christ Child they returned home "in a manner that was different." It was not just their route which was changed. They were changed because they met the Christ.

Because you know Jesus, you must live in a manner that is different from those who do not know Jesus. In the days throughout this New Year may we all do that and live as His faithful disciple, dedicated to the Kingdom.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond



National Migration Week

During the first full week in January, the U.S. bishops recognize National Migration Week. To help answer any questions you may have about Catholic teaching and migration, please visit www.justiceforimmigrants.org



Catholic Principles of Migration

Our approach to migration is rooted in the Gospel and in the rich tradition of Catholic social teaching. A recent example of this teaching is in [*Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope*](#), a pastoral letter concerning migration from the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the United States.

I. Persons have the right to find opportunities in their homeland.

All persons have the right to find in their own countries the economic, political, and social opportunities to live in dignity and achieve a full life through the use of their God-given gifts. In this context, work that provides a just, living wage is a basic human need.

II. Persons have the right to migrate to support themselves and their families.

The Church recognizes that all the goods of the earth belong to all people. When persons cannot find employment in their country of origin to support themselves and their families, they have a right to find work elsewhere in order to survive. Sovereign nations should provide ways to accommodate this right.

III. Sovereign nations have the right to control their borders.

The Church recognizes the right of sovereign nations to control their territories and their borders. However, wealthier nations, which have the ability to better protect and feed their residents, have a strong obligation to

accommodate migration flows.

IV. Refugees and asylum seekers should be afforded protection.

Those who flee wars and persecution should be protected by the global community. This requires, at a minimum, that migrants have a right to claim refugee status without incarceration and to have their claims fully considered by a competent authority.

V. The human dignity and human rights of undocumented migrants should be respected.

Regardless of their legal status, migrants, like all persons, possess inherent human dignity that should be respected. Often they are subject to punitive laws and harsh treatment by enforcement officers from both receiving and transit countries. Government policies that respect the basic human rights of the undocumented are necessary.



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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 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>

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.

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-Z to help out by bringing a dozen or so baked goods to share with all our parishioners

Thank you to the Bible Study 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

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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, **January 19th** recite the Rosary with your fellow parishioners.



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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.



*December 22nd and 29th collection
Was not available at the time of printing.*

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

Luke 12:34

Sunday, January 5, 2020 Holy Hours for Vocations

All are invited to gather and pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

St. Agnes, West Chester, 2:00 PM

St Mary Magdalen, Media, 3:00 PM

Sts. Simon & Jude, West Chester, Time TBD



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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). 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 **January 18, 2020**. 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

The New Year is here are you tired from all the holiday activities Time to recharge your soul and spend time with Jesus in Adoration. Let Jesus fill you with his love and gifts. Praying before the Blessed Sacrament is one of the most important and rewarding ways to receive graces and have our prayers answered. Prayer, fasting and reconciliation are the cornerstones to a holy life.



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 an hour time slot every other week. You both will receive more than you give.

Contact *Sue Miller* 484-480-5882 or *Toni Moyer* 484-840-0552.

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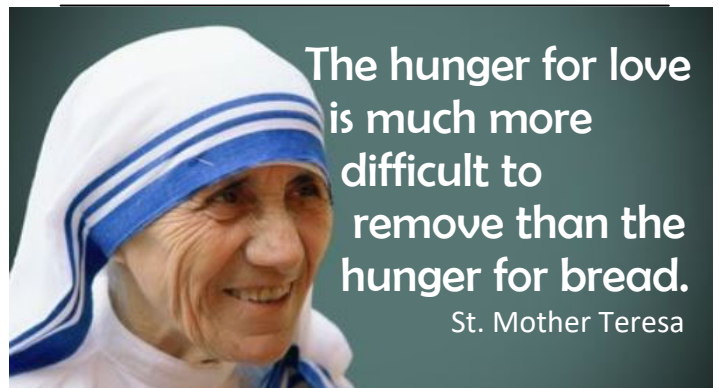


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"He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God" (Proverbs 14:13)

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 12th

2020. We 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



St. Mother Teresa



So far this year, we have raised **\$94,103 (62%)** towards our goal of \$150,805.

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

(Data values as of 12/12/2019)

A PARISH AND SCHOOL EVENT

ST. CORNELIUS SPAGHETTI NIGHT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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TICKETS:
\$15 for adults
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Ticket includes pasta,
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the Parish Life Center, and
on the night of the event.



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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.



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January 4 & January 5	January 11 & January 12
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 Oblate	9:00 am Msgr. Diamond
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 January 5 - January 10)

7:30 AM Tony Del Vecchio
 9:00 AM Patricia Hull
 11:00 AM John Brislin
 5:00 PM Michael Flanagan

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Reading

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

Reading: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday 7:30 AM St. André Bessette

Intention: Anne Debiak

Reading: 1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday 7:30 AM St. Raymond of Penyafort

Intentions: Deborah Wood Davis

Reading: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday 7:30 AM

Intention: Intentions for Fr. Marek Szczur

Reading: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
 Mk 6:45-52

Thursday 7:30 AM

Intention: Arthur McGuigan

Reading: 1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
 Lk 4:14-22a

Friday 7:30 AM

Intention: Elvera Felicione

Reading: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
 Lk 5:12-16

TABERNACLE CANDLES

- ✠ In memory of Mary & Bill Morrison,
 Req. by Bette Morrison
- ✠ In loving memory of Herb & Heather Smith
 Req. by the family

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

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—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

Please only 3 weeks per family this year

The new sign up sheet for 2020 is now available

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/70a0d48aaac28a5ff2-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 7th 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



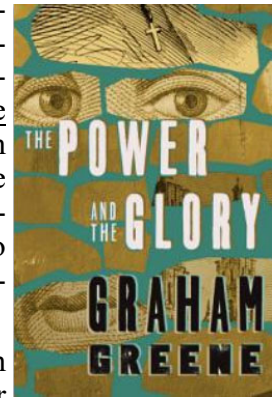
Cornelius around 8pm.

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 2nd 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 20th century.



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



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.

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 IN OUR SCHOOL

Our Pre-K students had a wonderful Christmas week at school! They performed the First Christmas for family and friends. They sang beautiful Christmas songs and memorized their lines in their perfect performance!! They warmed our hearts and reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas.

The students were surprised by two special visitors, Frosty and Santa!! They danced around the room with Frosty and told Santa what they wanted most for Christmas.



It was another magical week at our school!



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 beginning today! New time: 10:00-11:15

HOMESCHOOL MIDTERMS

Homeschool students in grades 3-6 need to take a mid-term exam in person at the Parish Life Center or School during January. Contact Mrs. Swetland to set up the best time for your family. The exam will cover sessions 1-12 in each book.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 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
February 2, 5: PREP
February 8: **FIRST PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION**
February 9, 12: PREP
February 16: **NO PREP**
February 19, 23: PREP
February 26: **ASH WEDNESDAY, NO PREP**



Our children brightened our Christmas Spirit on the last evening of PREP before Christmas, providing us with the familiar songs of Christmas and the retelling of the Christmas story.

Many thanks for the wonderful cookies and treats that were shared enjoyed.





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The Epiphany of the Lord



THIS WEEK, WE ASK YOU TO OFFER UP PRAYERS FOR MIGRANT CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY THOSE AT THE U.S. BORDER.

A Prayer for Immigrant Children

Loving Father,
In your infinite compassion,
We seek your divine protection for refugee children
Who are often alone and afraid.
Provide solace to those who have been witnesses
to violence and destruction,
who have lost parents, family, friends, home, and all they
cherish due to war or persecution.
Comfort them in their sorrow,
and bring help in their time of need.
Show mercy to unaccompanied migrant children, too Lord.
Reunite them with their families and loved ones.
Guide those children who are strangers in a foreign land
to a place of peace and safety
Amen



“Epiphany: this word indicates the manifestation of the Lord, who, as Saint Paul tells us in the second reading (cf. Eph 3:6), makes himself known to all the nations, today represented by the Magi. In this way, we see revealed the glory of a God who has come for everyone: every nation, language and people is welcomed and loved by him. It is symbolized by the light, which penetrates and illumines all things.” (Pope Francis, Jan. 6, 2019)

National Migration Week

During the first full week in January, the U.S. bishops recognize National Migration Week. To help answer any questions you may have about Catholic teaching and migration, please visit www.justiceforimmigrants.org



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