

# St. Cornelius

SUNDAY BULLETIN

January 19, 2020

NOW I HAVE  
SEEN AND  
TESTIFIED  
THAT HE IS  
THE SON  
OF GOD

JOHN 1:34

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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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**LiveStream** [www.livestream.com/saintcornelius](http://www.livestream.com/saintcornelius)

## Thoughts from the Second Floor Front

### II Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2020

We begin hearing from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians today and that sacred text will accompany us for the next several weeks up to that beginning of the sacred season of Lent. When St. Paul set out on a missionary journey, he founded church communities in the process. He took great pride, and rightfully so, in going to a town where the name and good news of Jesus Christ had never been heard before his arrival. He would stay in that town for several months, sometimes for more than 18 months, to get things established and settled according to his vision and plans. Then he would move on and do the whole thing in another town as he continued to preach the Good News. He kept in touch with the churches he had established through a series of correspondence. Thus, we have the dozen and a half letters in the New Testament.

Paul founded the church in Corinth, which was a notoriously immoral place. As the commentary in the New American Bible somewhat delicately states in the introduction to the epistle: *The city, a commercial crossroads, was a melting pot full of devotees of various pagan cults and marked by a measure of moral depravity not unusual in a great seaport.* In reality, so bad was its reputation that the word *corinthizai* – a woman of Corinth – was equivalent to referring to someone as a prostitute. Quite a place for Paul to begin his preaching career.

The letter is one of the best sources of information about the early church and people in the community who, having accepted the faith, now are making great efforts to live it. In this letter it seems at times that Paul is offering answers to questions posed to him. Specifically, the questions dealt with four topics: factions in the community, a case of sexual immorality, a theological question about the teaching concerning the resurrection of the dead and finally, a problem with the manner in which the Corinthians were celebrating the Eucharist.

The problem with factions seemed to emerge from the gifts of the Holy Spirit that community members claim to possess; claiming preeminence in leadership by the gift or the number of gifts possessed. For instance, if one were to claim to be leader based on the gift of prophecy another would counter with: Well, I have the gift of prophecy and the gift of tongues. Another claimant would say that leadership was theirs based on the assertion that they had prophecy and tongues and the ability to interpret tongues. This would lead Paul to make the assertion, in one of the most profound statements in the letter, that the greatest gift of the Spirit is love.

The issue of immorality was based on the case of a man who had married his father's wife. This was in all probability not his own biological mother but a stepmother. This union would have been allowed under Roman law, but Paul was having none of it. The Christian's morality, sexual ethics included, must remain far and above what pagan Roman society would allow.

The theological question focused on the resurrection of the dead. How would it happen? Paul responds in chapter 15 with his presentation of Christ as the first fruits of those who had fallen asleep. Then he offers the analogy of the seed. Like the seed that is sown in the earth resembles nothing of the full-grown plant so too we will rise to something greater. With typical abrasive directness in verse 36 the Apostle to the Gentiles writes: *You fool! What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies.* This is what, in the second letter to the Corinthians, Paul refers to as the weight of glory.

The fourth issue that Paul addressed in this first letter to the Corinthians concerned the Eucharist. There is not room enough in this weekly bulletin nor are my own weak words cannot satisfactorily address this great gift. But I will take up this fourth issue so as to explore the teaching that St. Paul gives and how the Corinthians were missing the point.

Faithfully,

Msgr. Diamond





# AN INVITATION FOR CHANGE

February 6, 2020



Catholic Relief Services has been in existence for over 75 years. In 2018, CRS celebrated its 75th anniversary. Born out of the refugee crisis following World War II, today the CRS staff, partners, supporters and beneficiaries serve in more than 100 countries around the world, responding to disaster, strengthening communities and so much more.

Recently, along with a number of parishioners, I met with the leadership of CRS in the Mid-Atlantic Region to begin to explore the possibility of forming a CRS Chapter in our parish to make the work of CRS an integral part of St. Cornelius.



I am going to contact pastors of neighboring parishes to see if they are interested in joining us. This CRS ministry may not be the answer to conversion of faith for the entire parish, but it could be the opportunity many are looking for in order to articulate and live their faith.

The focus at this time is multi-dimensional:

- ◇ **Education.** To raise awareness of what CRS does.
- ◇ **Advocacy.** Communicate with our government agencies to advocate for and help maintain 1% of the federal budget to overseas support. This involves communicating with Congress and other elected officials.
- ◇ **Community fundraising efforts.** The chapter will be a conduit for CRS fundraising efforts, education and communications to let people know what happens with the donations.
- ◇ CRS will supply an ongoing level of support via monthly national conference calls. From this we may receive specific assignments for our chapter.

This effort on behalf of CRS is still very new and will continue to grow and develop over time.

I introduce this topic today as a way of asking you to give prayerful consideration to participate in this unique opportunity to live your discipleship and work to bring the goodness of the Kingdom of God to those most in need.

I invite you to explore this opportunity further by coming to a meeting in the **Fr. Simon Room** in the **PLC** on **Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.**





## 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. Katharine 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.

*thank you!*

You have responded generously to both our **Stewardship Appeal** and the **Christmas collection** this year. Below are the closing numbers for 2019. Thank you

for your support to these, and all the programs our parish supports and engages in throughout the year to benefit our parish needs, as well as the needs of the wider church.

### **Annual Fall Stewardship Appeal**

The Annual Fall Appeal, for the year ending December 31, 2019 was \$98,626. These generous contributions will be used for various capital projects, such as a new church lighting system.

### **Christmas Collection**

Our Christmas collection this year was very generous at \$70,543. This is a 17% increase from last year.

I am deeply grateful to all those who have shown dedication, support and a commitment to living the Gospel.



## 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>



## Parish Holy Hour

Tuesday, February 11th  
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

## 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.

## 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.

January 12, 2020

\$18,005

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

Luke 12:34



In our charity, let us pray  
for the repose of the soul of

***Bernard Cialini***

Father of Rosemarie Cialini

Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord.  
May he rest in peace.



### ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND DYING A SACRAMENT OF HEALING

The sacrament of the sick is not only for those near death. It is referred to as one of the sacraments of healing. On Sunday, January 19 at the 9:00 AM Mass our parish will celebrate the sacrament of the sick. All who present themselves in need of this sacrament are invited to sit in the designated area to receive this sacrament of healing.

**Sunday, January 19  
9:00 AM Mass**

### 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 **February 15, 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

Adoration will be closed Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>,  
Martin Luther King Day, and January 24<sup>th</sup> for  
the Right to Life March. Adoration will resume  
on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

### SNOW CLOSING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ADORATION CHAPEL

Just a reminder for Adorers, Substitutes and those visiting the Adoration Chapel on Mondays 8am - 9pm and Fridays 8am - 5pm. If the Unionville-Chadds Ford School District announces the closing of schools, or a two-hour delay because of weather on Monday or Friday, the Adoration Chapel will be closed that day. As stated in an earlier bulletin, "If schools are closed or delayed ALL ACTIVITIES for the day and evening are cancelled for the parish." Thank you for your support of the Adoration Chapel.

#### Contact:

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

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



### Family Promise Volunteers Serving the Homeless



*"If you want God to hear your prayers, hear the voice of  
the poor. If you wish God to anticipate your wants,  
provide those of the needy  
without waiting for them to ask you."*

— St. Thomas of Villanova

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





**Pancakes  
Flapjacks  
Hotcakes....**



**No matter what you call them,  
we all love them!**

The St. Cornelius Knights of Columbus Council is pleased to host a **Pancake Breakfast.**



**Sunday, January 26  
Walker Hall (school)**

**After 9:00 am Mass to 1:00 pm (Approximately)**

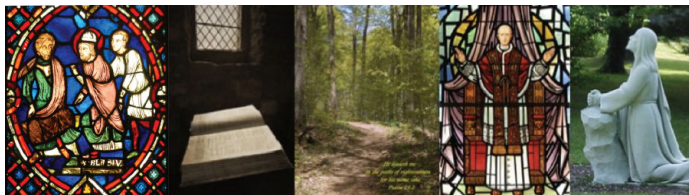
**Adults: \$8.00, Kids: \$5.00**

**Children under 5: FREE**

**Discount for family of 4 or more**



The menu will include eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, tea, orange juice and of course, pancakes! This event has always been well received by the Parish community and your continued support is very much appreciated. Proceeds from this event support the charitable mission of the Knights of Columbus - Council 12391.



**Join Us for our Annual St Blaise  
Men's Retreat at Malvern**

**January 31, 2020 – February 2, 2020**

**Prayer Discernment Fellowship**

Conferences by **Father Zlock**,  
pastor of St Monica's Parish in Berwyn

Guest Speaker, **Matt Lozano**, Unbound Ministries

**Mass, Confession, Rosary,  
Stations of the Cross, Adoration**

Time to get away from the *busyness* of  
everyday life and spend time with our Lord

*for more information Contact:*  
*David Santoleri at (302) 345-2637 or*  
*Tony Gentile at (610) 513-6834*

**Signup Online:** [https://  
www.malvernretreat.com/events/st-blaise-  
curran-memorial-3/](https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/st-blaise-curran-memorial-3/)

**Saint Blaise Website:** [https://  
stblaiseretreat.org/](https://stblaiseretreat.org/)



So far this year, we have raised **\$101,313 (67%)** towards our goal of \$150,805.

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

(Data values as of 1/9/2020)



## 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!!**

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

SPC Mike Canfield	Capt. 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.	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
Ens Patrick Gibbons	Capt. Neal F. Schubert
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	



January 18 & January 19 Saturday	January 25 & January 26 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 Msgr. Diamond
5:00 pm Msgr. Diamond	5:00 pm Msgr. Diamond

## Sunday Mass Intentions (Week of January 19 - January 24)

7:30 AM Kevin Sullivan  
 9:00 AM William "Ray" Gray  
 11:00 AM Alphadeane Johnson  
 5:00 PM Cynthia Skibicki Collins

## Weekly Mass Schedule

### Saturday Vigil / Sunday Mass Reading

**Intention:** *Missa pro populo (Mass for the people)*  
**Reading:** Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3;  
 Jn 1:29-34

### Monday 7:30 AM

#### St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

**Intention:** George Arnholt  
**Reading:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;  
 Mk 2:18-22

### Tuesday 7:30 AM

#### St. Agnes

**Intentions:** George & Rosalie Egner  
**Reading:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

### Wednesday 7:30 AM

#### Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

**Intention:** Lawrence M. Sullivan  
**Reading:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;  
 Mk 3:1-6

### Thursday 7:30 AM

#### St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

**Intention:** Norine Bastian - Pastore  
**Reading:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13;  
 Mk 3:7-12

### Friday 7:30 AM

#### St Francis de Sales

**Intention:** Fr. James Ambrogi  
**Reading:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

## TABERNACLE CANDLES

✠ In memory of Elizabeth Cronin,  
 Req. by Norma Cronin

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

Andrea Bateman, Betty Zeller, Anthony Straccioli, Michael Dusik, Pat Lavender, Brandon Heacock, Brittany Lott, 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 Piergiorgianni, 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, Lynnane Smith, Bertha Bowman, William Grant, Francis Grant, Mary Ann Croce, Joanne Gillese, 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

## —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

1-19-2020 Cecille Boznango

1-26-2020 Natalie Gallaen

**The new sign up sheet for 2020 is now available**

**Please only 3 weeks per family this year**

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 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.



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

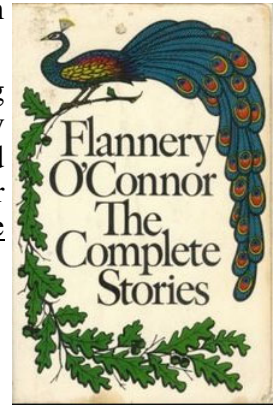


## The St. Cornelius Literary Society

Our Inaugural meeting of the SCLS on January 12th was a strong turn out of participants who engaged in commentary and offered their insights and thoughts on Graham Greene's book The Power and the Glory.

We will keep our usual format of time and place on Sunday, February 9 at 3:00 PM in the Fr. Simon Room in the PLC.

Our reading for our next meeting will be taken from the Flannery O'Connor library. You can find three short selected stories in her collection titled The Complete Stories.



*A Good Man is Hard to Find*  
*The Enduring Chill*  
*The Displaced Person*

I hope you find these stories thought provoking and insightful in your own reflections.



### **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 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.



*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@scornelius.org](mailto:stcornprep@scornelius.org) or by calling the parish office (610) 459-2502

## Fun Friday at St. Cornelius School!

(Right Photo) The children in Pre-K3 had so much fun learning about animals in the winter and pretending to be bears, they even hibernated like the bears do!



(Left Photo) Our 2nd graders had a great time getting their hands in the slime they made, who knew science could be so much fun!

(Right Photo) Our 1st and 3rd graders worked together to come up with some goals for the new year. Working together is a big part of our school, it is awesome to witness this everyday! Come see all that is going on at our school on Sunday, January 26 from 1-3 at our Open House.



### 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.

### FIRST COMMUNION PARENT RETREAT

Parents of our 2nd graders will attend a Parent Retreat this Thursday, 1/23 at 7:00 pm in the Church.

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT LESSONS

The Archdiocese requires every PREP student receive a safe environment lesson each year. Our lessons will take place the week of January 26. Parents can review exactly what will be taught in the lessons. Parent who wish to "opt out" their children from the instruction may sign a form to do so.

### MID-TERMS

Homeschool students in grades 3-6 must 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 or to discuss IEP issues that may affect them taking the exam. The exam will cover sessions 1-13 in each book.

### DATES TO REMEMBER FOR PREP

January 19, 22: **NO PREP**

January 23: First Communion Parent Retreat,  
7pm in the Church

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**

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is to CONFORM  
OURSELVES  
EVERMORE to  
JESUS

Pope Francis





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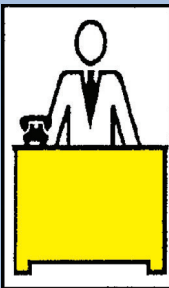
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