

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 – Vigil Mass

4PM +Albert Bates by Wife, Doris & Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Second Sunday of Advent

7AM +Violet Stank by Daughter, Carol

9AM + Parish Family of Mother Cabrini

11AM +Chet Sowel by Wife, Irene

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

Second Week of Advent

8AM Living Confreres, Parents, Relatives
and Benefactors of the Franciscan Order

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

St. Nicholas

8AM +Maria Lucila Lane by Friend

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

St. Ambrose

8AM +Ann Marie Shaw by Husband, Robert Shaw

Vigil of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7PM +Troy M. Griffiths by Mom & Dad

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8AM +Mary Rosini by Rose Marie Jones

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

St. Juan Diego

8AM +Richard E. Fitzpatrick by Monica M. Fitzpatrick

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Second Week of Advent

8AM +John & Mildred Magaskie by Mary Patynski

4PM +Louise Hauer by Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Third Sunday of Advent

7AM +George Norge Dorko by Grace & Kenny

9AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

11AM +John A. Vanaskie by Dolores & Mary Lou

Exercise Your “Will Power”

A bequest to Mother Cabrini Church in your estate plans can be one of the most loving gifts you can make to your parish.

PONDER POINT

Oh come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all human kind; Bid thou our sad divisions ceased, And be thy-self our Prince of Peace.

Nineteenth Century Chant



Tabernacle Flowers I & II

In Memory of Chester Sowel by Irene & Family

Our Church Bells are Ringing this Week . . .

In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Walter & Kathleen Hager Family: Walter, Kathleen, Thomas, David, Pinny, Joe, Mike, Mary Lou and Chris by Family

Friary Mass Altar Candles, Bread & Wine

Special Intention

Friary Sanctuary Lamp

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 4 - Religious Education Classes. Mandatory 9AM Mass for students, followed by class in church hall.

Monday, December 5 – Mother Cabrini Bingo tonight. Doors open at 4:30PM and games begin at 6:15PM. You won't be arrested if you “*Break the Bank*”!

Tuesday, December 6 - Greccio Celebration in Church Hall 7PM

Wednesday, December 7th – Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception 7PM

Next Weekend, December 10 & 11 – Cookie, Cake & Candy Sale in Church Hall after all weekend Masses.

Collection Totals for the Weekend of November 20, 2016

Offertory:	\$4,075.84
Votives:	76.00
Parish Property Insurance:	155.00
Parish Dues:	340.00
Closing of Forty Hours:	272.00
Total:	\$4,918.84
Franciscan Seminary:	\$ 990.25
Matthew 25:	661.50
Hurricane Matthew Relief:	840.50

Collection Totals for the Weekend of November 27, 2016

Offertory:	\$4,503.00
Votives:	145.00
Parish Dues:	156.00
Total:	\$4,804.00
School Assessments:	\$1,097.00

Matthew 25:	125.00
Franciscan Seminarians:	153.00

Just a Whisker Shy of 90%!

That's right, we are literally just a couple of *Bishop's Appeal* gifts away from hitting the **90%** of goal mark!!! Since my last complete *Appeal* report, we received **3** new gifts from Cabrini Households totaling **\$165**. These gifts helped us to reach **89.9%** of our 2016 *Appeal* assessment goal. Here's where we currently stand:

- **339** Cabrini Households have participated or **37.8%** of parish (339/898);
- Average gift to date is **\$94.63** (\$32,082/336);
- **559** Cabrini Households have yet to respond or **62.2%** (559/898) of the Cabrini Parish membership and who could certainly help us reach our goal!;
- **\$32,082** has been raised or **89.9%** (\$32,082/\$35,700) of goal.

Sincere thanks to each of the **339** Cabrini Households who have helped us come "whisker close" to the **90%** mark of our 2016 goal. These Cabrini Households have done such a fine job with their participation/gifts! With just a few weeks left to close the 2016 *Appeal* books, I call upon those **559** Cabrini Households (*almost two-thirds of the parish*) to join with your fellow parishioners to help the parish meet its stewardship responsibility to the Diocese. Households who choose not to participate hurt the Parish in the long run because we have to divert regular and fund-raising income to cover the *Appeal* shortfall. Only **\$3,618** remains to reach our target. Spread out between **559** not-yet-participating households. . . it's certainly an achievable goal! The books close on the *2016 Bishop's Appeal* at the end of December. If you haven't already done so, please make your gift as soon as possible so the parish will receive credit before the year closes. For bookkeeping purposes, make your gift before Christmas to allow for complete processing in December. We will acknowledge and thank all those Cabrini Households who participated via a printed report in the New Year.

Large, small or in the middle. . . every household's gift and participation is important to Appeal's success. Group of 559, make your contribution, help close the Appeal and put me out of this reporting job. Thanks all!
Fr. Martin

Mother Cabrini Memorials

In Memory of William "Dixie" Richardson
\$500 by Staff of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Lewisburg

\$500 by Mrs. Irene Curran
\$100 by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Nye
\$100 by Mr. & Mrs. Tom O'Connell

2016 Advent Booklets Memorial Opportunity



So many Cabrini parishioners have commented that they look forward to using our *5 Minutes a Day - Advent Meditation Booklets* as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. Our supply of booklets is available at the doors of the church. Pick up your copy on the way out of church. Share them with shut-ins, family members, grandchildren etc.! The cost for this year's booklet supply was \$265. If anyone or any family(ies) would like to offer a donation to help cover this expense, please drop off your donation and at the parish office. May your Advent journey bring you to the warmth of the Christchild!

Fr. Martin

ATTENTION BINGO PLAYERS . . .



\$1,199 U.S. DOLLARS
ARE WAITING FOR
YOU!!!



Come, "Try to Break the Bank!"

A few weeks ago, one of our lucky bingo players "Broke the Bank" and took home \$1,199 in cash. Congratulations! *Our bank grows every week. Our new Break the Bank is already up to \$1,199.* Someone always wins our "bank" so come try your luck. Doors open Monday nights at 4:30PM and games begin at 6:15PM. Our snack bar is open for your enjoyment. Bingo proceeds are an important part of our parish's income budget.



Bingo Gift Certificates are available at the parish office during office hours (\$16 & \$23). They make a great *Christmas Stocking Stuffer* for your favorite Bingo player!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR. . . WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Calling all able bodies on Sunday (December 18th) after the 11:00AM Mass to help decorate Mother Cabrini Church for Christmas. Our church



always looks so beautiful for Christmas but the final result doesn't fall from the heavens. . . it is the product of a fine group of volunteers who pull it all together. Come give just an hour, or more if you can, of your 4th Sunday of Advent Sunday afternoon to your parish. Many hands make light work. Come decorate God's house for Jesus' birthday! We can use **YOU!**

ANNUAL CARING TREE: This year, in addition to the traditional "act of kindness" done for the person identified on the ornaments of our Caring Tree, we are asking for two additional specific items. One, are non-perishable food items and the second are Walmart gift cards which will be used to purchase basic necessities for the homeless/street ministry of the Franciscan Friars. Please come to the Caring Tree and take one of the ornaments, either with the name of a homebound parishioner or the listed non-perishable food items or Walmart gift card. Please bring the food items to the parish office during office hours. Walmart gift cards can also be dropped off at the parish office or in the collection basket. May God bless you for your generosity and your continued support of this annual parish Advent project for those less fortunate!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR CHRISTMAS COOKIE, CAKE AND CANDY SALE which will be held in the church hall on Saturday, December 10th and Sunday, December 11th after all Masses. We are asking all parishioners to make their favorite recipes and bring the "goodies" to the church hall on Saturday, after 9AM. There will be greeting cards and second-time around jewelry. The Christmas Sale was most profitable for our parish last year and so we encourage everyone to take part in this project this year. **Christmas Wafers will also be available.**

GRECCIO CELEBRATION: A Greccio Celebration will be held on Tuesday, December 6th at 7PM in the Church Hall with a social to follow. Everyone is invited to attend.



Token of Gratitude... Let's show our appreciation to our Altar Servers! **Next weekend, December 10th & 11th** we invite you to make a free will offering when you leave church



after Mass. Baskets will be provided at the doors of the church upon exiting. Your donations will be used to purchase treats for these faithful young men and women of our parish. Thank you for your generosity.

Lourdes Regional Pot 'O Gold Tickets: be sure to return your completed ticket stubs and money to the parish office. All ticket stubs must be returned to the parish office no later than noon this Monday, December 5th. Drawing will take place next Sunday, December 11th.



Mother Cabrini Parish expresses gratitude to those families who, throughout the year, suggest and encourage memorials to the parish in memory of their loved ones.

Pick up your FREE Advent Meditation Booklet in the vestibule of the church.

Rest In Peace: Kindly remember in your prayers the souls of Thomas Donahue, Violet Haile, Josephine Maliszewski, Anna Pincoski, John Quinn and Ellen Wurster. May God grant them eternal rest.



The trash cans at our parish cemeteries will be removed for the winter months on Thursday, December 8th. Please tidy up your gravesite and deposit the debris in the trash cans before Wednesday, December 7th.

*Welcoming of or at least smiling at a stranger,
Carving out some quiet time for prayer,
Visiting, phoning or sending a note to a shut in,
Expressing your gratitude.*



ADVENT

IN YOUR PRAYERS. . .

Please Pray For the Sick, especially, Ann Barber, Trent and Traigh Clayton, Ed Gusick, Russ Jones, Kelly Hoy, Liz Reck, Marsha Poplaski, Joan Schleg, Arlene and John Rydzeski, Charolette Overmiller, Dolores Scopelliti, Florence Yodzio, Barbara Ann Varano, Jeffrey Persavage, Nicky Wideman, Laura Wideman, Michael Wideman, Regina Graeber, Tony Osevala, Dominic Vitacco, Bernadette Schuck, Betty Pandie, Rosie Vivino, Connie Jones, Brenda Guzik, Nancy Greer, Anthony Ulsh, Mary Machesic, Barbara Shevitski, Mary Morea, Brian Christiana, Martha Bartos, Kay Lubreski, Mary Ellen and Rick Boyer, Ginny Wisgo, Rose Milbrand, Robert Sassani, Roberta Schwalm, Pam Broscius, Annmarie Wariki, Anna Pincoski, Rita Leshinskie, Sylvia Hummel, Catherine Pultynovich, Donna, Celeste Fobia, Francis McCabe, Matthew Pellowski, Jim Picarelli, Lauri Mendicin, Barbara Jones, Anna Pincoski, Justin Wachter, Victoria Miller, Craig Fetterman, Bill and Cecie Adams, The Strausser Family, Denise Fegley, Mary McCord, Bonnie McGarry, Helen Bednar, Gina Fox, Eddie Wideman, Les Schiccatano, Joel Rivera, Eunice Kanaskie, Julie Ann Wehr, George Klemick, Stephen McCord, Cameron Bojanac, Greg Levins, Anthony Ostroski, Eugene Purcell, Michael Christiana, "Cioci Edna" Sierpina, Dorothy Duncheskie, Cassondra Senoski, Robert Hower, Brian Shaffer, Chet Milbrand, Pauline Kufta, Germaine Hoffman, Becky Coutlee, Barb Walsh, Lucy Surak, Bob Hauer, Joanne Seidel, Mary Ryan, Sharon Hartman, Albert Persavage, Bernadette Strausser, Tom Yost, Carolyn Shaffer, Alice & Carl Bobrofsky, Cynthia Wasielewski, Rhonda (Zyla) Eckman, Bob O'Neill, Stella Rogal, Kieran (K.K.) Snyder, Robert Stoud II, Chris Eby, Kenneth Kolovich, Lorraine McAnaney, Sylvia Boslego, Mary Nye, Kathy Schiccatano, Jerome (Max) Switaj, Rose Ann Wieland Hazel Yocum, Lillian Stark, Barry Sweitzer and Mason Barvitskie.

Lourdes Regional "Break the Bank" Bingo:

This Sunday, December 4, 2016 - \$1,199 guaranteed to go with 90 or more people. Cash prizes, food & refreshments. Doors open at 11:30AM – Games begin at 1PM. Bring a friend!



**Please Pray for Our Troops
and Their Families**

December 4, 2016 Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace for all.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words "Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God" are as needed today as they were in Paul's own time.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel's hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.

Breakfast at Knights of Columbus: The Casey Club, the social organization of the Shamokin Knights of Columbus, will be holding a breakfast this Sunday, December 4th at their social hall, 400 E. Independence Street, Shamokin, from 8:30AM to 12:30PM. The menu includes scrambled eggs, French toast, bacon, sausage, potatoes, toast, coffee, juice, all you can eat and drink for \$8.00. Thank you for your support and patronage.

BUY YOUR GIFT CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS AT LOURDES!



Did you know that you can buy all your gift cards for the holidays at Lourdes and help a student/family with their tuition? We have gift cards/certificates for almost every local and national store. No more running to the mall! Remember there is no "out of pocket cost" to you. When you purchase certificates/gift cards, you receive "dollar for dollar" exchange. Example: If you purchase a \$50 gift card from Weis you receive \$50 face value to be used any time you shop at Weis. If you do not use the full value of the card on one shopping trip, the balance remains on the card for future purchases. The Lourdes student/family will receive 3% toward their tuition payment. If you do not know a current student/family, we have needy families who could really use your help! It's a WIN-WIN!

A complete list of participating businesses can be obtained from the Tuition Sense Office, or see it online at www.lourdes.k12.pa.us. If you have any questions call the Tuition Sense Office at (570) 644-0375 Extension 116.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR
TUITION SENSE PROGRAM!**