

+Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 – Vigil Mass

4PM +Louise Hauer by Her 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
and Mary Lou

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8AM +Troy M. Griffiths by Mom & Dad

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy

8AM +John Zamachaj by Emily Zamachaj

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross

8AM +Frances Rumberger by William
and Victor Rumberger

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

Third Week of Advent

8AM ++Walter & Helen Zotkewicz
by Grandchildren

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

Third Week of Advent

8AM ++Claude & Mary Weimer Family
by G. Richard Weimer & Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

Third Week of Advent

8AM ++Lottie & Edward Curley by Kathleen Yezerski

4 PM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7AM +Hattie Andruskiewicz by Annette

9AM +Joseph Bielski, Jr. by Nieces & Nephews

11AM ++Mark & Julia Palko & Son, Joseph
by Betty Gilger & Family

Exercise Your “Will Power”

Help provide for the future of our parish.
Remember Mother Cabrini Church in your will.

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Frances Rumberger
by Husband & Children

Our Church Bells are Ringing this Week. . .

In Memory of Louise Hauer by Her Family

Friary Mass Altar Candles, Bread & Wine

Special Intention

Friary Sanctuary Lamp

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The Week Ahead

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

Sunday, December 11 - Religious Education Classes. Mandatory 9AM Mass for students, followed by class in church hall.

Advent Penance Service – Mother Cabrini & Our Lady of Hope at Our Lady of Hope 7PM

Monday, December 12 – No Mother Cabrini Bingo tonight!

Advent Penance Service – Holy Angels, Kulpmont 7PM

Tuesday, December 13 – **Advent Penance Service**, Holy Rosary, Elysburg 7PM

Wednesday, December 14 – **Advent Penance Service**, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Divine Redeemer at Divine Redeemer, Mt. Carmel 7PM

Thursday, December 15 - **Advent Penance Service**, St. Patrick, Trevorton 7PM

Sunday, December 18 – Decorating the Church for Christmas after 11AM Mass

Collection Totals for the Weekend of December 4, 2016

Offertory:	\$4,720.12
Votives:	103.00
Parish Dues:	112.00
Parish Property Maintenance:	954.78
School Assessments:	89.00
Immaculate Conception:	41.00
Total:	\$6,019.90

PONDER POINT

The spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring
glad tidings to the poor
Luke 3:10-18



“Off Week,” Bishop’s Appeal Report. .

As of last week’s parish bulletin, here is where we stand so very close to reaching our 2016 goal!!! **Almost 90%!!!**

- **\$32,082** has been raised or **89.9%** (\$32,082/\$35,700) of goal.;
- **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!

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

An Advent “Thank You”. . .

Mother Cabrini Parish expresses thanks and gratitude to Bob and Karol Freiler for covering the \$265 cost of our 2016 Advent Meditation Booklets. Their donation is a Christmas Memorial gift, given in loving memory of their loved ones: +Robert & +Anne Freiler and +Charles and +Michael Church. Thank you and God bless you Bob and Karol for providing Advent blessings to the parish through your gift! *Fr. Martin*

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! Come to the office before 12 Noon Thursday, December 22nd

Baby Changing Station. . . !

For the benefit and convenience of our youngest of the young Cabrini parishioners (and their caregivers!), a new baby changing station will soon be installed in the church’s vestibule bathroom. This parish enhancement was made possible through a generous gift from the St. Francis Home Association. Thank you gentlemen for your generosity and support!

Fr. Martin



A message from our Minister Provincial, Fr. James McCurry. . .

Enclosed is this week’s parish bulletin is a letter from our Minister Provincial, Fr. James McCurry, OFM Conv. Fr. James comments on the importance of having a properly prepared will and shares information with those who may be interested in including the Franciscans in their estate plans.

Fr. Martin

ATTENTION BINGO PLAYERS . . .



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



Last Chance to “Break the Bank” before Christmas - Only 11 Keys left!

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.

December Bingo News

There is no bingo on 12/12/, 12/19,
12/26 and 1/2/17

to give our dedicated bingo workers a well-deserved rest over the holidays.

Try your luck to be the first one to
“*Break the Bank*” in the New Year!!!

Bingo resumes January 9, 2017

(weather permitting)

Mother Cabrini Bingo Committee wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year! Thank for your patronage!!!

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



Calling all able bodies next 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 you parish. Many hands make light work. Come decorate God's house for Jesus' birthday! We can use YOU!

TAKE A TAG FROM OUR ANNUAL ADVENT CARING

TREE: Just a few tags remain on the caring tree. Help make someone's Christmas through your act of kindness!



OUR CHRISTMAS COOKIE, CAKE AND CANDY SALE

will be held in the church hall this Saturday, December 10th and Sunday, December 11th after all Masses. 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.**



As we move into winter and some of our Mother Cabrini parishioners may move to warmer climates for the winter months, please remember that Mother Cabrini Parish still depends upon your support to meet its fixed weekly bills. You may mail your weekly offertory envelopes to the parish office. This also applies to when we have a "snowstorm" weekend and you can't make it to any of the weekend Masses. Many thanks!



2017 Parish Calendars are available in the vestibule of the church and also at the parish office. One calendar per household this weekend. Additional calendars may be taken in the weeks to follow. Special thanks to Leonard J. Lucas, Jr. of **Lucas Funeral Home** for helping us underwrite the cost of this year's calendar. Thank you Mr. Lucas!

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

If you see Father Adam this Friday, December 16th, wish him a Happy Birthday!



Token of Gratitude...



Let's show our appreciation to our Altar Servers! **This 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 Ticket drawing, this Sunday, December 11th.



Our Annual Children's Christmas Pageant

will take place at 3:30 PM on Saturday, December 24th, before the 4 PM Children's Christmas Liturgy. Many children are needed to fill all of the parts. If your child/children is/are interested in participating, please call Judy Surak at the parish office at 570-648-4512, extension 214. Practice will be held on Monday, December 19th at 6 PM. Costumes will also distributed at that time. Please help us continue this beautiful Christmas tradition.



"THANK YOU FROM THE FRIARS". . .

A most sincere thank you to all those who contributed to the recent collection for our Franciscan Seminarians. Your generosity yielded \$1,143.25 for which we are most grateful. God bless you for your support. *Fr. Martin and all the Friars of Our Lady of the Angels Province to which we belong.*

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, 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, Mason Barvitskie and Albert Alleman.

*Reconciling with God through the Sacraments,
Judging less and encouraging more,
Letting go of personal prejudices,
Being less selfish and practicing generosity,*



ADVENT

**December 11, 2016
Third Sunday of Advent**

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

Mother Cabrini Memorials

In Memory of Violet Haile

\$10 by Eunice Kanaskie

In Memory of George A. (Norge) Dorko

\$50 by St. Mary's Beneficial Society, Branch 75

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.

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? For more information, please call 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!



Please Pray for Our Troops and Their Families