

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 – Vigil Mass
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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19
Fourth Week of Advent
8AM +Kevin Kinder by Mom, Dad & Angela

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20
Fourth Week of Advent
8AM +Chet Sowl by Wife, Irene & Children

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21
St. Peter Canisius
8AM +Ann Marie Shaw by Husband, Robert Shaw

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22
Fourth Week of Advent
8AM +James A. Chiavaroli by Wife, Mary &
Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23
St. John of Kanty
8AM ++Peggy & Dan Smink by Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
Fourth Week of Advent
8AM +Justine & Francis Swartz
by Granddaughter, Danielle

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
4PM ++Gilda, Josephine, Loretta Fiorenza
and Dick Knovich by Rick
8PM ++Mr. & Mrs. Robert Stank & Sons
by Daughter, Carol
10:30PM Intentions of Fr. Martin, Fr. Adam
and Fr. Ed

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
The Nativity of the Lord
9 AM ++Stanley, Mary, Stanley, Jr., John, Mary
Ann
and Gerald by Jackie & Sylvia

PONDER POINT

The Virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.

Matthew 1: 18-24

Exercise Your “Will Power”

If you haven't done so already, you can include Mother Cabrini Parish in your will through the use of a *codicil*. Your attorney can advise you on how easy adding a *codicil* can be.

Mass Altar Candles, Bread & Wine
In Memory of Ken & Carol Landau
by Daughter, Mary Durham

Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of Mark & Julia Palko & Son, Mark
by Betty Gilger & Family

Tabernacle Candles
In Memory of Theresa Salwocki by Children
Our Church Bells are Ringing this Week. . .
In Memory of Theresa Salwocki by Children

Friary Mass Altar Candles, Bread & Wine
Special Intention

Friary Sanctuary Lamp
Special Intention

The Week Ahead

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

Monday, December 19 – Practice will be held this Monday, December 19th at 6 PM for the Children's Christmas Eve Pageant. Costumes will be distributed at that time.

Thursday, December 22 – Parish Office closed at 12 Noon

Friday, December 23 – Parish Office closed

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Masses: 4PM, 8PM and 10:30PM

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Morning Mass 9AM

**Please refer to page three of this
bulletin for the Parish Office
Christmas Season Schedule**

**Collection Totals for the Weekend of
December 11, 2016**

Offertory:	\$4,594.57
Votives:	85.00
Parish Dues:	1,253.00
Immaculate Conception:	983.00
School Assessments:	143.00
Christmas Flowers:	55.00
Total:	\$7,113.57
Retired Religious:	\$1,057.17

In the Home Stretch. . .

***2016 Bishop's Appeal
Report:***

In this past week, we didn't hear from any of the remaining **559** Cabrini Households who have not yet participated in the *2016 Bishop's Appeal* so our statistics remain the same as last week:

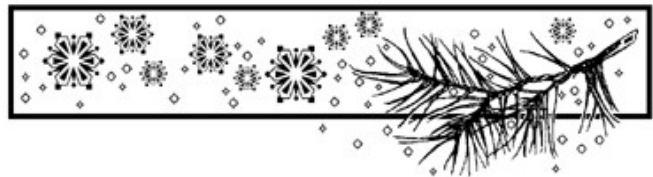
- **\$32,082** has been raised or **89.9%** (\$32,082/\$35,700) of goal;
- **339** Cabrini Households have participated or **37.8%** of parish (339/898);
- Average gift to date is **\$94.63** (\$32,082/336);
- **559** Cabrini Households have yet to respond or **62.2%** (559/898) of the Cabrini Parish 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 couple of 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 2016 Appeal 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 bring us to victory! Thanks again "Group of 339"! - You've brought us close to 90% of goal!!!

Fr. Martin



**Blessings, Glad Tidings & Holiday
Greetings of the Season!**

To all our Mother Cabrini parishioners as well as those who are visiting us over the Christmas holiday, the parish friars and staff extend to you most sincere wishes for a joyous celebration of the Lord's Birth. May God bless you and those dear to your hearts in the coming New Year of Grace, 2017!

Fr. Martin Kobos, OFM Conv., Pastor

Fr. Adam Ziolkowski, OFM Conv., Vicar

Fr. Ed Costello, OFM Conv., In Residence

*Fr. Steve Frenier, OFM Conv., OLOH,
Pastor*

Parish Office Christmas Schedule:

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's Holiday, please note the following Parish Office

hours:

Thursday, December 22 – closed at 12 Noon

Friday, December 23 – closed

Monday, December 26 – closed

Tuesday, December 27 – re-open at 8AM

Thursday, December 29 – closed at 12 Noon

Friday, December 30 – closed

Monday, January 2 – closed

Tuesday, January 3 - re-open at 8AM

Join Us For Caroling Prior to Our “Midnight Mass”...

Midnight Mass will begin at 10:30PM again this year. Our choir will begin singing Christmas Carols at 10PM. Come and enjoy both old favorites and new, wonderful carols! These songs were selected for their beauty but most importantly, to prepare the heart to receive God's greatest gift to the world!

CHURCH DECORATING THIS SUNDAY...

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Calling all able bodies this Sunday December 13th 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!



ATTENTION BINGO PLAYERS!

\$1,199 DOLLARS ARE WAITING FOR YOU

IN 2017!!!

Come, “Try to Break the Bank” in the New Year!

December Bingo News

There is no bingo on 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!!!**

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 this Thursday, December 22nd.**

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!



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!

Our Annual Children's Christmas Pageant will take place at 3:30PM 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 this Monday, December 19th at 6 PM. Costumes will also be distributed at that time. Please help us continue this beautiful Christmas tradition.

Mother Cabrini Memorials

In Memory of William "Dixie" Richardson
\$755 by Family

In Memory of Violet Haile
\$100 by Bob and Karen Haile

In Memory of Eugene Purcell
\$25 by Mary Ann and Dennis
\$10 by Steve and Connie Dunleavy

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MASS OPENINGS AVAILABLE for 2017: If anyone would like to schedule additional Mass intentions for next year, you may reserve as many Masses as you wish at this point. Please call or stop by the Parish Office beginning Monday, January 9th during office hours. Many dates are available for 2017.

In Your Payers. . .

Please Pray For the Sick, especially, Ann Barber, Trent and Traigh Clayton, Ed Gusick, Russ Jones, Kelly Hoy, Liz Reck, Marsha Poplaski, Joan Schleig, Arlene and John

Rydzeski, Charolette Overmiller, Dolores Scopelliti, Florence Yodzio, Barbara Ann Varano, Jeffrey Persavage, Nicky Wideman, Laura Wideman, Michael Wideman, Reginald Graeb, Tony Osevala, Dominic Vitacco, Bernadette Schuck, Betty Pandie, Rosie Vivino, Sammi 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, 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 Kufra, 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.



In This Final Week Of Advent. . .

Look for Jesus "in the other,"

Soften personal stubbornness,

Gossip less, say only good

things,

Become more "Jesus-

like"!

THANK YOU. . .

To all who supported last weekend's Christmas Goodie Bake sale. . . those who coordinated the event, all who baked and/or made goodies for the sale and to all who purchased these delicious items. This year's effort yielded \$524.00 for the parish.

To all the "elves" who have given so generously of their time and talent these past weeks in putting up the outdoor Christmas decorations in front of church as well as at the friary. Beautiful job!

December 18, 2016 Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Ahaz receives from Isaiah a prophecy that he will be successful in war and is urged to ask for a sign that the prophecy is true. The sign is "The virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel."

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Paul greets the Romans by pointing out that Jesus is the Christ who was promised to them in Scripture. He, Paul, is the apostle favored with the task of spreading the name of Christ to all.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

In a brief, straightforward, simple narrative, Matthew recounts the events leading to Jesus' birth. He details the appearance of the angel in a dream to Joseph and stresses that "All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets."

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

