

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

**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 – Christmas Day**

**The Nativity of the Lord**

**9 AM** ++Stanley, Mary, Stanley, Jr., John, Mary Ann  
and Gerald by Jackie & Sylvia

**Monday, December 26**

**St. Stephen, The First Martyr**

**8AM** +Ann Marie Smith by Brother, Ray

**Tuesday, December 27**

**St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

**8AM** ++Deceased of the Surak Family  
by Jerry, Berna, Mike & Judy

**Wednesday, December 28**

**The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

**8AM** +Francis Bartosic by Michael and Elaine Bonjo

**Thursday, December 29**

**Fifth Day within the Octave of the Holy Family**

**8AM** +Dorothy Derk by Pat Boyle

**Friday, December 30**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**8AM** +William T. Kanaskie by Eunice Kanaskie  
and Family

**Saturday, December 31**

**Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity  
of the Lord**

**8AM** ++Theodore & Christine Vinitiski  
by Vinitiski Family

**4PM** +John C. Witkowski by Wife, Daughters  
and Family

**Sunday, January 1, 2017**

**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

**9AM** ++Jean and Anthony Apollo  
by Len and Jean Kanaskie & family

## PONDER POINT

I proclaim to you good news of great joy:  
today a Savior is born for us,

Christ the Lord!

*Luke 2: 10 - 11*



## Tabernacle Flowers I & II

In Memory of the Deceased Members  
of the Gyskiewicz Family  
by The Seidel Family

## Mass Candles / Bread & Wine

In Memory of Josephine Bobroski  
by Cheryl and Lenny Waugh

## Tabernacle Candles

In Memory of Ann Marie Shaw  
by Husband, Robert Shaw

## Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Walter Kanaskie  
by Wife, Emilie and Children

## Our Church Bells are Ringing this Week. . .

In Memory of Stanley, Mary, Stanley, Jr.,  
John, Mary Ann and Gerald Slaby  
by Jacqueline and Sylvia

## Friary Mass Altar Candles, Bread & Wine

Special Intention

## Friary Sanctuary Lamp

Special Intention

## The Week Ahead

**Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day Mass 9AM**

**Monday, December 26 – No Mother Cabrini Bingo**

**Saturday, December 31 – Solemnity of Mary, The  
Holy Mother of God, Vigil Mass – 4PM**

**Sunday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, The Holy  
Mother of God – Holy day of Obligation - 9AM Mass**

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

## Collection Totals for the Weekend of December 18, 2016

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Offertory:</b>            | <b>\$4,874.01</b> |
| <b>Votives:</b>              | <b>100.30</b>     |
| <b>Parish Dues:</b>          | <b>284.00</b>     |
| <b>Christmas Flowers:</b>    | <b>1,245.60</b>   |
| <b>Total:</b>                | <b>\$6,503.91</b> |
| <b>Religious Retirement:</b> | <b>\$ 101.00</b>  |

## Exercise Your “Will Power”

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

## Final Days to the Close of the 2016 Bishop's Appeal. . .

This is an "off week" of reporting 2016 Bishop's Appeal statistics, so that data remains the same as last week. This is the last week to make your gift if you haven't done so already so that we may receive full credit for the 2016 Appeal.

- \$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 so very, very, 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 week 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 in the next couple of days 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

## Solemnity of Mary Holy Day of Obligation New Year's Eve / Day Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> - 4PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 1, 2017 - 9AM Mass

Please note: There will only be one Mass on Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.



## 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  
and Fr. Ed Costello, OFM Conv., In Residence

## ATTENTION BINGO PLAYERS!



**\$1,199 DOLLARS ARE WAITING FOR YOU IN 2017!!!**  
Come, "Try to Break the Bank" in the New Year!



**Special Note of Thanks . . .** to all those wonderful volunteers who helped decorate the Church for Christmas. It was a wonderful group of folks, young and old, who helped decorate for Jesus' Birthday. As always, they did a beautiful job!



**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!



## Parish Office Christmas Schedule:

In observance of the Christmas

Holiday, please note the  
following Parish Office hours:

**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-opens at 8AM

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> during office hours. Many dates are available for 2017.

### Mother Cabrini Memorials

**In Memory of Mildred and John Yanishock**  
\$100 by Daughter, Mary and Dan Brezinski

**In Memory of Mary (Slota) and Joseph Thompson**  
\$50 by Niece, Maryann

**In Memory of William "Dixie" Richardson**  
\$25 by Mr. & Mrs. James Blessing

**In Memory of William J. Tamkus**  
\$20 by Jeffrey and Cheryl Tamkus

**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.**

## Church's Baby Changing Station...

Many thanks to Ron Osevala who recently installed our new "baby changing station" in the church's vestibule bathroom. Ron sacrificed a couple of hours out of his busy construction schedule to insure that our "babies" (and their "changers!") have a nice facility in time for Christmas. Thanks Ron for your labors and thanks again to the St. Francis Club who funded the new table. May "Baby Jesus" bless our Cabrini Benefactors!  
*Fr. Martin*



**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!

## PICNIC 2017 WISH LIST:

Last year, we began a "Wish List" for our June picnic. Each month, we will ask for a different item needed for our picnic. Donations of the specific item will help us to defray our overall picnic expenses. Anyone able to donate that particular item can drop it off at the Parish Office during regular business hours beginning Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, in advance, for your continued support. **January item/items, Brawny or Bounty paper towels.**



## Diocesan Mass for Homeschooling Families:

Bishop Gainer will be celebrating Mass for Homeschooling Families in Room 103 of the Diocesan Center the evening of Friday, January 6, 2017 at 6:30 PM. The Sacrament of Penance will be available before Mass from 5:30 - 6:15 PM. After Mass, there will be a light reception with cookies, coffee, and punch in the lobby. If you plan to attend, please RSVP Jim Gontis at the Diocesan Religious Education Office by January 3, at [jgontis@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:jgontis@hbgdiocese.org), letting us know the number of people from your family planning to attend. The Diocesan Center is located at 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA, 17111.

## 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, Rita Leshinskie, Sylvia Hummel, Catherine Pultynovich, Donna, Celeste Fobia, Francis McCabe, Matthew Pellowski, Jim Picarelli, Lauri Mendicin, Barbara Jones, Anna Pinoski, 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.



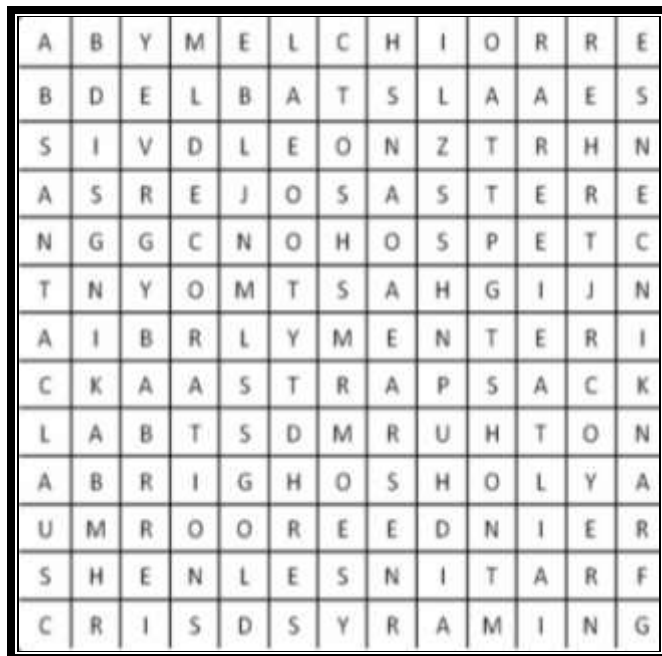
**Please Pray for Our Troops  
and Their Families**



Happy  
Birthday  
Jesus!

## Gospel Word Search

Christmas Tree – Decorations – Holly  
Reindeer - Tinsel - Manger - Baby  
Joseph - Jesus - Shepherd – Kings  
Stable - Santa Claus - Advent - Star  
Angel - Crib - Holy - Noel - Mary  
Balthazar - Melchior – Caspar – Gold  
Frankincense - Myrrh – Carols



**December 25, 2016**

## The Nativity of the Lord

### First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Isaiah rejoices that God is bringing his exiled people home to Jerusalem. He calls out to the people to be glad because God will restore Jerusalem.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Paul explains to the Hebrews that although God had spoken through the prophets, people could not always completely understand the message. Now God has spoken to us by sending Jesus, the son, a reflection of God's glory and forgiver of our sins.

### Gospel: John 1:1-18

John describes how the Word came into the world in the form of Jesus. All those who accept Jesus become children of God by sharing in Jesus' love. No one has seen God, but through Jesus, God was revealed to us.