

# Mass Intentions

## The Week Ahead

**Saturday, December 31 – Vigil Mass**  
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

**Monday, January 2**  
**Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,  
Bishops and Doctors of the Church**  
8AM ++Deceased Confreres, Parents, Relatives  
and Benefactors of the Franciscan Order

**Tuesday, January 3**  
**The Most Holy Name of Jesus**  
8AM Living Confreres, Parents, Relatives  
and Benefactors of the Franciscan Order

**Wednesday, January 4**  
**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**  
8AM ++Chuck and Jean Marciniak  
by Sister, Ann

**Thursday, January 5**  
**St. Joseph Neumann, Bishop**  
8AM ++Jacob and Veronica Switaj and Family  
by Son, Frank

**Friday, January 6**  
**St. Andre Bessette, Religious**  
8AM +Leonard Strenkoski by Gloria Strenkoski  
and Ann Weikel

**Saturday, January 7**  
**St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest**  
8AM ++Peg and Dan Smink by Family  
4PM +Rev. Paul Marut, OFM Conv.  
by Maryann and Bob Barrett

**Sunday, January 8**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
7AM +Mary Kulick by Carol and Dan Arnold  
9AM +Tim Piper by Mother,  
Mary Bernice Pflug  
11AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

**Friary Mass Altar Candles, Bread & Wine**  
Special Intention

**Friary Sanctuary Lamp**  
Special Intention

**Sunday, January 1 – Mass at 9AM**

**Monday, No Mother Cabrini Bingo tonight...**see  
you next Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> to “*try to Break the Bank*”  
in the New Year!

**Monday, January 2 – Parish Office closed**

**Tuesday, January 3 – Parish Office re-opens at 8AM**

**Sunday, January 9 – Religious Education Classes**  
resume today.

**Due to an early bulletin printing deadline, the  
collection totals for the weekend of  
December 25<sup>th</sup> are not available. Totals will be  
in a future bulletin.**

### PONDER POINT

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through  
the prophets; in these last days, he has  
spoken to us through the Son.  
Hebrews 1:1-2



### Exercise Your “Will Power”

When considering charitable gift options  
in your will, don't forget to include  
Mother Cabrini Church.



### Remember, the Bill-Collector Doesn't Take Snow Days!

When weekend blustery winter  
conditions (i.e. snow, sleet, icy  
conditions etc.) prevent your safe  
travel to Mass, please remember to  
bring and add your offertory  
envelopes to the following week's  
collection. The parish builds its annual budget based  
on projected income and projected expenses. Short  
falls in any weekend collection income strains our  
ability to pay our regular occurring parish bills.  
Thank you and God bless all who support their parish,  
both in good weather and in bad!



## And So Ends the '16 Bishop's Appeal. . .

The last day of December marked the close of the 2016 *Annual Bishop's Lenten Appeal*. With the Christmas Holiday schedule, gifts coming in right at the deadline, making proper bookkeeping entries both with the Diocese as well as at our end etc., we hope to have our final and most accurate *Appeal* report ready within a week or two. I can tell you this, I think we will have the best year in recent memory, coming very close to reaching the parish goal amount of \$35,700! We are blessed to have had close to **40%** of the parish participate with their donations. If just half of the **60%** of Cabrini Households who did not make a gift would have participated, I am certain we would have hit 100% of our goal! I am grateful that more and more families came on board with this parish stewardship responsibility and responded to the best of their ability. The rate of participation has grown steadily over the years. I salute those 2016 participating Cabrini Households and wholeheartedly thank them for their support. I am grateful for each and every *Appeal* gift, *large, small or in the middle!* God bless you, every one!  
*Fr. Martin*



## Thank You

*Thank You* from the friars. . .

Fr. Adam and Fr. Ed join me in expressing sincere thanks to all who brightened our Christmas with their good wishes, cards, gifts and "goodies." Your kindnesses to us are counted among our blessings during this beautiful time of the year. They are very much appreciated and know that you have a place in our grateful prayers. God bless you and your 2017! *Fr. Martin*

## Baby Changing Station. . . !



For the benefit and convenience of our youngest of the young Cabrini parishioners (and their caregivers!), a new baby changing station has been 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*



## Parish Office Christmas Schedule:

In observance of the New Year's Holiday, please note the following Parish Office hours:

**Monday, January 2** – closed  
**Tuesday, January 3** - re-open at 8AM



## CABRINI BINGO RESUMES, NEXT MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017



**Our *Break the Bank*** is holding **\$1,199.00 (US DOLLARS)** for a lucky winner!



**As one of your "New Year's Resolutions", please consider donating just a couple of hours a month to the parish by helping at our Monday night bingo games. Our very dedicated current workers who work the floor and the kitchen need assistance. Call the parish office to let us know of your availability for this important parish activity. Thank you!**

## MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION AND BAKE SOMETHING!

We are in need of bakers, both men and women, who would be willing to bake a cake for our Monday Night Bingo. Simply leave the cake in the church hall kitchen on Monday. **This is a simple project, but one that is very much needed and will be very much appreciated.** In advance, we thank you for your generous response.



## Mother Cabrini Memorials

In Memory of *Eugene Purcell*

\$100 by Wife, Rosie

\$ 10 by Joanne Mikulanis



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

### Offertory Gifts at Mass. . .

If, at a particular weekend Mass, you would like to bring up the offertory gifts at that Mass, simply let your wishes be known to one of the ushers in the rear of the church before Mass begins and they will assist you at the proper time.



**2017 Parish Calendars** are available in the vestibule of the church and also at the parish office. 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 January 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, in advance, for your continued support. **January item/items, Brawny or Bounty paper towels.**



## Thank You

Thank you to all the children who participated in this year's Christmas Eve Pageant. It made Christmas very meaningful to all of us. See you next year!

## Remembrance Opportunities For Your Loved Ones. . .

The parish has a wonderful array of remembrance opportunities for both, the living and deceased. You may honor your loved one's memory or celebration of a special occasion, like a birthday or an anniversary by offering the flowers by the tabernacle, the candles used at Mass, the bread and wine offered at Mass, the Sanctuary candle, the church bells, etc. What a meaningful way to honor them on their special date! Reserve dates are filling up quickly so call the parish office to make your reservation.

**January 1, 2017**

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

#### **First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27.**

The Lord told Aaron to bestow his blessings on the Israelites. God wanted them to know that by invoking his name they would be blessed by him.

#### **Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7.**

Paul describes how through Jesus' birth, we have been delivered from the laws that exiled Gentiles from God's community. Through Jesus, the Gentiles became God's adopted sons and would receive the same blessings that the Jewish converts had been promised.

#### **Gospel: Luke 2:16-21.**

The shepherds went to Bethlehem to see Jesus and immediately understood all that they had been told about him. They praised God for what they had seen, and Jesus was given the name that the angel had chosen for him.

**GOD BLESS YOUR 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 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 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, Albert Alleman and Walter Habowski.

## *The Solemnity of Mary*

*"When the eighth day came, they gave him the name Jesus"*

In one sense we cram a lot of things together in today's solemnity: whether we succeed or not is open to debate! Today is New Year's Day, a time to pray for the year to come and hope for God's blessing. It is the Octave Day of Christmas, when we continue to reflect on the meaning of the child in the manger. It is the day of Jesus' circumcision, according to the Law of Moses, and the day on which he was given the name that the angel had announced to Mary. And the name of this day tells us that it is given to Mary, mother of Jesus, God-made-man, not in any other aspect of her life (such as the Annunciation, the Assumption or the Immaculate Conception), but celebrated simply as Mother of the Redeemer. Perhaps it is the person of Mary the Mother who can unite all these themes: she who trusted in God's promises received blessings from the Lord; as mother she invites us to look over her shoulder with the shepherds and recognize her child, not just as a wonderful new life, but as the one who (in fulfilment of the Scriptures) is proclaimed as Jesus, a name which means God saves.

### **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.

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

