

# Mass Intentions



## Saturday, January 7 – Vigil Mass

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

## MONDAY, JANUARY 9

### The Baptism of the Lord

8 AM +Roseann Balitchak by Robert Balitchak &  
Family

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

### First Week in Ordinary Time

8AM +Sophia & Frank Smulski by Daughter, Sandy

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

### First Week in Ordinary Time

8AM +Madeline Troyan by Barbara Yuricich

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

### First Week in Ordinary Time

8AM +Joelle Jarosky by Joann Mertz, Aunt

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

### St. Hilary

8AM +Bernard Pronick by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Bobrofsky

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

### First Week in Ordinary Time

8AM +Chris Slodysko by Keegan Family  
4PM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7AM +Dorothy Peslen by David and Ann Yanchuck  
9AM +Kyle Greaver by Leonard & Jean Kaskie  
11AM +Ella Wurster by Erik & Jennifer Seidel

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

**Friary Sanctuary Lamp**  
Special Intention

## The Week Ahead

**Sunday, January 8 – Religious Education Classes** resume.

**Monday, January 9 – Mother Cabrini Bingo in Church Hall** – Doors open at 4:30PM – Games begin at 6:15PM

**Epiphany House Blessings** continue (as requested)

### Collection Totals for the Weekend of December 25, 2016

Christmas Offertory:	\$24,456.68
Votives:	63.00
Snow Removal:	1,231.55
Parish Dues:	459.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$26,210.23</b>

### Collection Totals for the Weekend of January 1, 2017

Offertory:	\$3,945.95
Solemnity of Mary:	1,136.00
Votives:	87.00
Parish Dues:	136.00
Boosters:	670.85
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,975.80</b>

### Exercise Your “Will Power”



Did you know that you can easily add Mother Cabrini Church to an already existing will through the use of a codicil? Simply check with your attorney on how it is done.

### PONDER POINT

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, behold, Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem saying, Where is the newborn, King of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.



**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!



**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 and memorial opportunities are available for 2017.

**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.**



**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 and the installation labors of Ron Osevala. Thank you gentlemen for your generosity and support! *Fr. Martin*

**Cabrini Thanks to. . . the St. Francis Home Association** for their recent and generous \$790 donation to Mother Cabrini Parish which covered the full repair cost of replacing the front of church concrete

sidewalk following our sewer repair. Thank you and God bless you dear friends at St. Francis for your loyal and generous support!

*Fr. Martin*

**Come to our  
"Christmas Take Down!"**

**HELP WANTED!**

Calling forth. . . generous "With Their Time" Mother Cabrini Parishioners to help with the church's Christmas decorations takedown.

DATE: Sunday, January 15, 2017  
TIME: After the 11AM Mass  
PLACE: Inside church



All are welcome. . . Young, old and in the middle!

A wonderful "hands on" volunteer opportunity to begin the New Year at Mother Cabrini Parish!

**2016 Bishop's Appeal**  
We're still "crunching" the numbers for the final tally of the 2016 Bishop's Appeal. Stay tuned!



**R.I.P. - +Sr. Barbara Ann, F.S.S.J.**

Over the Christmas Holiday week, we received word from the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph (F.S.S.J.) Motherhouse in Hamburg, New York that Sr. Barbara Ann Brzezko died peacefully on Friday, December 16, 2016 at Immaculate Conception Convent in the 79<sup>th</sup> year of her life and the 61<sup>st</sup> year of her Franciscan religious vocation. Sr. Barbara earned a BA in education from Westfield State College in Westfield, MA and an MA in education from Loyola College in Baltimore. She ministered in the education field in New York, Alabama, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey as well as at our own local schools of St. Stephen in Coal Township and St. Stanislaus in Shamokin. After her funeral Mass in Hamburg, she was buried at St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Baltimore. Memorial donations in her name may be

made to: Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph, Immaculate Conception Convent, 5229 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, NY 14075. May Sr. Barbara rest in peace!



**Please Pray for Our Troops,  
Our Veterans & Their Families**

## 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, Robert Stoud II, Chris Eby, Kenneth Kolovich, Lorraine McAnnaney, Sylvia Boslego, Mary Nye, Kathy Schiccatano, Jerome (Max) Switaj, Rose Ann Wieland Hazel Yocum, Lillian Stark, Barry Sweitzer, Mason Barvitskie and Albert Alleman.

**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.**

**January 8, 2017**

### The Epiphany of the Lord

**First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — "members of the same body and sharers of the promise."

**Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

**LaLuRue Bingo Fundraiser for CYO!** The softest clothing and leggings, dresses, and shirts around! January 28th at Lourdes High School. Doors open at 11:30AM and games begin at 1PM. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Additional raffles, door prizes and 50/50 as well a chance to purchase additional items of clothing! Tickets are \$20 pre-sale and \$25 at the door. **All players need a ticket for entrance!** Contact Jill at 570-259-5569 for tickets!

**ALSO:**

**\$250 in Lottery Tickets on a Homemade Wreath** tickets are \$5.00 each. Tickets can be purchased from any player on the Shamokin Catholic teams or call Jill at 570-259-5569 for delivery! Drawing is February 14th! Good luck and thank you!

**Epiphany**

## HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

### The Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2017

“I am sure you have heard of the ministry God in his goodness gave me in your regard. God’s secret plan, as I have briefly described it, was revealed to me, unknown to men in former ages but now revealed by the Spirit to the holy apostles and prophets. It is no less than this: in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise through the preaching of the gospel.”



While we recall the visit of the Magi, detailing facts of a star, gifts and a hateful king, the real meaning for us is given by St. Paul. We learn three things today, we are: 1) coheirs, 2) members, 3) sharers.

An heir receives a benefit, members gain the status of belonging and sharers enjoy a common life. This details who and what we are as ‘missionary disciples.’ It was not always so. The visitors from the orient represent all who believe and follow today. Jesus is the Savior of the world, of Christians, Jews, Muslims, all humankind. With reverence they brought gifts, symbolic yet real. We bring the gift of self, offering our gratitude for His coming, our desire to follow Him more closely. Like the Magi, we go to our streets and neighborhoods, our work places and homes, willing to bring our experience of Christ’s presence to others.

Did you discover the Christ this Christmas? Be the star to reveal Him to others!

*Happy Epiphany!*

**March for Life:** Only EWTN brings you America's most important pro-life event of the year: the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. Live coverage begins at 9:00 am on Friday, January 27. Then, tune in at 8PM for *40*, a pro-life film with a focus on how the legalization of abortion in America has affected women, children, and society for over 40 years. View EWTN on Comcast 291, Dish 261, DIRECTV 370, or live stream at [ewtn.com](http://ewtn.com).

## Gospel Word Search

BETHLEHEM    EAST    INFANT  
KING    STAR    LEADER  
HOMAGE    DATE    CHILD  
DELIGHT    GOLD    MYRRH

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