

Mass Intentions

The Week Ahead

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 – Vigil Mass
4PM + Edward Kissel by Eleanor

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7AM +Frances Rumberger by Edmund Kachnoskie
9AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church
11AM +Irene Mirack by Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27
Eighth Weekday in Ordinary Time
8AM +Mary Cheslock by Lenny and Mary Faust

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
Eighth Weekday in Ordinary Time
8AM +Joseph Scopelliti, Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Mirack

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1
Ash Wednesday
8AM +Helen Marciniak by Sister

THURSDAY, MARCH 2
Thursday after Ash Wednesday
8AM + Deceased Confreres, Parents, Relatives
and Benefactors of the Franciscan Order

FRIDAY MARCH 3
Friday after Ash Wednesday
8AM +Living Confreres, Parents, Relatives
and Benefactors of the Franciscan Order

SATURDAY, MARCH 4
Saturday after Ash Wednesday
8AM +Violet Zabroski by Kulik Family
10AM Confirmation Liturgy
4PM +John Fabrizio by Wife, Diane and Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 5
First Sunday of Lent
7AM +Frank Vivino by Wife, Leona
9AM +Kathy Zyla by Husband, Ron and Daughter,
Rhonda & Tom
11AM +Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

Tabernacle Flowers I
In Memory of Troy K. Griffiths
by Gram Pandie

Our Church Bells are Ringing this Week. . .
In Memory of Patricia A. Topolski
by Husband, Ray and Family

Friary Mass Candles and Bread & Wine
Special Intention

Friary Sanctuary Lamp
Special Intention

Sunday, February 26 – Religious Education Classes - Mandatory 9AM Mass for students, followed by class in the church hall.

Monday, February 27 – Mother Cabrini Bingo in Church Hall – Doors open at 4:30PM – Games begin at 6:15PM

Tuesday, February 28 - Easter Egg Project continues in the Church Hall after 8AM Mass and continues through Friday. This project continues each week.

Wednesday, March 1 – Ash Wednesday
Distribution of ashes will be at the 8AM Mass, 5PM Prayer Service and 7PM Mass

Friday, March 3 – Stations of the Cross and Confessions 7PM

Saturday, March 4 – Confirmation 10AM

Collection Totals for the Weekend of February 19, 2017

Offertory:	\$5,504.22
Parish Debt Reduction:	1,053.58
Parish Dues:	589.00
Parish Property Insurance:	108.00
Total:	\$7,254.80



God bless and congratulations to all our young people who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, March 4th. May you continue your journey into Catholic adulthood with conviction and enthusiasm!



Exercise Your “Will Power”

Express your love and concern for your parish. Remember Mother Cabrini Church when making your estate plans.

PONDER POINT

Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.
Ritual, Distribution of Ashes





Dear Mother Cabrini Parishioners. . .

Our church's Christmas decorations were taken down and packed away just a few weeks ago. The last of our poinsettias are now in our compost pile. Easter is April 16th this year. The six weeks of Lent are already upon us!

The joyous melodies of the "Gloria" at Mass will not be heard till Easter nor will you hear any "Alleluias". Our sanctuary will be simplified from any superfluous decorations. A stark wooden cross will be positioned near our altar and the penitential color of purple will be used throughout the season. All these external changes help focus our attention that we have begun our time of Lent, 2017.

We are reminded of the three time proven practices from scripture which ought to be part of our Lenten discipline. . . an increase of **Prayer**, a conscious effort to practice **Charity** and the practice of "giving up something" or **Fasting**. By incorporating creative elements of each of these disciplines into our Lenten days, we open our minds and hearts ever wider to the message of Jesus and its transforming effect upon us and our lives. We are not called to be gloomy like the hypocrites but rather transformed in mind and heart as a result of our spiritual practices.

As an additional aid to help our Lenten meditations, the pocket size "*Five Minutes with the Word*" booklets are available at the doors of the church. Please available yourselves to this handy resource and take one home with yourself. Feel free to take additional copies for any shut-ins you may know. As parents or grandparents, please take copies for your children or grandchildren. The material is easy reading and you'll be doing your own personal form of "Evangelization" to the upcoming generation of Catholics.

The purple insert in this weekend's bulletin is meant to be another help to your Lenten practices. Simple, basic, understandable, doable. . . on one hand "fasting," on the other hand, "feasting." Make room on your refrigerator door and post it at eye-level! On the reverse side of the insert you'll find additional Lenten information.

Take advantage of the many opportunities available to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this season of grace. Confessions are heard daily at 7:30AM before Mass and on Saturday afternoons at 3:00PM. If you wish an extended period of time for the Sacrament in a more conversational setting, please feel free to contact either Fr. Martin or Fr. Adam to set an appointment. The deanery wide opportunities for confession will be published next month.

God in his wisdom provides structure and rhythm in our lives through the changing of the seasons, the length of our daylight hours, etc. The Church also provides us with a sense of focus and rhythm with its liturgical calendar. More than just dates on a page, our liturgical times are opportunities of grace and blessing. Let us use Lent 2017 as a time of grace, a time of renewal, a time of God's great blessing!

I greet you in the name of the Lord and wish you a fruitful Lenten-tide! *Fr. Martin*



**Ash Wednesday,
this Wednesday, March 1st
Distribution of Ashes will be at the
8AM Mass, 5PM Prayer Service
and 7PM Mass.**

Free Lenten Meditation Booklets

To further enhance your Lenten season, a Special Lenten Edition of *The Word Among Us* is available at the doors of the church. Please take your free copy for the season of Lent. With a commitment of just five minutes a day, you may find this handy during your Lenten Journey.

Lenten Guidelines - "Fast & Abstinence"

Catholics of age 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics from Age 18 – 59 fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.

A Wonderful Lenten Booklet Memorial Opportunity

We are looking for someone to sponsor our Lenten Meditation Booklets. The cost of the booklets is \$235.00. This would make a wonderful Lenten/Easter memorial gift. If any family/families would like to offer this as a memorial or a portion thereof, please contact the parish office.



BISHOP GAINER TO VISIT CABRINI, YOU ARE INVITED. . .

On Saturday, March 4th with Mass beginning at **10:00AM**, Bishop Ronald Gainer will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our teens who have been preparing for this Sacrament.

Joining our Cabrini teens for Confirmation will be their peers from Our Lady of Hope, St. Patrick and Our Lady of Angels Parish (Kulpmont).

Even if you do not have someone being confirmed on the 4th, you are most cordially invited to attend the Confirmation and support our young people by your presence as they are confirmed in their Catholic faith.

Bishop Gainer will be available for a post Confirmation “meet and greet” reception in the Cabrini Church hall. Come be part of our joyous celebration and say hello to Bishop Gainer!

Fr Martin



“Bake for the Bishop!”

Bishop Ronald Gainer will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at Mother Cabrini Church, Saturday, March 4th at **10AM**. After Mass, the parish will host a “meet and greet” for Bishop Gainer in the parish hall. Please come and say hello! Would the parish bakers be so kind as to provide some home-made baked goodies for the reception!? **Baked goods may be dropped off in the church hall this Friday, March 3rd up until 3PM.** Many thanks for your hospitality support!

Fr. Martin

ATTENTION BINGO PLAYERS . . .

Our Break the Bank is Holding

**\$1,199 U.S.
DOLLARS FOR**

A LUCKY WINNER!!!

Only 8 Keys left!

Come try your luck to *Break the Bank*. \$1,199 in cash is waiting for you! 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.

Hello, Parish Bakers? We Need Your Help. . .

One of the features of our weekly Monday night Bingo is our “snack bar” where our patrons may purchase a lite dinner item along with dessert. The usual dessert items have been pieces of frosted cake, cupcakes, kandykakes, etc., baked by some of our parishioners. A number of our regular bakers are “retiring” so we need to call forth several new parishioners who would be willing to commit to making a dessert for our bingo once or twice a month. If several folks step up to the plate (or their kitchen counter), we could have a nice rotating schedule for this important part of our Bingo nights. Please call the office to let us know if you would be willing to help us out. Many delicious thanks!

Fr. Martin



SAVE THESE DATES. . .



**Easter Egg Making Project
Here at Mother Cabrini.
We need and call upon
your expertise!**



Please join us for our Annual Easter Egg Making Project that began last Tuesday. Eggs will be made every Tuesday through Friday after the 8AM Mass in the church hall. **We call upon the generosity of parish volunteers for this important Mother Cabrini Parish project.** If you are able to volunteer, please call the parish office at 570-648-4512. No experience necessary. We will be happy to train new comers. We already have a “customer” who has committed to purchase 1,000 eggs, so we need your extra production help!!!



**LENTEN FISH FRIES AT THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL,
SHAMOKIN**

Fridays, March 10th and 24th – 5PM to 7PM, eat in or take out, fried or baked dinners.



**ALL YOU CARE TO EAT
BREAKFAST AT THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS HALL - SHAMOKIN**

This Sunday, February 26th – 7:30AM to Noon, \$8.00

IN YOUR PRAYERS. . .

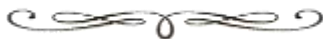
Please Pray For the Sick, especially, Ann Barber, Trent and Traigh Clayton, Betty Pandie, Donna Rhoades, Nicky Wideman, Laura Wideman, Michael Wideman, Eddie Wideman, Regina Graeber, Catherine Pultynovich, Justin Wachter, Craig Fetterman, Bob Hauer, Eunice Kanaskie, George Klemick, "Cioci Edna" Sierpina, Cassondra Senoski, Lucy Surak, Bob O'Neil, Kenneth Kolovich, Austin Zimmerman, Lorraine McAnaney, Mason Barvitskie, Robert Stoud II, Cynthia Wasielewski, Jeanette Verano, Lauri Mendicin, Rose Ann Wieland, Mary McCord, Terri Zarick, Rhonda Eckman, Bill & CeCie Adams, Chet Milbrand, Kirsten Huffnagle and Lillian Stark.

We have refreshed our "prayers for the sick" column in the parish bulletin. You are invited to resubmit names of those you wish to have remembered in our parish prayers.

Mother Cabrini Memorial

In Memory of Joseph G. Conjura
\$25 by Irene Grow

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.



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. Thank you, in advance, for your continued support. **February item/items are Ketchup and Mustard.**

Lenten Fish Dinners at Holy Angels Parish, Kulpmont - Fridays during Lent beginning March 3rd 4:00-6:00PM in the Activity Center - Dinner includes Soup and Salad bar, Fruit Cup, Baked Fish, Potato, Vegetable, Bread, Dessert - and Beverage. Donation \$9.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for children 12 & under. Eat-In or Take-Out!

February 26, 2017 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

The city of Zion laments that God has forsaken it. God replies that a mother would not forget her baby. Yet even if she did forget, "I will never forget you."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Paul describes himself as a servant of Christ. He explains that the opinions of other people are unimportant to him. God is the only one worthy to judge us. When God returns, he will praise those who deserve it.

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

Jesus warns the people not to waste their time worrying about material things. He says that God provides for the birds in the sky. "Are you not more important than they?" Jesus asked. We should not worry about food and clothes. Instead we should act as God wants us to, then he will help provide for us.

Lenten Retreat on Forgiveness: Join us on Saturday, March 25 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., for a Lenten Retreat on Forgiveness in the Holy Spirit Chapel in the Our Lady of Hope Parish Center. Is there anyone you are struggling to forgive? Do you have a hard time accepting God's forgiveness? Do you need to forgive yourself? Sister Emily Vincent, IHM will speak on what forgiveness really is (and is not), and present a 5-step method for forgiving. During this time, you will have the opportunity to seek forgiveness yourself through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, you will have some peaceful prayer time during Eucharistic Adoration. To register, please contact Sister Emily at SrEVincent@hbgdiocese.org or 570-648-4432.

Lenten Dinners will be held at the St. Francis Beneficial Society each Friday during Lent from 4PM to 7PM. Eat in or take out. Menu will change every Friday. Prices will vary each week.

Crab Cake Dinner at Our Lady of Hope, Church, Coal Township: Friday, March 3rd from 4PM to 6PM in their Parish Hall, Oak & Chestnut Sts., Coal Township. Dinner includes: two crab cakes, potatoes, cole slaw, dinner roll and dessert. Eat in our take out. Tickets are available at the parish office or at the door the day of the dinner. Donation \$9.00 adults, \$4.00 child.



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