

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 11- Vigil Mass

4PM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

Second Sunday of Lent

7AM +Jacob Phillips by Mom and Dad

9AM +Florence Katch by Son, Joe

11AM +Joseph Mirack by Family

MONDAY, MARCH 13

Second Week of Lent

8AM +Joseph & Veronica Zenel by Daughter, Louise

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

Second Week of Lent

8AM +Lawrence & Louise Matlock

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

Second Week of Lent

8AM +Victoria & Frank Konopski & Family
by Daughter, Dorothy & Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

Second Week of Lent

8AM +Victoria & Alex Yakoboski & Joseph
by Son, Bob & Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

St. Patrick

8AM +Patrick G. Komara by Wife, Elaine, Children
and Grandchildren

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8AM +Theresa Yanchuck by Joseph & Ann Yanchuck
4PM +Daniel C. Fabrizio by Mother, Connie & Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

Third Sunday of Lent

7AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

9AM +Nick Amato by Eleanor

11AM +John Dorko by Children, Grandchildren
and Great Grandchildren

Tabernacle Flowers I & II

In Memory of Patrick G. Komara
by Wife, Elaine, Children & Grandchildren

Tabernacle Candles

In Memory of Troy K. Griffiths by Mom, Dad & Family

Our Church Bells are Ringing this Week. . .

In Memory of Josephine Baranowski
by The General Family

Friary Mass Altar Candles, Bread & Wine

Special Intention

Friary Sanctuary Lamp

Special Intention

The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 12 – Religious Education Classes. Mandatory 9AM Mass for students, followed by class in the church hall.

Monday, March 13 – Mother Cabrini Bingo in Church Hall – Doors open at 4:30PM – Games begin at 6:15PM

Tuesday, March 14 - Easter Egg Project continues in the Church Hall after 8AM Mass and continues through Friday. This project continues each week.

Friday, March 17 – Stations of the Cross 7PM

Collection Totals for the Weekend of March 5, 2017

Offertory:	\$4,153.11
Votives:	143.00
Parish Property Insurance:	998.22
Parish Dues:	122.00
Ash Wednesday:	1,183.15
Total:	\$6,599.48
Poor Missions:	\$ 656.17



Exercise Your “Will Power”

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

PONDER POINT

Lent comes to reawaken us,
to shake us from our lethargy.

Pope Francis



Remember, the Bill-Collector Always Shows Up!!

When circumstances prevent you from attending Mass on a particular weekend, 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. Shortfalls 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, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health and whether in town or not!

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*

Easter Egg Making Project Almost Completed . . . but volunteers are still welcome for this project!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! . . . to the wonderful group of volunteers who have been turning out for our annual Easter Egg production days. We are especially grateful for the “new faces” who have joined the effort. **We still need the help of our new and veteran volunteers to complete the effort.** Eggs are 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.**



Easter Eggs are now available

**for purchase at the parish office
during office hours!**

**Coconut and Peanut Butter Eggs
\$.85 each / \$10.20 dozen / \$5.10 ½ dozen**

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 a few weeks ago. 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 FRY AT THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL,
SHAMOKIN**

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



**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.

Thanks and Applause. . . To the wonderful group of volunteers who have been producing our delicious Cabrini Chocolate Eggs these past weeks. Additional volunteers are always welcome, Tuesday - Friday, starting after the 8AM Mass. Selling our eggs is important to the project’s success. If you can sell larger quantities of eggs at places of business, employment or organizations, etc., please let us know at the Parish Office.

Lenten Meditation Booklets, Thank You

Our 2017 Lenten Meditation Booklets were made possible through a generous \$235.00 donation by Bob & Karol Freiler, offered in loving memory of The Deceased Members of the Freiler and Church Families. Thank you Bob and Karol for providing Lenten blessings to the parish through your generous gift!



DISPENSATION FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK:

This year the Feast of Saint Patrick falls on a Lenten Friday. Since Saint Patrick is a principal patron of our diocese, I hereby grant a dispensation from Friday abstinence to all Catholic who reside in the diocese and all who are present within the Diocese on March 17, 2017. Those who take advantage of this dispensation are urged to substitute another form of personal penance, possibly choosing another day within the Second Week of Lent as a Day of Lenten abstinence.

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, Bishop of Harrisburg



Congratulations to the following Confirmandi who have received their Confirmation on Sunday, March 4, 2017 here at Mother Cabrini:

- Alessandra **Fatima** Albert - Ashley **Ann** Albert
- Connor **Andrew** Anascavage - Nicholas **Peter** Aurand
- Damon **Charles** Backes - Austin **Anthony** Bainbridge
- Brianna **Faith** Barwick - Madison **Elizabeth** Bridy
- Gabrielle **Delphina** Doss - Aaron **John** Frasch
- Adam **Matthew** Guzik - Gabe **James** Klembara
- Emma **Bernice** Kramer - Morgan **Anastasia** Munson
- Olivia **Maria** Nguyen - Casen **John** Sandri
- Kaitlyn **Alexandra** Sandri - Shelby **Abban** Searls
- Sarah **Felicity** Strouse - Haelee **Elizabeth** Taylor
- Garrett **Francis** Timco

Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith. May their parents and sponsors be genuine inspirations of committed Catholics.

Special thanks to Judy Surak and Mary Gillam and all those instructors who helped bring these young people to this important point of their faith development. God bless each of you for your dedication. Special thanks also to our post-Confirmation reception hostesses and all those who supplied baked goods. It was a beautiful celebration and a blessing to have Bishop Gainer at Mother Cabrini!

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.

“BABY BOTTLE BLITZ!!!” Last weekend,



Andy Stefanowicz spoke to us at all the weekend Masses, concerning the good work being done at the Pregnancy Care Center to support God’s gift of human life. After each of the Masses, “baby bottles” were passed out to each person leaving the church with the sincere hope that the bottles will be used to help collect your “Lenten Alms” in support of the Center. Your coins, currency and/or checks (*to: Pregnancy Care Center*) can be deposited into the bottles. Bottles may be returned to church during the weekend Masses during Lent to the special container, under the stained glass window by the confessional. *During non-occupied church times and for security reasons, please bring your bottle with offerings to the parish office.* The last day for the “BABY BOTTLE BLITZ” collection will be Sunday, March 26th. What a fine opportunity and good cause to practice your Lenten almsgiving/charity! *Fr. Martin*

Mother Cabrini Memorials

- In Memory of Fr. William Haviland**
\$25 by Frances and Fred Culp
- In Memory of Robert (Bobby) Thomas**
\$10 by Leon and Rosemary Krushinski
- In Memory of Ann McGinley**
\$50 by Thomas Gargan
\$50 by The Klokis Family: Marie Philips,
Christine Rugalla, Bill and David Klokis
\$25 by Joy Knapik



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. **March item will be Crisco Oil.**

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'Neill, 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, Uncle John Kobos, Kelly Hoy, Dolores Scopelliti, Lillian Stark, Jack Senoski, Mark Senoski and Candida Davis.

UPCOMING CRAB CAKE DINNER: Our Lady of Hope, Coal Township will hold a Crab Cake Dinner on Friday, April 7th from 4PM to 6PM in their Parish Hall, Oak & Chestnut Streets. Donation \$9.00/ Adults. Dinner includes: two crab cakes, potatoes, cole slaw, dinner roll and dessert. Eat in or take out. Tickets are available at the church office or at the door the day of the dinner.

The World's Greatest Musical Impersonation Show: The Mahoney Brother's will honor our local First Responders with their fabulous 50's, 60's and 70's show. They will perform some of their new impersonations, Roy Orbison, Billy Joel, Jimmy Buffet, The Eagles along with many other impersonations on Saturday, March 25th at the Mt. Carmel Area H.S. Auditorium at 7PM. Tickets are on sale at The Academy Sports Center in Mt. Carmel, The Subway at Walmart and at the door on March 25th. Tickets are only \$20 and your donation will help many local organizations. For more information, please call Joe Cesari at 570-373-3551.

Daylight Savings Time Begins this weekend (March 11 & 12). Be sure to turn you clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday evening.



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

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE
ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Second Sunday of Lent
March 12, 2017**

“God has saved us and has called us to a holy life, not because of any merit of ours but according to his own design – the grace held out to us in Christ Jesus before the world began but now made manifest through the appearance of our Savior. He has robbed death of its power...”

With Peter, James and John we join Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. It is a transforming moment, when the Lord reveals to us who He is. The voice speaks, not only telling us of Jesus, but also that we are chosen, His favor rests in us, and our lent is our moment to be transformed by God's forgiving grace. We remember the simple definition that 'grace is the very life of God, communicated to us as a gift, and accepted.'

We begin our second week on our journey, aware that we have been chosen. God offers us the gift of His grace, but we need to seek it and accept it. As Paul told Timothy, God's grace robs sin of its power. Another name for grace is 'power.' Use it, seek forgiveness and forgive someone else.

**March 12, 2017
Second Sunday of Lent**

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

God calls Abraham to leave his family and people and go to a new land. God promises to make the people of this new nation great and to bless Abraham.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Paul, from his place of imprisonment in Rome, writes words of encouragement to Timothy, telling him that Christ is for them everlasting life.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Wishing to reveal His glory to Peter, James and John, Jesus takes them to a mountain where he is transfigured before them. When Peter exclaims that he will build three tabernacles here in honor of Jesus, Moses and Elijah, a voice from above proclaims: "This is My beloved Son on whom My favor rests. Listen to him."