

# Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 – Vigil Mass**  
4PM +Dennis Covaleski by Mom, Dad & Son, Denny

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
7AM +Helen Smith by Son, Tom & Family  
9AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church  
11AM +Albert Bates by Wife, Doris & Family

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4**  
**St. John Damascene**  
8AM +Deceased Confreres, Parents, Relatives  
and Benefactors of the Franciscan Order

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5**  
**First Week of Advent**  
8AM +Chet Sowal by Wife, Irene & Sons & Family

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6**  
**St. Nicholas**  
8AM +Mark & Julia Palko & Son, Joseph  
by Betty Gilger & Family

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
**St. Ambrose**  
8 AM +Ann Marie Shaw by Husband, Robert  
**Vigil of the Immaculate Conception**  
7PM +Eugene Purcell by Wife, Rosie

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8**  
**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
8AM +Arthur Schicatanio by Joe & Deb

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 – Vigil Mass**  
8AM +Chet Sowal by Wife, Irene & Family  
4 PM +Theodore Vinitski & Christine by Vinitski Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
7AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church  
9AM +Troy K. Griffiths by Mom, Dad and +Gram  
11AM +John A. Vanaskie by Wife, Dolores  
and Daughter, Mary Lou

## PLEASE NOTE...

### CHRISTMAS WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturday, December 23 – 4PM Vigil Mass**  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Sunday Morning (Obligation), December 24**  
**8AM & 11AM**  
**(NO 7AM Mass)**

**Sunday, Christmas Eve – 4PM Vigil Mass**  
8PM & 10:30PM

**Monday, Christmas Day – 9AM**  
**Tabernacle Flowers I & II**  
In Memory of Chet Sowal  
by Wife, Irene, Sons & Family

**Tabernacle Candles**  
In Memory of Holy Souls in Purgatory  
by a Friend

**Sanctuary Lamp**  
In Memory of Mark & Julia Palko & Son, Joseph  
by Betty Gilger & Family

**Our Church Bells are Ringing the Week. . .**  
For the Deceased Members of the Hauer & Negherbon  
Families by Mike and Peg Hauer & Family

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

**Friary Sanctuary Lamp**  
Special Intention

## The Week Ahead

**Sunday, December 3 – Religious Education Classes.**  
Mandatory 9AM Mass for students, followed by class in the church hall

**Monday, December 4 –Mother Cabrini Bingo**  
Church Hall. Doors open at 4:30PM and games begin at 6:15PM

<b>Collection Totals For: Weekend of November 19, 2017</b>	
<b>Offertory:</b>	<b>\$3,767.18</b>
<b>Votives:</b>	<b>71.06</b>
<b>Parish Dues:</b>	<b>335.00</b>
<b>Parish Property Insurance:</b>	<b>216.00</b>
<b>Closing of 40 Hours:</b>	<b>301.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,691.24</b>
<b>Franciscan Seminarians:</b>	<b>\$ 977.80</b>
<b>Matthew 25:</b>	<b>685.17</b>
<b>Collection Totals For: Weekend of November 26, 2017</b>	
<b>Offertory:</b>	<b>\$4,045.67</b>
<b>School Assessments:</b>	<b>962.33</b>
<b>Parish Dues:</b>	<b>208.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,216.00</b>
<b>Matthew 25:</b>	<b>\$ 112.00</b>
<b>Franciscan Seminary:</b>	<b>129.00</b>

## Bishop's Appeal

No new gifts since our last report. Here is where we stand as of November 27<sup>th</sup>: **GIFTS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> FOR PROPER CREDIT FOR 2017.**

- 3 new gifts received since last report; 1 additional donation to an already existing gift; these 4 gifts totaled **\$195.00**;
- Total received to date: **\$27,573, 76.2%** of goal (\$27,573/\$36,200);
- **284** Cabrini Households participating or **31.9%** of Parish (284/890);
- Average gift stands at **\$97.09**;
- **606** or **68%** of the parish's households have not yet made their stewardship gift;
- Only **\$8,627** (spread out among **606** Cabrini Households) is needed to meet our goal.

Special thanks and blessings to the wonderful group of "284 Cabrini Households" who have brought us to **76.2%** of our goal amount. Special thanks to those parishioners who added to their original gift! If yours is one of the "606 Cabrini Households" who have **not yet participated**, won't you help us wrap up the appeal with your contribution?!? Even a \$25, \$20 or a \$10 gift would help enhance our statistics. Without your participation, we have to make up the shortfall from our regular income and fund-raisers. Your fellow parishioners who already made their contribution await you and would love to see you come on board. . .and, I can retire from this reporting job. Thanks! Updated *Appeal* reports are published bi-weekly.

*Hello?!? Large, small or in the middle, every Cabrini Household's participation and gift is critical to meeting our collective Stewardship responsibility to the Diocese! We only have a few more weeks to wrap up our campaign. Fr. Martin*

### PONDER POINT

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel!  
*9<sup>th</sup> Century, Latin Chant*



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



**LIGHTING YOUR  
ADVENT JOURNEY!**



## ATTENTION BINGO PLAYERS . . .

**\$1,199 DOLLARS ARE  
WAITING FOR YOU !!!  
Come, "Try to Break the Bank"  
this Monday, December 4th**

Several weeks ago, one of our lucky bingo players "Broke the Bank" and took home \$1,199 in cash. Congratulations! **Our new Break the Bank is up to \$1,199.** 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.



### SAVE THE DATE. . . WE NEED YOUR CHRISTMAS DECORATING HELP!!!

Calling all able bodies on Sunday (December 17<sup>th</sup>) after the 11:00AM Mass to help decorate Mother Cabrini Church for Christmas. Our church always looks so beautiful for Christmas but the final result doesn't fall from the heavens. . . it is the product of a fine group of volunteers who pull it all together. If you can, come give just an hour, or more of your time to your parish. Many hands make light work. Come decorate God's house for Jesus' birthday! We can use YOU!

### Token of Gratitude...



Let's show our appreciation to our Altar Servers! **Next weekend, December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> we invite you to make a free will offering when you leave church after Mass.** Baskets will be provided at the doors of the church upon exiting. Your donations will be used to purchase treats for these faithful young men and women of our parish. Thank you for your generosity.

**Bingo Gift Certificates** are available at the parish office during office hours (\$16 & \$23). They make a



great *Christmas Stocking Stuffer* for your favorite Bingo player!



## Upcoming Advent Penance Services

**Sunday, December 10**

Mother Cabrini and Our Lady of Hope  
at Our Lady of Hope, Coal Township

**Monday, December 11**

Holy Angels, Kulpmont

**Tuesday, December 12**

Holy Rosary, Elysburg

**Wednesday, December 13**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Divine Redeemer  
at Divine Redeemer, Mt. Carmel

**Thursday, December 14**

St. Patrick, Trevorton

All Penance Services begin at 7PM

## OUR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT NEEDS ACTORS!!!!

**ATTENTION PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND CHILDREN!** The narrated Christmas Pageant has been a long standing tradition here at Mother Cabrini Church but is now at risk of ending due to lack of participation by our parish children. In order to have the Christmas Pageant continue, we need at least 20 committed children to be signed up for the following parts: Mary & Joseph (7th or 8th graders); star; narrators (6th grade or older); innkeeper -1; shepherds- 3 or more; Kings- 3; drummer boys - 3 or more; angels- 5 or more; animals - 3 or more. Please call Judy at the parish office at 570-648-4512 ext. 214 by Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> to sign up. If enough children sign up by the deadline, a practice will be held on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6PM in the Church. May God bless you for your interest and support in continuing this Christmas tradition!



**GRECCIO CELEBRATION:** A simple Greccio Celebration will be held on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the Church Hall. Greccio is the small Italian town where St. Francis of Assisi staged a "live nativity" with the local town



citizens and Friars participating. Some say our custom of the nativity set flows out of the Greccio event. A social will follow. **Everyone is invited to attend.**



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR CHRISTMAS COOKIE, CAKE AND CANDY SALE

which will be held in the church hall on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> after all Masses. We are asking all parishioners to make their favorite recipes and bring the "goodies" to the church hall on Saturday, after 9AM. There will be greeting cards and second-time around jewelry. The Christmas Sale was most profitable for our parish last year and so we encourage everyone to take part in this project this year. **Christmas Wafers will also be available.**

**ANNUAL CARING TREE:** This year, in addition to the traditional "act of kindness" done for the person identified on the ornaments of our Caring Tree, we are asking for a random act of kindness for the person listed on the tag (buying them a simple Christmas gift or perhaps sending them a Merry Christmas card). Or, purchase a Walmart gift card which will be used to help supply basic necessities for the homeless/street ministry of the Franciscan Friars. Please come to the Caring Tree and take one of the ornaments, either with the name of a homebound parishioner or a Walmart gift card. Walmart gift cards can be dropped off at the parish office or in the collection basket. May God bless you for your generosity and your continued support of this annual parish Advent project for those less fortunate!



## Those Who Have Gone Before Us . . .



Kindly remember in your prayers the souls of David Swartz, Irene Sobotor, Ronald Balutis and Betty Pandie. May God grant them eternal rest.



During This First week of Advent,  
Prepare for Jesus' Birth by . . .

Mending a quarrel,

Forgoing a grudge, forgiving and reconciling,

Performing random acts of charity,

Welcoming of or at least smiling at a stranger

**Please Pray For the Sick**, especially, Ann Barber, Trent and Traigh Clayton, Donna Rhoades, Nicky Wideman, Laura Wideman, Michael Wideman, Eddie Wideman, Justin Wachter, Craig Fetterman, Bob Hauer, Eunice Kanaskie, George Klemick, "Cioci Edna" Sierpina, Cassandra Senoski, Lucy Surak, Bob O'Neill, Kenneth Kolovich, Austin Zimmerman, Mason Barvitskie, Robert Stoud II, Cynthia Wasielewski, Jeanette Verano, Lauri Mendicin, Mary McCord, Tom Eckman, Rhonda Eckman, Bill Adams, Terri Zarick, Chet Milbrand, Kirsten Huffnagle, Kelly Hoy, Dolores Scopelliti, Jack Senoski, Mark Senoski, Candida Davis, Tony Varano, Sr., Phyllis Barrett, Barbara Verano, Kathy Messimer, Cynthia Washleski (Shamokin), Walter Habowski, Bonnie Gunn, Les Schiccatano, Jerry Plocinski, Shannon Shovlin, Ann Gembic, Donna Griffiths Cross, Matthew "Butch" Menapace, Joel Rivera, Gordon Young, Langston Haddock, Shawn Wilson, Jane Dombroski, Maryann Christiana, Candy Spears, Bryan McSurdy, Carol Fegley and Kristy & Huxley Huffman.

**KUDOS, THANKS & APPLAUSE.** . .to our local Knights of Columbus, Council #458 and all who helped with the preparations for the wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner, served at the Knights Hall on Independence Street. Over 200 meals were served. In addition to the dinner, a couple hundred coats (collected through Mother Cabrini Parish) were available for those who needed them. Well done!

**DOES YOUR MARRIAGE NEED SOME  
REFRESHING?**

**Retrouvaille, A Lifeline for Marriages:** Is there stress in your marriage? Retrouvaille is a program for married couples who feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. In the Diocese of Harrisburg, the program is under the auspices of the Office of Family and Respect Life Ministries. For confidential information about the program, or to register for a Retrouvaille weekend January 12-14, 2018 in Mechanicsburg, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

**If You Know of Any.** . . mental health counselors who are also "practicing Catholics" in our general Shamokin area, please let Fr. Martin know as soon as possible. Our Harrisburg Diocese is compiling a list of such counselors who would be available for recommendation when people ask for such a resource.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 3, 23017**

**First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7**

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that "We are all the work of your hands."

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God's grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

**Gospel: Mark 13:33-37**

Just as a servant watching over the master's house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

**Mother Cabrini Memorials**

**In Memory of *Emilie Kanaskie***

\$100 by Maryann Christ

**In Memory of *Raymond Okrasinski***

\$95 by Daughter, Tina Smith and Family  
\$10 by Carol Carey

**In Memory of *Irene Sobotor***

\$40 by Mary Lu Peppel  
\$25 by James and Louise Mount  
\$20 by Rosemary Purcell  
\$20 by Audrey and John Hurley  
\$20 by Joan and John Jankowski

**In Memory of *Betty Pandie***

\$100 by James Logic  
\$ 50 by Stephen Laskoski  
\$ 50 by John and Deanna Williamson  
\$ 50 by Edward and Janice Kotwica  
\$ 25 by Mary Ellen and Joe Candelora  
\$ 20 by Bob Shaw  
\$ 15 by Tom and Sarann Keyack



**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.**