

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 – Vigil Mass

4 PM +Theodore Vinitiski & Christine by Vinitiski 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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

Second Week of Advent

8AM ++Sophia & Frank Smulski
by Daughter, Sandy Radel

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8AM ++Robert & Louise Hauer by Anna Hauer & Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy

8AM +Lee C. Patrick by Wife, Sandy Radel

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross

8AM ++James A. Chiavaroli & Daughter, Helene Carsto
by Mary Chiavaroli & Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Second Week of Advent

8AM +Walter & Helen Zotkewicz by Patti

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Second Week of Advent

8AM +Joseph L. Scopelliti by Jeanette & Tony Varano
4PM +Joseph Kobos (60th Anniversary of Death)
by Son, Fr. Martin

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Third Sunday of Advent

7AM +Ann Marie Shaw by Husband, Robert
9AM +Joseph Bielski, Jr. by Nieces & Nephews
11AM +Daniel Schwalm by Wife, Pat & Family

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

In Memory of Gryskiewicz Family
by Seidel Family

Tabernacle Flowers II

In Memory of Seidel Family
by Family

Tabernacle Candles are In Thanksgiving

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Maryanne Rogers by John & Barb Boyle

Our Church Bells are Ringing this Week. . .

In Memory of Josephine Bobrosky
by Lenny and Cheryl Waugh

Friary Mass Altar Candles, Bread & Wine

Special Intention

Friary Sanctuary Lamp

Special Intention

The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 10 – Religious Education Classes. Mandatory 9AM Mass for students, followed by class in the church hall

Advent Penance Service - Mother Cabrini and Our Lady of Hope Penance Service at OLOH 7PM. See complete list of Deanery Penance Services in bulletin.

Monday, December 11 – Mother Cabrini Bingo Church Hall. Doors open at 4:30PM and games begin at 6:15PM

Collection Totals For: Weekend of December 3, 2017

Offertory:	\$4,312.83
Votives:	169.55
Parish Dues:	85.00
School Assessments:	89.00
Property Maintenance:	1,018.67
Total:	\$5,675.05

Express Your “Will Power”

You can help the friars continue their foreign mission work with the support of a bequest in your will. The legal title information for the mission office is:

Franciscan Friars
Our Lady of the Angels Province, Inc.

Franciscan Missions
12300 Folly Quarter Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Final Calls, Bishop's Appeal!

No new gifts since our last report. Here is where we stand as of November 27th: **GIFTS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd 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

Oh come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all human kind; Bid thou our sad divisions cease,
And be thy self our Prince of Peace:
Nineteenth Century Chant



**LIGHTING YOUR
ADVENT JOURNEY!**



ATTENTION BINGO PLAYERS . . .

**\$1,199 DOLLARS ARE
WAITING FOR YOU !!!**

**Come, "Try to Break the Bank"
this Monday, December 11th**

Several weeks ago, one of our lucky bingo players "Broke the Bank" and took home \$1,199 in cash.

Congratulations! **Our 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.

December Bingo News

There is no bingo on 12/18 and 12/25 to give our dedicated bingo workers a well-deserved rest over the holidays.

Try your luck to be the first one to **"Break the Bank"** in the New Year!!!

Bingo resumes January 8, 2018
(weather permitting)

**Mother Cabrini Bingo Committee wishes everyone
a very Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year!
Thank for your patronage!!!**

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!



SAVE THE DATE . . .

**WE NEED YOUR
CHRISTMAS
DECORATING HELP!!!**



Calling all able bodies next Sunday (December 17th) 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!

Advent Penance Services

To help "make the crooked ways straight," the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered next week in various deanery parish locations. Consult the listing below for more information.

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

PLEASE, 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 11th to sign up. If enough children sign up by the deadline, a practice will be held on Wednesday, December 20th 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 19th 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.**



OUR CHRISTMAS COOKIE, CAKE AND CANDY SALE is being held this weekend, December 9th & 10th in the church hall after all Masses. Along with "goodies", there will be greeting cards and second-time around jewelry. **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!



If you see Fr. Adam on Saturday, December 16th, wish him a **Happy Birthday!**



Knights of Columbus FREE Winter Coat Distribution: Saturday December 16th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at The K of C, 400 E Independence St, Bar Side Entrance. Large selection of coats for adults and children in different styles available - **FREE**. Hot dogs and hot chocolate will also be served.

Lourdes Regional Pot 'O Gold Ticket drawing, this Sunday, December 10th

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



Carving out some quiet time for prayer,
Visiting, phoning or sending a note to a shut in,
Expressing your gratitude,
Listening more

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, Kristy & Huxley Huffman and Gertrude Slawek.

Token of Gratitude...



Let's show our appreciation to our Altar Servers! **This weekend, December 9th & 10th** we invite you to make a free will offering when you leave church after Mass. Baskets are 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.

Bible Study Guest Speaker - Fr. Edward Connolly will once again speak at our Bible Study on **Tuesday December 12th**, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The topic for this class will be the Marion Doctrines. As always light refreshments will be served, so come and learn more about our Blessed Mother and bring a friend.

Knights of Columbus: The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual *ARC Collection on the weekend of Saturday December 16 and Sunday December 17, 2017*. This collection supports the ARC of PA. **The Arc of Pennsylvania promotes the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.** Thank You in advance for your generosity and God Bless!

*Please Pray for our Troops
and their Families*

Mother Cabrini Memorials

In Memory of *Betty Pandie*

\$20 by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Christiana

In Memory of *Joseph Yanchuck*

\$50 by Michael and Carol Yanchuck

In Memory of *Irene Sobotor*

\$10 by Michelle Hornung



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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2017

First Reading: **Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

Isaiah emphasizes that from the desert to the mountains, all people must prepare for "the glory of the Lord to be revealed." Rather than looking only at God's power, Isaiah focuses on God's kindness, comparing it to a shepherd who feeds and cares for his flock.

Second Reading: **2 Peter 3:8-14**

For those who are impatient for the Second Coming, Peter explains that time is different to God than to people. He reminds them that they should be grateful for the extra time to prepare, and concentrate on striving to become all that God would want them to be.

Gospel: **Mark 1:1-8**

In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and unfit to "stoop and untie his sandal straps." John urged them to prepare for one far holier than he, who would walk among them.



Kudos, Thanks and Applause

to the wonderful volunteers who set up the Nativity Scenes at the friary and in front of church. As always, they did a great job! Jesus is coming!

BUY YOUR GIFT CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS AT LOURDES

If you have any questions call the Tuition Sense Office at 570-644-0375, ext. 115. Thank you for your support of Lourdes Tuitions Sense Program.

