

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 – Vigil Mass
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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

Third Week of Advent

8AM +Francis Purcell by Daughter, Kathy

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Third Week of Advent

8AM +Susan Yakoboski by Mom, Dad & David

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Third Week of Advent

8AM +Joseph C. Zebrowski by Daughter

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

St. Peter Canisius

8AM +Carol Landau by Daughter, Mary Durham

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

Third Week of Advent

8AM ++Peg & Dan Smink by Children

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

St. John of Kanty

8AM **No Morning Mass**

4PM ++Stanley, Mary, Stanley, Jr., John, MaryAnn
and Gerald Slaby by Jacqueline & Sylvia

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church
11AM Living & Deceased Volunteers
of Mother Cabrini Church

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve)

4PM +Joey Hager by Mom & Angela
8PM ++Gilda, Josephine, Loretta Fiorenza
and Rick Knovich by Son, Rick
10:30PM Friars Intentions

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 Catherine Pultynovich
by Tom Pultynovich and Family

Tabernacle Flowers II

In Memory of Kevin Kinder by Kinder Family

Mass Candles / Bread & Wine

In Memory of Vince and Grace Tamkus
by Tamkus Family

Tabernacle Candles

In Memory of Vicki & Charlie Vichorick
and Marion & Stan Boyle by Barb & John

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Daniel Schwalm by Wife, Pat

Our Church Bells are Ringing this Week. . .

In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Walter
and Kathleen Hager Family: Walter, Kathleen, Thomas,
David, Pinny, Joe, Mike, Mary Lou, Chris
and Nephew, Joey by Family

Friary Mass Altar Candles, Bread & Wine

Special Intention

Friary Sanctuary Lamp

Special Intention

The Week Ahead

**Sunday, December 17 – Religious Education
Classes.** Mandatory 9AM Mass for students, followed
by class in the church hall

**Monday, December 18 – No Mother Cabrini Bingo
tonight.** See you Monday, January 8th!

**Please refer to the bulletin for our
Christmas Weekend Mass Schedule**

Collection Totals For: Weekend of December 10, 2017

Offertory:	\$3,466.05
Votives:	97.52
Parish Properties Maintenance:	78.00
Parish Dues:	1,073.50
Immaculate Conception:	1,156.50
Total:	\$5,871.57
Religious Retirement:	\$1,093.10

Express Your "Will Power"

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

32% of Parishioners bring Bishop's Appeal to 78% of Goal!!!

With only a couple of more weeks to reach our 2017 Bishop's Appeal final goal amount, we report the following updated statistics as of December 11th:

- 4 new gifts received since last report totaling \$520.00;
- Total received to date: \$28,093 or 77.6% of goal (\$28,093/\$36,200);
- 288 Cabrini Households participating or 32.4% of Parish (288/890);
- Average gift stands at \$97.55;
- 602 or 68% of the parish's households *have not yet made* their stewardship gift;
- Only \$8,107 (spread out among 602 Cabrini Households) is needed to meet our goal.

Most sincere thanks, Kudos and blessings to the wonderful group of "288 Cabrini Households" who have brought us to almost 78% of our goal amount. Special thanks to those parishioners who added to their original gift! If yours is one of the "602 Cabrini Households" who have not yet participated, **WE REALLY NEED YOUR GIFT** in these final weeks of the Appeal to come as close as possible of reaching our 2017 goal amount. 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. Wouldn't it be grand if every house did their fair share!?! Thanks all! 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 couple of weeks to wrap up our 2017 campaign. A complete report of Appeal donors will be published in 2018. Fr. Martin

PONDER POINT

The spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to
bring glad tidings to the poor.

Luke 3:10-18



**LIGHTING YOUR
ADVENT JOURNEY!**



ATTENTION BINGO PLAYERS . . .

**\$1,199 "U S DOLLARS"
ARE WAITING FOR YOU IN 2018!!!
Come, "Try to Break the Bank"
in the New Year!**

Bingo Calendar News

There is no bingo this Monday, 12/18, 12/25
and 1/1/2018

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!!!

**Last Call for Bingo Gift Certificates for
Christmas:** Purchase your Bingo
Gift Certificate early this week at the
parish office during office hours
(\$16 & \$23). **They make a great Christmas Stocking
Stuffer for your favorite Bingo player!**



WE NEED YOUR HELP THIS WEEKEND!!!!

Calling all able bodies **this 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!



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





Parish Office Christmas Schedule:

In observance of the Christmas
Holiday, please note the
following Parish Office hours:

**Parish Office will close at
12 Noon on Friday, December 22nd
and re-open on Wednesday,
December 27th.**



As we move into winter and some of our Mother Cabrini parishioners visit warmer climates for the winter months, please remember that Mother Cabrini Parish still depends upon your support to meet its fixed weekly bills. You may mail your weekly offertory envelopes to the parish office. This also applies to when we have a "snowstorm" weekend and you can't make it to any of the weekend Masses. Many thanks!



THANK YOU. . .

To all who supported last weekend's Christmas Goodie Bake Sale. . . those who coordinated the event, all who baked and/or made goodies for the sale and to all who purchased these delicious items. This year's effort yielded \$530.00 for the parish. To all the "elves" who have given so generously of their time and talent these past weeks in putting up our Advent Caring Tree and the outdoor Christmas decorations in front of church as well as the friary. Beautiful job!

GRECCIO CELEBRATION: A simple Greccio Celebration will be held this 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. Christmas Wafers will also be available.**



ADVENT CARING TREE

Special thanks to all who participated by taking a tag off our 2017 Caring Tree. Please know that you helped make someone's Christmas a little brighter.



Mother Cabrini Memorials

In Memory Betty Pandie
\$25 by Catherine Hughes

In Memory of Raymond Okrasinski
\$25 by Barbara Pappas

In Memory of Mary Patynski
\$25 by Irene Sowal
\$20 by Dot Harris and Family



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.

AND THE PAGEANT WILL GO ON. . . Our Annual Children's Christmas Pageant:



Because of the wonderful response for children to participate in our Annual Children's Christmas Pageant, it will take place at 3:30 PM on Sunday, December 24th, before the 4PM Children's Christmas Liturgy. Practice

will be held on Wednesday, December 20th at 6PM in the Church. Costumes will also distributed at that time. Please help us continue this beautiful Christmas tradition.

Join Us For Caroling Prior to Our "Midnight Mass". . .

Midnight Mass will begin at 10:30PM again this year. Our choir will begin singing Christmas Carols at 10PM.

Come and enjoy both old favorites and new, wonderful carols! These songs were selected for their beauty but most importantly, to prepare the heart to receive God's greatest gift to the world!



2018 Parish Calendars are available in the vestibule of the church and also at the parish office. One calendar per household this weekend. Additional calendars may be taken in the weeks to follow. Special thanks to Leonard J. Lucas, Jr. of **Lucas Funeral Home** for helping us underwrite the cost of this year's calendar. Thank you Mr. Lucas!

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, Cassondra Senoski, Lucy Surak, 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, Gertrude Slawek, Pete Yucha and Carol Grow.

PIEGON DINNER: The Cardinal Mendszenty Assembly, 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pigeon dinner on **Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 12 to 3PM.** You can eat in or take out. Cost will be \$9.00 per platter. More information will be forthcoming.

The Respect Life Mass will take place on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at Good Shepherd Church, 3435 Trindle Road in Camp Hill. This Mass is celebrated every year to commemorate the lives lost to abortion since 1973 and to pray for the building of a culture of life in our nation from conception to natural death. Those who are not able to attend the annual March for Life in Washington are especially encouraged to attend. Mass begins at 11:30 a.m. Reverend Paul Schenck will be the celebrant and homilist. All are welcome! For additional information contact the Respect Life Ministry at (717) 657-4804 ext 317 or email KNeri@hbgdiocese.org.



*Please Pray for our Troops
and their Families*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 17, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ's arrival. He tells them to "avoid any semblance of evil" so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.

Those Who Have Gone Before Us, kindly remember in your prayers the souls of Eleanor Kaskie, Mary Patynski and Robert O'Neill. May God grant them eternal rest.



*During This Third
Week of Advent,
Prepare for Jesus'
Birth by . . .*

Reconciling with God through the Sacraments,
Judging less and encouraging more,
Letting go of personal prejudices,
Being less selfish and practicing generosity

A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS . . .

To all those who contributed to the recent Franciscan Seminarian's collection, on behalf of all the Friars of Our Lady of the Angels Province, and our Minister Provincial, Fr. James McCurry, OFM Conv., we extend most sincere thanks for your generosity and for helping us train future Franciscan Priests and Brothers! *Fr. Martin*