

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 – Vigil Mass

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

The Nativity of the Lord

8AM +Justine & Francis Swartz

by Granddaughter, Danielle

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

St. Stephen

8AM +Ann Marie Smith by Brother, Ray

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

St. John

8AM +Barbara Jones by Husband

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents

8AM +Barbara Jones by Husband

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

St. Thomas Becket

8AM +Betty & Edward Grego by Son

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8AM +Edward F. Gunn, Jr. by Katherine Gunn

4PM +Anthony & Jean Apollo by Leonard & Jean
Kaskie

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8AM +Mary Santor by Vince Mirack

11AM +Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

Vigil Mass Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

4PM +MaryAnn Rumberger

by LuAnn & Ron Byerly & family

Express Your "Will Power"

A bequest to Mother Cabrini Church in your estate plans can be one of the most loving gifts you can make to your parish.

Tabernacle Flowers I

In Memory of Gryskiewicz Family by Seidel Family

Tabernacle Flowers II

In Memory of Ann Marie Shaw by Husband, Robert

Mass Candles, Bread & Wine

In Memory of Angela & Anthony Wojnarski
by Marie, Kathy & Tom

Tabernacle Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

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

Our Church Bells are Ringing this Week. . .

In Memory of Stanley, Mary, Stanley, Jr., John, Mary
Ann, & Gerald Slaby by Jacqueline & Sylvia

Friary Mass Altar Candles, Bread & Wine

Special Intention

Friary Sanctuary Lamp

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 24 – No Religious Education Classes.

**Monday, December 25 – No Mother Cabrini Bingo
See you Monday, January 8th!**

**Please see the Mass Schedule
for Christmas
and
The Solemnity of Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation)
New Year's Eve / Day Mass
in the bulletin**

Collection Totals For: Weekend of December 17, 2017

Offertory:	\$4,478.42
Votives:	103.01
Christmas Flowers:	1,664.46
Parish Dues:	103.01
Immaculate Conception:	112.00
Total:	\$6,843.64
Retired Religious:	\$ 117.00

Bishop's Appeal

We received a number of gifts.
Look to next week's bulletin for an update.

The report listed below are the 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, **WEREALLY 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

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according
to your word.
Luke 1:38



**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!**

December Bingo News

In Observance of Christmas Day,
there is no bingo this Monday, 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!!!**



Blessings, Glad Tidings & Holiday Greetings of the Season!

To all our Mother Cabrini parishioners as well as those
who are visiting us over the Christmas holiday, the
parish friars and staff extend to you most sincere wishes
for a joyous celebration of the Lord's Birth. May God
bless you and those dear to your hearts in the coming
New Year of Grace, 2018!

*Fr. Martin Kobos, OFM Conv., Pastor
Fr. Adam Ziolkowski, OFM Conv., Vicar
and Fr. Ed Costello, OFM Conv., In Residence*

Special Note of Thanks . . . to
all those wonderful volunteers who
helped decorate the Church for
Christmas. It was a wonderful group of
folks, young and old, who helped decorate for Jesus'
Birthday. As always, they did a beautiful job!





Parish Office Christmas & New Year Holiday Schedule:

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's Holiday, please note the following Parish Office hours:

Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 26th and re-open on Wednesday, December 27th.

Parish Office will close at 12 Noon on Friday, December 29th and re-open on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

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 this Sunday, December 24th, before the 4PM Children's Christmas Liturgy. 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!



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!

Mother Cabrini Memorials

In Memory of Mildred and John Yanishock
\$100 by Daughter, Mary and Dan Brezinski

In Memory of Sam and Leonora Cherry
\$100 by Carol, Joanne and Norie

In Memory of Ronald Kealey
\$50 by Rob and Norie

In Memory of Barbara Cillo
\$10 by Steve and Connie Dunleavy



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.

Mass Schedule for Christmas and The Solemnity of Mary Holy Day of Obligation (New Year's Eve / Day Mass)

Sunday, December 24th
(Christmas Obligation)

3:30PM Children's Pageant
4PM - Children's Mass
8PM Mass

10:30PM Mass with Brass

Monday, December 25th
(Christmas Obligation)

9AM Christmas Day Mass (NO 8AM Mass)

There Will Be Only One Mass
on Christmas Day

Sunday, December 31st (Sunday Obligation)
8AM & 11AM (NO 7AM Mass)

Sunday, December 31st (Holy Day Obligation)
4PM Mass

Monday, January 1st (Holy Day Obligation)
The Solemnity of Mary,
9AM Mass (NO 8AM Mass)

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 Michael Matukaitis.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 24, 2017**

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

King David plans to build a temple to honor God. But God tells Nathan the Prophet that instead he will give David rest from his enemies, and ensure that both his house and community will be protected forever.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

In this letter of Paul to the Romans, he explains that the gospel reveals the mystery that had been hidden for many ages. Now it has been made known to all, so that they may believe, obey, and give glory through Jesus Christ forever.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

The Virgin Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel, who tells her that she has been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary is first afraid, yet shows her unquestioning faith when she simply says, "Let it be done to me as you say."

MASS INTENTIONS

MASS OPENINGS AVAILABLE for 2018: If anyone would like to schedule additional Mass intentions for next year, you may reserve as many Masses as you wish at this point. Please call or stop by the Parish Office beginning Wednesday, January 10th during office hours. Many dates are available for 2018.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: If you have not registered officially as part of the parish family, please do it now at the parish office. You are important to us and hopefully we are to you. Let us know who you are. Registration is necessary to qualify for Religious Education programs, the reception of Baptism, First Penance, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage. Testimonial letters for Godparents for Baptism and Sponsors for Confirmation are given only to registered active members. This also applies to parents who wish to have their children baptized into the Church. **Please notify the parish office of an address change and if you are moving out of the parish.**



**Remembrance Opportunities
For Your Loved Ones . . .**

The parish has a wonderful array of remembrance opportunities for both, the living and deceased. You may honor your loved one's memory or celebration of a special occasion, like a birthday or an anniversary by offering the flowers by the tabernacle, the candles used at Mass, the bread and wine offered at Mass, the Sanctuary candle, the church bells, etc. What a meaningful way to honor them on their special date! Reserve dates are filling up quickly so call the parish office to make your reservation.

*During This Fourth Week of
Advent,*

Prepare for Jesus' Birth by . . .

Looking for Jesus "in the other",

Softening personal stubbornness,

Gossiping less, saying only good things,

Becoming more "Jesus-like!"



***Please Pray for our Troops
and their Families***