

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 – Vigil Mass
4PM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7AM ++Ed & Francis Madden
by Gary & Bernice & Family
9AM ++Andrew & Helen McGinley by Children
11AM +James A. Chiavaroli by Wife, Mary & Daughters

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12
Sixth Week in Ordinary Time
8AM +Margaret Glotch

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
Sixth Week in Ordinary Time
8AM +Joseph Yanchuck by Ann Yanchuck

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Ash Wednesday
8AM +Joseph Yanchuck by Valerie Watson
7PM +Imelda Yezerski by Kathy Gonsar and Joe Rocuskie

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15
Thursday after Ash Wednesday
8AM +Charley Boyle by Patti & Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16
Friday after Ash Wednesday
8AM Living Benefactors, Parents, Relatives and Friars of the Franciscan Order

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17
Saturday after Ash Wednesday
8AM +Ruth Romanoski by Pat Cress & Jim Grego
4PM +Bill Krieger by Wife, Ruth

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18
First Sunday of Lent
7AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church
9AM ++Emily & Carl Bielski by Joe, Linda & Family
11AM ++Helen & Thomas Kopitsky by Family

Remember, the Bill-Collector Doesn't Take Off on Snow Days!



When weekend blustery winter conditions (i.e. snow, sleet, icy conditions etc.) prevent your safe travel to Mass, 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. Short falls 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, both in good weather and in bad!

Sanctuary Lamp and

Our Bells are Ringing this Week...

In Memory of James A. Chiavaroli
by Wife, Mary and Daughters

The Week Ahead

Sunday, February 11 – Religious Education Classes - Mandatory 9AM Mass for students, followed by class in the church hall.

Monday, February 12 – Mother Cabrini Bingo in Church Hall – Doors open at 4:30PM – Games begin at 6:15PM

Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday
Distribution of ashes will be at the 8AM Mass, 5PM Prayer Service and 7PM Mass

Friday, February 16 – Stations of the Cross and Confessions 7PM

Due to complications of the weather, the collection totals are not available for the weekend of February 3rd & 4th

Cabrini Men, take notice...

2018 Men's Lenten Retreat Day

On Saturday, March 10, 2018, at Bishop McDevitt High School, the Diocese of Harrisburg will be hosting the 7th annual Diocesan Men's Conference/Retreat. This year's theme is: Men of Mary, Mercy and the Eucharist.

There will be many outstanding workshops presented throughout the course of the morning and afternoon. There will also be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, opportunities for confession and the day will culminate with the celebration of Mass with Bishop Gainer as Principal Celebrant.

Pre-Registration is required. Information fliers are available on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church as well as by the elevator entrance.

Over the years, this spiritual event, geared for men, has received very favorable reviews. This is a wonderful opportunity for men of Mother Cabrini not only to represent our parish but also provides an excellent day of personal Lenten spiritual refreshment. *Fr. Martin*

PONDER POINT

Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. *Ritual, Distribution of Ashes*





Dear Mother Cabrini Parishioners. . .

Our church's Christmas decorations were taken down and packed away just a few weeks ago. The last of our poinsettias are now in our compost pile. Easter is April 1st this year. The six weeks of Lent are already upon us!

The joyous melodies of the "Gloria" at Mass will not be heard till Easter nor will you hear any "Alleluias". Our sanctuary will be simplified from any superfluous decorations. A stark wooden cross will be positioned near our altar and the penitential color of purple will be used throughout the season. All these external changes help focus our attention that we have begun our time of Lent, 2018.

We are reminded of the three time proven practices from scripture which ought to be part of our Lenten discipline. . . an increase of **Prayer**, a conscious effort to practice **Charity** and the practice of "giving up something" or **Fasting**. By incorporating creative elements of each of these disciplines into our Lenten days, we open our minds and hearts ever wider to the message of Jesus and its transforming effect upon us and our lives. We are not called to be gloomy like the hypocrites but rather transformed in mind and heart as a result of our spiritual practices.

As an additional aid to help our Lenten meditations, the pocket size "*Five Minutes with the Word*" booklets are available at the doors of the church. Please available yourselves to this handy resource and take one home with yourself. Feel free to take additional copies for any shut-ins you may know. As parents or grandparents, please take copies for your children or grandchildren. The material is easy reading and you'll be doing your own personal form of "Evangelization" to the upcoming generation of Catholics.

The purple insert in this weekend's bulletin is meant to be another help to your Lenten practices. Simple, basic, understandable, doable. . . on one hand "fasting," on the other hand, "feasting." Make room on your refrigerator door and post it at eye-level! On the reverse side of the insert you'll find additional Lenten information.

Take advantage of the many opportunities available to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this season of grace. Confessions are heard daily at 7:30AM before Mass and on Saturday afternoons at 3:00PM. If you wish an extended period of time for the Sacrament in a more conversational setting, please feel free to contact either Fr. Martin or Fr. Adam to set an appointment. The deanery wide opportunities for confession will be published next month.

God in his wisdom provides structure and rhythm in our lives through the changing of the seasons, the length of our daylight hours, etc. The Church also provides us with a sense of focus and rhythm with its liturgical calendar. More than just dates on a page, our liturgical times are opportunities of grace and blessing. Let us use Lent 2018 as a time of grace, a time of renewal, a time of God's great blessing!

I greet you in the name of the Lord and wish you a fruitful Lenten-tide! *Fr. Martin*

SEASON OF LENT GUIDELINES



Ash Wednesday,
this Wednesday, February 14th
Distribution of Ashes will be at the
8AM Mass, 5PM Prayer Service
and 7PM Mass.

Lenten "Fast" & "Abstinence"

Catholics 18-59 are required to **fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. Catholics 14 and older are also required to **abstain from meat on those days, and on Lenten Fridays**. According to the U.S. bishops' conference, a person fasting "is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Regarding. . .

Ash Wednesday/Valentine's Day

"This year Ash Wednesday coincides with Valentine's Day (February 14), a largely secular celebration, particularly in the United States. There have been inquiries if a dispensation from the obligations to fast and abstain from meat will be given. As Catholics, we recognize Ash Wednesday as the solemn beginning of a period of prayer, penance, and works of charity. Its spiritual importance is evidenced by the large number of faithful choosing to attend Mass on this day.

In view of the significance of Ash Wednesday, the obligations of fast and abstinence are naturally the priority in the Catholic community. Valentine's Day can appropriately be celebrated on another day, such as Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, which happens to be Mardi Gras, a time of celebration prior to the Lenten journey."

ATTENTION BINGO PLAYERS . . .



WOW...! SOMEONE BROKE THE BANK



Two 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 already up to \$600.** 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 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 last Tuesday. 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 several customers who have committed to purchase 3,024 eggs, so we need your extra production help!!!

This week, we extend special thanks to . . .

Scicchitano Contracting, Inc. in Mt. Carmel

for being one of our Mother Cabrini Parish
bulletin sponsors!

If you see someone from

Scicchitano's

say "thank you" for their sponsorship!

CABRINI BASEBALL REGISTRATION:

The Cabrini Baseball organization is now accepting registration for both boys and girls from the ages of 4 thru 16 for the upcoming 2018 baseball season. The baseball program also has a team for children and young adults with physical and intellectual disabilities. For additional information or to register go to the "Cabrini Baseball" Facebook page by clicking on the google document link or by calling Leo Mirolli at 570-274-3460.

Free Lenten Meditation Booklets



To further enhance your Lenten season, a Special Lenten Edition of *The Word Among Us* is available at the doors of the church. Please take your free copy for the season of Lent. With a commitment of just five minutes a day, you may find this handy during your Lenten Journey.

Exercise Your "Will Power"

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

LENTEN DINNER: Divine Redeemer Church, Mt. Carmel will hold a Macaroni & Cheese / Haluski Dinner on Friday, February 23rd from 12Noon to 2PM. Eat in or take out. Also available take out only Chili by the quart.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS: Holy Angels Parish, Kulpmont will hold Lenten Fish Dinners Fridays during Lent beginning February 16th, 4:00 - 6:00PM in the Activity Center. Dinner includes Soup and Salad bar, Fruit Cup, Baked Fish, Potato, Vegetable, Bread, Dessert and Beverage. Donation \$9.00 for Adults, children 12 & under \$5.00.

Crab Cake Dinner at Our Lady of Hope, Church, Coal Township: Friday, March 3rd from 4PM to 6PM in their Parish Hall, Oak & Chestnut Sts., Coal Township. Dinner includes: two crab cakes, potatoes, cole slaw, dinner roll and dessert. Eat in our take out. Tickets are available at the parish office or at the door the day of the dinner. Donation \$9.00 adults, \$4.00 child.

February 11, 2018
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

The Lord tells Moses and Aaron that anyone bearing the sore of leprosy must first be seen by Aaron or one of the other priests, and that as long as the sore is upon him, "He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Paul instructs the Corinthians to do everything for the glory of God, to avoid offending others, and to be imitators of Christ.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Jesus takes pity on a leper and cures him of his disease with a warning not to say but to show himself to the priest and make an offering. Instead of remaining silent, the leper greatly publicized the healing, making it impossible for Jesus to enter the town openly.

PICNIC 2018 WISH LIST: A couple of years ago, 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. **February item is Crisco Oil.**

LOTTERY WREATH: The youth basketball teams are doing a **LOTTERY WREATH** again this year! Tickets are for \$250 in various amount of lottery scratch offs and a beautiful handmade wreath!



Tickets are \$5 for 1 or \$10 for 3. Please contact Jill Yablonski @ 570-259-5569 if you need any delivered. Drawing date February 13th. Tickets are also available at the parish office! Good luck! Go Comets!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: PCC Corner of Hope Family Resource Center (Pregnancy Care Center) is looking to fill the Client Service Position. This is a full-time position (35 hours/week). For more information or to request an application, please call 570-648-2600 and ask to speak to Margaret Conrad.

Cabrini Easter Egg Production. . .
is off and running!

We had a wonderful group of volunteers (veteran and new recruits!) as we began our famous Cabrini Easter Egg production last week. We always can use extra hands. Come join the fun!

Please Pray For the Sick, especially, Ann Barber, Trent and Traigh Clayton, Nicky Wideman, Laura Wideman, Michael Wideman, Eddie Wideman, Justin Wachter, Craig Fetterman, Bob Hauer, Eunice Kanaskie, George Klemick, Cassandra Senoski, Lucy Surak, Kenneth Kolovich, Austin Zimmerman, Mason Barvitskie, Robert Stoud II, Cynthia Wasielewski, Jeanette Verano, Lauri Mendicin, 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, 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 Hoffman, Gertrude Slawek, Pete Yucha, Carol Grow, Michael Matukaitis, Marie Casper, Sharon Casper, Tina Barnabe, Fred Pensyl and William Edmondson.

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.

Lenten Reflection: The Harrisburg Diocesan Guild of the Catholic Medical Association and the St. Thomas More Society of Central Pennsylvania invites all physicians, health care workers, medical students, and members of the legal profession to the Annual Lenten Reflection on Saturday, February 17, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Diocesan Center (4800 Union Deposit Road).

Penance Service, Reflection and Mass by the Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, D.D., J.C.L.

Please RSVP for planning purposes to Kate Neri at KNeri@hbgdiocese.org.

Forty Hours at Our Lady of Hope Church, Coal Township: Join the Forty Hours celebration at Our Lady of Hope Parish, 863 W. Chestnut Street, Coal Township, PA from Sunday (3/4/18) through Wednesday (3/6/18), 7-8 PM. Guest Speaker: Sister Patricia McCormack, IHM, Ed. D.



Please Pray for our Troops and Their Families