

# Mass Intentions

In Memory of George "Norge" Dorko by Crone Family

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 – Vigil Mass

4PM ++Mary Zebrowski by Joe & Judy

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

#### First Sunday of Advent

7AM ++Helen & Thomas Smith

by Tom Smith & Family

9AM ++Dennis Covalski, Jr. by Mom, Dad & Denny III

11AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

#### St. Francis Xavier

8AM +Chet Sowel by Irene & Family

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

#### St. John Damascene

8AM +Mary Patynski (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) by friend

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

#### First Week of Advent

8AM +Frank & Sophia Smulski by Daughter, Sandy

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

#### St. Nicholas

8AM +Robert O'Neill by Ann Marie

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

#### St. Ambrose

8AM +Lee C. Patrick by Wife, Sandy

7PM ++All the Deceased Members  
of Mother Cabrini Church

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

#### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8AM Living Confreres, Parents, Relatives & Benefactors

of the Franciscan Order

4PM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

#### Second Sunday of Advent

7AM +Arthur Schicatanio by Joe & Deb

9AM +Vince & Grace Tamkus by Tamkus Family

11AM +Albert Bates by Wife, Doris & Children

#### Tabernacle Flowers I & II

In Memory of Chet Sowel by Irene & Family

#### Tabernacle Candles

In Memory of Frank Xenia & Fran Gulba  
by Denise McCaffery & Family

**Our Church Bells are Ringing this Week. . .**

### Sunday, December 2 – Religious Education Classes.

Mandatory 9AM Mass for students, followed by class in the church hall.

### Monday, December 3 - Mother Cabrini Bingo

Doors open at 4:30PM – Games begin at 6:15PM. Come try your luck to "try to break the bank".

*Advent Penance Services begin next week,  
Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.  
See locations in bulletin.*

#### Collection Totals for the weekend of November 18, 2018

Offertory:	\$4,289.00
Votives:	113.25
Parish Dues:	280.00
Parish Property Insurance:	171.00
Closing of 40 Hours Devotions:	354.41
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,207.66</b>
Matthew 25:	\$ 611.80
Franciscan Seminarians:	\$ 927.00

#### Collection Totals for the weekend of November 25, 2018

Offertory:	\$3,910.06
Votives:	124.00
Parish Dues:	107.00
Thanksgiving:	51.00
Lourdes School Assessments:	1,017.13
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,209.19</b>
Matthew 25:	\$ 100.00
Franciscan Seminarians:	\$ 165.00

### AS WE PREPARE FOR ADVENT - 2018 LET US PRAY. . .

O Life-Shaping Potter, Come~  
Mold us into your Advent people  
as we make ready for the coming of Christ.  
Form us into empty vessels and  
let every heart prepare him room,  
let every mind clear him space,  
let every soul invite him in.  
Pour into us the  
hope, peace, joy and love of Jesus  
as we journey towards the celebration  
of his birth. Amen.

**“ON WEEK” Report**  
**2018 Bishop’s Appeal Data. . .**

As of November 26<sup>th</sup>, here are our “refreshed data” for our Mother Cabrini Parish 2018 Appeal Stewardship Obligation to the Diocese:

- 1 new gift and 1 “add to my previous gift” received, \$150.42 total;
- 253 Cabrini Households have responded with their contributions;
- 30.1% Cabrini Household have brought us to 75.8% of goal, 253/841;
- \$25,453 collected in gifts and pledges;
- 75.8% of goal achieved to date, \$25,453/\$33,600;
- Only \$8,146.58 remains to reach our goal, spread out among 69.9% of the parish;
- Average gift to date: \$100.61;
- Waiting to hear from 588 Cabrini Households, 69.9% of the parish;
- Largest Appeal gift, \$1,000; smallest gift, \$3; a broad spectrum of gift amounts in between.

*Heartfelt thanks* to each of the 253 Cabrini Households who have helped us get to this point in the Appeal campaign. *The books close on the last day of December for the 2018 Appeal. I ask the 588 Cabrini Households who have not yet responded to help Cabrini close the Appeal gap.* Even a \$25, \$20 or \$10 gift would help the parish. The shortfall of not reaching our goal will have to come out of our ordinary/fund-raising income. **“LARGE, SMALL or IN THE MIDDLE, your gift/your participation is crucial to helping the parish meet its stewardship goal!”** Thanks all! Fr. Martin

**ATTENTION BINGO PLAYERS . . .**  
**COME BREAK OUR BANK**  
**FOR CHRISTMAS!**

Not too long ago, one of our lucky bingo players “Broke the Bank” and took home \$1,000 in cash. Congratulations! **Our new Break the Bank is already up to \$1,100.** 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.



**LAST CALL FOR**  
**MONK’S BREAD. . .**

**DON'T FORGET TO**  
**RETURN YOUR CHRISTMAS MONK'S**  
**BREAD & BISCOTTI ORDERS BY**  
**NOON THIS MONDAY,**  
**DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> !**

**Christmas Wafers / “Oplatki”**

Christmas Wafers (Oplatki) are available at the parish office, **Monday through Friday, 8AM to 4PM**



**2019 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!

**Bingo Certificates are now available at the parish office during office hours (\$16 & \$23). They make a great Christmas Stocking Stuffer for your favorite Bingo player!**

**ATTENTION PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND CHILDREN!**

The narrated Christmas Pageant has been a long standing tradition here at Mother Cabrini Church. 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 (7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> graders); star; narrators (6<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> to sign



up. If enough children sign up by the deadline, a practice will be held on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6PM in the Church. May God bless you for your interest and support in continuing this Christmas tradition!



## Upcoming Advent Penance Services

**Sunday, December 9**

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

**Monday, December 10**

Holy Angels, Kulpmont

**Tuesday, December 11**

Holy Rosary, Elysburg

**Wednesday, December 12**

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

**Thursday, December 13**

St. Patrick, Trevorton

**All Penance Services begin at 7PM**

## Mother Cabrini Memorials

### In Memory of *Mildred Wasilewski*

\$25 by Mr. & Mrs Lee Morgan

\$25 by Jan Kanaskie

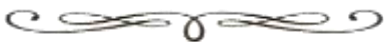
\$25 by JoAnn Betsher

\$15 by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Krieger & Family

\$10 by Tracey Madden

### In Memory of *Mary Pacetta*

\$20 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.

## 2018 Advent Meditation Booklets



So many Cabrini parishioners have commented that they look forward to using our *5 Minutes a Day - Advent Meditation Booklets* as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. Our supply of booklets are available at the doors of the church. Pick up your copy on the way out of church. Share them with shut-ins, family members, grandchildren etc.! May your Advent journey bring you

to the warmth of the Christ child! Say a prayer for the generous benefactor who paid for this year's booklets.

*Fr. Martin*



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

Calling all able bodies on Sunday (December 23<sup>rd</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!

**ANNUAL CARING TREE:** Advent begins this Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 or a Walmart gift card which will be used to purchase 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!



## Token of Gratitude...

Let's show our appreciation to our Altar Servers! **On the weekend of December 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<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.



**As the weather is getting colder** and some of our Mother Cabrini parishioners may move to 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!

**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, Cassondra 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, 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, Maryann Christiana, Candy Spears, Bryan McSurdy, Kristy & Huxley Hoffman, Gertrude Slawek, Pete Yucha, Carol Grow, Michael Matukaitis, Marie Casper, Sharon Casper, Tina Barnabe, Fred Pensyl, Barbara Ann Verano, Denise Hale, Marie Bondura, Fred Pensyl, Michael McAnulty, Jamie Pellowski, Marie Bondura, Pauline Bondura, Charlotte Moeller, William Benner, Nikola Kolovic, Judy Dobscha, Mary Ann Persavage, Shelly Greco, Dennis Mall, Angel Witmer, Dennis Christiana, Faith Ann Smink, Tony Verano, Sr, Doris Bates, Goldie Mae Kerstetter, Bishop Ronald Gainer, Maxine Malloy, Gregg Keshecki, Robert Wolfe and Bill Bordell.

**A THANKSGIVING RECOGNITION. . .**  
 To our local Knights of Columbus, Council #458 and all who helped with the preparations, serving, delivery, and cleanup of the wonderful Thanksgiving meal served at the Knights Hall on Independence Street. The majority of helpers were Mother Cabrini parishioners. Over 270 dinners were served to folks at the hall and/or delivered to local families. (*Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you?*) This was no small task. Also, 80 coats were distributed. (*Lord, when did we see you naked and clothed you?*) Well done! A similar dinner is being planned for Christmas Day at the Knights.



**FREE MAGIC SHOW TICKETS:**

We have nine free children tickets to the *Brent Kessler Magician Show* at Mt. Carmel Area High School Auditorium for Sunday, December 16, 2018 - 2PM Show. Sponsored by Saint Pauline Center. Come to the parish office to claim your tickets!

**December 2, 2018  
 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**  
 The Lord tells of fulfilling the promise he had made to Israel. He will send a replacement for David, someone who "shall do what is right and just in the land," believed by most to mean Jesus.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2**  
 Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be ready for the coming of the Lord. He explains that although they are conducting themselves in a way that would please God, they should always strive to do even better.

**Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**  
 Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should.



***The 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***

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



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 BISCOTTI ORDERS BY NOON THIS  
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