

# Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 – Vigil Mass**  
4PM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

7AM +Arthur Schicatano by Joe & Deb  
9AM ++Vince & Grace Tamkus by Tamkus Family  
11AM +Albert Bates by Wife, Doris & Children

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 10**

**Second Week of Advent**

8 AM ++James & Daughter, Helene (Carsto) Chiavaroli  
by Wife & Mother, Mary Chiavaroli & Family

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11**

**St. Damasus I**

8 AM +Ann Marie Shaw by Husband, Robert

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

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

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13**

**ST. Lucy**

8 AM +Eugene Purcell by Wife, Rosie

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14**

**St. John of the Cross**

8 AM +Frances Rumberger by Husband, William & Vic

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15**

**Second Week of Advent**

8 AM ++Walter & Helen Zotkewicz by Family  
4 PM +Joseph Kobos by Children

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

7 AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church  
9 AM +Joseph Bielski, Jr. by Nieces & Nephews  
11 AM +Mark & Julia Palko & Son, Joseph  
by Betty Gilger & Family

## *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**

## **Tabernacle Flowers I**

In Memory of Irene and Joseph Mirack  
by Family

## **Tabernacle Flowers II**

In Memory of Barbara and Alexander Cillo  
by Family

## **Tabernacle Candles**

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

## **Sanctuary Lamp**

In Memory of Bernard & Catherine Pultynovich  
by Crone Family

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

In Memory of Robert & Louise Hauer  
by Anna Hauer & Family

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**

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

*Advent Penance Services begin this week,  
Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.  
See complete list of Deanery Penance  
Services in bulletin.*

**Monday, December 10 - Mother Cabrini Bingo**  
Doors open at 4:30PM – Games begin at 6:15PM. Come try your luck to “try to break the bank”.

### **Collection Totals for the weekend of December 2, 2018**

<b>Offertory:</b>	<b>\$3,821.00</b>
<b>Votives:</b>	<b>83.80</b>
<b>Parish Dues:</b>	<b>196.00</b>
<b>Parish Property Maintenance:</b>	<b>977.55</b>
<b>Lourdes School Assessments:</b>	<b>107.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,185.35</b>
<b>Franciscan Seminarians:</b>	<b>\$ 16.00</b>



**As we move into winter** 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!

**“OFF 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.

**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!



**ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST:** The Shamokin Knights of Columbus will hold an “*all you can eat breakfast*” on Sunday, January 6, 2019 from 8AM to 12Noon. Breakfast includes eggs, French toast, bacon, sausage, home fries, coffee/tea, orange juice and toast. \$8.00 adults - \$4.00 child.

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!

Included in this week’s bulletin is the latest edition “*The St. Anthony Companion*,” a publication of our Friar’s *Our Lady of the Angels Province*. Take a peek on page six. Shamokin made this issue!



**LIGHTING YOUR  
ADVENT JOURNEY!**



## Advent Penance Services

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

### 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

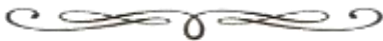
### Wednesday, December 12

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 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

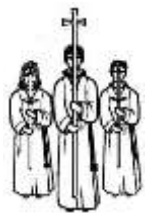
always looks so beautiful for Christmas but the final result doesn't fall from the heavens. . . it is the product of a fine group of volunteers who pull it all together. If you can, come give just an hour, or more of your time to your parish. Many hands make light work. Come decorate God's house for Jesus' birthday! We can use YOU!

**ANNUAL CARING TREE:** Advent began last 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! **This weekend, 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 are 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.



If you see Fr. Adam next Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, wish him a Happy Birthday!

support of Lourdes Tuition Sense Program.

**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, Bill Bordell and Teodoro Catorce.

**December 9, 2018  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9**

Baruch tells Jerusalem to rejoice because of God's plan to bring his exiled people back to Jerusalem. He emphasizes God's power and describes his plan to lower mountains and fill gorges to make their journey easier.

**Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11**

Paul encourages the Philippians to love each other completely. He hopes that their love and understanding will continue to grow so that they are prepared for the return of Christ.

**Gospel: Luke 3:1-6**

Luke describes the work John the Baptist carried out to help people prepare for the birth of Jesus. Luke also discusses who was in power at the time, which helped historians to figure out the exact dates of certain events, including Jesus' birth.

**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*



**FREE MAGIC  
SHOW TICKETS:**

We have seven 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!

**Lourdes Regional Pot 'O Gold Ticket  
drawing, this Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**



**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! The same grateful thanks to our local Knights of Columbus for refurbishing the church outdoor manger.

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



**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



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