

# Mass Intentions

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 – Vigil Mass

4PM +Joseph Kobos by Children

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

### Third Sunday of Advent

7AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

9AM +Joseph Bielski, Jr. by Nieces & Nephews

11AM ++Mark & Julia Palko & Son, Joseph  
by Betty Gilger & Family

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

### Third Week of Advent

8AM +Daniel Schwalm by Wife, Pat & Family

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

### Third Week of Advent

8AM ++Kyle & Michael Greaver by Len & Jean Kaskie  
and Family

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

### Third Week of Advent

8AM ++Violet & Alphonse Dudeck by Georgine

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

### Third Week of Advent

8AM +Theodore Vinitzki by Vinitzki Family

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

### ST. Peter Canisius

8AM +Josephine Bobroski by Lenny & Cheryl Waugh

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

### Third Week of Advent

8AM ++Jean & Anthony Apollo by Leonard & Jean  
Kaskie & Family

4PM +Cioci Edna Sierpina (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
by Dot Argenziano & Fr. Martin

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

7AM ++Justine & Francis Swartz  
by Granddaughter, Danielle

9AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church  
11AM ++Stanley, Mary, Stanley, Jr., John, MaryAnn  
and Gerald Slaby by Jacqueline & Sylvia

## Tabernacle Flowers I

In Memory of Bernard & Catherine Pultynovich  
by Crone Family

## Tabernacle Flowers II

In Memory of John Niedzwiecki  
by Wife, Margaret, Children & Grandchildren

## Tabernacle Candles

In Memory of Daniel Schwalm by Wife, Pat & Family

## Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Mark & Julia Palko & Son, Joseph  
by Betty Gilger & Family

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

For Deceased Members of Hauer & Negherbon Families  
by Mike & Peg Hauer & Family

## The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 16 – Religious Education  
Classes. Mandatory 9AM Mass for students, followed  
by class in the church hall.

Monday, December 17 – No Mother Cabrini Bingo  
tonight – Christmas break for our workers.

## Collection Totals for the weekend of December 9, 2018

Offertory:	\$4,929.00
Votives:	123.00
Parish Dues:	1,260.25
Parish Maintenance:	200.00
Christmas:	113.00
Immaculate Conception:	901.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,526.25</b>
<b>Religious Retirement:</b>	<b>\$ 947.75</b>



**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!

## Exercise Your “Will Power”

If you haven’t done so already, you can include Mother Cabrini Parish in your will through the use of a codicil. Your attorney can advise you on how easy adding a codicil can be.



## 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



## 2018 Bishop's Appeal... "ON WEEK" Report...

As of December 11<sup>th</sup>, here are our "refreshed data"  
for our Mother Cabrini Parish 2018 Appeal  
Stewardship Obligation to the Diocese:

- 3 new gifts received, \$81.00 total;
- 256 Cabrini Households have responded with their contributions;
- 30.4% Cabrini Household have brought us to 76.0% of goal, 256/841;
- \$25,534 collected in gifts and pledges;
- 76.0% of goal achieved to date, \$25,534/\$33,600;
- Only \$8,065 remains to reach our goal, spread out among 69.5% of the parish;
- Average gift to date: \$99.74;
- Waiting to hear from 585 Cabrini Households, 69.5% 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 256 Cabrini Households who have helped us get to this point in the Appeal campaign. *For your tax purposes and to help us close the 2018 Appeal books, we need to receive your gift by FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21st.. HELLO 585 Cabrini Households who have not yet responded. . .* help Cabrini close the '2018 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*

## START OFF THE NEW YEAR BY BREAKING OUR BANK!

\$1,199 "U S DOLLARS" ARE  
WAITING FOR YOU IN 2019!!!

See you on Monday, January 7, 2019

### Bingo Calendar News

There is no bingo this Monday, 12/17, 12/24  
and 12/31/2018

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 7, 2019

(weather permitting)  
Mother Cabrini Bingo Committee wishes  
everyone a very Merry Christmas & a Blessed  
New Year! Thank for your patronage!!!



## ATTENTION, CHURCH DECORATORS!

Calling all able bodies **next 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!

## 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!



## PLEASE NOTE: CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
(No 8AM Mass)

Christmas Eve Masses 4, 8 & 10:30PM

**Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Day Mass 9AM

## 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! Your generous collection was  
\$1,108.00!

*Fr. Martin*



## LIGHTING YOUR ADVENT JOURNEY



### 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 Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and will re-open on Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and re-open on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.**



Monk's Bread/Biscotti  
Pick-up is scheduled for  
Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday,  
December 19<sup>th</sup>  
Enjoy your goodies!



**Annual Christmas Dinner:** The Shamokin Knights of Columbus will hold a Christmas Ham Dinner on Christmas Day from 11AM to 2PM at the Knights hall, located at Rock & Independence Streets. Deliveries will be made to the high-rises and also to shut-ins.

To place an order for delivery, please call Andy at 570-492-0096.

### Mother Cabrini Memorials

**In Memory of Mildred Wasilewski**  
\$25 by Barbara and Dana Marinin

**In Memory of Cynthia Washleski**  
\$20 by Joe & Linda Bielski



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.

**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.**



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



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

John the Baptist answers people who ask him what they should do, leading some to believe he was the Messiah. John clearly states that he will be followed by one so powerful that "I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap."

### Gospel Word Search

COLLECTORS    BAPTISM    EXACT  
 SOLDIERS    EXTORTION    CONTENT  
 WATER    STRAP    SANDALS  
 FIRE    WHEAT    CHAFF

**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.

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### Offertory Gifts at Mass...

If, at a particular weekend Mass, you would like to bring up the offertory gifts at that Mass, simply let your wishes be known to one of the ushers in the rear of the church before Mass begins and they will assist you at the proper time.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

A reminder to please contact the parish office with a change of address if you have moved or are moving. You are important to us and the parish is charged for mail that is returned to us with incorrect address information.



### December 16, 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Zephaniah urges the people of Jerusalem to rejoice because the Lord is in their midst. He conveys the message that God will love and protect those who have remained faithful to him.

#### Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Paul encourages the Philippians to be ready for Christ. He tells them not to worry about their concerns, but to instead ask God's help and allow his peace to fill their hearts and minds.

#### Gospel: Luke 3:10-18



**Please Pray for Our Troops  
 and Their Families**