

# Mass Intentions

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22 – Vigil Mass

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

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

### Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

4PM +Joey Hager by Mom, Angela & Family  
8PM +Mary Patynski by Florence Przybycien  
(Goddaughter)  
10:30PM Intentions of our Friars, Fr. Ed, Fr. Adam  
and Fr. Martin

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

### The Nativity of the Lord

9AM +Ann Marie Smith by Ray & Mary Ellen

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

### St. Stephen

8AM +Susan Yakoboski by Mom, Dad,  
and Brother, David

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

### St. John

8AM +Cecilia Zaneski by Family

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

### The Holy Innocents

8AM ++Joe & Annie Jashinski by Pat & Bill Barrett

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

### St. Thomas Becket

8AM +Betty L. Grego by Son, Jim  
4PM +Allen S. Grow, Jr. by Wife, Irene & Children

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7AM ++Gilda, Josephine, Loretta Fiorenza  
and Rich Knovich by Son, Rick  
9AM ++Troy Griffiths & Betty Pandie  
by Ed & Nani Griffiths  
11AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

### Tabernacle Flowers I

In Memory of Earle Seidel by Wife & Children

### Tabernacle Flowers II

In Memory of Gryskiewicz Family by Rita Seidel

### Mass Candles, Bread & Wine

In Memory of Bernard & Catherine Pultynovich  
by the Crone Family

### Tabernacle Candles

In Memory of Ann Marie Shaw by Husband, Robert

### Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of John Niedzwiecki  
by Wife, Margaret & Family

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

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

### Friary Mass Candles, Bread & Wine

In Memory of Ruth Krieger by Robert, Patti & Family

### Friary Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Ruth Krieger by Robert, Patti & Family

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Sunday, December 23 – No Religious Education Classes today.**

**Monday, December 24 – No Mother Cabrini Bingo Tonight.** Bingo resumes on Monday, January 7, 2019.”

Please see the Mass Schedule for Christmas and The Solemnity of Mary in the bulletin.

### Collection totals for the weekend of December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Offertory:	\$4,825.85
Votives:	109.25
Parish Dues:	251.00
Christmas Flowers:	1,293.00
Christmas:	229.00
Total:	\$6,708.10
Religious Retirement:	\$ 114.00



**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!

### *Express Your “Will Power”*

Help provide for the future of our parish. Remember  
Mother Cabrini Church in your will.

## 2018 Bishop's Appeal . . .

### “OFF 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 '2018Appeal 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*



### 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, 2019!

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

### 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 Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 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!



### Please Pray for our Troops and Their Families



### WE NEED YOU TO HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH THIS WEEKEND!

Calling all able bodies **this Sunday (December 23<sup>rd</sup>) after the 11:00AM Mass** to help decorate 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 need your valuable assistance!





**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.**

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

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
(Christmas Obligation)  
3:30PM Children's Pageant  
4PM – Children's Mass  
8PM Mass  
10:30PM Mass with Brass**

**Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
(Christmas Obligation)  
9AM Christmas Day Mass (NO 8AM Mass)**

**There Will Be Only One Mass  
on Christmas Day**

**Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
4PM Holy Day Vigil Mass**

**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> (Holy Day Obligation)  
The Solemnity of Mary,  
9AM Mass (NO 8AM Mass)**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MASS OPENINGS AVAILABLE for 2019:** 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 9<sup>th</sup> during office hours. Many dates are available for 2019.

**ATTENTION BINGO PLAYERS . . .**



**\$1,199 "U S DOLLARS" ARE  
WAITING FOR YOU IN 2019!!!  
Come, "Try to Break the Bank"  
in the New Year!**

**December Bingo News**

**In Observance of Christmas and New Year's  
Day, there will be no bingo this Monday,**

**12/24,**

**and also Monday, 12/31**

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!!!**



**Annual Christmas Dinner:** The Shamokin Knights of Columbus will hold a Ham Christmas 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.

**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.

### Mother Cabrini Memorial

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



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.

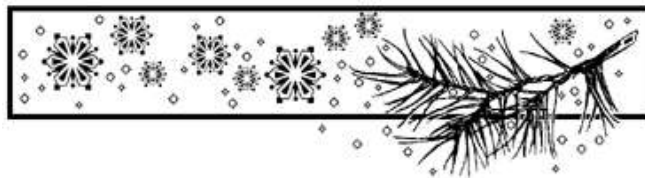
**Please Pray For the Sick**, especially, Ann Barber, Trent and Traigh Clayton, Nicky Wideman, Laura Wideman, Michael Wideman, Eddie Wideman, Justin Wachter, Craig Fetterman, Bob Hauer, Eunice Kanaskie, George Klemick, Cassondra Senoski, Lucy Surak, Kenneth Kolovich, Austin Zimmerman, Mason Barvitskie, 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, Teodoro Catorce, Suzanne Chubb and Russ Jones.

### PONDER POINT

I proclaim to you good news of great joy:  
Today a Savior is born to us,  
Christ the Lord.  
*Luke 2:10-11*



## Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!



### December 23, 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

Micah speaks of the ruler who will come from Bethlehem. He discusses how the people of Israel will be saved from corruption and live in peace.

#### Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Paul describes to the Hebrews how Jesus came into the world and offered to do God's will. We were saved through his sacrifice, the only offering sufficient for the sins of the world.

#### Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Mary paid a visit to Elizabeth, whose baby stirred in her womb upon hearing Mary's greeting. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth was deeply overjoyed that the words God had spoken to Mary had now been fulfilled.

**Free Christmas Concert in the Church at Our Lady of Mount Carmel** 47 S. Market St. Mt. Carmel Thursday December 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM by "*The Lift Your Spirits Performing Arts*". "After the Hustle & Bustle," come and enjoy a musical evening filled with joy, love & hope & celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. (A free-will offering).



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!"