

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

4PM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7AM +Barbara Verano by Children

9AM +Ronald Dimm by Family

11AM +Joann Landers by Husband, James Landers

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

Christmas Weekday

8AM +Mildred Wasilewski by Regina Hoffman

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

Christmas Weekday

8AM ++Deceased Members of the Alter Family
by Bob Alter

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

Christmas Weekday

8AM ++Sophia & Frank Smulski
by Daughter, Sandy Radel

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

Christmas Weekday

8AM +Sylvia Boslego by Nick & Prena Kolovic

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

Christmas Weekday

8AM +George Fliegelman by Wes

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

Christmas Weekday

8AM +Cindy Washleski by Judy Surak

4PM +Fr. Paul Marut, OFM Conv.
by Maryann and Bob

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

The Baptism of the Lord

7AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

9AM ++Candelora Family by Mary Ellen
and Joe Candelora

11AM +Ronald Dimm by Mother



Exercise Your "Will Power"

Did you know that you can easily add Mother Cabrini Church to an already existing will through the use of a codicil? Simply check with your attorney on how it is done.

Tabernacle Flowers I

In Memory of Barbara Verano by Children

Tabernacle Candles

In Memory of John Niedzwiecki (Wedding Anniv.)
by Wife and Family

Our Church Bells are Ringing this Week. . .

In Memory of the Deceased Parishioners
of the former St. Stanislaus School

The Week Ahead

Sunday, January 6 – Religious Education Classes. Mandatory 9AM Mass for students, followed by class in the church hall.

Monday, January 7 – Mother Cabrini Bingo in church hall. Doors open at 4:30PM – games begin at 6:15PM.

Due to a early bulletin printing deadline, the collection totals for December 23rd, Christmas Day and December 30th are not available.



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!



PONDER POINT

We saw his star at its rising and
have come to do homage.

Matthew 2:2



Final Report - Bishop's 2018 Appeal Data
31.5% Of Parishioners Achieved 78.5% of Goal!

**OK Folks, here are our final numbers
as of December 21st . . .**

- 9 new/last gifts received, **\$835.00** total;
- 265 total Cabrini Households responded with their contributions;
- 31.5% Cabrini Household have brought us to **78.5% of goal, 265/841**;
- **\$26,369.42** collected in gifts and pledges;
- **78.5%** of goal achieved, **\$26,369.42/\$33,600**;
- Shortfall of goal was **\$7,230.58**. This amount will now have to come out of our ordinary/fund raising income;
- Average amount of all gifts, **\$99.51**;
- Didn't hear from **576** Cabrini Households, **68.5%** of Parishioner Households;
- **Largest Appeal gift, \$1,000; smallest gift, \$3; a wide spectrum of gift amounts in between.**

Heartfelt thanks to each of the **265** Cabrini Households (and especially those who added to their original gift amounts, some more than once!) who helped us get to **78.5%** of goal. Your participation is/was a blessing for which I express my most sincere thanks. To each and every Mother Cabrini Household who participated with a contribution, **"LARGE, SMALL or IN THE MIDDLE," your gift/your participation all helped our parish come so close meeting its stewardship goal!"** Thank you and God bless you for your charitable giving!!! *Fr. Martin*

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

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

**See you this Monday,
January 7, 2019**

Bingo Gift Certificates still available!



**Come to our
"Christmas Take Down!"
HELP WANTED!**

Calling forth. . . generous "With
Their Time" Mother Cabrini
Parishioners to help with
the church's Christmas
decorations takedown.

DATE: Next Sunday,
January 13, 2019

TIME: After the 11AM Mass

PLACE: Inside church

All are welcome. . . Young, old
and in the middle!



A wonderful "hands on"
volunteer opportunity

to begin the New Year at Mother Cabrini Parish!

**IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO
THINK . . . PICNIC 2019**

WISH LIST: A few 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 beginning January 8th. Thank you, in advance, for your continued support. **January item/items, Crisco Oil, styrofoam plates (10 inch) and 8 ounce styrofoam cups.**



Mother Cabrini Memorial

In Memory of Violet Fitzpatrick
\$10 by Eunice Kanaskie

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.



EPIPHANY HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries, it has celebrated a variety of events. Epiphany comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," "to show," "to manifest" and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to man.

History of the Feast of the Epiphany

Like many of the most ancient Christian feasts, Epiphany was first celebrated in the East going back to the mid-2nd century of Christianity. It has been held from the beginning almost universally on January 6. Today, among both Eastern Catholics and Eastern Orthodox, the feast is known as Theophany—the revelation of God to man.

Epiphany: A Fourfold Feast

Epiphany originally celebrated **four** different events, in the following order of importance: the **Baptism of the Lord**; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the **Wedding in Cana**; the **Nativity of Christ**; and the **Visitation of the Wise Men or Magi** (the Epiphany). Each of these is a revelation of God to man.

At **Christ's Baptism**, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the **Wedding in Cana**, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the **Nativity**, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the **Visitation of the Magi**, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations of the earth.

The End of Christmastide

Eventually, the celebration of the Nativity was separated out, in the West, into Christmas; and shortly thereafter, Western Christians adopted the Eastern feast of the Epiphany, still celebrating the Baptism, the first miracle, and the visit from the Wise Men. Thus, Epiphany came to mark the end of Christmastide—the Twelve Days of Christmas (celebrated in the song), which began with the revelation of Christ to Israel in His Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany.

Over the centuries, the various celebrations were further separated in the West, and now the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Sunday after January 6, and the wedding at Cana is commemorated on the Sunday after the Baptism of the Lord.

Epiphany Customs

In many parts of Europe, the celebration of Epiphany is at least as important as the celebration of Christmas. While in England and her historical colonies, the custom has long been to give gifts on Christmas Day itself, in Italy and other Mediterranean countries, Christians exchange gifts on Epiphany—the day on which the Wise Men brought their gifts to the Christ Child.

In Northern Europe, the two traditions have often been combined, with gift-giving on both Christmas and Epiphany (often with smaller gifts on each of the twelve days of Christmas in between). In the past, though, the main gift-giving day in both Northern and Eastern Europe was usually the feast of Saint Nicholas.

In Poland, celebrations include blessing a piece of chalk which is used to mark the door with the year and the letters "K+M+B," which are based on the first letter of the traditional names of the three kings: Kasper, Melchior and Balthazar.

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The Irish call this day Little Christmas. In Rome, "Epiphania" was transformed into Befana, the great fair held at that season, when sigillaria of terracotta or baked pastry were sold. In Spain, Cuba and some Latin American countries Epiphany day is called El Día de Reyes (Kings' Day, as the Magi are known as the Los Tres Reyes Magos) or Pascua de Negros (Blackmen Christmas). In Spanish tradition, Epiphany is observed with parades and children leave out their shoes to receive gifts from the Kings.

In the US Virgin Islands, Epiphany is a public holiday so shops, government offices and businesses are closed.

In the United States in recent years, some Catholics have tried to revive the fullness of Christmastide. In some families for instance, family members open gifts "from Santa" on Christmas Day, and then, on each of the 12 days of Christmas, the children receive one small gift, before family members open all gifts to one another on Epiphany (after attending Mass for the feast).

Symbols

Various paintings, artworks and sketches show the three wise men and Jesus. Some paintings artworks show the three wise men on the way to Bethlehem or adoring baby Jesus. The kings are important because their visit illustrates that Jesus was the king of all kings who came for the Jews and the Gentiles (the non-Jews).

The star that guides the wise men to Christ also symbolizes Epiphany, as well as the three gifts they gave to Jesus: **Gold** (fit for a king), **Frankincense** (used to worship at a temple) and **Myrrh** (used for burial preparations and/or a healing salve).

And now you know a little more about Epiphany!

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, 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 Varano, Sr., Doris Bates, Goldie Mae Kerstetter, Bishop Ronald Gainer, Maxine Malloy, Gregg Keshecki, Robert Wolfe, Bill Bordell, Teodoro Catorce and Suzanne Chubb.

January 6, 2019 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah rejoices over the light and glory that will shine upon Jerusalem. He describes how the wealth of nations will be brought to Jerusalem, and travelers will arrive bearing gifts and praising God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul explains to the Ephesians that the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews. Through Jesus, they became members of the same body. Therefore, they would receive everything God had promised the Jewish converts if they followed Christ's teachings.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Astrologers from the east came looking for the newborn king of the Jews, which greatly disturbed King Herod. Herod wanted to kill Jesus, and asked the astrologers to return and tell him where Jesus was. The astrologers found Jesus and brought him gifts, but received a message in a dream telling them not to return to Herod.



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