

# Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp  
In Memory of Johnny Kalcich by Mom, Irene

## The Week Ahead

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2 – Vigil Mass**  
4PM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**  
**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7AM +Lawrence “Hap” Kinder  
by Dave & Tricia “Kazmerski” Carey  
9AM +Harry Fedorczak by Marlene and Diane  
11AM +Albert Bates by Wife, Doris and Children

**MONDAY, MARCH 4**  
**St. Casimir**  
8 AM Living Parents, Relatives & Benefactors  
of the Franciscan Order

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5**  
**Eighth Week in Ordinary Time**  
8 AM ++Louis & Helen Lyash  
by Daughter, Mary Chiavaroli & Family

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
8 AM +Anthony Coroniti by Francis Reck  
5 PM Prayer Service  
7 PM +Mary Klemanski by Ronald Jakubowski

**THURSDAY, MARCH 7**  
**Ss. Perpetua & Felicity**  
8 AM ++Sophia & Frank Smulski  
by Daughter, Sandy Radel

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8**  
**St. John of God**  
8 AM +Joseph Mirack by Family

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9**  
**St. Frances of Rome**  
8 AM +Robert Janaskie by Wife, Leona & Family  
4 PM +John W. Fabrizio by Wife, Diane & Family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10**  
**First Sunday of Lent**  
7 AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church  
9 AM +Irene Sobotor by Sobotor Children  
11 AM +Kathleen (Getchey) Polzella  
by Bill, Joanne Gilger & Family

**Sunday, March 3 – Religious Education Classes -**  
Mandatory 9AM Mass for students, followed by class in the church hall.

**Monday, March 4 – Mother Cabrini Bingo in Church Hall** – Doors open at 4:30PM – Games begin at 6:15PM



**Wednesday, March 6 – Ash Wednesday**  
Distribution of ashes will be at the  
8AM Mass, 5PM Prayer Service  
and 7PM Mass

**Friday, March 8 – Stations of the Cross and Confessions** 7PM

### Collection Totals for the weekend of February 24, 2019

Offertory:	\$5,942.00
Votives:	82.00
Parish Fuel:	920.00
Parish Dues:	407.00
Parish Property Insurance:	78.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,429.45</b>

### Remember, the Bill-Collector Doesn't Take Off on Snow Days!



When weekend blustery winter conditions (i.e. snow, sleet, icy conditions etc.) prevent your safe travel to Mass, please remember to bring and add your offertory envelopes to the following week's collection. The parish builds its annual budget based on projected income and projected expenses. Short falls in any weekend collection income strains our ability to pay our regular occurring parish bills. Thank you and God bless all who support their parish, both in good weather and in bad!

### Exercise Your “Will Power”

Express your love and concern for your parish. Remember Mother Cabrini Church when making your estate plans. Include our parish in your will.



### PONDER POINT

Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.  
*Ritual, Distribution of Ashes*





Dear Mother Cabrini Parishioners. . .

Our Church’s Christmas decorations were taken down and packed away just a couple of months ago. Easter is April 21<sup>st</sup> this year. The six weeks of Lent are already upon us!

The joyous melodies of the "Gloria" at Mass will not be heard till Easter nor will you hear any "Alleluias". Our sanctuary will be simplified from any superfluous decorations. A stark wooden cross will be positioned near our altar and the penitential color of purple will be used throughout the season. All these external changes help focus our attention that we have begun our time of Lent, 2019.

We are reminded of the three time proven practices from scripture which ought to be part of our Lenten discipline. . . an increase of **Prayer**, a conscious effort to practice **Charity** and the practice of "giving up something" or **Fasting**. By incorporating creative elements of each of these disciplines into our Lenten days, we open our minds and hearts ever wider to the message of Jesus and its transforming effect upon us and our lives. We are not called to be gloomy like the hypocrites but rather transformed in mind and heart as a result of our spiritual practices.

As an additional aid to help our Lenten meditations, the pocket size "*Five Minutes with the Word*" booklets are available at the doors of the church. Please available yourselves to this handy resource and take one home with yourself. Feel free to take additional copies for any shut-ins you may know. As parents or grandparents, please take copies for your children or grandchildren. The material is easy reading and you'll be doing your own personal form of "Evangelization" to the upcoming generation of Catholics.

The purple insert in this weekend's bulletin is meant to be another help to your Lenten practices. Simple, basic, understandable, doable. . . on one hand "fasting," on the other hand, "feasting." Make room on your refrigerator door and post it at eye-level! On the reverse side of the insert you'll find additional Lenten information.

Take advantage of the many opportunities available to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this season of grace. Confessions are heard daily at 7:30AM before Mass and on Saturday afternoons at 3:00PM. If you wish an extended period of time for the Sacrament in a more conversational setting, please feel free to contact either Fr. Martin or Fr. Jerzy to set an appointment. The deanery wide opportunities for confession will be published next month.

God in his wisdom provides structure and rhythm in our lives through the changing of the seasons, the length of our daylight hours, etc. The Church also provides us with a sense of focus and rhythm with its liturgical calendar. More than just dates on a page, our liturgical times are opportunities of grace and blessing. Let us use Lent 2019 as a time of grace, a time of renewal, a time of God's great blessing!

I greet you in the name of the Lord and wish you a fruitful Lenten-tide! *Fr. Martin*

## Season of Lent Guidelines





**Ash Wednesday,**  
this Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>  
Distribution of Ashes will be at the  
8AM Mass, 5PM Prayer Service  
and 7PM Mass.


### Lenten “Fast” & “Abstinence”

Catholics 18-59 are required to **fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. Catholics 14 and older are also required to **abstain from meat on those days, and on Lenten Fridays**. According to the U.S. bishops’ conference, a person fasting “is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

## ATTENTION BINGO PLAYERS . . .

**CABRINI BINGO**  
**MONDAY, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

 **Our *Break the Bank***   
is holding \$1,199.00 (US DOLLARS)  
for a lucky winner!

 **Please consider donating just a couple of hours a month to the parish by helping at our Monday night bingo games. Our very dedicated current workers who work the floor and the kitchen need assistance. Call the parish office to let us know of your availability for this important parish activity. Thank you!**

# Welcome

## The Mother Cabrini Community Welcomes

### Fr. Jerzy Auguscik, OFM Conv. As Parochial Vicar!

Our parish community extends a warm “Coal Region” welcome to Fr. Jerzy Auguscik, OFM Conv., our new Parochial Vicar. Fr. Jerzy officially begins his ministry with us on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Fr. Jerzy was born in northern Poland, near Gdansk, September 8, 1960. He is one of eight children, the child of +Casimir and +Rozalia Auguscik. He is a member of the “St. Maximilian Kolbe Province” in Poland and is currently “on loan” to the American, “Our Lady of the Angels Province” to assist with ministry.

Our new friar-priest had his initial Franciscan and priesthood formation in Poland. Discerning a call to labor in the foreign missions, he was assigned to the Franciscan mission in Kenya where he was ordained a deacon. He returned to his native Poland for his priestly ordination on May 22, 1993.

Fr. Jerzy spent a total of 12 years in the African missions, 7 years in Kenya and 5 years in Tanzania. He learned his English while in Africa. In addition to his native Polish, he is fluent in English as well as Swahili and Kimeru. He earned a Master’s of Arts Degree in Pastoral Ministry from Boston College in 2010.

Coming to the United States in 2002, Fr. Jerzy has ministered in various parishes, most recently at St. John Parish in Cromwell, Connecticut.

He enjoys hiking and watching different sport activities, especially soccer. Reading various forms of literature, poetry and essays is of particular relaxation for him. He also shared with me that he enjoys gardening, a talent he received from his mom who loved flowers and cultivated lots of house plants. Thank you Jesus! We may have found someone to pick up where Fr. Adam left off!

Welcome Fr. Jerzy; we hope you will quickly feel at home amongst us!



### SHAMOKIN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL HOLD AN “ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST”

at the Knights Social Hall, Rock and Independence Sts. on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 8AM to 12PM. - \$8.00 for adults \$4.00 for small children. Scrambled eggs bacon sausage home fried potatoes, french toast, coffee tea orange juice.

**A Special Note of Thanks.** . . to all who came together last week to bid a fond farewell to Fr. Adam. To all who: had a hand in planning the event; set up and decorated the parish hall; provided all the personalized decorations and favors; donated food 'n drink; served as our hosts & hostesses by manning the kitchen and kept an eye on the food tables; offered tributes; cleaned up following the event; and, a special note of thanks to the many altar servers (current and alumni!) who came in a body to pay tribute to their “teacher”; and to all who attended the social in the parish hall. . . I know Fr. Adam was genuinely touched by all these many kindnesses! We wish him Godspeed and blessings in his new assignment! A grateful shout-out to: Joe Gallina (OIP, Shamokin) who donated our reception sandwiches as well as to Chrissy Geiswite and Frances McGuire and also to the Kaseman & Klemick Families for donating the beverages. *Fr. Martin*



## Cabrini Easter Egg Production. . . is off and running!

We have a wonderful group of volunteers (veteran and new recruits, men and women!) as we continue our famous Cabrini Easter Egg production. Eggs are made every Tuesday through Friday after the 8AM Mass in the church hall. We always can use extra hands. Come join the fun! No experience necessary. We will be happy to train new comers.

## Free Lenten Meditation Booklets

To further enhance your Lenten season, a Special Lenten Edition of *The Word Among Us* is available at the doors of the church. Please take your free copy for the season of Lent. With a commitment of just five minutes a day, you may find this handy during your Lenten Journey. A special note of thanks to the anonymous parishioner who paid for these Lenten booklets.



### Mother Cabrini Memorial

In Memory of *Gregory Scoviak*  
\$10 by Rose Marie Kopyscianski

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, Kirsten Huffnagle, Kelly Hoy, Dolores Scopelliti, Jack Senoski, Mark Senoski, Candida Davis, Phyllis Barrett, Kathy Messimer, Walter Habowski, Bonnie Gunn, Les Schicatanano, 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, Fred Pensyl, Michael McAnulty, Jamie Pellowski, 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, Maxine Malloy, Gregg Keshecki, Robert Wolfe, Bill Bordell, Teodoro Catorce, Suzanne Chubb, Vincent Wasielewski, Robbi Hartman, Russ Jones, Maryann Hartman, Dan Polyniak, Maria Lazzarevich, Patrick Latsha and Jenny Berry.



**Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Knights of Columbus Casey Club** on Saturday, March 16, 2019. Callanish a four-member all woman Celtic band featuring three-part vocal harmonies with a variety of instruments, performing traditional music from Ireland and Scotland will be making a return engagement at the Knights of Columbus Casey Club, 400 E. Independence Street, Shamokin. They play a variety of lively dance tunes like jigs and reels love songs, ballads and Irish drinking songs. Also appearing will be the TIR na NOG Irish step dancers. Doors open at 6PM, show starts at 7PM. For information and tickets, please call 570-648-8942 or 570-648-6136. Admission \$10. Tickets are available at the Knights of Columbus Casey Club. Refreshments will be available. Open to the public.



*Please Pray for Our Troops and Their Families.*

**March 3, 2019  
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7**

This reading explains that quality and truth in conversation is a test for humankind. Only after listening to a person's reasoning can we know the mind of another.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58**

Paul speaks of the mystery of transformation that is victory over death when our mortality puts on immortality. We are encouraged by Paul to be steadfast and immovable, filling our lives with the work of the Lord.

**Gospel: Luke 6:39-45**

Today, Jesus teaches through the use of parables, first encouraging us to be like the teacher, understand that the blind cannot lead the blind. Jesus also reminds us that only the heart's good treasure produces good. In order to remain steadfast, we must heed what Jesus tells us. If we hear God's word, our foundation will be strong, unshaken, steadfast, built upon rock.



**Lenten Dinner at Divine Redeemer Church, Mt. Carmel:** Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at Divine Mercy Hall, 400 Block West Cherry Street, Mt. Carmel. Macaroni & Cheese, (with or without Fish) - Stewed Tomatoes, Cole Slaw, Roll and Dessert - 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM / 4:00 to 6:00 PM - Macaroni & Cheese, \$8.00 without Fish - \$10.00 with Fish.

**Crab Cake Dinner at Our Lady of Hope Church, Coal Township,** Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> - 4PM to 6PM in the parish hall, corner of Oak & Chestnut Streets. Donation, \$9.00/Adult - \$4.00 Child. Dinner includes: two crab cakes, mac & cheese with stewed tomatoes, dinner roll, and dessert. Eat in or take out. Tickets are available at the church office or at the door the day of the dinner.

**Holy Angles Church, Kulpmont:** Fish Dinners will be held on the following Fridays during Lent at Holy Angels Activity Center: March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29 & April 5. Dinner will be served 4:00-6:00PM - Donation \$9.00 adult - Children 12 & under \$5.00 - Dinner includes baked fish, potato, vegetable, coleslaw, soup and salad bar, dessert and beverage. - Eat-in or Take-out.