

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

St. Andrew

8AM +Vincent Stefanowicz, Sr.
by Pat & Mike Toucheloskie
4PM +James A. Chiavaroli by Wife, Mary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

First Sunday of Advent

7AM +Betty Grego by Son, James
9AM +Troy K. Griffiths, +Betty Pandie
and +Leilani Kalanui Kamokaokalani
by Ed & Nani Griffiths
11AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

First Week in Advent

8AM +Deceased Parents, Relatives & Benefactors
of the Franciscan Order

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

St. Francis Xavier

8AM +Chet Sowel by Wife, Irene & Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

St. John Damascene

8AM Living Parents, Relatives & Benefactors
of the Franciscan Order

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

First Week in Advent

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

St. Nicholas

8AM +Patti Ann Bidding by Sol Bidding

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

St. Ambrose

8AM +Gene Purcell by Rosie
4PM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Second Sunday of Advent

7AM +Arthur Schicatano by Joe & Deb
9AM +Justine Picarelli by Family
11AM +Albert Bates by Wife, Doris & Children

PONDER POINT

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel!
9th Century, Latin Chant



Tabernacle Flowers I & II

In Memory of Chet Sowel by Wife, Irene & Family

Sanctuary Lamp

In Thanksgiving

Our Church Bells are Ringing this Week. . .

In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Walter & Kathleen Hager Family: Walter, Kathleen, Thomas, David, Pinny, Joe, Mike, Mary Lou, Chris and Beloved Nephew, Joey Hager by Family

The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 1 – No Religious Education Classes today (Thanksgiving Holiday.) Classes will resume next Sunday, December 8th. Mandatory 9AM Mass for students, followed by class in the church hall

Monday, December 2 – Mother Cabrini Bingo in Church Hall. Doors open at 4:30PM – Games begin at 6:15PM.

Due to an early bulletin printing deadline the collection totals for the weekend of November 24th are not available



As the weather is getting colder 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!

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.



memory of their loved ones.



LAST CALL FOR MONK'S BREAD...

**DON'T FORGET TO
RETURN YOUR CHRISTMAS MONK'S
BREAD & BISCOTTI ORDERS BY
NOON THIS MONDAY,
DECEMBER 2nd!**

Payment must accompany your bread order no later than this Monday, December 2nd by Noon either at the parish office window, via mail or the weekend collection. We'll phone the Abbey with our numbers later that afternoon. Your delicious products may be picked up at the parish office 8AM to 4PM on Wednesday, December 18th and Thursday, December 19th. **NOTE: the parish office will be closed December 24th, 25th and 26th in observance of Christmas.**

**Bingo Certificates (\$16 & \$23)
are available at the parish office during
office hours. They make a great a
Christmas Stocking Stuffer for
your favorite Bingo player!**



**Regardless of: Sleet,
Snow, Rain or Sun.** . . . Our wonderful Knights of Columbus will be spearheading the set-up of Cabrini's Christmas manger scene in front of church on **Saturday, December 7th after the 8AM Mass.** Many hands will make light work. Calling forth any/all volunteers, to come help set up this annual & beautiful Nativity display.

Christmas Wafers / "Oplatki"

Christmas Wafers (Oplatki)
are available at the parish office,
Monday through Friday, 8AM to 4PM

2020 Parish Calendars are available in the vestibule of the church and also at the parish office. One calendar per household this weekend. Additional calendars may be taken in the weeks to follow. Special thanks to Leonard J. Lucas, Jr. of **Lucas Funeral Home** for helping us underwrite the cost of this year's calendar. Thank you Mr. Lucas!



'19 Diocesan Annual Campaign

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, there was a early bulletin printing deadline. The following data is as of October 28th.

- **135** Cabrini Households have participated or **16.3%** (**135/829**) of our active registered Cabrini households;
- Total received in gifts and pledges **\$17,046**;
- Average gift as of this report is **\$126.27**;
- **135** Cabrini Households have brought us to 49.1% of goal (\$17,046/\$34,700);
- Please God, in the weeks ahead, we hope to hear from the remaining **694** Cabrini Households (**83.7%** of the parish, **694/829**) to help us close the **\$17,654** gap.

I extend my most sincere thanks to each of those **134** Cabrini Households who have brought us to almost **50%** mark of our 2019 Campaign goal. I appeal to all Cabrini households to join with your fellow parishioners to help the parish meet its stewardship responsibility to the Diocese. All monies collected through the Campaign, fund very important charitable works within the Diocese. So, every household's participation is critical. Any unpaid balance of the '19 Campaign will have to come out of our ordinary parish income. . . and that hurts the parish financially. *Large, small or in the middle, every household's gift and every household's participation is important to our common success.* My "**Sincerest Thank You**" and a "**God Bless You!**" to our **135** household participants!! *Fr. Martin*

**WOULDN'T IT BE NICE TO WIN
\$1,199 IN CASH JUST IN TIME
FOR CHRISTMAS. . . THEN COME
AND BREAK OUR BINGO BANK!!!**

Eventually, one of our lucky bingo players always breaks the bank and takes home \$1,199 in cash. **Our new Break the Bank is already up to \$1,199.** 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.



Mother Cabrini Parish expresses gratitude to those families who, throughout the year, suggest and encourage memorials to the parish in



Upcoming Advent Penance Services

Sunday, December 8

Mother Cabrini and Our Lady of Hope
at Our Lady of Hope, Coal Township

Monday, December 9

Holy Angels, Kulpmont

Tuesday, December 10

Holy Rosary, Elysburg

Wednesday, December 11

Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Divine Redeemer
at Divine Redeemer, Mt. Carmel

Thursday, December 12

St. Patrick, Trevorton

All Penance Services begin at 7PM

Knights of Columbus Casey Club Breakfast:

The next Casey Club all you can eat breakfast will be held on Sunday, December 15th from 8AM to 11:30AM at the Knights of Columbus Casey Club hall. The breakfast consists of eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries and French toast along with juice, toast, jelly, coffee and tea. Adults: \$8.00 – Children (12 and under) \$4.00. Open to the public.



PIEROGI NEWS: All of our cottage cheese pierogi have been sold out. A limited amount of the potato/cheese pierogi will be available for sale **this weekend, November 30 & December 1st** in the parish hall after the weekend Masses (while supply lasts.)

ANNUAL CARING TREE:

Advent begins this Sunday, December 1st. 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!



SAVE THE DATE... WE NEED YOUR CHRISTMAS DECORATING HELP!!!

Calling all able bodies on Sunday (December 22nd) 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!

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 (7th or 8th graders); star; narrators (6th 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 9th to sign up. If enough children sign up by the deadline, a practice will be held on Wednesday, December 18th at 6PM in the Church. May God bless you for your interest and support in continuing this Christmas tradition!



2019 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 Frielers, who donated the booklets in memory of their loved ones.

Fr. Martin



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, Jack Senoski, Mark Senoski, Candida Davis, Kathy Messimer, 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, Marie Casper, Sharon Casper, Tina Barnabe, Barbara Ann Verano, Fred Pensyl, Jamie Pellowski, Charlotte Moeller, William Benner, Nikola Kolovic, Mary Ann Persavage, Shelly Greco, Dennis Mall, Angel Witmer, Dennis Christiana, Faith Ann Smink, Tony Varano, Sr., Goldie Mae Kerstetter, Maxine Malloy, Gregg Keshecki, Robert Wolfe, Bill Bordell, Teodoro Catorce, Suzanne Chubb, Vincent Wasielewski, Robbi Hartman, Russ Jones, Maryann Hartman, Maria Lazzarevich, Patrick Latsha, Jenny Berry, John Rauch, Mark Krzykwa, Helen Gallagher, Eleanor Kissel, Mary Lou Hoffa, Sharon Williams, Alex & Shirley Stefanowicz, Mary Fabrizio, Kathy Purcell, Gloria Koyack, Fred Pensyl, McKenzie Navarra, Lorraine Gusick, Dennis Shuey, Dorothy and Robert Yakoboski, Pat Barrett, Gina Fox, Daniel Weaver, Joe Rocuskie, Lewis Snyder, Kapukui Sykes, Jim Logic, Darlene Bressi, Tammy Hancock and Kathy Marquez.

Lourdes Regional Pot 'O Gold

Tickets: The Lourdes Pot 'O Gold Tickets have been placed in the vestibule of the Church. As an added incentive, Mother Cabrini Parish will receive \$.50 on each ticket sold through the parish. Therefore, **be sure to return your completed ticket stubs and money to the parish office via mail, the weekend collection or the parish office.** If you need extra tickets, they are available at the parish office. Please try to sell as many tickets as possible to your friends, co-workers, neighbors, relatives and don't forget yourself! **All ticket stubs must be returned to the parish office no later than noon this Wednesday, December 4th.**

Drawing will take place on Sunday, December 15th.



**December 1, 2019
First Sunday of Advent**

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. "You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."

Pink rosaries were found in the church a few months ago. They were broken and a parishioner took them home and repaired them. If they are your rosaries, they can be claimed in the vestibule of the church

**LOURDES SCHOOL
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:**

6 hours Assistant Head Cook. Must be able to lift at least 20-30 lbs. Hours of work 7:00AM to 1:00PM. Can be subject to change to assist the head cook with meal preparation, serving meals and whatever chores need to be completed. Applications can be picked up at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School.

The First Week of Advent

*Prepare for Jesus'
Birth by . . .*



*Mending a quarrel,
Forgoing a grudge, forgiving and reconciling
Performing random acts of charity,
Welcoming of or at least smiling at a stranger*



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR
TROOPS
AND THEIR FAMILIES**