

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 – Vigil Mass

4PM +Frances Rumberger by Husband, William and Victor

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)

7AM +Ann Marie Shaw by Husband, Robert
9AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church
11AM +Joseph Kobos by Children

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

Third Week in Advent

8AM +Theodore Vinitiski by Vinitiski Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Third Week in Advent

8AM +Daniel R. Schwalm by Wife, Pat & Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Third Week in Advent

8AM +Hattie Andruskiewicz
by Andruskiewicz Children

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Third Week in Advent

8AM +Frank Purcell by Daughter, Kathy

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Third Week in Advent

8AM +Rose Bolick by Bolick Children

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

St. Peter Canisius

8AM +Lee C. Patrick by Wife, Sandy Radel
4PM +Ann Marie Shaw, by Husband, Robert

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7AM +Joseph Bielski, Jr. by Nephews & Nieces
9AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church
11AM +Cioci Edna by Family

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



Mass Candles/Bread & Wine

In Memory of Frank, Zenia & Fran Gulba
by Tamkus Family & Barbara Zimmerman

Tabernacle Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Frank, Xenia and Fran Gulba
by Denise McCaffery and Family

Our Church Bells are Ringing this Week...

In Memory of the Deceased of the
Hauer and Negherbon Families
by Mike & Peg Hauer and Family

The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 15 – Religious Education
Classes today. Mandatory 9AM Mass for students,
followed by class in the church hall

Monday, December 16 – Mother Cabrini Bingo in
Church Hall. Doors open at 4:30PM – Games begin at
6:15PM.

Next Sunday, December 22 – Christmas decorating in
church after 11AM Mass.

Collection Totals for the weekend of December 8, 2019

Offertory:	\$5,020.90
Votives:	105.00
Parish Dues:	509.00
Parish Maintenance:	251.00
Immaculate Conception:	868.00
Total:	\$6,753.90
Religious Retirement:	\$1,027.00



OUCH!!! Two weeks ago,
the snow storm on Sunday,
December 1st really hurt our
Mass attendance and subsequently our offertory
income. If you were unable to be with us for
that Sunday, please drop in your offertory
gift/envelopes in the upcoming collections.

PLEASE NOTE: CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24th

(No 8AM Mass)

Christmas Eve Masses 4, 8 & 10:30PM

Wednesday, December 25th

Christmas Day Mass 9AM

Sharing My Thoughts. . .

It seems like this year, Christmas and the New Year are arriving faster than ever! As we close 2019, a major concern of mine as pastor is the shortfall we are experiencing in our Annual Diocesan Campaign. I have kept you posted as to our *Campaign* progress via the reports in our parish bulletin.

Last week, we broke the 51% mark of reaching our goal. That was achieved by only 17% (143) of the parish's households participating. 83% of Cabrini Households (686) have not yet participated. At this point in time, we are well below where we were last year at this time.

I sincerely implore those households who have not yet made a contribution to please come on board to help us move closer to our goal with your gift. As I've indicated, our *Campaign* shortfall will have to be paid out of our ordinary income and our fund-raising income. That put an additional strain on our parish's budget.

I am very much aware of the terrible effect which the Church crisis has had upon all of us, myself included. But remember, evil "wins" if folks allow this crisis. . . to doubt or abandon their faith; to harden their hearts to the practice of Christian charity; or that somehow by withholding our donation, we will "punish" the Bishop.

Bishop Gainer did not cause the situation. As our Bishop, he is tasked to helping clean it up and has gone to great lengths to heal wounds and make things right. So many good and charitable programs in the Diocese depend upon the financial support which come from the *Campaign*. A small gift, or a medium size gift or a large gift from you will be of great assistance in helping Cabrini reach its 2019 goal or at least come close to reaching it before the *Campaign* closes.

I thank most sincerely all those who have contributed this year. I implore those households who have not, to please find it in your heart to make your contribution before the end of December.

Thank you, God bless you. *Fr. Martin*



"Warm" Thanks!

The need was presented & folks responded! The St. Francis Club, 12 Cabrini parishioners and "a friend of Mother Cabrini" responded most generously to the recent call for financial assistance regarding the expenses associated with replacing the church expansion tank and stove at the friary. Fourteen donations were received for a total of \$3,680.00. That very generous response covers the replacement of the tank and stove. The surplus amount covers the '19 Fall service charge for maintaining all our parish's various heating systems and then some. A number of the donors asked that their names not be published. However, God sees these good deeds and ultimately, that's what matters! God bless you donors and "warm" heartfelt thanks from the Cabrini community!
Fr. Martin

Thanks and Appreciation. . . to all those parishioners who responded so generously to: **A. The Franciscan Seminarians Collection** and **B., The Aged Religious Collection**. Your gracious support is most appreciated. God bless you for your generosity!

MOTHER CABRINI MEMORIALS

In Memory of Arthur Feudale
\$125 by Nephew, Richard Feudale

In Memory Anna Kanaskie
\$25 by Eunice Kanaskie
\$10 by Janet 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.

**LAST CHANCE IN DECEMBER!!!
COME AND TRY TO "BREAK OUR
BANK" AND WIN \$1,199 IN CASH,
JUST IN TIME FOR
CHRISTMAS!**

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 Christmas Bingo

Special: Mother Cabrini Bingo will be celebrating Christmas a bit early at the December 16th bingo game! Every paid admission will receive a gift of candy and a dauber at the 12/16/19 bingo game. Bring a friend and join us for bingo! Doors opens at 4:30, game starts 6:15.



Token of Gratitude...

Let's show our appreciation to our Altar Servers! **This weekend, December 14th & 15th we invite you to make a free will offering when you leave church after Mass.** Baskets are provided at the doors of the church upon exiting. Your donations will be used to purchase treats for these faithful young men and women of our parish. Thank you for your generosity.



ANNUAL CARING TREE:

Thanks to all who supported our 2019 Caring Tree Gifts and Cards for our shut-ins and the needy people in Massachusetts to whom Brother Michael ministers. Our appreciation also to Mary Ellen and Joe Candelora for spearheading this annual and beautiful tradition.



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 close at Noon on Monday, December 23rd. Office closed on December 24th, December 25th & December 26th. Office will re-open on Friday, December 27th.

Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 31st and re-open on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

Buy Your Gift Cards For
Christmas at Lourdes.
Call And Ask For the
Tuition Sense Office
570-644-0375



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



Calling all able bodies next 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!



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!



Monk's Bread/Biscotti
pick-up is scheduled for this
Wednesday, December 18th
& Thursday, December 19th.
Enjoy your goodies!

Please Pray For the Sick, especially, Ann

Barber, Trent and Traigh Clayton, Nicky Wideman, Laura Wideman, Michael Wideman, 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, 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, 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, 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, Kathy Marquez, Ed Wideman and Mary Harmon.

Knights of Columbus - All You Can Eat Breakfast will be held this Sunday, December 15th from 8AM to 11:45AM 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.



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

December 15, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

"AFTER THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE"

Lift Your Spirits Performing Arts

presents a special musical evening filled with Joy, Love and Hope, Sunday, December 29, 2019 beginning at 4PM at Our Lady of Hope Church, 832 West Chestnut Street, Coal Township. This is a free concert. Come and have your spirits lifted as we celebrate the birthday of Jesus.



*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