

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 – Vigil Mass

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

St. John of Kanty

8AM +Daniel Arnold by Wife, Carol

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

No 8AM Mass

4PM +Joey Hager by Mom & Angela

8PM ++Stanley & Mary Slaby & Children: Stanley, Jr.,
John, Mary Ann & Gerald by Jacqueline &

Sylvia

10:30PM Intentions of our Friars

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

The Nativity of the Lord

9AM ++Justine & Francis Swartz

by Son, Peter & Granddaughter, Danielle

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

St. Stephen

8AM +Ann Marie Smith by Ray & MaryEllen

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

St. John

8AM +Kasenchak Family by Mary Ellen & Joe
Candelora

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents

8AM ++John & Mildred Hessler by Son, John

4PM ++Vera & Frank Toucheloskie

and Daughter, Veronica by Pat & Mike

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7AM +Betty Grego by Son, James

9AM +Gilda, Josephine, Loretta Fiorenza
and Dick Knovich by Rick

11AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

PONDER POINT

Glory to God in the highest and
on earth peace to those on
whom his favor rests.

Luke 2:14



Tabernacle Flowers I & II

In Memory of Gryskiewicz Family by Seidel Family

Mass Candles, Bread & Wine

In Memory of Ruth & Bill Krieger
by Mr. & +Mrs. Robert Krieger Family

Tabernacle Candles & Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Helen Powell by Tom & Mary Harmon

Our Church Bells are Ringing the Week. . .

In Memory of Stanley & Mary Slaby & Children:
Stanley, Jr., John, Mary Ann & Gerald
by Jacqueline & Sylvia

Friary Mass Candles/Bread & Wine

and Friary Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Regina & Robert Graeber by Family

The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 22 – Religious Education Classes.
Mandatory 9AM Mass for students, followed by class in
the church hall.

Christmas Decorating in church today after the 11AM Mass

**Monday, December 23 – Christmas Eve – No Mother
Cabrini Bingo tonight.** Bingo will resume on Monday,
January 6th.

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

Collection Totals for the Weekend of December 15, 2019

Offertory:	\$5,127.26
Votives:	126.00
Parish Dues:	218.00
Christmas Flowers:	1,260.00
Total:	\$6,731.26
Retired Religious:	\$ 120.00

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. The campaign closes at the end of December.

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 puts 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 Diocese.

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*



OUCH!!! Two past Sundays, the snow storms on Sunday, December 1st and December 8th really hurt our Mass attendance and subsequently our offertory income. If you were unable to be with us for those Sundays, please drop those offertory gift/envelopes in the upcoming collections.



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, 2020!

Fr. Martin Kobos, OFM Conv., Pastor
Fr. Stephen King, OFM Conv., Parochial 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 Tuesday, December 24th, 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!





ATTENTION BINGO PLAYERS . . .



\$1,199 "U S DOLLARS" ARE WAITING FOR YOU IN 2020!!!
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, 12/23,

and also Monday, 12/30

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 6, 2020

(weather permitting)

Mother Cabrini Bingo Committee wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year! Thank for your patronage!!!

WE NEED YOUR CHRISTMAS DECORATING HELP!!!

Calling all able bodies this 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!



Mother Cabrini Memorials & Tributes

In Memory of Robert and Regina Graeber

\$3,000 by their Children - to Purchase New Vestments

In Memory of Mildred and Joseph Racilla

\$500 by Daughter, Rose Marie Stasney

In Honor of Erik Seidel's 40th Birthday

\$100 from Co-workers: Ashley, Nichol, Amber, Rachael and Nate



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.



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.

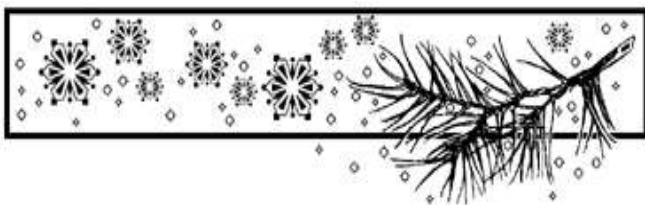
MASS BOOK INFORMATION

MASS OPENINGS AVAILABLE FOR 2020: 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 14th** during office hours. Many dates are available for 2020.

Please Pray For the Sick, especially, Ann Barber, Trent and Traigh Clayton, Nicky Wideman, Laura Wideman, Michael 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, Tom Eckman, Rhonda Eckman, Bill Adams, Terri Zarick, Jack Senoski, Mark Senoski, Candida Davis, Kathy Messimer, Bonnie Gunn, Les Schicatan, 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, Mary Harmon and Allen Hornberger.

Beginning with the January 5th bulletin, we will refresh the above listing of names in our Prayers for the Sick. We invite you to resubmit the names of those who you wish to be remembered in prayer. Please contact the parish office.

A Blessed and Merry Christmas to All!



**December 22, 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Ahaz receives from Isaiah a prophecy that he will be successful in war and is urged to ask for a sign that the prophecy is true. The sign is "The virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel."

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Paul greets the Romans by pointing out that Jesus is the Christ who was promised to them in Scripture. He, Paul, is the apostle favored with the task of spreading the name of Christ to all.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

In a brief, straightforward, simple narrative, Matthew recounts the events leading to Jesus' birth. He details the appearance of the angel in a dream to Joseph and stresses that "All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets."

"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 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!"

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





It was the night before Christmas,
God glanced over the earth.
He looked to and fro, All over it's girth.
They missed it again He said with a sigh,
A heavy heart and a tear in his eye.
I gave them my son, So they could be free,
My greatest gift, To them from me.
They traded me in, For a man in red,
A little tree, And a horse drawn sled.
How do I save them, And make them see,
My love is complete, My grace is free.
How do I help them, When all they know,
Is a talking snowman, And a box with a bow.
Maybe next year, They will stop and see,
The biggest gift of Christmas,
Is the Little Child from Me!

