

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 - Vigil Mass

4PM ++Vera & Frank Toucheloskie
and Daughter, Veronica by Pat & Mike

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7AM +Betty Grego by Son, James
9AM ++Gilda, Josephine, Loretta Fiorenza
and Dick Knovich by Rick
11AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8AM ++Rose & Edward Bolick by Her Children

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8AM ++William & Alma Vesseliza
by Erik & Jennifer Seidel
4PM ++Mary & Adam Hojnacki and Family by Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Eight Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

9AM +Elizabeth James

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

Christmas Weekday – Holy Name of Jesus

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8AM +Theresa Boursiewicz by Anna, Jack, Darlene
and Alexander
4PM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7AM +Barbara R. Verano by Children
9AM +Leilani Kalanui Kamakaaokalani by Ann Marie
11AM +Ronald Dimm III by Family



PONDER POINT

Someone who sings, prays twice
St. Augustine

Tabernacle Candles

In Memory of John Niedzwiecki
by Wife, Margaret and Family

Our Church Bells are Ringing this Week. . .

In Memory of Beloved Aunt Millie, Uncle Larry,
and Cousin Larry by Hager Family

The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 29 – No Religious Education
Classes today.

Monday, December 30 – No Mother Cabrini Bingo
tonight. Bingo resumes next Monday, January 6th

Due to an early bulletin company printing
deadline, collection totals for the weekend of
December 22nd are not available at this time.



Special Note of Thanks . . .

to all those wonderful volunteers who
helped decorate the Church for
Christmas. It was a wonderful group of folks, young and
old, who helped decorate for Jesus' Birthday. As always,
they did a beautiful job!

Remember, the Bill-Collector Doesn't Take 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!

Sharing My Thoughts. . .

It seems like this year, Christmas and the New Year came upon us 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.

A couple of weeks ago, 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 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*

MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION AND BAKE SOMETHING!

We are in need of bakers, both men and women, who would be willing to bake a cake for our Monday Night Bingo. Simply leave the cake in the church hall kitchen on Monday. **This is a simple project, but one that is very much needed and will be very much appreciated.** In advance, we thank you for your generous response.





THANK YOU FROM THE FRIARS. . .


Fr. Stephen and Fr. Ed join me in expressing sincere thanks to all who brightened our Christmas with their good wishes, cards, gifts and "goodies." Your kindnesses to us are counted among our blessings during this beautiful time of the year. They are very much appreciated and know that you have a place in our grateful prayers. God bless you and your 2020! *Fr. Martin*



CABRINI BINGO RESUMES, MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020

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

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.

 **As one of your "New Year's Resolutions", 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!**

A Special Note of Thanks. . . to a number of parishioners who made very generous Year End Gifts to the parish. They asked not to be recognized in any manner. I want you to know that both the parish and I are most appreciative of your generosity. It is of great help to our financial situation. God bless you for your largess to Mother Cabrini Parish!

MASS INTENTIONS

MASS OPENINGS AVAILABLE FOR 2020: If anyone would like to schedule additional Mass intentions this 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.

Mother Cabrini Memorial

In Memory of Mildred and John Yanishock
\$100 by Daughter, Mary and Dan Brezinski



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.



Thank You

Thank you to all the children who participated in this year's Christmas Eve Pageant. It made Christmas very meaningful to all of us. See you next year!



Parish Office New Year Holiday Schedule:

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's Holiday, please note the following Parish Office hours:

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

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST: The Shamokin Knights of Columbus will hold an *"all you can eat breakfast"* on Sunday, January 19, 2020 from 8AM to 12Noon. Breakfast includes eggs, French toast, bacon, sausage, home fries, coffee/tea, orange juice and toast. \$8.00 adults - \$4.00 child.

Mass Schedule The Solemnity of Mary Holy Day of Obligation (New Year's Eve / Day Mass)

Tuesday, December 31st
4PM Holy Day Vigil Mass

Wednesday, January 1st (Holy Day Obligation)
The Solemnity of Mary,
9AM Mass (NO 8AM Mass)

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: If you have not registered officially as part of the parish family, please do it now at the parish office. You are important to us and hopefully we are to you. Let us know who you are. Registration is necessary to qualify for Religious Education programs, the reception of Baptism, First Penance, First Communion, Confirmation and Marriage. Testimonial letters for Godparents for Baptism and Sponsors for Confirmation are given only to registered active members. This also applies to parents who wish to have their children baptized into the Church. **Please notify the parish office of an address change and if you are moving out of the parish.**



Remembrance Opportunities For Your Loved Ones. . .

The parish has a wonderful array of remembrance opportunities for both, the living and deceased. You may honor your loved one's memory or celebration of a special occasion, like a birthday or an anniversary by offering the flowers by the tabernacle, the candles used at Mass, the bread and wine offered at Mass, the Sanctuary candle, the church bells, etc. What a meaningful way to honor them on their special date! Reserve dates are filling up quickly so call the parish office to make your reservation.

CARE AT HOME: If you have family members who are sick or otherwise unable to take part in Mass and the sacraments, please notify us at the parish office so that a priest or other member of the parish family may visit them at home. Please do not assume we know about the family member. Holy Communion can be brought monthly or more frequently.

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 Allan Hornberger.

**GOD BLESS OUR
MOTHER
CABRINI
PARISH
FAMILY
IN 2020!**



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

December 29, 2019

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH**

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

This passage from Sirach details the duties children owe to father and mother. Their life-long devotion will not be forgotten and "will take lasting root."

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul urges Christians particularly in the setting of the family, to "clothe" themselves with kindness, patience, humility, and mercy; to forgive; and, above all, to love!

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

An angel of the Lord, appearing in a dream to Joseph, urges him to flee with Jesus and Mary to Egypt to escape the murderous schemes of Herod. Later, in another dream, an angel tells Joseph to go with Jesus and Mary to a town called Nazareth in the region of Galilee, thus fulfilling the Scriptures: "He shall be called a Nazarean."

"AFTER THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE"

Lift Your Spirits Performing Arts

presents a special musical evening filled with Joy, Love and Hope, this 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.



Prayer for Families

Loving God, in the spirit of the Holy Family, we ask for your blessing on all families.

Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you. Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love. May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen



to embrace all families.

For this we pray. Amen