

# Mother Cabrini Church

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## Mother Cabrini Friary

Friar James Fukes, OFM Conv., Pastor of Mother Cabrini Church

Friar Nicholas Spano, OFM Conv., Pastor  
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Friar Theodore Naculaes, OFM Conv., Parochial Vicar

Friar Timothy Geiger, OFM Conv., In Residence



# Third Sunday of Advent

## December 11, 2022



## Cabrini Parish Staff

Deacon Robert Wislock, Pastoral Associate

Kris Coulbourn, Finance Manager

Ann Marie Drust, Parish Secretary/Cemetery Coordinator

Jim Yost, Maintenance

Dennis Bobber, Music Director

Mary Gillam, Religious Education Coordinator

## Cabrini Mass Schedule

**Weekends:** Saturday, 4PM Vigil – Sunday: 7AM, 8:45AM & 11AM

**Masses:** Monday through Saturday, 8AM

**Holy Days of Obligation:** As Announced

## Cabrini Confessions

**Tuesday and Thursday:** 7:30 to 7:50AM

**Saturday:** 3:00 to 3:45PM

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022 – Vigil Mass**  
4PM ++ Paul & Pearl Urick by Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022**

**Gaudete Sunday**

7AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

8:45AM ++ Frank Xenia & Francis Gulba

by McCaffery Family

11AM ++James A. Chiavaroli & Helene Carsto

by Mary Chiavaroli & Family

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8AM ++Robert & Louise Hauer

by Wife, +Anna & Family

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022**

**St. Lucy**

8AM ++ Walter & Helen Zotkewicz

by Patti & Grandchildren

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022**

**St. John of the Cross**

8AM +Frances Baluta Rumberger

by Husband, William

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022**

**Third Thursday in Advent**

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

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022**

**Third Friday in Advent**

8AM +Lee C. Patrick by Wife, Sandy

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022**

**Third Saturday in Advent**

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

4PM +Eleanor Olcese by Daughter, Susan &

Grandchildren

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022**

**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

7AM +Joseph Bielski, Jr by Nieces & Nephews

8:45AM +Theodore Vinitzki by Vinitzki Family

11AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

**Mass Candles/Bread & Wine**

In Memory of Mary Deissler by Son, John

**Tabernacle Candles**

In Memory of Frank Xenia & Francis Gulba

by McCaffery Family

**Our Church Bells are Ringing this Week. . .**

In Memory of Robert & Louise Hauer

by Anna Hauer & Family

**Collection Totals for the  
Weekend of December 4, 2022**

Regular:	\$3,363.00
Votives:	108.00
Parish Dues:	820.00
Parish Maintenance:	470.00
Miscellaneous:	224.00
Total:	\$4,985.00

Franciscan Seminarians:	\$ 55.00
Military:	10.00
Religious Retirement:	70.00
Matthew 25:	15.00

***Christmas  
Mass Schedule***

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Eve**

<b>3:15PM</b>	<b>Christmas Pageant</b>
<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>Children's Christmas Liturgy</b>
<b>8:00PM</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>10:30PM</b>	<b>Mass</b>

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Day**

**Please Take Note:  
There Will Be Only One Mass  
on Christmas Day – 10:00AM**

**Solemnity of the Mother of God**

**New Year's Eve**

**Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**4:00PM Mass (Vigil)**

**New Year's Day**

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – 7, 8:45 & 11:00AM**



## 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 Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
and will re-open on Monday, January 2, 2023.

**Please don't wait until the last minute  
to take care of parish office business  
before Christmas.**

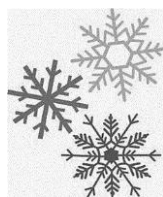
### Altar Servers Needed Back. . .

Now that Covid season has  
subsided, we are ready to receive  
altar servers around the altar. If  
any boys or girls have received  
their First Holy Communion and  
would like to serve for Masses or if you have  
already been an altar server, we need your help to  
serve our parish community in the celebration of  
Mass. Please contact the parish office or speak to  
one of our priests after Mass.



### Christmas Giving Lottery Calendars, Now Available!

Hot off the press and available  
just in time for your Christmas gift giving or as  
a "Stocking Stuffer," our Mother Cabrini  
January 2023 Lottery Calendars are now on  
sale at the Parish Office. Calendars are \$5  
each. Based on past experience, these Holiday  
Calendars go quickly so don't delay.



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

Calling all able bodies **next Sunday  
December 18<sup>th</sup> 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!



### 2022 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.



**Choir Rehearsal is on Monday  
evenings at 5PM. Singers and  
Instrumentalists welcome!**

### 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





## Upcoming Advent Penance Services

A number of priests will be available  
to hear confessions

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 1:00 P.M.**  
Mother Cabrini Shamokin

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 3:00 P.M.**  
St. Patrick's Trevorton

**Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 P.M.**  
Holy Angels Kulpmont

**Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00 P.M.**  
Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Elysburg

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 P.M.**  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mt. Carmel

## ANNUAL CARING TREE:

**Advent:** 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/Weis gift card which will be used to help the needy in our area. Please come to the Caring Tree and take one of the ornaments, either with the name of a homebound parishioner or a Walmart/Weis gift card. Walmart/Weis 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!



Now that the weather is colder and some of our Mother Cabrini parishioners have moved 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!



## Christmas Wafers/Oplatki:

Christmas Wafers (Oplatki) are available at the parish office, **Monday through Friday during office hours.**

**2022 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!



## Annual Children's Christmas Eve Pageant:

The combined Religious Education Program of St. Patrick's, Our Lady of Hope and Mother Cabrini will be presenting a Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve before the 4:00 PM Mass at Mother Cabrini Church. We are asking children from the three parishes to be part of this pageant. Please sign up in the back of the church to be part of this beautiful Christmas Eve Program.

## Mother Cabrini Memorials

**In Memory of Patrick "Pete" Yucha**  
\$100 by Connie and Phil Yucha  
\$ 50 by Ronnie and Angie Yost  
\$ 25 by Leslie A. Kleskie  
\$ 20 by Bernice and Gary Madden

**Pease Pray For the Sick**, especially, Ann Barber, Bob Hauer, Jim Logic, Kapukui Sykes, Candida Davis, Dennis Shuey, Pete Ginther, "Henry", Connie Yucha, Gertrude Slawek, Roberta Jasper, Sylvia Pappas, Barbara A. Verano, Ed Griffiths, Katie Bolick, Connie Fabrizio, Mary Ellen Candelora, Jacqueline Robel, Sharon Rome, Mary Beth Hanadel, Robert Wieland, Timber Buckwash, Kathleen Marquez, Kody Scicchitano, Fr. Jude Surowiec, OFM Conv. (Classmate of Fr. Martin), Anita Shaffer, Rosemary Krushinski, LeAndre Hoover, Lone Wolf, Betty Gilger, Joe Mazzatesta, Bill Jaworski, Pastor Paul Eby, Gina Fox, Casper Burns Lorraine Gusick, Matthew Manapace, Betty Menapace, Tammy Neron, Alex Stefanowicz, Shirley Stefanowicz, Pat Jaworski, Elizabeth Rebeck and Jaden Leiby.



### **Christmas Cookie Walk:**

Our Lady of Hope Church will hold a Christmas Cookie Sale on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 3PM to 6PM and Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 11AM to 3PM in the

Parish Hall, 863 W. Chestnut St. There will be a variety of freshly baked cookies: pizzelles, Russian tea cakes, ricotta cookies, iced buttermilk sugar cookies, genettes, chocolate snowballs, Belgian spice cookies and other assorted cookies/baked goods. Cookie prices: \$10 a dozen; \$20 for 2-dozen cookie tray (2 lbs.); pizzelles \$8 a dozen, and assorted baked goods as marked. Pre-orders are encouraged by calling the parish office at 570-648-4432 (Monday - Thursday 9 am to 3 pm). In-person selection on the day of the sale will also be available.

**Please see the form on the next page to request your home blessed in January by our Friars.**



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

## **Deacon's Corner**

**The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated on Monday,**

**December 12.** Four hundred and ninety-one years ago, the Blessed Mother appeared to Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill near Mexico City. She said to him, "I am the Ever-Virgin Holy Mary, Mother of the one True God, by whom we live, the Creator of all things, the Lord of heaven and earth. I desire that a temple be built here soon, so that I may show all my love, my compassion, my help, and my protection, because I am your merciful mother."

Juan Diego went and convinced Bishop Zumárraga to build the church that is now named the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In this beautiful church is Diego's "tilma" which contains the image of the Blessed Mother. At first, the bishop hesitated and asked for a sign. Our Lady told Diego to go to the hill and pick the roses that would be in bloom on this winter day. He went and picked the flowers and returned to the bishop with them under his tilma. When he opened his mantle, the flowers fell to the ground and on his mantle remained an image of the Blessed Mother, the apparition at Tepeyac.

Our Lady, the Mother of the Americas, desires more than a shrine to be built. She wants us to build spiritual temples to carry God's love in our hearts and in helping our sisters and brothers in need.

### **Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and



snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## HOUSE BLESSING (Kolenda)



Beginning on Thursday, January 5, 2023, the Friars will be available “by invitation” to bless your home for the New Year.

Given appropriate health precautions, for your safety and that of the Friars, the Friars will wear masks during the house blessing. If you are not feeling well the day of your scheduled house blessing, please let us know by calling the parish office and we will reschedule the visit.

Once all the requests are coordinated, you will be called the day before the priest’s visit. Please keep in mind that depending on the weather, the number of homes, location, parishioners work schedules and other factors, the time period may extend through January and beyond.

Please cut off the form below and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office during business hours as soon as possible.

Those visited on First Fridays will have their homes blessed when the priest is scheduled for the monthly visit. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**DEADLINE FOR REQUESTS IS NOON ON  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**



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### HOUSE BLESSING

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred time (circle one): Morning / Afternoon

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

HELPFUL DIRECTIONS:

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