

# Mother Cabrini Church

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## Website:

<http://www.revivingtogether.com/>

## Mother Cabrini Friary

Fr. Martin Kobos, OFM Conv., Pastor

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## Cabrini Parish Staff

Deacon Robert Wislock, Pastoral Associate

Ann Marie Drust, Parish Secretary

Jennifer Seidel, Finance Manager

Erik Seidel, Music Director

Judy Surak, Religious Education Director



Third Sunday of Advent  
December 12, 2021



## Cabrini Mass Schedule

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

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

**Holy Days of Obligation:** As Announced

## Cabrini Confessions

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

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

# Mass Intentions

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 – Vigil Mass

4PM ++Mary & Adam Hojnacki by Family

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

### Third Sunday of Advent

7AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

8:45AM +Theodore Vinitzki by Vinitzki Family

11AM ++Mark & Julia Palko & Son, Joseph  
by Betty Gilger & Family

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

### St. Lucy

8AM +Walter & Helen Zotkewicz  
by Patti & Grandchildren

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

### St. John of the Cross

8AM +Gregory Bae by Harriet Lawrence

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

### Third Week of Advent

8AM +Danielle Swartz by Josephine Glover  
and Family

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

### Third Week of Advent

8AM +Mary & Adam Hojnacki & Family by Family

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

### Third Week of Advent

8AM +Daniel Schwalm by Wife, Pat

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

### Third Week of Advent

8AM +Hattie Andruskiewicz  
by Andruskiewicz Children

4PM +Justine & Francis Swartz  
by +Danielle Swartz

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

7AM +Joseph Bielski, Jr. By Nieces & Nephews

8:45AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

11AM +Rose Bolick and Lillian Paskevich  
by Family

## Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Frank, Xenia and Francis Gulba  
by The Tamkus Family

## Tabernacle Candles

In Memory of Mark & Julia Palko & Son, Joseph  
by Betty Gilger & Family

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

In Memory of Susan & Robert Yakoboski  
by Dorothy & David Yakoboski

## Collection Totals for the Weekend of December 5, 2021

Offertory:	\$4,803.00
Votives:	273.00
Parish Dues:	734.00
Property Maintenance:	712.00
Lourdes School Assessments:	165.00
Total:	\$6,687.00
Religious Retirement:	\$ 60.00
Matthew 25:	28.00
Franciscan Seminarians:	95.00

## 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 (7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> graders); star; narrators (6<sup>th</sup> 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 Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> to sign up.** If enough children sign up by the deadline, a practice will be held on Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6PM in the Church. May God bless you for your interest and support in continuing this Christmas tradition!



**Please see the schedule in this bulletin  
regarding our parish office holiday hours.**

## Kudos! Thanks! & Applause!

Once again, our Local Knights of Columbus spearheaded setting up Cabrini's beautiful outdoor Nativity display in front of church Saturday, December 4. Six volunteers made light work of assembling the manger, hanging the star, installing the Holy Family and added the final touches of hay and greens. Beautifully and well done gentlemen!

Another group of volunteers answered the call for help on Sunday, December 5. After the 11AM Mass, scaffolding was brought into church to repair a portion of decorative decal, close to the ceiling, which became detached several weeks ago. Our boiler man, Bill Yeager supplied the scaffolding. Once set up, Bill climbed the heights, applied the paste, reattached the loose decal and smoothed things over. Thanks to each of these volunteers who brought in the scaffolding, set it up, held it securely in place, reattached the decal, took down the scaffolding and remove it from church.

Just a reminder, we will be decorating the inside of the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 19 after the 11:00AM Mass. All are welcome to help make our church so beautiful in honor of Christ's birth. Come, share some of you time and talent to beautify our church for Christmas.

## Enjoy the St. Anthony COMPANION

Enclosed in this weekend's bulletin you'll find a newsletter from the Companions of St. Anthony, a ministry of the Franciscan Friars. Hope you enjoy reading about the "goings on" of the friars!

### Mother Cabrini Memorial

In Memory of Patrick Latsha

\$ 50 by Judy Surak

## Nurse Employment Opportunity

Part-Time RN Needed for PCC Corner of Hope Mondays and Thursdays preferred. Please contact Abbi @ 570-648-2600

# Advent Reconciliation



## Deanery Advent Penance Services

Two locations are scheduled for our 2021 Advent Penance Services; they are Tuesday, December 14, Holy Angels Parish, Kulpmont, 7PM and Wednesday, December 15, Our Lady of Hope Parish, Coal Township, 7PM.

Please take advantage of either of these dates/locations to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's forgiveness of sins as part of your Advent journey to Christmas. Priests from all the deanery parishes will be available at these two services.



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

Calling all able bodies for next Sunday December 19<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!

## Christmas Wafers/Oplatki:

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



**ANNUAL CARING TREE:** Thanks to all who supported our Caring Tree efforts this year! Your charity will brighten the hearts of many!



**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 23<sup>rd</sup>  
and will re-open on Monday,  
January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.**

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

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

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

**3:30PM Children's Pageant (Tentative)  
4:00PM Mass  
8:00PM Mass  
10:30PM Mass**

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

**Please Take Note:  
There Will Be Only One Mass  
on Christmas Day – 9:00AM**

**Solemnity of the Mother of God  
New Year's Eve  
Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
4:00PM Mass (Vigil)**

**New Year's Day  
Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - 9:00AM**

**Epiphany of the Lord  
Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – 4PM Vigil Mass  
Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7AM - 8:45AM & 11AM**



**Job Opening at  
Mother Cabrini**

After ten years of faithful service as Custodian at Mother Cabrini Parish, Michael Toucheloskie will be "retiring" at the end of this calendar year. I take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation and thanks to Mike for his faithful decade of service to the parish. His diligence and attention to his various responsibilities in this position has been a great asset to me in helping to keep the Cabrini Campus in good order.

Effective immediately, the parish invites interested applicants to stop by the parish office to pick up a job description to fill this position. The position is for 25 hours/week. This position will begin January 2, 2022. Appropriate references and clearances will be necessary. Please contact Jen Seidel at the parish office with any questions.

**Please Pray For the Sick**, especially, Ann Barber, Bob Hauer, Jim Logic, Kapukui Sykes, Justin Wachter, Candida Davis, Matthew (Butch) Menapace, Betty Menapace, Dennis Shuey, Pete, Ginther, "Henry", George Klemick, Connie Yucha, Audrey Spaulding, Kathy Marquez, Alex & Shirley Stefanowicz, Gertrude Slawek, Pete Yucha, Allen Hornberger, Mark Senoski, Cassandra Senoski, Roberta Jasper, Marge Schiccatano, Thomas & Sylvia Pappas, Barbara A. Verano, Jaden Leiby, Lorraine Gusick, Dan Noll, Mark M., Mark Krzykwa, John Rauch, Joanne (Cherry) Bailer, Frank and Kathy Purcell, Rose Marie Dunick, Elizabeth Purcell, Ed Griffiths, Katie Bolick, Diane Knorr, John Nolter, Christian Eby, Connie Fabrizio and Fr. Steven Frenier, OFM Conv., Craig Fetterman, Chrissy Geiswite, Bob Barrett, Diane Kolovich, Bonnie Snyder, Mary Ellen Candelora, Dorothy Yakoboski, Jacqueline Robel, Sharon Casper, Sharon Rome, Berna Surak, Mary Beth Hanadel, Timber Buckwash and Bill Ponatoski.

# Deacon's Corner

The memorial for St. Lucia (Lucy), Virgin and Martyr, will be celebrated on Monday, December 13. St. Lucia is the patron saint of eye disorders and the blind. In Latin, the word, "Lucy," means light. All that is known for certain about St. Lucia is that she was a martyr for the faith in Syracuse, Italy during the persecutions of the fourth century. She consecrated her life to God and to the poor.

After her death, different legends have spread about St. Lucia. One legend is that the governor of Syracuse ordered her to burn a sacrifice to the emperor's image. When she refused, St. Lucy was tortured, blinded, and killed. When her body was prepared for burial, it was discovered that her eyes had been miraculously restored.

Let us ask St. Lucia to pray for us, "O St. Lucy, preserve the light of my eyes so that I may see the beauties of creation, the glow of the sun, the color of the flowers and the smile of children. Preserve also the eyes of my soul, the faith, through which I can know my God, understand His teachings, recognize His love for me and never miss the road that leads me to the company of the angels and saints in God's heavenly kingdom."



*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

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



# In Memory

Everyone is invited to attend a Memorial Mass for the late Thomas Ferrick on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 10AM at Our Lady of Hope Church, Coal Township. For many years, Tom was a dedicated organist and musician who served in various parishes and congregations in our region. Fathers Philip Burger and Francis Karwacki, his former pastors, will be celebrants for the Mass. The snow date for this Mass will be Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 10AM.

**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!



## Gospel Word Search

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| COLLECTORS | BAPTISM   | EXACT   |
| SOLDIERS   | EXTORTION | CONTENT |
| WATER      | STRAP     | SANDALS |
| FIRE       | WHEAT     | CHAFF   |

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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

## 12 December 2021

### Introductory Rites

#### Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near. *Phil 4:4, 5*

#### Collect

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel!

Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has removed the judgment against you, he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior;

he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

#### Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

**R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid.

My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my savior.

With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name. **R.**

Sing praise to the Lord for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth.

Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel! **R.**

#### Philippians 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

*Is 61:1, cited in Lk 4:18*

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Luke 3:10-18**

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

## **Profession of Faith**

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,**

*(At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.)*

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I  
look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*(The Apostles' Creed may be used instead of the Nicene Creed.)*

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### Prayer over the Offerings

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us. *Cf. Is 35:4*

### Prayer after Communion

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## 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.