

Mother Cabrini Church

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First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021



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Cabrini Parish Staff

Deacon Robert Wislock, Pastoral Associate

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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, NOVEMBER 27 – Vigil Mass
4PM +Gerald Wormald by Dr. Joseph B. Siberski

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28
First Sunday of Advent
7AM +Carl Santor by Lois Santor
8:45AM +Marie Kotkoskie by Husband, Tom
& Family
11AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29
First Week of Advent
8AM +Gregory Bae by Harriet Lawrence

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
St. Andrew
8AM +James a. Chiavaroli
by Wife, Mary & Daughters

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1
First Week of Advent
8AM Living Parents, Relatives & Benefactors
of the Franciscan Order

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2
First Week of Advent
8AM +Deceased Parents, Relatives & Benefactors
of the Franciscan Order

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3
St. Francis Xavier
8AM +Stanley Szufnarowski
by Wife, Natalie Szufnarowski

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4
St. John Damascene
8AM +Nikola Kolovic by Brother, Peter Kolovic
and Family
4PM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5
Second Sunday of Advent
7AM +Ann Marie Shaw by Husband, Robert
8:45AM +Eugene Purcell by Wife, Rosie
11AM +Ronald Dimm III
by Grandmother, Ann Marie Wolfe

Our Church Bells are Ringing this Week. . .
In Memory of James A. Chiavaroli
by Wife, Mary & Daughters

Because of an early bulletin printing deadline,
our collection totals for the weekend of
November 21st are not available. They will
be listed in another bulletin.



Remember, the Bill-Collector Always Shows Up!!

When circumstances prevent you
from attending Mass on a
particular weekend, 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. Shortfalls 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, in good times and
in bad, in sickness and in health and whether in
town or not! *Fr. Martin*

2021 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. *Fr. Martin*



The First Week of Advent
Prepare for Jesus'
Birth by . . .

Mending a quarrel,
Forgoing a grudge, forgiving and reconciling
Performing random acts of charity,
Welcoming of or at least smiling at a stranger

Cabrini's Fund Raising News!

We're happy to report the results of our two most recent fund raisers, the October Chicken BBQ and our fall pierogi sale.

Chicken BBQ: Total EXPENSES, from the chicken to the take out containers and everything else in between, \$1,201.52. Total INCOME, ticket sales and "walk on" platter sales, \$2,502. In addition, a number of folks were generous with cash donations toward the success of the event. Their gifts totaled \$973.97. Net revenue for the 2021 Chicken BBQ was \$2,274.45.

Fall Pierogi Sale: Total EXPENSES for all aspects of the production, ingredients and utilities at the Shed, \$2,945.89. Total INCOME, \$7,438.00. Net revenue for the '21 Fall Pierogi Sale was \$4,492.11. The total run was 621 dozen pierogi, 354 dozen potato & 267 farmer cheese. That's a lot of pierogi!!!

We owe a debt of gratitude as well as kudos, thanks and applause to all our Cabrini volunteers who volunteered for these two great fund raisers. They were faithful in showing up, had a great spirit of cooperation, gave of their time and talent and did it all with "good cheer!" A special note of thanks to "Wes" Wesoloskie who headed the pierogi project and who gave countless hours to keep things moving smoothly for the two week production period as well as to the pre and post procedures. If you see any of our parishioners who were involved in these two efforts, please extend a hearty "Thank You!" We couldn't do it without them. Once again and to all our food product volunteers, a most sincere note of appreciation and thanks!

Fr. Martin



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

*Thank
You*

A Special Note of Thanks. . .

to the many parishioners who gave of their various services to make our recent **40 Hours Devotions** so beautiful and inspiring. Thanks also to all those parishioners who attended the evening services. Truly, to have Our Lord so intimately present in our midst was a time of blessing for the parish family. Kudos to Fr. Richard Forcier, OFM Conv., our guest preacher, who so wonderfully uplifted our spirits with his reflections. *Adoramus Te Christe!*



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.

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 2022** Lottery Calendars are now in the Parish Office. Calendars are \$5 each. Based on past experience, these Holiday Calendars go quickly so don't delay.



Cabrini's Outdoor Nativity

Our local Knights of Columbus will erect our beautiful outdoor nativity in front of church on **Saturday, December 4, beginning c. 9AM**. We could always use an extra pair of hands for that event. Please come and donate a few hours of your time for this Christmas display.

Calling Forth A Few Good People

In collaboration with our two neighboring parishes of Our Lady of Hope and St. Patrick, an Evangelization Team and Planning Committee is being organized to strengthen our faith and reinvigorate our parishes in the post Covid era. If you would wish to be considered as a potential member of this team (each parish will have four representatives), please contact Fr. Martin or call the parish office and leave your name.

Heart Felt Thanks! to . . . Bob and Karol Freiler who donated the entire cost of supplying Mother Cabrini Parishioners with the *2021 Advent Edition of "5 Minutes a Day"*. This loving pre-Christmas donation was given in *Loving Memory of the Deceased Members of the Freiler and Church Families*. Many thanks Bob and Karol for supporting our spiritual Advent journey to Christmas through these daily meditations!

ANNUAL CARING TREE:

Advent begins this Sunday, November 28th. 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!



Mother Cabrini Memorials

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

In Memory of Marie Kotkoskie
\$50 by Husband, Tom and Family

In Memory of Anna Hauer
\$125 by Mother Cabrini Parish Staff
\$ 50 by Mother Cabrini Friars
\$ 50 by Judy Surak
\$ 50 by Steven and Susan Petrovich
\$ 30 by Denise Yermalovich
\$ 30 by Vera McLaughlin
\$ 30 by JoAnn McLaughlin
\$ 25 by David & Patricia Kazmerski Carey
\$ 25 by Diane Knorr
\$ 25 by Deacon Robert & Kathy Wislock
\$ 25 by Connie Fabrizio
\$ 20 by Betty Gilger and Family
\$ 20 by Chris and Mike Wert and Family
\$ 20 by Stanley Hojnacki and Family
\$ 20 by Steve and Connie Dunleavy
\$ 20 by Mary Ellen and Joe Candelora
\$ 20 by Debbie and Gary Snyder
\$ 20 by Rose and Al Zawalick
\$ 20 by Ken and Josephine (Pena) Gaydon
\$ 20 by Joan Souza
\$ 10 by Cora and Kate Boyce

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.

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 and Mary Beth Hanadel.

Deacon's Corner

The memorial of St. Andrew, the Apostle, will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 30. He was a fisherman and a follower of John the Baptist. He was searching for the promised Messiah of Israel. St. John the Baptist introduced Andrew to Jesus. When he heard Jesus' ministry, he told his friends: "We have found the Messiah!" (John 1:41). It was Andrew who introduced Peter, James, and John to Jesus. Today's gospel explains, "At once they left their nets and followed Him."

When Jesus called the disciples, He chose ordinary people, like Andrew with no real wealth or social standing. He chose them not for who they were but for what they might become through His love and teaching. The same is true for us. Jesus is calling each of us into an intimate and loving relationship with a merciful God. As His children, He wants to transform us through the Holy Spirit so that we can imitate Andrew and the other dedicated men and women who gave all for the love of Christ and their neighbors.

Like St. Andrew, we may need to leave parts of our former life aside as we follow the Lord this Advent. To follow Him, we can pray, listen quietly and respond to Jesus as He calls us through His Spirit in our daily living. Every time we feel His presence and see Jesus more clearly, we also will be moved to leave our "nets" and follow him more closely in our daily lives as His faithful disciples. St. Andrew, the Apostle, pray for us.

Confirmation Sponsor Discernment

Meeting: Sunday, December 5, 2021, 9:45AM – Our Lady of Hope Church. Parents/Guardians of all 6th, 7th & 8th grade. Religious Education and Lourdes Students.



St. Patrick Church, Trevorton is selling Christmas Wreaths, suitable for Cemetery or Home Decor. Mixed Evergreen Wreaths 20" overall with red bow and pinecones,

\$27.00 – Noble Fir 20" overall with red bow, \$25.00 and Wooden Crosses 14"X29" with mixed greens and pinecones (can be put in the ground) \$20.00. Orders due by November 29th. Available for pickup on December 4th at St. Patrick Church from 11AM to 2PM. Please make checks payable to St. Patrick Church. For more information and to place an order, please call the parish office at 570-797-8251.



1st Sunday of Advent

28 November 2021

Introductory Rites

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame. *Cf. Ps 25 (24):1-3*

Collect

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. 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.**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The Lord our justice."

Psalm 25

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior, and for you I wait all the day. **R.**

Good and upright is the Lord; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way. **R.**

All the paths of the Lord are kindness and constancy toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees. The friendship of the Lord is with those who fear him, and his covenant, for their instruction. **R.**

1 Thessalonians 3:12–4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God—and as you are conducting yourselves—you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation. *Ps 85:8*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase. *Ps 85 (84):13*

Prayer after Communion

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures.
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.