

# Mother Cabrini Church

214 North Shamokin Street  
Shamokin, PA, 17872

570-648-4512 (Parish Office)

Parish Office Hours:  
Monday thru Thursday  
8AM to 4PM

## Website:

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

Fourth Sunday  
of Advent  
December 24, 2023



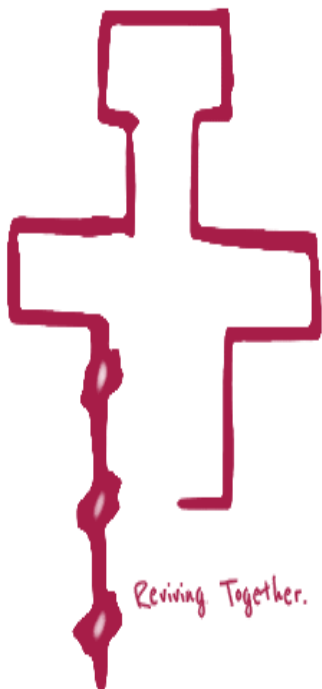
## Mother Cabrini Friary

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

Friar Nicholas Spano, OFM Conv., Pastor  
of Our Lady of Hope & St. Patrick Churches

Friar Theodore Neculaes, OFM Conv., Parochial Vicar

Friar Timothy Geiger, OFM Conv., In Residence



## 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: 8:30AM & 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

## Saturday, December 23 – Vigil Mass

4PM +Patrick J. Kazmerski by Mom, Dad, Linda,  
Trish, Dave, Mike and Michael

## Sunday, December 24 – Sunday Obligation

**Fourth Sunday of Advent - Only one Mass on this Day**

9:30AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

### Christmas Eve

4PM +Ronald Dimm III by Grandmother,  
Ann Marie Wolfe

8:30PM ++Fiorenza and Knovich Families by Rich  
and +Joseph Bielski by Beth and Dave Breining

## Monday, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

**Only one Mass on this Day**

10AM ++Mary and Peter Kasenchak  
by Mary Ellen and Joe Candelora & Family

## Tuesday, December 26

**St. Stephen, the First Martyr**

8AM +Ann Marie Smith by Ray and Mary Ellen

## Wednesday, December 27

**St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

8AM +Justin Kleskie and his wife, Kathleen  
by Dottie Walsh and Family

## Thursday, December 28

**The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

8AM +Helen Witkoski by Daughter, Mary Ann Culp  
and Jim

## Friday, December 29

**Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

8AM +Mary Glazik by Deacon Bob Wislock

## Saturday, December 30

**Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

8AM +Robert Kruskie by Wife, Carol Kruskie

4PM +Kimber C. Shaffer by Wife, Anita

## Sunday, December 31

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

8:30AM +Richie (Walt) Summers by Diane Knorr

11AM +Sr. Anzelma Thomas by Nieces, Theresa,  
Roseann & Chris

## Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Ronald Dimm III

by Grandmother, Ann Marie Wolf

Our Church Bells are Ringing this Week. . .

In Memory of Joseph and Mary Deissler

by Son, John

Because of an early bulletin company printing  
deadline, the collection totals for the weekend of  
December 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> are not available.



## Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

One Morning Mass for Sunday Obligation

9:30AM

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

4PM and 8:30PM

Christmas Day – December 25

One Mass Christmas Day

10AM

January 1, 2023

One Mass New Year's Day

10AM



## 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 be closed from 4PM  
on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>  
and will re-open at 8AM on Tuesday,  
January 2, 2024

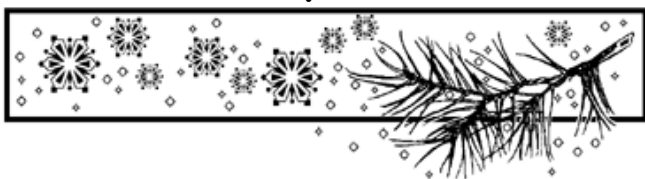


### **BLESSINGS, GLAD TIDINGS & HOLIDAY GREETINGS OF THE SEASON!**

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, 2024!

Friar Jim Fukes, Pastor, OFM Conv.  
Friar Theodore Neculaes, Parochial Vicar, OFM Conv.

*Have a Blessed  
and Merry Christmas!*



### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16**  
King David plans to build a temple to honor God. But God tells Nathan the Prophet that instead he will give David rest from his enemies, and ensure that both his house and community will be protected forever.

**Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27**  
In this letter of Paul to the Romans, he explains that the gospel reveals the mystery that had been hidden for many ages. Now it has been made known to all, so that they may believe, obey, and give glory through Jesus Christ forever.

**Gospel: Luke 1:26-38**  
The Virgin Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel, who tells her that she has been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary is first afraid, yet shows her unquestioning faith when she simply says, "Let it be done to me as you say."



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

### **Mark Your Calendars. . .**

Mother Cabrini Parish will be having a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 4, 2024 in the Church Hall from 12Noon to 2PM. Dinner includes Spaghetti with 2 meatballs, side salad, roll and dessert. \$10 per dinner - Take out only. Tickets will be on sale at the parish office beginning Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**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!



### **Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Dinner**

The Shamokin Knights of Columbus will be serving a FREE traditional holiday meal on **Monday, December 25, 2023 from 11:00AM to 2PM**. The meal consists of ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, a roll and dessert.



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

**Please 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, Katie Bolick, Connie Fabrizio, Sharon Rome, Mary Beth Hanadel, Robert Wieland, Timber Buckwash, Anita Shaffer, Rosemary Krushinski, LeAndre Hoover, Lone Wolf, Joe Mazzatesta, Bill & Pat Jaworski, Pastor Paul Eby, Gina Fox, Casper Burns Lorraine Gusick, Betty Menapace, Tammy Neron, Alex Stefanowicz, Shirley Stefanowicz, Elizabeth Rebeck, Jaden Leiby, Joy Knapik, Sharon Casper, Rosie Purcell, Pat & Peggy Kazmerski, Tammy (Laczkowski) Le, Desiree Castro, Helene McGinley, Holly Madden, Elizabeth Purcell, Diane Fabrizio, Caroline Kalinoski, Carol Fegley, Lorraine Kinder, Jim Culp, Sandy Boyd, Jackson Floyd, Andrew Wislock, Cassondra Senoski, Helen Pasierb, Mark Senoski, Carl T. Bielski, Mary Ellen and Joe Candelora, Mary Ann (Anderson) Barrett, Elaine Rado, Theresa Krushinskie, Kathleen & Justin Kleskie, Karen Buranich, Kevin Hauer, Brian Shaffer, Nick Thorpe, Lori McCabe, B. Beverly Katalenas, Diane Schrader, Mildred Polek, Una McManus, James Sandri, Noreen Germak, Scott Wieland, Edward Yeager, John Laskoski, Steve Novak, Tracie Hartman, Mary Ann Pacocha, Barbara Shevitski, Richard Ringes, John Kehler, Doris Bates and Joe Rocuskie.



## Deacon's Corner The Feast of St. Stephen

The day after Christmas, Tuesday, December 26 is the feast of St. Stephen, the first martyr of the Church. Stephen was one of the first among the seven men chosen as deacons to assist the Apostles in their mission. He was a person "filled with faith and the Holy Spirit" who perform great works among the people. The elders and the scribes stirred the people against St. Stephen during his ministry of service. They said he blasphemed Moses and God (Acts of Apostles 6:1-15).

Arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin, St. Stephen gave a speech, the longest recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. He stated that God had prepared the world for the coming of His Son. But, the leaders of the people had resisted the Holy Spirit. He concluded with the words, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

Angered by these words, he was taken outside the city of Jerusalem near the Gate of Damascus and stoned to death. During his last moments of life, in imitation of Jesus, St. Stephen prayed that God would receive his spirit and forgive those who had committed this act (Acts of Apostles 7:1-60).

Saint Stephen is the patron saint of deacons and altar servers. May we pray, "St. Stephen, pray that I may always be eager to serve God and His Church and that I may never hesitate to answer God's call in my life."

## The 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!"



*At Christmas 2023,  
we give special thanks  
to those parishioners. . .*

Who provide Religious Education to our young and our RCIA Candidates,  
Faithfully weekly clean and decorate our church for Christmas & Easter,  
Coordinate our altar servers and maintain our church candles,  
Faithfully count the weekly collections,

Who serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Sacristan,  
Brave December's weather to set up our outdoor Nativity Scenes,  
Open our church in the morning, Produce thousands of our delicious  
Easter Eggs,  
Prepare food, set up, assemble our prize baskets, work and clean up after our  
Summer Picnic Food Sale,  
Our faithful Chicken BBQ Crew!

Who give so generously of their plumbing, carpentry, electrical, masonry, computer,  
engineering and gardening skills as needed by the parish,  
Climb up the steeple and into the attic to change our lights,  
Share their gift of music and song in the parish choir,  
Stuff and prepare our parish mailings.

And to all those "unsung heroes," men and women, young and old, who work behind  
the scenes and those who answer "the calls for help" whenever needed.

All these individuals are truly our parish's "Christmas Presents," given to the parish  
community, throughout the entire year. The Mother Cabrini Parish community  
is most grateful for your generosity of time, talent and treasure!

Thank You and Merry Christmas to all of the above, who have given thousands of  
volunteer hours to the parish and with such grace, generosity and faithfulness!



*A  
Holy  
and Blessed  
Christmas*

*Friar Jim Fukes, OFM Conv., Pastor  
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