

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:

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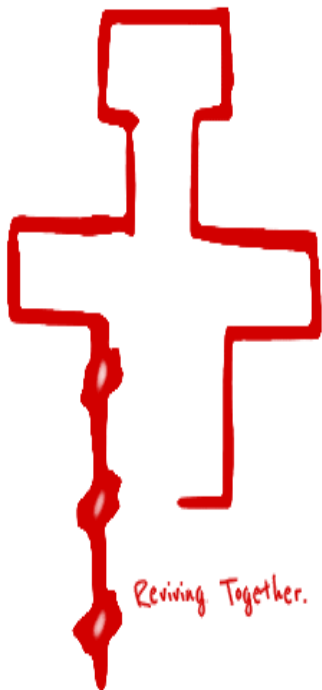
Mother Cabrini Friary

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



The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024



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

Our Church Bells are Ringing this Week. . .
In Memory of Ronald Dimm III
by Mom, Margaret

Saturday, January 6 – Vigil Mass
4PM +Barbara Verano by Family

Sunday, January 7
The Epiphany of the Lord
8:30AM +Sylvia McCormick by Yodzio Cousins,
Kathy, Joan, Mary and Family
11AM +Ronald Dimm III by Family

Monday, January 8
The Baptism of the Lord
8AM +Ronald Dimm III by Mom, Margaret

Tuesday, January 9
First Week in Ordinary Time
8AM + Edward Convery
by Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Treese

Wednesday, January 10
First Week in Ordinary Time
8AM +Constance Wheary by Pat & Peggy Kazmerski

Thursday, January 11
First Week in Ordinary Time
8AM +Florence McClaine by Diane Brill

Friday, January 12
First Week in Ordinary Time
8AM +Sofia Chowka by Sally Sobotor

Saturday, January 13
St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8AM ++Deceased of the Wall Family by Family
4PM +Anna Yoncoski by Daughters and Family

Sunday, January 14
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30AM +Jean Apollo by Jean Kaskie
11AM +Judy Surak by Mary Landau



Collection Totals for the Weekend of December 9th & 10th

Offertory:	\$3,419.00
Votives:	94.00
Parish Dues:	332.00
Immaculate Conception:	768.00
Parish Property Maintenance:	139.00
Miscellaneous:	210.00
Total:	\$4,962.00

Collection Totals for the Weekend of December 16th & 17th

Offertory:	\$4,055.45
Votives:	107.25
Parish Dues:	165.00
Christmas Flowers:	1,073.30
Miscellaneous:	372.00
Total:	\$5,773.00

Collection Totals for the Weekend of December 23rd & 24th

Offertory:	\$1,975.00
Votives:	188.07
Snow & Ice Removal:	533.99
Total:	\$2,697.00

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

God bless you
★ in the ★
New Year!

May God bless you and those dear to your hearts
in this New Year of Grace, 2024!

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how "darkness covers the earth" but light and glory appear over God's chosen people.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus' birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod's true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.

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 are on sale at the parish office during office hours.



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!

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, Cassandra 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, Joe Rocuskie, Ty Beeman and Aerica Richardson

Knights of Columbus Casey Club - All You Can Eat Breakfast - Sunday, January 14, 2024. 8AM-11AM - 400 E Independence St, Shamokin Adults \$10 - Children (under 10) \$5



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Deacon's Corner

The Baptism of the Lord

The Baptism of the Lord will be celebrated on Monday, January 8. The Christmas season concludes with the celebration of this feast. In the Gospel of St. Mark on this day, we hear, "It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Mark 1:7-11).

Our Savior, the divine Son of God, was sinless and did not have to be baptized. He chose to be baptized so He could bless the waters as He descended into them. He chose to unite Himself in love with us and to dedicate Himself the redemption of humanity. These words of God in St. Mark's Gospel are also proclaimed to us. At our Baptism, in overflowing love, God tells each one of us, "You are my child, my beloved child." In this sacrament, we become the adopted children of God.

On this feast day, in thanksgiving, may we pray, "Heavenly Father, who at the Baptism of Jesus revealed Him to be Your Son, grant that we may be faithful to our call as children of God, listening to You, guided by Your Spirit, to fulfill our unique purpose in life. Amen."



EPIPHANY HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries, it has celebrated a variety of events. Epiphany comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," "to show," "to manifest" and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to man.

History of the Feast of the Epiphany

Like many of the most ancient Christian feasts, Epiphany was first celebrated in the East going back to the mid-2nd century of Christianity. Today, among both Eastern Catholics and Eastern Orthodox, the feast is known as Theophany—the revelation of God to man.

Epiphany: A Fourfold Feast

Epiphany originally celebrated **four** different events, in the following order of importance: the **Baptism of the Lord**; Christ's first miracle, the changing of water into wine at the **Wedding in Cana**; the **Nativity of Christ**; and the **Visitation of the Wise Men or Magi** (the Epiphany). Each of these is a revelation of God to man.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2024

If anyone would like to schedule Mass Intentions for this year, you may reserve as many as you wish. Please call or stop by the Parish Office during office hours. There are many dates open for 2024.

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.

PONDER POINT

We saw his star at its rising and
have come to do homage
Matthew 2:2



At **Christ's Baptism**, the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God the Father is heard, declaring that Jesus is His Son; at the **Wedding in Cana**, the miracle reveals Christ's divinity; at the **Nativity**, the angels bear witness to Christ, and the shepherds, representing the people of Israel, bow down before Him; and at the **Visitation of the Magi**, Christ's divinity is revealed to the Gentiles—the other nations of the earth.

The End of Christmastide

Eventually, the celebration of the Nativity was separated out, in the West, into Christmas; and shortly thereafter, Western Christians adopted the Eastern feast of the Epiphany, still celebrating the Baptism, the first miracle, and the visit from the Wise Men. Thus, Epiphany came to mark the end of Christmastide—the Twelve Days of Christmas (celebrated in the song), which began with the revelation of Christ to Israel in His Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany.

Epiphany Customs

In many parts of Europe, the celebration of Epiphany is at least as important as the celebration of Christmas. While in England and her historical colonies, the custom has long been to give gifts on Christmas Day itself, in Italy and other Mediterranean countries, Christians exchange gifts on Epiphany—the day on which the Wise Men brought their gifts to the Christ Child.

In Northern Europe, the two traditions have often been combined, with gift-giving on both Christmas and Epiphany (often with smaller gifts on each of the twelve days of Christmas in between). In the past, though, the main gift-giving day in both Northern and Eastern Europe was usually the feast of Saint Nicholas.

In Poland, celebrations include blessing a piece of chalk which is used to mark the door with the year and the letters “K+M+B,” which are based on the first letter of the traditional names of the three kings: Kasper, Melchior and Balthazar.

The Irish call this day Little Christmas. In Rome, "Epiphania" was transformed into Befana, the great fair held at that season, when sigillaria of terracotta or baked pastry were sold. In Spain, Cuba and some Latin American countries Epiphany day is called El Día de Reyes (Kings' Day, as the Magi are known as the Los Tres Reyes Magos) or Pascua de Negros (Blackmen Christmas). In Spanish tradition, Epiphany is observed with parades and children leave out their shoes to receive gifts from the Kings.

In the US Virgin Islands, Epiphany is a public holiday so shops, government offices and businesses are closed.

In the United States in recent years, some Catholics have tried to revive the fullness of Christmastide. In some families for instance, family members open gifts "from Santa" on Christmas Day, and then, on each of the 12 days of Christmas, the children receive one small gift, before family members open all gifts to one another on Epiphany (after attending Mass for the feast).

Symbols

Various paintings, artworks and sketches show the three wise men and Jesus. Some paintings artworks show the three wise men on the way to Bethlehem or adoring baby Jesus. The kings are important because their visit illustrates that Jesus was the king of all kings who came for the Jews and the Gentiles (the non-Jews).

The star that guides the wise men to Christ also symbolizes Epiphany, as well as the three gifts they gave to Jesus: **Gold** (fit for a king), **Frankincense** (used to worship at a temple) and **Myrrh** (used for burial preparations and/or a healing salve).

And now you know a little more about Epiphany!