

# 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/>

Third Sunday  
of Advent  
December 17, 2023



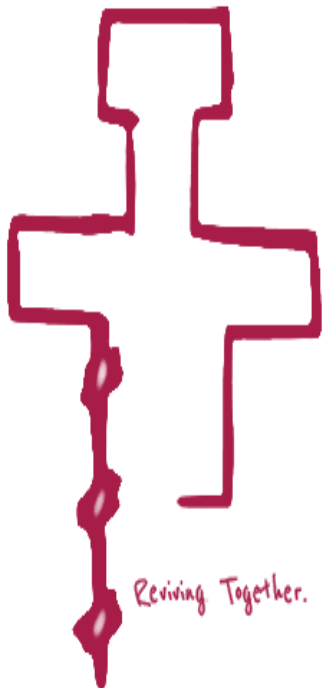
## Mother Cabrini Friary

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 16 – Vigil Mass

4PM +Matthew Fellin by Anthony Rosini

## Sunday, December 17

### Third Sunday of Advent

8:30AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church  
and +Joseph Bielski, Jr. by Nieces & Nephews

11AM +Walt "Richie" Summers by a Friend

## Monday, December 18

### Late Advent Weekday

8AM +Frank Purcell by Daughter, Kathy Phillips

## Tuesday, December 19

### Late Advent Weekday

8AM +Theresa Salwocki by Daughter, Carol

## Wednesday, December 20

### Late Advent Weekday

8AM ++Rose Boblick and Lillian Paskevich  
by children

## Thursday, December 21

### St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8AM ++James A. Chiavaroli and Helene Carsto  
by Mary Chiavaroli, Wife and Mother

## Friday, December 22

### Late Advent Weekday

8AM +Walt "Richie" Summers by Sister, Patti

## Saturday, December 23

### St. John of Kanty, Priest

8AM ++Joseph and Mary Deissler by Son, John  
4PM +Patrick J. Kazmerski, Jr. 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

Tabernacle Flowers I  
In Memory of Carol Landau  
(Birthday, 12/21)  
by Daughter, Mary Landau

Sanctuary Lamp  
In Memory of Theresa Salwocki  
by Daughter, Carol Salwocki

Our Church Bells are Ringing this Week. . .  
In Memory of the Deceased Members of the  
Walter and Kathleen Hager Family:  
Walter, Kathleen, Thomas, David, Pinny, Joe, Mike,  
Mary Lou, Chris and Beloved Nephew, Joey Hager  
by Family



## 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

## Collection Totals for the Weekend of December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

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|------------------------------|------------|
| 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 |
| Franciscan Seminarians:      | \$ 18.00   |
| Mathew 25:                   | \$ 30.00   |
| Religious Retirement:        | \$ 856.00  |

## Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 19

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church – 6:30PM



### WE NEED YOUR CHRISTMAS DECORATING HELP!!!

Calling all able bodies this Sunday December 17<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!

### Lottery Calendars for February

are on sale at the parish office at \$5.00 each. Keep in mind that these will make great Christmas Gifts and Stocking Stuffers! Lottery Calendars will be sold in the vestibule of the church after all the weekend Masses, this weekend, December 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.



### 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. Contact the parish office if you would like a meal delivered. If anyone would like to help to financially support this Christmas tradition a \$5.00 donation feeds two people and for \$20.00 you can feed a family of four. Your help is greatly appreciated! God Bless!!



### Cabrini's Advent "Caring Tree"

One of Mother Cabrini Parish's Advent customs has been the support of our "Caring Tree." The ornaments on the tree, found near the tabernacle side, offer opportunities for simple acts of charity during Advent. Opportunities to send Christmas cards to our shut-in parishioners or to purchase a Weis or Walmart gift card for 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 gift card. Weis or Walmart gift cards can be dropped off at the parish office or in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Caring Tree." May God bless you for your generosity and your continued support of this annual parish Advent project for those less fortunate!

### Third Sunday of Advent

#### First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

#### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ's arrival. He tells them to "avoid any semblance of evil" so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.

#### Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.



**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 Rebuck, 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 and Joe Rocuskie

### **Retirement Fund for Religious:**

#### **Our women and men religious offer gratitude**

A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't think we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org)

**A Five-session Biblical Study Program**, "No Greater Love" will be offered in which we will walk step-by-step with Jesus on His journey from His Agony in the Garden to His Crucifixion on Calvary. This video-based and discussion program will be held on Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27 and March 5 at Our Lady of Hope Parish Hall, Coal Township from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. The cost is \$15 and each person will receive a book and workbook. To register, call Our Lady of Hope Hope Parish office at 648-4432 no later than Thursday, January 4.

## **Deacon's Corner**

As a community of living faith, we begin the Third Week of Advent. This Sunday is "Gaudete Sunday." The theme of this Advent week is "one of joy" for the first word in this Sunday's liturgy is "rejoice." As Catholics, we rejoice because Jesus Christ, our Savior, comes to live among us and be one of us. "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14).

Jesus tells us that He comes into our world, "because the LORD has anointed me; He has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted, to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, release to the prisoners" (Isaiah 61:1). In today's world, suffering, isolation, and poverty still exist among our sisters and brothers. Our Lord comes to free all of this existence and to bring light into our lives.

There are our sisters and brothers who are broken hearted, lonely, and unwanted. They await this same light of Christ so they too can experience joy in their lives. The joy of Christmas will be ours as we follow Christ by bringing His love into others' lives – the true meaning of Christmas. In this season of joy, let us be forgiving, kind, and grateful; welcoming of others; and charitable through our corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

**Aide & Support After Pregnancy Program:** We, the Shamokin Knights of Columbus 458, are asking for you to support our Aide & Support After Pregnancy Program by donating diapers, wipes, baby wash, baby shampoo, etc. A bassinette will be set up in the vestibule for your donations and will be available through the Feast of the Three Kings the weekend of January 6. Just as the 3 kings came bearing gifts for the baby Jesus, it is our hope to provide gifts to support the babies and toddlers of our community. Monetary donations can also be made through the collections basket in an envelope marked KOFC ASAP.



## Christmas Wafers/Oplatki:

Mother Cabrini's supply of Christmas Wafers/Oplatki are available at the Parish Office during office hours. (There are 3 wafers per package.)

Thank you for maintaining this beautiful custom of "Breaking the Christmas Bread at your Christmas Vigil Supper." Although there is no "charge" for the wafers, your donation will be gratefully appreciated. **Please don't wait until the last minute to come and get your Christmas wafers. Parish Office closes this Wednesday, 12/20 at 4PM for Christmas break.**



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

## 2024 HOUSE BLESSING (Kolenda)

Beginning on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, the Friars will be available "by invitation" to bless your home for the New Year.

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 THIS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>th</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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# Catholics Can Receive a Plenary Indulgence by Praying before a Nativity Scene

This year, Catholics will be able to receive a plenary indulgence from December 8 to February 2, 2024, the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, by praying before a Nativity scene in a Franciscan church.

This year Franciscans celebrate the 800th anniversary of the approval of the Rule of St. Francis of Assisi (1223) and the creation of the Nativity scene in Greccio.

As part of the celebration, the Conference of the Franciscan Family obtained from Pope Francis the approval of this plenary indulgence allowing the faithful to receive this indulgence under the usual conditions.

Parishes in the Diocese of Harrisburg that are run by Franciscan Friars are St. Francis of Assisi in Harrisburg, St. Patrick in Trevorton, Mother Cabrini in Shamokin and Our Lady of Hope in Coal Township.

Those who are sick or unable to participate physically can obtain the indulgence by offering their sufferings up to the Lord or by “carrying out practices of piety.”

What is a plenary indulgence?

A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ, Mary, and all the saints to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. However, it must always be accompanied by a full detachment from sin.

Conditions to receive a plenary indulgence in all cases:

Detachment from all sin, even venial.

Sacramental Confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the intentions of the pope. Sacramental Confession and receiving the Eucharist can happen up to about 20 days before or after the act performed to receive a plenary indulgence.

It is appropriate that Communion and the prayer take place on the same day that the work is completed. One sacramental Confession is sufficient for several plenary indulgences. However, for each plenary indulgence one wishes to receive, a separate reception of the Eucharist and a separate prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father are required.

