

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/>

First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2023



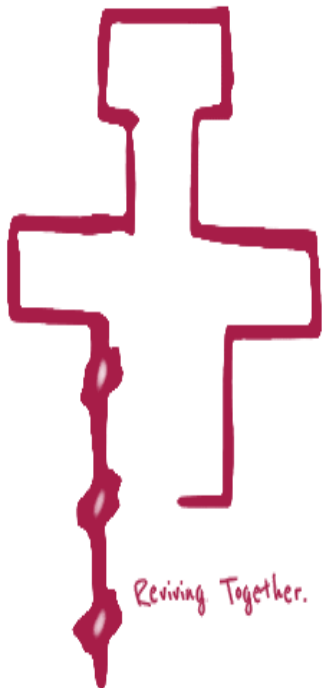
Mother Cabrini Friary

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 for the Week



Saturday, December 2 – Vigil Mass

4PM ++Michael, Julia and Alphonse Osevala
by Ron, Darlene and Family

Sunday, December 3

First Sunday of Advent

8:30AM +Arthur Schicatano
by Joe & Deb Schicatiano
and +Joseph Bielski by Wife, Linda and Children

11AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

Monday, December 4

St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8AM Living Parents, Relatives & Benefactors
of the Franciscan Order

Tuesday, December 5

First Week in Advent

8AM ++Deceased Parents, Relatives, and
Benefactors of the Franciscan Order

Wednesday, December 6 St. Nicholas, Bishop

8AM +Eugene Purcell by Wife, Rosie

Thursday, December 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8AM +Zofia Scrednicka by TIEF Family
7PM +Susan Gembic by +Ann Gembic

Friday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8AM +Joseph A. Lubeskie by Patricia Kazmerski

Saturday, December 9

First Week of Advent

8AM +Leonard Kaskie by Wife, Jean Kaskie
and Family

4PM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church

Sunday, December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30AM +Ann Marie Shaw by Husband, Robert
and +Theodore Vinitzki by Vinitzki Family

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

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Hank, Dot & Debbie Smink
by Cindy, Ron & Marissa and Michael

Our Church Bells are Ringing this Week. . .

In Memory of Matthew Fellin
by Mom, Dad and Family

Collection Totals for the Weekend Of November 18th & 19th

Offertory:	\$4,839.00
Votives:	138.00
Parish Dues:	429.00
Parish Property Insurance:	136.00
Closing of 40 Hours:	677.00
Miscellaneous:	347.00
Total:	\$6,566.00

Franciscan Seminarians:	\$ 735.00
Franciscan Missions:	\$ 25.00
Matthew 25:	\$ 537.00

Collection Totals for the Weekend of November 25th & 26th

Offertory:	\$3,382.00
Votives:	98.00
Lourdes School Assessments:	731.00
Miscellaneous:	190.00
Total:	\$4,401.00

Matthew 25:	\$ 35.00
Franciscan Seminary:	\$ 101.00



Congratulations to Richard Stryeski, who is the winner of our Thanksgiving Gift Card Raffle! Richard won over \$800 in gift cards from local restaurants and businesses. Thank you to all of the businesses for their generosity and also to everyone who purchased tickets.

**Mark Your Calendars . . .
Upcoming Advent
Penance Services**

Sunday, December 10
Mother Cabrini Church, Shamokin - 1PM
and
St. Patrick, Trevorton - 3PM

Monday, December 11
Holy Angels, Kulpmont 6:30PM

Wednesday, December 13
Holy Rosary, Elysburg - 6:30PM

Tuesday, December 19
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church – 6:30PM



**ANNUAL CARING TREE:
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!

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



Calling all able bodies on Sunday December 17th 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!

Mother Cabrini Memorials

In Memory of Dr. William Rumberger
\$100 by Central Susquehanna Valley
Dental Association

In Memory of Elizabeth Gilger
\$10 by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Madden

In Memory of Edward Deptula
\$10 by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Madden

First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that "We are all the work of your hands."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God's grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Just as a servant watching over the master's house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.



**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!**

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, 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 and Doris Bates.

Deacon's Corner

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Friday, December 8. This solemnity, a holy day of obligation, is very special to us because Our Blessed Mother is the patroness of our country, the United States. On this day, we commemorate the fact that the Virgin Mary was born free from Original Sin.

It was God's plan of love for Mary to become the Mother of God for the redemption of humanity. God wanted Mary to be "the new Eve" to bring Jesus into the world for our eternal salvation. As God had a beautiful plan for Mary, He has a plan for each one of us. In our second reading on this day, St. Paul tells us that "before the foundation of the world, God the Father designated us to be His children through Jesus Christ."

Through the Holy Spirit's help, we too need to become aware of God's unique plan for each one of us. What does God want us to do? We need Our Lord's help and the intercession of Our Blessed Mother to discern and trust in His beautiful plan for our lives.

On this Solemnity, let us pray for God's grace to increase our love for Our Blessed Mother who is Our Mother and to follow her example in our daily lives.

You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90.

Please donate to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.



Live Nativity Pageant

The Franciscan parishes of the Coal Region invite you to join us for our Live Nativity Pageant on Saturday, December 23rd at 6:30PM at Our Lady of Hope

Church – 813 West Chestnut St., Coal Township. There will be actors, live animals and a celebration of the true meaning of Christmas. A children's petting zoo will be held after the Living Nativity with refreshments to follow after the event.

ST. PATRICK CHURCH, TREVORTON
PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Sunday, December 10th at 10AM in the Parish Hall

Pancake Breakfast includes:
Pancakes, Sausage links, Orange Juice,
Coffee, Hot Chocolate

Call the church office at 570-797-8251
to sign up for the breakfast
Kids: \$5.00 – Adults: \$8.00



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



Christmas Wafers/Oplatki:

Mother Cabrini's supply of Christmas Wafers/Oplatki will be available at the Parish Office beginning this Monday, December 4th. (There are 3 wafers per package.) Please don't wait until the last minute to come and get your wafers. 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 accepted.

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 ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20th



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HOUSE BLESSING

NAME: _____

Preferred time (circle one): Morning / Afternoon

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

HELPFUL DIRECTIONS: _____

In Advent 2023, make the crooked ways of your journey to Christmas straight by:



Mending a quarrel,
Forgoing a grudge, forgiving and reconciling,
Performing random acts of charity,
Welcoming of or at least smiling at a stranger,
Carving out some quiet time for prayer,



Visiting, phoning or sending a note to a shut in,
Expressing your gratitude,
Listening more and “over talking” less,
Reconciling with God through the Sacraments,



Judging less and encouraging more,
Letting go of personal prejudices,
Being less selfish and practicing generosity,
Looking for Jesus “in the other,”



Softening personal stubbornness,
Gossiping less, saying only good things,
Becoming more “Jesus-like!”

Decorate your refrigerator with these Advent guideposts to Christmas!

Living Nativity

December 23, 2023 | 6:30 PM

Our Lady of Hope Church
813 West Chestnut Street, Coaltownship, PA 17866

800 years ago, St. Francis of Assisi, prepared the first Living Nativity in Greccio, Italy. This year, The Franciscan Parishes of the Coal Region invite you to experience the wonder of this ancient tradition for yourself. There will be actors, live animals and a celebration of the true meaning of Christmas. All are welcome!

