

Mother Cabrini Church
214 North Shamokin Street
Shamokin, PA, 17872

Parish Office Hours
Monday through Thursday
8AM to 4PM
570-648-4512

Website:

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2024



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 Timothy Geiger, OFM Conv., Parochial Vicar

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

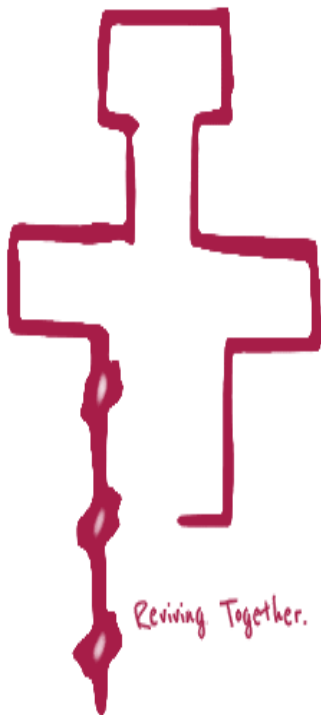
Masses: Monday through Saturday, 8AM

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 21 – Vigil Mass

11AM +Robert Laczkowski by Wife, Bonnie
and Tammy

Sunday, December 22

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8:30AM +Joseph Bielski, Jr. by Nieces and Nephews
11AM ++Mary and Adam Hojnacki and Family
by Family

Monday, December 23

St. John of Kanty, Priest

8AM +Marie Sayles by Deacon Robert Wislock

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

No 8AM Mass

Christmas Eve

4PM ++Margaret (Peggy) & Patrick J. Kazmerski, Jr.
by Pat Tricia, Linda, Dave, Mike and Michael
8:30PM +Daniel T. and Daniel C. Fabrizio
by Family

Wednesday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Day

10AM +Ann Marie Smith
by +Ray, Mary Ellen and Gary

Thursday, December 26

St. Stephen, The First Martyr

8AM +Gertrude Slawek by Loretta and Family

Friday, December 27

St. John, Apostle and Eangelist

8AM David and Gemma Kerstetter

Saturday, December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8AM Parish Family of Mother Cabrini Church
4PM +Kimber Shaffer, Jr. by Wife Anita

Sunday, December 29

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:30AM +Mary Kasenchak by Mary Ellen
and +Joe Candelora
11AM ++Joyce and Bob Dilliplane by Sister, Rosie

Tabernacle Flowers I & II
Mass Candles/Bread & Wine,
Tabernacle Candles & Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of Thomas Pappas
by daughter, Lisa Karpinski and Husband, Bill

Our Church Bells are Ringing this Week. . .

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

Collection Totals for Weekend of December 14th & 15th, 2024

Offertory:	\$3,816.00
Votives:	86.00
Christmas Flowers:	997.00
Parish Dues:	210.00
Immaculate Conception:	125.00
Miscellaneous:	116.00
Total:	\$5,350.00
Religious Retirement:	\$ 162.00
Franciscan Seminarians:	69.00
Matthew 25:	18.00



Mass Schedule for Christmas and The Solemnity of Mary

Holy Days of Obligation

(New Year's Eve / Day Mass)

Christmas Eve, December 24th
4PM and 8:30PM

Christmas Day – December 25th
One Mass Christmas Day
10AM

New Year's Eve – December 31st
4PM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
January 1st - 10AM



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, 2025!

*Friar Jim, Pastor
Friar Tim., Parochial Vicar*



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!

WE NEED YOUR CHRISTMAS



DECORATING HELP!!!

Our Advent and Christmas seasons will take on a different look this year during the advent season. We will be putting up the greens, being wreath, garland, trees and empty manger, giving it an advent look for our environment of the season. Then, on December 22nd at noon, we will add the finishing touches and transforming over to the decorations of the Christmas season that is adding poinsettia flowers, trimming the trees, and the characters for the manger scene, etc.



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 12 Noon on Monday, December 23rd and will re-open at 8AM on Thursday, January 2, 2025



SAVE THE DATE for Mother Cabrini's Spaghetti Dinner

being held on Sunday, February 2nd, 2025. Eat in or take out. \$12.00 per dinner. Dinner includes 2 meatballs, side salad, roll and dessert. Tickets will be on sale at the parish office after Christmas break, beginning Thursday, January 2nd.



In Case of Bad Weather, Mass will be canceled according to the local school closings. **If our local schools are closed or have a 2 or 3 hour delay, there will be no morning 8AM Mass.** School closings are announced on the local morning news station at the bottom of the screen. If Mass is canceled, the Mass intention for that day will be rescheduled or celebrated by one of the Friars at the Friary.



Christmas Wafers/Oplatki:

Christmas Wafers are available at the parish office this Monday until 12Noon.

December 22, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

Micah speaks of the ruler who will come from Bethlehem. He discusses how the people of Israel will be saved from corruption and live in peace.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Paul describes to the Hebrews how Jesus came into the world and offered to do God's will. We were saved through his sacrifice, the only offering sufficient for the sins of the world.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Mary paid a visit to Elizabeth, whose baby stirred in her womb upon hearing Mary's greeting. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth was deeply overjoyed that the words God had spoken to Mary had now been fulfilled.

Our Lottery Calendars

for January 2025 are sold out. Anyone with stubs & money not turned in yet, please return them to the parish office by Noon on Monday, December 23rd. Thank you and good luck to everyone who bought calendars and to those who sold them to family and friends!



Knights of Columbus Annual

Christmas Dinner

The Shamokin Knights of Columbus will be serving a FREE traditional holiday meal on Wednesday December 25, 2025 from 11:00 - 2:00



The meal consists of ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, a roll and dessert.

Contact the parish office before Noon on Monday, December 23rd if you would like a meal delivered.

Deacon's Corner Fourth Week of Advent

During this final week of Advent, we prepare our hearts to celebrate the Nativity of Lord on Wednesday, December 25. In His overflowing love, God the Father sends His Son into our world to free us from sin and death.

In 1293 on Christmas Eve, St Francis of Assisi assembled the first crib in a cave on an Italian hillside in Greccio near the town of Assisi. The crib was ready, hay was brought, and the ox and the donkey were led to the spot. St. Francis wished to make the Christmas story come alive for the people. His idea was to show them how present and close Our Savior was to them.

The friars and the people assembled with candles around the crib. St. Francis spoke to the people, who were mainly farmers and shepherds. He proclaimed that God's Son came among us to teach us that we too are God's children, and we have an eternal destiny. They accepted the message that God has a deep love for all people. At the end of the vigil, they all returned to their homes filled with joy in their hearts, feeling close to Our Lord and to one another.

This same message is true today. Our Newborn Savior is present and lives with us in our daily lives – in the Holy Sacraments, Holy Scripture, and in our faith community. We too are to be bearers of Christ – to share His love and kindness with people we meet in our lives.



During this 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!"**

Please Pray For the Sick, especially, Ann Barber, Bob Hauer, Jim Logic, Kapukui Sykes, Candida Davis, Dennis Shuey, Pete Ginther, "Henry", Connie Yucha, Roberta Jasper, Sylvia Pappas, Katie Bolick, Connie Fabrizio, Sharon Rome, Robert Wieland, Timber Buckwash, Anita Shaffer, Rosemary Krushinskie, LeAndre Hoover, Lone Wolf, Joe Mazzatesta, Pastor Paul Eby, Gina Fox, Casper Burns Lorraine Gusick, Tammy Neron, Alex Stefanowicz, Shirley Stefanowicz, Elizabeth Rebuck, Jaden Leiby, Joy Knapik, Sharon Casper, Rosie Purcell, Pat Kazmerski, Tammy (Laczkowski) Le, Desiree Castro, Helene McGinley, Elizabeth Purcell, Lorraine Kinder, Jim Culp, Sandy Boyd, Jackson Floyd, Andrew Wislock, Cassondra Senoski, Helen Pasierb, Mark Senoski, Carl T. Bielski, Mary Ellen Candelora, Mary Ann (Anderson) Barrett, Elaine Rado, Theresa Krushinskie, Kathleen Kleskie, Karen Buranich, Kevin Hauer, Brian Shaffer, Nick Thorpe, Lori McCabe, Beverly Katalenas, Una McManus, James Sandri, Noreen Germak, Scott Wieland, Edward Yeager, John Laskoski, Steve Novak, Tracie Hartman, Mary Ann Pacocha, Barbara Shevitski, John Kehler, Ty Beeman, Aerica Richardson, Sue Cantore, Chuck Pensyl, Jr., Luke Dietterick, Special Intention, Lois Topolski, Stephen Zarick, Bob Derk, Huxley Hoffman, Gloria Koyack, Arthur Crone, Jacob Lupotsky, Michelle Williams, Rosemary Jacoski, Karima Starke, Jeanie Hickman, Brian Hickman, Amber Sadowy, Kelsey Matchock, Fern Gonsar, Jesse Procopio, Michael Wasilewski, Brittney Reed, Kenneth Marut, Alexa Blugis, Sherry Dampman and Joette Foris.

Mother Cabrini Memorials

In Memory of Joseph and Mary (Slota) Thompson
\$100 by Niece, Mary Ann Pupchock

In Memory of Joseph Bobber
\$10 by Pauline Mirarchi and Family

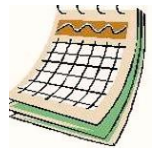
Live Nativity



Our Lady of Hope Church invites you to join them for their Live Nativity on Saturday, December 21st 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.

2025 Parish Calendars are available in the vestibule of the church and also at the parish office. Special thanks to Leonard J. Lucas, Jr. of **Lucas Funeral Home** for helping us underwrite the cost of this year's calendar. Thank you Mr. Lucas!



Remember to return you slip if you want to have your home blessed for 2025. House Blessing Sheets were inserted in last week's bulletin.

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 REMEMBER OUR TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS.