

# SAINT FRANCES X. CABRINI PARISH

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY—THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



## MARCH 29, 2020

### 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKEND— Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am

WEEKDAY — Tuesday 8:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.  
or by appointment.

For all emergencies, please call

St. Therese's Rectory at

570-696-1144.

### A SUMMARY OF ISSUES RELATIVE TO COVID-19

- All daily and weekend masses, along with confessions, Stations of the Cross, fund-raisers, and parish activities and meetings are suspended until further notice.
- Father Paisley will offer a *Private Mass* each day and on the weekend to fulfill the intentions as listed in the bulletin.
- Daily Mass is broadcast on CTV at 12:10 P.M., 3:30 P.M., and 7:00 P.M. The Saturday Vigil Mass is broadcast at 4P.M. and rebroadcast on Sunday at 10A.M. The Mass is also streamed on the Diocesan web [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) Sunday mass is also broadcast on WOLF-TV at 8:00 A.M.
- For the latest information, call 570-696-1144 (Ext. 17), check St. Therese's website at [www.stthereses-shavertown.com](http://www.stthereses-shavertown.com), or visit their Parish Facebook Page at The Church of Saint Therese @ 1Little-Flower4U.

### THE HOPE OF OUR RESURRECTION

*"If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you"* (Romans 8:11).

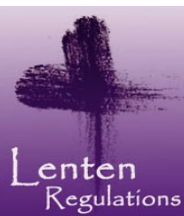
### With Sincere Gratitude

*It is with a heavy heart that we bid a fond farewell to Father John Albosta. Father John has been graciously serving our parish for the past six years by celebrating Sunday mass at St. Therese's and Saint Frances Cabrini. Due to a number of health issues, Father John has decided to step down from his role as weekend assistant. Needless to say, he has become a vital part of our worship experience and will be deeply missed. We are most thankful for the many gifts of his priesthood and for his willingness to share those gifts with us over the years. May God bless you, Father John, and hold you in the palm of His hand.*

*Father Jim and a very grateful parish.*



*We are not making Homebound, or Hospital Visits at this time, in an effort to keep everyone safe. We apologize for any inconvenience. Please keep all sick members of the parish in your prayers. For all emergency situations call 570-200-9006.*



### FRIDAY ABSTINENCE

Bishop Bambera has granted a dispensation from the obligation to abstain from meat for this Friday, March 27, 2020 and next Friday, April 4, 2020. The obligation of fasting and abstinence still applies on Good Friday, April 10, 2020.



### PERFECT CONTRITION

With the increasing difficulty for individuals to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation due to the current health crisis, the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are reminded that

by having perfect contrition one can receive the forgiveness of sins, apart from going to confession. Perfect contrition requires the following three things:

- A love of God above all else.
- A sincere desire for the forgiveness from sin.
- The resolution to go to confession as soon as possible when this health crisis subsides.

Father Jim will offer his private daily mass for the intentions listed below:

	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>	<u>REQUESTED BY:</u>
Tuesday, 03/31 8:00 a.m.	Sophia Sudnick	John & Mary Ann Sudnick
Saturday, 04/04 4:00 p.m.	Anna Jorda	Mr. & Mrs. Tim Ansilio & Family
Sunday, 04/05 10:00 a.m.	Edward Germata	Joseph Zawatski

**GoLive!**

Sunday Mass from St. Therese's Parish. We hope to continue live-streaming mass from St. Therese's on Sunday morning at 10:00 AM. Simply visit their Parish Website at [stthereses-shavertown.com](http://stthereses-shavertown.com) and press (f) to the right of our phone number, or go to their Facebook Page: The Church of St. Therese@1LittleFlower4U.

**YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!**

*While we are trying to reduce as many expenses as possible during these challenging and unprecedented days, there are certain financial responsibilities that must be maintained, i.e.: Health Insurance Premiums, Diocesan Assessments, and the like. Please consider mailing in whatever contribution you can afford at this time. All donations, regardless of the size, are deeply appreciated. Know that I am most grateful for your personal, spiritual, and financial support as we journey through this global pandemic.*

*Sincerely, Father Jim*



The 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat scheduled for Sunday, March 29th, has been cancelled and will not be rescheduled.



**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Please pray for Ben Bilski, Virginia Brown, Charles Caine, Russ & Mary Ann Dymond, Dave Hagerty, Don Hilstolsky, Don Hunter Sr., Jim & Connie Kemmerer, Gene Kritzbunger, Neil Lispi, Harry Mears, Jane Moore, Thomas Moore, Tom Roarty, Mary Shively, Brian Smith, Terry Smith, Jim Starbuck, John Solinsky, & Lilly Stroud.

**PARISH OFFICE**

Although our office is not open to the public at this time, you may call 570-696-1144 ext.17 and leave a message or you may email us at [sfcbcs@comcast.net](mailto:sfcbcs@comcast.net) with any questions or concerns. We thank you for your patience and cooperation at this time.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

for the week can burn in memory of, in honor of, in Thanksgiving, or for health and God's blessings of a loved one. Donation is \$10.00.

**OUR LADY'S SHRINE CANDLE** for the week can burn and will be placed in front of the Blessed Virgin at our outdoor Shrine in the rear of the Church. Donation is \$5.00. Call the parish office for arrangements.



*The Light of the Marian Shrine Candle is burning this week of March 29 through April 4, 2020.*

*In Honor and Thanksgiving of:*

*All First Responders and the Medical Care Community*

*Requested by:*

*Our Parish Family*

**MOUNT OLIVET CEMETERY** in Carverton is looking to hire part time, summer help to cut and trim grass. Pay rate is \$8.00 per hour, and you must be at least 18 years of age. This is an ideal position for students looking for a summer work opportunity. Please call the cemetery office at 570-696-3636 for further information or to apply.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:**

We, St. Frances X. Cabrini Parish, welcome new parishioners to register with our parish by calling the Rectory at 570-696-3737 or stop by during office hours. We also invite you to visit our web page at [www.sfcbps.com](http://www.sfcbps.com). Thank you.



*The Light of the Sanctuary Candle is burning this week of March 29 through April 4, 2020.*

**COMMITMENT OF TREASURE**

*Give and it will be given to you. A good measure will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Luke 6:68*

*In Memory of:*

*Jennie & Joseph Kulakowski*

*Requested by:*

*Daughter, JoAnn*

*Weekly Collection 3/15/2020 \$ 2,923.00*

March 25, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Four weeks ago today, Lent began with the celebration of Ash Wednesday and its cherished invitation to rend our hearts and return to the Lord. We embraced this holy season of penance, sacrifice and conversion, hoping and praying that as Lent annually carries us to Holy Week and Easter, our lives of faith would be renewed and reflect a bit more clearly the life and love of Jesus. On Ash Wednesday, none of us could have imagined the depth of sacrifice that the current health crisis would demand of us.

On March 16, 2020, I suspended the celebration of all public Masses in the eleven counties of the Diocese of Scranton. While so many of you expressed how heartbroken you were with this decision, you embraced it willingly in a spirit of faith and self-sacrifice in order that the Church could do its part in mitigating the spread of the coronavirus.

Today, sadly, we are called to sacrifice even further for the sake of serving one another in our battle against this dreaded disease. The cherished Liturgies of Holy Week and Easter – Palm Sunday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Celebration of the Lord's Passion, the Great Vigil of Easter and Easter Sunday Masses – will all be celebrated privately, without all of you, the blessed faithful who make up the Diocese of Scranton – filling our churches as you have always done during these most sacred days. The Chrism Mass will be deferred to a later date when the current health crisis has passed.

While this ongoing pandemic is calling us to be socially distant from one another, it does not mean we need to be spiritually distant. I invite you and your family to join me in prayer as we renew our efforts to turn to the Lord. While not open to the public, all of our Holy Week liturgies at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton will be broadcast on CTV: Catholic Television and live-streamed on the Diocese of Scranton's website and social media platforms. Many parishes will also plan to broadcast their own Masses.

As we seek to come to terms with this latest casualty of the coronavirus, I want to share with you a recent encouraging directive of the Holy See regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation, firmly rooted in the traditions of our Church. With the increasing difficulty for individuals to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation due to the current health crisis, the faithful are reminded that by having perfect contrition, one can receive the forgiveness of sins apart from going to confession. Perfect contrition requires the following three things: a love of God above all else; a sincere desire for the forgiveness from sin; and the resolution to go to confession as soon as possible when this health crisis subsides. Please take consolation in knowing that while you may not have access to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the power and love of God is far greater than we can imagine. For all who sincerely express contrition, your sins are forgiven.

My friends, in so many respects, it seems that the disciplines of Lent will last a bit longer this year as we continue to sacrifice, to pray and to serve in unimaginable ways. Yet, through God's grace, I hope that we can begin to see one of the blessings of this difficult moment in our lives. In the midst of this crisis, so many of you are responding generously and courageously to the Gospel invitation to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, sacrificing our own well-being and serving selflessly the lives that God places in our own.

As we confront the uncertainty of our future, may we recognize that our greatest hope has always been rooted in our embrace of the mystery of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection – the heart of our faith as Christians. Good Friday, with its suffering and pain, always yields to power of Easter and its promise of life and peace! So too will this moment in our lives.

May God continue to bless you and your family and keep you safe.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

† *Joseph C. Bambera*

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton