

SAINT FRANCES X. CABRINI PARISH

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKEND—Saturday 4:00 pm
—Sunday 9:30 am

WEEKDAY—Tuesday 9:00 am
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
is currently by appointment only.

Contact Father Paisley
at 570 696-1144 ext .17

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
TUESDAY—THURSDAY
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

ISAIAH 61:1-2A,10-11

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28



DECEMBER 13, 2020 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*The third candle (Joy) honors those who
were first to share the good news.*



John's identity and our identity is derived from God's Son - Jesus Christ

John the Baptist bridges the Old and New Testaments. He is the last of the Old Testament prophets who points the way to the Messiah. He is the first of the New Testament witnesses and martyrs. He is the herald who prepares the way for Jesus and who announces his mission to the people: *Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!* (John 1:29). John saw from a distance what the Messiah would come to accomplish - our redemption from slavery to sin and our adoption as sons and daughters of God, our heavenly Father. Do you recognize who you are in Christ? The Lord Jesus has come to restore us to friendship with God and he has made us citizens of heaven - his everlasting kingdom of peace and justice.

"Lord Jesus, make me a herald of your word of truth and grace. Help me to be a faithful witness of the joy of the Gospel and to point others to you as John did through his testimony."

ST. FRANCES X. CABRINI CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVE—Thursday, Dec. 24

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass Father Alco

5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass Father Alco

CHRISTMAS DAY – Friday, Dec. 25.

9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass Father Grippe

11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass Father McDonnell

Doors open 1/2 hour before the start of mass. Masks must be worn and social distancing will be observed.

Seating is limited.

RESERVATIONS A MUST!

NO STANDING ROOM.

RESERVATIONS for all Christmas masses

will be taken through the weeks of

Dec. 14 (Mon-Thurs) & Dec. 21 (Mon-Wed) from

9:00 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call 570-696-3737

and speak with Diane or leave a message.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY /

NEW YEARS EVE AND DAY:

Thursday, December 31 — 4:00 p.m.

Friday, January 1 — 10:00 a.m.

No reservations are required.



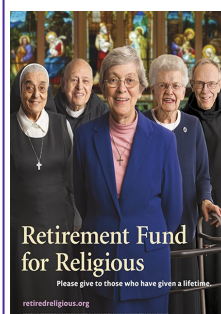
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be heard Monday,
December 14 from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
in St. Therese's Church.

No appointment will be necessary.
Masks and social distancing will be required.
Please use the main or elevator room entrance.

COME, WORSHIP THE LORD.

There are more than enough seats available at the 4:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday masses for those wishing to join us. Please call 570-696-3737 on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., or Thursdays between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to make a reservation. Doors open 1/2 hour prior to the start of mass. The Church is sanitized before and after every mass. Masks and social distancing are required. We're ready when you're ready!



Donations will be accepted this weekend for the
**RETIREMENT FUND FOR
RELIGIOUS.**
Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Thank you in advance for your generous support.
God Bless you always.



REQUESTED BY:

Tuesday 12/15 9:00 a.m.
 Saturday 12/19 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 12/20 9:30 a.m.

Donald & Jean Harter
 Leonard Knepp
 Walter Bednar

Bob & Rita Kurtinitis
 Wife & Daughters
 Carl Yorina

**Holiday Office Hours
 and Weekday Mass Schedule**

The Parish Office will close at noon on Wednesday, December 23, and reopen on Monday, January 4. In the event of an emergency that requires the sacramental services of a priest, please dial 570-200-9006 and enter the phone number where you can be reached. Father Jim will return your call as soon as he is able.

There will be NO 9:00 A.M. mass on Tuesday, December 29. Our daily mass will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021.

Reservations are NOT required for masses on the weekends of December 26-27 or January 2-3, or for masses on the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, (New Years Eve/Day), Thursday, Dec. 31, and Friday, Jan. 1, 2021.



CHRISTMAS OFFERING

You have been so supportive throughout the pandemic. I am most grateful. For those who are able, please be as generous as you can when considering your Christmas offering to the parish.

Thank You, Father Jim

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. Please call Diane in the parish office Tuesday-Thursday to make arrangements.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Please pray for Dan & Tony Bennett, Ben Bilski, Virginia Brown, Charles Caine, Russ & Mary Ann Dymond, Betsy Fahey, Dave Hagerty, Don Hilstolsky, Don Hunter Sr., Tony Giorgio, Sister Jan Marie Kalyan, Jim & Connie Kemmerer, Gene Kritzburger, Neil Lispi, Jane Moore, Thomas Moore, Tom Roarty, Austin Schultz, Mary Shively, Brian Smith, Terry Smith, Jim Starbuck, John Solinsky, & Lilly Stroud.

**WEATHER CANCELLATION
 INFORMATION—
 FOR ANY MASS DUE TO**

**INCLEMENT WEATHER, PLEASE CALL
 570-696-1144, EXT. 13. AFTER 7:30 A.M.**

2021 CALENDARS: New calendars for 2021 are available in the entrances of the Church. We wish to thank the Disque Funeral Home for once again sponsoring our parish calendars.



The Light of the Sanctuary Candle is burning this week, of December 6 through December 12, 2020.

*In Honor and
 Memory of:*

*Members
 of our Parish*



**We are at 77% of our
 Goal of \$13,000.00**

TAX STATEMENTS: In compliance with the IRS regulations, all donations to be credited for 2020 must be in the office by December 30, 2020 or in the collection basket the weekend of December 26 & 27, 2020. Itemized statements of contributions for tax purposes will be issued to any parishioner requesting one by calling Diane in the parish office at 570-696-3737 after January 4, 2021.

COMMITMENT OF TREASURE

God has entrusted us with many gifts: Time, Talent & Treasure. We hope and pray that all members will share their gifts, and continue to share the Good News of Jesus with all people.

Weekly Collection 12/06/2020 \$ 3,372.00

Christmas Offering on 12/06/2020 \$ 720.00