

SAINT FRANCES X. CABRINI PARISH

DECEMBER 20, 2020

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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:

2 SAMUEL 7:1-5, 8B-12,14A,16

ROMANS 16:25-27

LUKE 1:26-38



My Dear Friends,

Our celebration of Christmas may look different this year due to Covid-19, but the message and meaning of 2000 years ago remains unchanged. Christ was born in a lowly stable to bring HOPE in the midst of despair, LOVE when hatred prevailed, and PEACE to a troubled world. May the JOY of Christ's birth fill your hearts and lives this Christmas and all the New Year through. *Father Jim*



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, 2020**
OR JANUARY 2-3, 2021.



Saving God, give us the grace to be light and love to others. It is you who make us holy, empower us to love and to do good. Fill us with joyful hope, knowing that you give us what we need, and guide us on this perilous journey. And when you come, may our minds and hearts be open to receive your Son. Amen



SPECIAL THANK YOU:

to all our parishioners who sponsored Christmas flowers this year.

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*

Your talent is
God's gift to you
What you do
with it
is your gift
back to God

Tuesday 12/22 9:00 a.m.
 Thursday 12/24 4:00 p.m.
 Thursday 12/24 5:30 p.m.
 Friday 12/25 9:30 a.m.
 Friday 12/25 11:00 a.m.
 Saturday 12/26 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 12/27 9:30 a.m.

Raymond J. & Frances Mociun
 Anna Jorda
 Fred Monteforte
 Maggie Hughes
 For Our Parishioners
 Joseph Chihorek
 William Walko

Ray & Flo Mociun
 Thomas & Colleen Jorda
 Michael & Alberta Hetro
 Ray & Rachel Murawski
 Wife & Family
 Mrs. Rosalie Zekus

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 & 22 from

9:00 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 23 (Wed) from

9 a.m. to 12 noon. Call 570-696-3737

and speak with Diane or leave a message.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY /
NEW YEARS EVE AND DAY MASS:

NO reservations are required for mass on either day:

Thursday, December 31 —4:00 p.m.

Friday, January 1 —10:00 a.m.

WEATHER CANCELLATION INFORMATION—

**FOR ANY MASS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER,
 PLEASE CALL 570-696-1144, EXT. 13. AFTER 7:30 A.M.**



The Light of the Marian Shrine Candle is burning this week of December 20 through December 26, 2020.

In Memory and Honor of:

All Our Parishioners



The Light of the Sanctuary Candle is burning this week of December 20 through December 26, 2020.

In Memory of:

David & Marie Voitek

Requested by:

Children, Grandchildren & Family

“The Twelve Days of Christmas” celebrates the official Christmas season beginning on Christmas Day and ends twelve days later on the Feast of the Epiphany. “My true love” refers to God, “me” is the individual Catholic. The “twelve lords a leaping” are the twelve basic beliefs of the Catholic Church as outlined in the Apostles Creed. The “eleven pipers piping” are the eleven Apostles who remained faithful after the treachery of Judas. The “ten ladies dancing” are the Ten Commandments. The “nine drummers drumming” are the nine choirs of angels which in those days of class distinction were thought important. The “eight maids a milking” are the Eight Beatitudes. The “seven swans a swimming” are the Seven Sacraments. The “six geese a laying” are the Six Commandments of the Church or the six days of creation. The “five golden rings” are the first five books of the Old Testament called the Torah which are generally considered the most sacred. The “four calling birds” are the Four Gospels. The “three French hens” are the Three Persons in God or the three gifts of the Wise Men. The “two turtle doves” represent the two natures in Jesus: human and divine or the two Testaments, Old and New. The “partridge” is the *piece de resistance*, Jesus himself, and the “pear tree” is the Cross.



LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

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.

Diocese of Scranton
 2020 **DIOCESAN**
 ANNUAL APPEAL



We are at 82% of our Goal of \$13,000.00

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 12/13/2020 \$ 2,454.00

Christmas Offerings on 12/13/2020 \$ 165.00