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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

Saturdays from

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

TUESDAY—THURSDAY

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

3RD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 12, 2021



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18A

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

LUKE 3:10-18

*THE WORD OF GOD HAS POWER
TO TRANSFORM US*

Whenever the Gospel is proclaimed it has power to awaken faith in people who will listen and turn to God. God, in turn, is always ready to open our eyes to the spiritual reality of his kingdom and to the power and action of the Holy Spirit who transforms us into the likeness of Christ. Do you believe that God's word is "good news" for you? And do you allow his word to take root and grow in you, and bring you the fruit of joy, freedom, and new life in the Holy Spirit? John's message of "good news" aroused in many people a new hope and joyful expectation that this was now the decisive moment for God's Anointed One (the long-expected Messiah and Savior of Israel) to come with power, justice, and judgment to establish his reign of peace and righteousness. Many wondered aloud if John himself might be the promised Messiah, - he was only the herald's voice who prepares the way for the Messiah's coming. John's task was simply to awaken the interest of his people for God's word. With John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to the human race of the "divine likeness," prefiguring what would be achieved through and in the Lord Jesus Christ.



CHRISTMAS EVE—Friday, Dec. 24

ST. FRANCES X. CABRINI 4:00 p.m.

ST. THERESE'S 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. & Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY – Saturday, Dec. 25.

ST. FRANCES X. CABRINI 11:00 a.m.

ST. THERESE'S CHURCH 10:00 a.m.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

ST. FRANCES X. CABRINI

Mass on Friday, December 31 at 4:00 p.m.

ST. THERESE'S CHURCH

Masses on Friday, December 31 at 5:00 p.m.

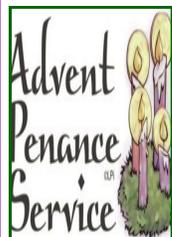
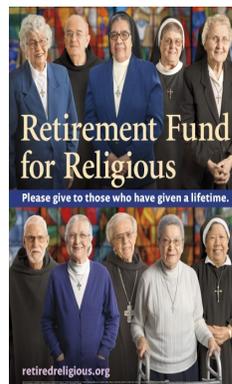
Saturday, January 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

THE SHEPHERD CANDLE reflects the "joy" that comes through Jesus' arrival, and through the salvation he has gifted us. Christians have presented several reasons for the pinkish nature of the candle, from a tradition where priests would wear pink vestments, to parents eagerly awaiting the joy of a child's arrival. The pink candle has its roots in something known as Gaudete Sunday ("Rejoice for indeed the Lord is near").

"Lord Jesus, let your light burn brightly in my heart that I may know the joy and freedom of your kingdom. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to witness the truth of your gospel and to point others to the light of Christ."

Donations will be accepted
this weekend,
December 11 & 12, 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.



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14,
2021

7:00 PM AT GATE OF HEAVEN
CHURCH, DALLAS.

**PREPARE THE WAY
OF THE LORD!**



Tuesday 12/14 9:00 a.m.
Saturday 12/18 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 12/19 9:30 a.m.

Josephine & Alexander Savinski
Theresa Fedorczak
Anna Jorda

Daughter, Mary
Family
Ben Grontkowski & Fran Jorda

DIocese ADDS NAME TO LIST OF CREDIBLY ACCUSED

Following the release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report in August 2018, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera made a promise that he would be open and transparent in the way that the Diocese of Scranton handles occurrences of child sexual abuse. That commitment remains true. In August 2018, the Diocese published on its website a list of all clergy, staff and volunteers who had been credibly accused of child sexual abuse. Since that time, additional names have been added to the online list as necessary, with public notification. The Diocese was recently notified by the Franciscan Friars, Holy Name Province, that the name of a friar who had previously been stationed in ministry within the Diocese was being included on its listing against whom credible sexual abuse/misconduct claims have been made. As a result of this information, the Diocese of Scranton has also decided to add the following name to its original list of credibly accused individuals: MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS ORDERS, Hennessy, Placid (OFM). If you are aware of additional allegations of wrongdoing or any information that should be included on this list, please contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570) 862-7551 or Father Gerald W. Shantillo, Vicar General, at (570) 207-2269. If you have suffered abuse by clergy or anyone working on behalf of the Diocese, you are encouraged to immediately contact law enforcement and/or Mary Beth Pacuska.

WEATHER CANCELLATION INFORMATION—
FOR ANY MASS DUE TO INCLEMENT
WEATHER, PLEASE CALL
570-696-1144, EXT. 13.



HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

“Love one another as I have loved you”

The past year and a half have been difficult for all of us, but the stress on those who live in shelters or on the streets in our own community has been extremely difficult. As such, \$5 McDonald’s gift cards and new white men’s crew socks or thermal socks are being collected and can be mailed to or dropped off at 47 Harford Avenue, Shavertown, PA.

For more information, please call Eileen at 570-675-3397. Deadline for donations is December 24. A peaceful and joyful Christmas that only the Infant Jesus can provide.

Gratefully, Eileen R. Rockensies.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS:

Christmas wafers will be available for purchase in the multipurpose room after all Masses. Donation is \$2.00 per envelope.

TAX STATEMENTS: In compliance with the IRS regulations, all donations to be credited for 2021 must be in the office by December 30, 2021 or in the collection basket the weekend of December 25 & 26, 2021. 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, 2022.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Donna Evick, Don Hunter Sr., Sister Jan Marie Kalyan, Thomas Moore, Tom Roarty, Joyce Kishbaugh, Jim Starbuck & Lilly Stroud.



CARD OF THANKS

Heartfelt thanks to the 60 parishioners who generously donated to this year’s Diocesan Annual Appeal.

WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL OF \$13,000.
May God richly reward you for your generosity and kindness.

THE LIGHT OF THE MARIAN SHRINE CANDLE IS BURNING THIS WEEK OF DEC. 12 TO DEC. 18: IN MEMORY OF: Leo & Cecelia Ravina REQUESTED BY: Ravina Family



THE LIGHT OF THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS BURNING THIS WEEK OF DEC. 12 TO DEC. 18: IN MEMORY OF: Mark & Skip & Lilly Voitek REQUESTED BY: Nancy & Natalie



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

Weekly Collection for 12/05/2021

\$ 4,267.00