

# SAINT FRANCES X. CABRINI PARISH

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Organist: Ray Podskoch

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.

SOLEMNITY OF  
MARY, THE HOLY  
MOTHER OF GOD  
JANUARY 1, 2023



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

NUMBERS 6:22-27

GALATIANS 4:4-7

LUKE 2:16-21

JESUS —THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD  
WHO WAS BORN OF A WOMAN TO  
BECOME OUR SAVIOR

In fulfilment of this precept, Mary's newborn child is given the name *Jesus* on the eighth day according to the Jewish custom. Joseph and Mary gave the name *Jesus* because that is the name given by God's messenger before Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb. This name signifies Jesus' identity and his mission. The literal Hebrew means *the Lord saves*. Since God alone can forgive sins and free us from death, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son became a man to offer up his life as the atoning sacrifice to *save his people from their sins*. The son that Mary bore is both God and man - the "Word who was God" & who "became flesh and dwelt among us". That is why Mary is not only called the mother of the *Christ* but the mother of God in Greek which means "God bearer."



## SOLEMNITY OF MARY— ST. FRANCES X. CABRINI

Saturday, December 31 at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1 at 9:30 p.m.

## ST. THERESE'S CHURCH

Saturday, Dec 31 at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1 at 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.

### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Our parish office will re-open on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. In the event of an emergency, or if the sacramental services of a priest are required, please dial 570-696-1144 and press ext. 26.

## A Blessed New Year

As we bid farewell to 2022 and look forward to all that 2023 might bring, let us pray that the New Year will be filled with God's grace, overflowing with God's peace, and resplendent in God's love. May the God of time and eternity bless us as we begin anew.

A Happy, Healthy, and Hope-filled  
New Year to All!

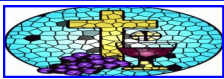
Father Alco, Father Grippe  
& Father Paisley

## The deeper meaning of the poinsettia...the lovely Christmas plant



Once, there was a poor Mexican girl named Pepita who had no present to give the Baby Jesus at Christmas Eve Mass. Her cousin Pedro said that even the smallest gift, given by someone who loves him, will make Jesus happy. Pepita picked a small handful of weeds making them into a bouquet. At the bottom of the nativity scene, she laid the bouquet. Amazingly, the weeds burst into bright red flowers, and everyone who saw them were said it was a miracle. From that Christmas Eve forward, the bright red poinsettia flowers were known as the "Flores de Noche Buena," or "Flowers of the Holy Night." The shape of the poinsettia flower and leaves resemble the Star of Bethlehem, which led the Magi to the Christ Child. The red color reminds us of Christ's Blood, shed for our salvation. Some poinsettias have white leaves, which remind us of Christ's purity. Green symbolizes life and hope.





**Tuesday** 01/03 9:00 a.m. David & Marie Voitek & Eddie Voitek  
**Saturday** 01/07 4:00 p.m. Tom Moore  
**Sunday** 01/08 9:30 a.m. James Manganello

**Requested By:**  
 Jack Elko & Family  
 Mary Ann Knepp  
 Ray & Flo Mociun

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

**2023 CALENDARS:** New calendars for 2023 are available in the entrances of the Church. We wish to thank the Disque Funeral Home for once again sponsoring our parish calendars.

**MEALS ON WHEELS WYOMING VALLEY**

Are you or someone you know having trouble preparing their meals? If so, we are here to help and will provide a hot meal, a cold meal with fruit, and desert. Meals will be delivered to the location requested Monday thru Friday for \$6.00 a day/ \$30.00 a week. We have no income, age or application requirements (we do not receive any government benefits). Please reach out to Amy Morris at 570-288-1023 with any questions and to get started. We deliver meals and smiles to: Ashley, Dallas, Forty Fort, Hanover, Hudson, Kingston, Larksville, Luzerne, Miners Mills, Nanticoke, Plains, Plymouth, Shavertown, Swoyersville, West Pittston, Wyoming to Midway Shopping Center, Wilkes-Barre, and Wilkes-Barre Twp, & all towns in between.



**SPECIAL THANK YOU**  
 to all our parishioners who sponsored Christmas flowers this year.  
 God bless you always.



**Remember in Your Prayers**

Please pray for Loretta Appleby, Ron Denman, Don Hunter Sr., Sister Jan Marie Kalyan, Joyce Kishbaugh, Florence Mickley, Doris Montross, Christopher Mortensen, Alicia Raptis, Tom Roarty, Kathi Melvin Ruane, Michael Spudis, Jim Starbuck, & Lilly Stroud.

**END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS**

Your generous year-end contributions help us to face the New Year with hope and stability. Thank you for your faithful support of our parish and its mission & ministry. *Father Jim*



**The Light of the Marian Shrine Candle**  
 IS BURNING THIS WEEK OF:  
**JANUARY 1 TO JANUARY 7, 2023:**  
 IN MEMORY OF:  
**The Faithful Departed**



**TAX STATEMENTS:** In compliance with the IRS regulations, all donations to be credited for 2022 must be received in the parish office by December 31. 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 9, 2023.



**The Light of the Sanctuary Candle**  
 is BURNING THIS WEEK OF:  
**JANUARY 1 TO JANUARY 7, 2023:**  
 IN MEMORY OF:  
**EDDIE VOITEK**  
 REQUESTED BY: **ELSIE, VANESSA & JOEY**

Due to the Holiday schedule the figures for the Commitment of Treasure will be printed in the January 8, 2023 bulletin.