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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.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD DECEMBER 25, 2022

*Wise Men
still seek Him*



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

ISAIAH 52:7-10

HEBREWS 1:1-6

JOHN 1:1-18

In the feast of Christmas we celebrate present realities - Jesus Christ our redeemer who reigns in heaven and who also lives and reigns in our hearts through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit. And we commemorate past events - the birth of the newborn Messiah King and his manifestation to Israel and to the gentile nations. We thank and bless God for the way in which he has saved us from the power of sin and the curse of death and destruction by sending his son to ransom us and give us pardon and abundant life through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit. Today we celebrate the birthday of our King and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. The joy of Christmas is not for a day or a season. It is an eternal joy, a joy that no one can take from us because it is the joy of Jesus Christ himself made present in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. Lord our God, with the birth of your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, your glory breaks on the world. As we celebrate his first coming, give us a foretaste of the joy that you will grant us when the fulness of his glory has filled the earth.

Father of our Newborn Savior,

You loved the world so much that

You sent your only Son; to bring love where there was hatred, peace in time of war, and joy when sadness filled the earth. Send him once again, Eternal Father, to lives that live in darkness, souls that long to be set free, and hearts that love no more. This Christmas, may we be the comfort, love and joy You once sent to heal our broken world. Bless our homes with your presence. Bless our world with your peace. Bless our hearts with memories of Christmases long ago. We pray this through Christ, Our newborn Lord.

Merry Christmas, *Father Jim*

CHRISTMAS AT ST. FRANCES X. CABRINI

Heartfelt thanks to all those who gave of their time and talent this Christmas Season, namely:

Ray Podskoch and our Cantors for their beautiful gift of music; our Lectors and Servers for their faithful service; Diane Felli Melvin for her dedication to the parish office; and all of our parishioners who so faithfully support our beloved St. Frances X. Cabrini Parish. *Father Jim*



CHRISTMAS EVE—Saturday, Dec. 24
ST. FRANCES X. CABRINI 4:00 p.m.
ST. THERESE'S 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. & Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY—Sunday, 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

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.

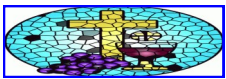
Sunday, January 1 at 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Our parish office will close on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 2:00 P.M., and 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.

THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS ON TUESDAY, DEC. 27, 2022.



Requested By:

Tuesday 12/27 9:00 a.m.

NO MASS

Saturday 12/31 4:00 p.m.

John and Betty Albovich

Family

Sunday 01/01 9:30 a.m.

Former Pastors of our Parish

The real meaning of the "12 Days of Christmas"

"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.

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



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,
JP Broda, 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.



The Light of the Marian Shrine Candle

IS BURNING THIS WEEK OF:
DECEMBER 25 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022:

IN MEMORY OF:
DAVID & MARIE VOITEK & EDDIE VOITEK
REQUESTED BY: FAMILY



The Light of the Sanctuary Candle

is BURNING THIS WEEK OF:
DECEMBER 25 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022:

IN MEMORY OF:
THERESA FEDORCZAK
REQUESTED BY: FAMILY

TAX STATEMENTS: In compliance with the IRS regulations, all donations to be credited for 2022 must be received in the mail by **December 26, 2022** or in the collection basket the weekend of **December 24 & 25, 2022**. 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**. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

WEEKEND COLLECTION 12/18/2022	\$ 2,659.00
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION ON DECEMBER 18, 2022	\$ 245.00