

# SAINT FRANCES X. CABRINI PARISH

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Dir. of Music: Sr. Jan Marie Kalyan, IHM

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

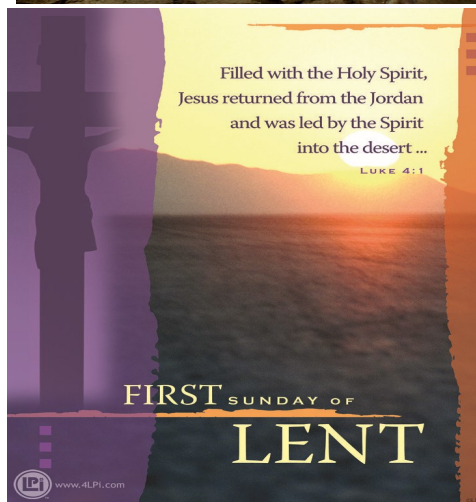
by appointment.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

**TUESDAY—THURSDAY**

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

FEBRUARY 26, 2023



### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

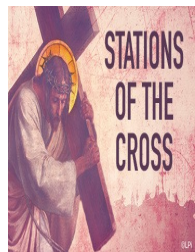
GENESIS 2:7-9; 3:1-7

ROMANS 5:12-19

MATTHEW 4:1-11

### **PREPARING MIND, HEART, AND WILL TO SERVE GOD**

Why did Jesus choose such a barren, lonely place for a sustained period of prayer and fasting? Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell us in their Gospel accounts that Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness. Mark states it most emphatically: "The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness" (Mark 1:12). What compelled Jesus to seek solitude, away from his family and friends, for such a lengthy period? Was it simply a test to prepare him for his mission? Or did Satan want to lure him into a trap? The word *tempt* in English usually means to entice someone to do what is wrong or forbidden. The scriptural word used here also means *test* in the sense of proving and assessing someone to see if they are prepared and ready for the task at hand. We test flight pilots to fly under all conditions, including times of adverse turbulence, storms, and poor visibility. In like manner God tests his people to see if they are ready to follow and serve him without reservation or compromise. *Lord Jesus, your word is life and joy for me. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may have the strength and courage to embrace your will in all things and to renounce whatever is contrary to it.*



### **Stations of the Cross:**

"Everyone's Way of the Cross"  
Fridays at 7:00 P.M. at St Therese's.

"Stewardship Way of the Cross"  
Friday, March 24, at 7:00 P.M. A virtual presentation will be available at [Facebook.com/1LittleFlower4U](https://www.facebook.com/1LittleFlower4U).



### **Confessions at**

Saint Therese's Church:

Mondays: February 27,  
March 6, 13, 20 and 27 from

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The main and ramp room doors will be open for those wishing to attend.

### **Taize Prayer Around the Cross**

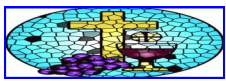
In preparation for the solemnities of Holy Week and Easter, we invite you to join us for "Taize Prayer Around the Cross" on Sunday, March 19, at 7:00 P.M. in the Church. This reflective and prayerful service of song, scripture, and silence will feed the soul and nourish the spirit as we prepare to enter the holiest week of the year. Please join us.



As part of your Lenten journey, you might want to view the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd season of "The Chosen." It is, in my estimation, one of the finest and most realistic portrayals of Jesus and his disciples. Consider: "The Chosen" on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com)  
*Father Jim*

### **The Sound of Music**

Our newly-purchased Samick piano is dedicated in gratitude to Sister Jan Marie Kalyan, I.H.M., for her 22 years of faithful service to Saint Frances X. Cabrini parish. Sister dedicated her time and talent as Director of Music, Choir Director, Cantor instructor, program coordinator, and so much more throughout her many years at St. Frances. We hold Sister Jan close in prayer and deeply appreciate the many gifts she shared with our beloved little Church on the hill.  
*Father Jim and a grateful parish.*



Tuesday 02/28 9:00 a.m.  
Saturday 03/04 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 03/05 9:30 a.m.

Michael & Lydia DeFrancesco  
Josephine Savinski  
Mary & Steve Maier

Requested by:  
Michael & Lorraine DeFrancesco  
Daughter, Mary  
Geri Botyrius



The chancellor of the Diocese of Scranton asks the faithful who have reached the age of 14 to be aware of Diocesan Statute No. 41, which addresses the penitential aspect of Lent.

**FASTING** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday, February 22 and Good Friday, April 7, 2023, by all Catholics over 18 years of age to the beginning of their 60TH year. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal, unless dispensed or excused.

**ABSTINENCE** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Ash Wednesday, all of the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence.



### THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

is an act of the whole assembly gathered for worship. The Church is joined to the action of Christ and also in divine action through Baptism, which incorporates us into the risen Christ. This action, which lies at "the center of the whole of Christian life" is initiated not by us but by God acting in and through the Church as the Body of the risen Christ. The Liturgy is designed to bring about in all of the worshiping assembly a "participation of the faithful, namely in body and in mind by faith, hope and charity. We give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the Priest but also together with him and so that they may learn to offer their very selves...Moreover, they are to form one body, whether in hearing the word of God, or in taking part in the prayers and in the singing, or above all by the common offering of the Sacrifice and by receiving the Eucharist. The participation of each person in the Liturgy is important. Each person needs to do his or her part. *The third of the Ten Commandments given to Moses by God is, "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day."*



LORD  
HEAR OUR  
PRAYERS

### Remember in Your Prayers

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

The Sanctuary Candle and the Marian Shrine Candle are available as a meaningful memorial for your loved ones who have passed or as a way to say "thank you" for a special blessing. The mass intention calendar is also available. Please call Diane at 570-696-3737 during office hours.



### The Light of the Marian Shrine Candle

IS BURNING THIS WEEK OF:  
FEBRUARY 26 to MARCH 4, 2023:  
RITA & ALFRED DELANO  
REQUESTED BY: Gayle Delano Slezak



### The Light of the Sanctuary Candle

is BURNING THIS WEEK OF:  
FEBRUARY 26 to MARCH 4, 2023:  
IN MEMORY OF: FROLINDO MARIUCCI, JR.  
REQUESTED BY: Family

### SAVE THE DATE

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Swoyersville,  
Social Concerns Committee BINGO will be held on  
Sunday, April 23rd in the school gym.

### DIOCESAN COLLECTION

### Operation Rice Bowl

throughout the entire

Season of Lent

Thank you for your support.

### 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  
02/19/2023

\$ 2,351.00