

# SAINT FRANCES X. CABRINI PARISH

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## PARISH STAFF

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Father James Alco  
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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

3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

TUESDAY—THURSDAY

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

## DECEMBER 24, 2023



### TODAY'S READINGS:

2 SAMUEL 7:1-5, 8B-12

ROMANS 16:25-27

LUKE 1:26-38

### NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) READINGS:

ISAIAH 52:7-10

HEBREWS 1:1-6

JOHN 1:1-18



*As we light the Fourth Candle of Advent we prepare our hearts to bring love to the world.*

*.....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*

## CHRISTMAS EVE—

Sunday, December 24

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

ST. THERESE'S CHURCH

4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. & 10 p.m.

## CHRISTMAS DAY—

Monday, December 25

ST. FRANCES X. CABRINI 9:30 a.m.

ST. THERESE'S CHURCH 11:00 a.m.

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

Mass on Monday, January 1 at 9:30 a.m.

ST. THERESE'S CHURCH

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

Monday, January 1 at 11:00 a.m.

## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Our parish office will close Thursday, Dec. 21, at 2:00 P.M., and re-open on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024, 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. 17.

**THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS ON TUESDAY, DEC. 26, 2023.**

## 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 and management of our parish office; and all of our parishioners who so faithfully support our beloved St. Frances X. Cabrini Parish. *Father Joe*



## SPECIAL THANK YOU

to all our parishioners who sponsored Christmas flowers this year. God bless you always.

## LOVING FATHER OF OUR NEWBORN SAVIOR

help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

**Tuesday 12/26 9:00 a.m.**  
**Saturday 12/30 4:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday 12/31 9:30 a.m.**  
**Monday 01/01 9:30 a.m.**

**NO MASS**  
**Walter Bednar**  
**Frank Castrignano**  
**Former Pastors of Our Parish**

**Tammy Symanski**  
**William Allabaugh**



*The 12 Days of Christmas*



**The real meaning of the 12 Days of Christmas**

We celebrate the official Christmas season beginning on Christmas Day and ends 12 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.

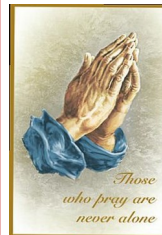
The "eight maids a milking" are the Eight Beatitudes. The "seven swans a swimming" are the Seven Sacraments. The "six geese a laying" are the Six Commandments of the Church or the six days of creation. The "five golden rings" are the first five books of the Old Testament called the Torah which are generally 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.**

**THE WEEK OF  
 DECEMBER 24 TO DECEMBER 30, 2023:**

**THE LIGHT OF THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS  
 BURNING IN MEMORY OF: THERESA FEDORCZAK  
 REQUESTED BY: FAMILY**

**THE LIGHT OF THE MARIAN SHRINE CANDLE  
 IS BURNING FOR: THE LIVING & DECEASED  
 MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH**

**Remember in Your Prayers**



Please pray for Don Hunter Sr., Bernard F., Sister Jan Marie Kalyan, Joyce Kishbaugh, Florence Mickley, Christopher Mortensen, James O'Neill, Denis Perugino, Tom Roarty, Benjamin Szoscak, Jim Starbuck & Lilly Stroud.

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

**TAX STATEMENTS:** In compliance with the IRS regulations, all donations to be credited for 2023 must be received in the mail by December 24, 2023 or in the collection basket the weekend of December 30 & 31, 2023. 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, 2024. Thank you for your cooperation.

**The Legend of the Christmas**

*Poinsettia*

The Poinsettia is the flower of that holy night, inspired by a brilliant star blessed in heavenly sight.

Over Christ in a manger the star of Bethlehem shone, while Mother Earth created a flowering star of her own.

The many pointed petals so soft in snowy white surround a golden center like a star shining bright.

Then later when Christ died, the white petals turned to red, in honor of our Lord and the blood He shed.

So at Christmas remember how the Poinsettia came to be... through the birth and death of Christ we would live eternally.

**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*

<b>WEEKEND COLLECTION 12/17/2023</b>	<b>\$ 2,050.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CHRISTMAS DONATIONS AS OF 12/17/2023</b>	<b>\$ 1,270.00</b>