

# SAINT FRANCES X. CABRINI PARISH

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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.

## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 10, 2023



### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11

2 PETER 3:8-14

MARK 1:1-8

## LET THE HOLY SPIRIT PURIFY AND TRANSFORM

### YOUR MIND AND HEART

John's baptism was for repentance - turning away from sin and taking on a new way of life according to God's word. Our baptism in Jesus Christ by water and the Spirit results in a new birth and entry into God's kingdom as his beloved sons and daughters (John 3:5). The Lord Jesus comes to baptize each one of us in his Holy Spirit so that we may walk in his truth and holiness and radiate the joy of the Gospel to all we meet. God's word has power to change and transform our lives so that we may be lights that point others to Jesus Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Christ. Do you point others to Jesus Christ in the way you live, speak, and treat others?



## 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.

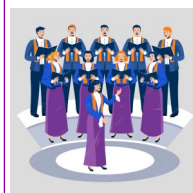
### A PRAYER FOR THIS SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT FOR THE WISDOM AND COURAGE TO BE PEACEMAKERS.

Jesus, Prince of Peace, banish from our souls whatever might endanger peace. Transform us into witnesses of truth, justice and love. Enlighten the minds of rulers that they may care for their peoples and guarantee them the gift of peace. Inflamm our desires to break through the barriers that divide us to strengthen the bonds of mutual love, to learn to understand one another to pardon those who have done us wrong. Jesus, Prince of Peace, through your power and inspiration, may all peoples welcome each other to their heart as sisters and brothers. And may the peace they long forever flower and ever reign among them. AMEN

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

We can live past sin and live deeper in the realm of grace by celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. This is an opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God.

Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 7:00 PM at  
**GATE OF HEAVEN CHURCH**



## CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, WEST PITSTON & ST. BARBARA'S PARISH ADULT CHOIR PRESENTS: "LESSONS & CAROLS"

An Advent Concert, Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. A service of scripture and supporting carols which originated in England. Everyone is welcome to the Social Reception to follow at Immaculate Conception Church Hall, 605 Luzerne Ave, West Pittston. Join us to recall the Mystery of our Redemption!

## SECOND COLLECTION

this weekend is for the

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS.

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Thank you in advance for  
your generous support.

**Tuesday** 12/12 9:00 a.m.  
**Saturday** 12/16 4:00 p.m.  
**Sunday** 12/17 9:30 a.m.

Theresa Fedorchak  
 Don & Jean Harter  
 Ralph Capristo

Requested By:  
 Family  
 Bob & Rita Kurtinitis  
 Dena Nackley

**THE WEEK OF**

DECEMBER 10 TO DECEMBER 16, 2023:

*The Light of the Sanctuary Candle is burning*

IN MEMORY OF: ELIZABETH MOORE  
 REQUESTED BY: MARY ANN KNEPP

*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, Denis Perugino,  
 Tom Roarty, Benjamin Szoscak,  
 Jim Starbuck & Lilly Stroud.

**COMMUNION TO THE HOME BOUND**

Do you or someone you know require communion brought to your home? If so, please contact Diane at 570-696-3737 and we will arrange for one of our Eucharistic Ministers to bring the Body of Christ to your home.

**WEATHER CANCELLATION INFORMATION-**

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

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 God Bless you always.



**SAINT FRANCES X. CABRINI  
 PARISH MEMBERSHIP:**

We welcome all who wish to join our parish. Please contact the parish office, at your earliest convenience by calling

570-696-3737 during our office hours.

We also would like to remind parishioners to please use your weekly envelopes, notify the office of any changes of address, phone number and email addresses. Thank you.

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**

Our annual appeal goal is \$ 13,000. As of Dec 1, our total parish donations for 2023 is at 84%, which includes donations from 49 families totaling \$ 10,864.00. We are currently \$ 2,135 away from reaching our parish goal. If you have not already donated, envelopes for the Appeal are in the church entrances.

Gifts of any size are welcome, and participation is very important.

Please join us in reaching our parish goal .

**God bless you for your kindness and generosity.**

**END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS**

*As the end of the year rapidly approaches, please accept my sincere gratitude for your many contributions of time & treasure throughout 2023. Your Christmas & end of year offerings will help us meet our expenses and remain financially secure as 2024 begins.*

*Father Joe*

**TAX STATEMENTS:**

In compliance with the IRS regulations, all donations to be credited for 2023 must be received in the mail by December 26, 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.

**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 OF  
 12/03/2023**

**\$ 4,667.00**