

# 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.

## 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 18, 2024



## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

GENESIS 9:8-15 (23B)

1 PETER 3:18-22

MARK 1:12-15



## REPENT AND BELIEVE

How do we enter the kingdom of God? In announcing the good news of the Gospel Jesus gave two explicit things each of us must do in order to receive the kingdom of God: repent and believe. **REPENT** means to turn away from sin and wrong-doing in order to follow God's way of love, truth, and moral goodness. When we submit to God's rule in our lives and believe in the Gospel message the Lord Jesus gives us the grace. To change - to change my way of thinking, my attitude, my disposition, and the way I choose to live my life. It requires a contrite heart and true sorrow for sin (Psalm 51:17) and a firm resolution to avoid the near occasion of sin. To **BELIEVE** is to take Jesus at his word and to recognize that God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to free us from bondage to sin and harmful desires. God made the supreme sacrifice of his Son on the cross to bring us back to a relationship of peace, friendship, and unity with our Father in heaven. He is our Father and he wants us to live in joy and freedom. God loved us first and he invites us in love to surrender our lives to him.



## LENT SYMBOL

**ASHES** were used by many throughout the Old Testament as a sign of their repentance, asking

God to have mercy on them. Israelite men, women, and children who lived in Jerusalem fell

prostrate in front of the temple, sprinkled ashes on their heads, spreading out their sackcloth before the Lord" (Judith 4:11).

The Lord heard their cry and saw their distress. This symbolism of repentance is why, in the current version of the Roman Rite, the words spoken at the imposition of ashes may be Jesus' injunction to "Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

Ashes are a rich symbol in the Catholic Church, one that connects us to a long biblical tradition of crying out to God for mercy, showing to him our interior renewal by an exterior sign.



## Stations of the Cross: "Everyone's

Way of the Cross" every Friday at 7:00 P.M. followed by Mass at St. Therese's Church.

A virtual presentation will be posted on St. Therese's Facebook page at:

[Facebook.com/ 1LittleFlower4U](https://www.facebook.com/1LittleFlower4U)



## Confessions at

Saint Therese's Church:

Mondays: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. beginning February 19, 25 & March 4, 11, & 18.

(Also Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the main Church.) The main and ramp room doors will be open for those wishing to attend.

All are welcome.



**WHEN:** Voting BEGAN ON Feb 13 & runs until March 26, 2024.

**WHERE:** On any screen or mobile device.

**PRESENTED BY:** The Hawk Family Foundation

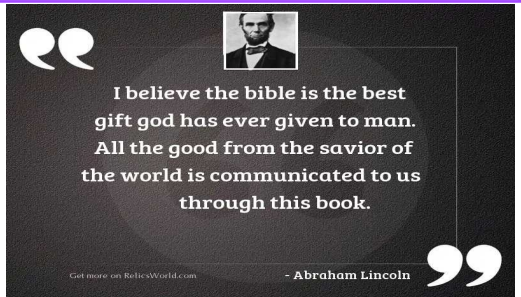
**WHAT'S NEW:** The largest pastor chef roster with 35+ priests and Catholic young people!

**WHY:** HELP US FIGHT HUNGER.

**\$10 = 1 VOTE.** Your vote for Fr. Joe and your sponsorship dollars will support the anti-hunger and anti-homelessness initiatives of Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton.



President's Day





*Requested By:*

**Tuesday** 02/20 9:00 a.m.  
**Saturday** 02/24 4:00 p.m.  
**Sunday** 02/25 9:30 a.m.

John Satkowski  
Delores Kurtinitis  
Barbara Walko

Tom & Dorothy Sheridan  
Bob & Rita Kurtinitis  
Jeff, Lisa, Rachael, Rebecca & Andrew Walko



**THE WEEK OF  
FEBRUARY 18, 2024 TO FEBRUARY 24, 2024:**

THE LIGHT OF THE SANCTUARY  
CANDLE IS BURNING IN MEMORY OF:  
**FROLINDO MARIUCCI, JR.**

REQUESTED BY: FAMILY  
THE LIGHT OF THE MARIAN SHRINE CANDLE  
IS BURNING FOR:  
LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH



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 14 and Good Friday, March 29, 2024, 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.

**SPECIAL NOTE FROM FATHER ALCO:**  
TO QUOTE, St. Theresa of Calcutta, "Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love". I came to you with a heart that is full of "great love" and humility as expressed from the many cards I received both at Christmas and in Get Well wishes that were filled with concern and encouragement, during my recent illness. But, the greatest "Gift" I received from everyone, was your constant "Prayers". This is the best medicine I could have asked for; and believe me, I felt them in my heart. Also to my "brother Priests", who were a constant source of prayer and guidance— —  
Thank You! Please know that all of you have a very special place in my heart .  
God is Good and always faithful!  
Please, let's continue to pray and support one another. Much Love and Prayers,  
*Father Alco*

**WEATHER CANCELLATION  
INFORMATION-**

IF TRAVELING BECOMES HAZARDOUS, DUE TO WINTER WEATHER CONDITIONS PLEASE CALL:  
**570-696-1144, EXT. 13 AFTER 7:30 A.M.**  
FOR ANY WEEKDAY OR WEEKEND  
MASS CANCELLATIONS.



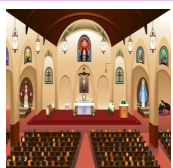
Mass  
Schedule  
Change

**TIME CHANGE**  
**ST. THERESE'S CHURCH**  
Weekend Mass beginning  
Feb. 17, 2024 the new Saturday  
mass time will be 5:30 P.M.



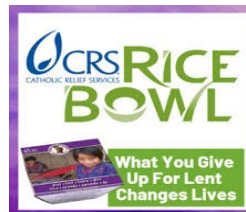
**Remember in Your Prayers**

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.



**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 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 6:38*

**WEEKEND COLLECTION OF  
02/11/2024**

**\$ 3,356.00**