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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Monday - Saturday: 9:30 AM

HOLY DAYS: 6:30 AM, 12:00 Noon, 7:00 PM
(except January 1st which follows a Sunday Mass schedule)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAY: 4:15-5:15 PM or by appointment

DAILY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SAINT JOSEPH CHAPEL

MONDAY - SATURDAY: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

SUNDAY: 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM



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SAINT FRANCES CABRINI PARISH PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Purpose of Saint Frances Cabrini Parish is to be reverently and passionately committed to the Liturgy and celebration of the Eucharist. Our Parish Community is a Catholic family ignited by the love of Christ, embracing compassion, love, and mutual respect for each other. We encourage and welcome everyone to share our life journey bearing witness to the teachings of Jesus Christ and joyfully praising God in our everyday lives.

Please visit our website: www.saintfrancescabrini.net



November 26, 2022

The 5:30 PM Mass will be celebrated for the deceased members of Saint Frances Cabrini Parish.

Week of November 27, 2022

MONDAY *Advent Weekday*

9:30 AM Funeral for Ralph Connor

TUESDAY *Advent Weekday*

9:30 AM Rocco Buttofoco – Elizabeth Buttofoco

WEDNESDAY *St. Andrew, Apostle*

9:30 AM Fran Ryan – his parents, Fran and Joanne

THURSDAY *Advent Weekday*

9:30 AM Thomas Howley – his family

FRIDAY *Advent Weekday*

9:30 AM Fran Ryan – his family

SATURDAY *St. Francis Xavier*

9:30 AM Catherine Harkin – Steve and Patty Talarico and Family

December 3, 2022

The 5:30 PM Mass will be celebrated for the deceased members of Saint Frances Cabrini Parish.



SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Lamps are being provided this week for the *Souls in Purgatory* and in memory of *Kristin DiMattia* by Jean Madden

BREAD AND WINE MEMORIALS

The Bread and Wine is being provided this week in a special intention.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for all those listed in our White Intercessory Book. We also pray for the following people and those who care for them:

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| Edward Baranoski | Judy McCormick |
| Harriet Beatrice | Megan McCormick |
| Marie Breen | Joe Merrick |
| Peter Cellucci | Maria Percaccia |
| Nicholas Curato | Dennis Pierce |
| Josephine Dominick | Marie Ranniello |
| Grace Ford | Mimi Sabol |
| Marc Gravante | Justin Saunders |
| George Kasperitis | Janice Sutchko |
| Joseph Killian | Samantha Tomasick |
| Hailey Knorr | Jean Wilt |
| Janet Law | |

Please Note: With regard to parishioners, relatives, and friends who are ill, we invite you to write their names in our White Intercessory Book. Your loved ones will be remembered in each of our weekend Masses.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our own families, our parish family, and all those who have lost their lives through war and violence.

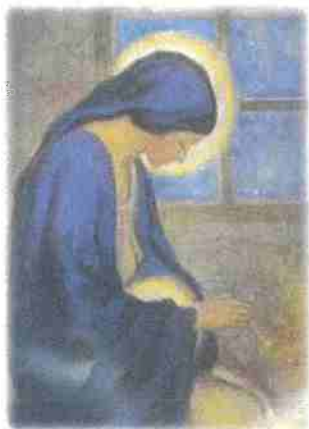
We especially remember:

- Father Dominic Chiaravalle,
Ralph Connor
Lillian Waite and
Betty Wunsch*

May the Lord Jesus bring all our loved ones into His Kingdom.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen





Advent: Waiting and Preparing in Expectation

~ by Theresa
Leonetti O'Connor

From *Thanks* and *Giving* through Black Friday into what? If you look around, Christmas has been here for months already, but there are still big sales to shop, whether online or in store and large festivities to plan... is this what being a grown-up Christian feels like? What happened to Advent? Where, oh, where is that time to fast and pray to ready myself for Jesus' coming?

Advent is an ancient practice of the Church to help the faithful prepare for the Second Coming of Christ as much as the cute baby in the manger on Christmas. Although it can feel like Lent, especially in the earlier days and in the Greek Churches, still with lots of fasting and abstinence, I was always drawn more towards a newer understanding of Advent by focusing on Mary and Joseph as first-time expectant parents and join in their *Expectation* and *Waiting*.

Like any first-time parents, there are many things to do and plans to be put into place before a new life joins a household. This is where we meet Advent: in that expectation and preparation for what is to come - the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love that is promised to come with Christ born for us then and still to come when He comes again.

This is an opportunity to STOP... SLOW DOWN the pace... take some time to WAIT for the Lord in our everyday lives... as the world gets darker and colder... we can light a candle each night on a wreath that reminds us that God's love is never ending. We can pray together for a moment or more as a family, whether everyone is you in person or not.

If you would like to add something else to do for Advent, then please consider joining us for the *Advent Formation Series: A Biblical Walk with Mary*. Through beautiful videos recorded in Israel, Dr. Ed Sri will help us to step back with Mary and see her world. Each of the three evenings, we will first pray, then watch a video, then

break out into small groups to share about what we learned and heard.

Advent Walk with Mary
Wednesday, November 30th,
December 7th, and 14th at 7:00pm
Monsignor Woods Hall/Gym

We hope you can join us as we walk with Mary for three weeks through beautiful Israel. Mary and Joseph are our best role models as to how to prepare our hearts and lives for Jesus on Christmas Day.

May God's peace be with you
in all you are and do.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES



Our Christmas Giving Trees are now in the Church and suggested Christmas gifts are noted on the tags. **If possible, we ask that you take a tag, purchase that gift, and return the gift, wrapped, with that tag affixed to the front to identify its contents.** In order to allow sufficient time to assemble the gifts for those being assisted by your generosity, we respectfully ask that the gifts be returned **Sunday, December 11th no later than noontime.** On behalf of all those who will be benefitting from your goodness, we thank you!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS

Next weekend, **December 3rd – 4th**, there will be a second collection for the *Annual Retirement Fund for the Religious.*

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

Next weekend, **December 3rd – 4th**, there will be a second collection for the *Christmas Flowers.*

Both envelopes may be placed in the Second Collection Basket.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Scripture Readings: First Sunday of Advent



First Reading ~ Isaiah 2: 1-5

The prophet Isaiah dreamed of a day when Jerusalem (sometimes called Zion) would be the center of the world, and all people would come there to receive instruction from God. In today's reading, Isaiah presents a vision of peace and prosperity for the whole world.

Second Reading ~ Romans 13:11-14

Behind everything Paul wrote was his strong belief that the hour of Christ's return in glory was near at hand. In this passage, Paul uses the image of darkness and light to describe how Christians ought to live as they await that In

Gospel ~ Matthew 24:37-44

The Gospel that the Church proclaims today is not about Jesus' coming as a babe in Bethlehem, but about Jesus' coming as the Son of Man. There is an urgent tone to the reading: "So too, you also must be prepared..." We are being urged not simply to remember the birth of Jesus many years ago, but to prepare for the coming of Jesus today and at the end of time.



HOSPITALITY GATHERING

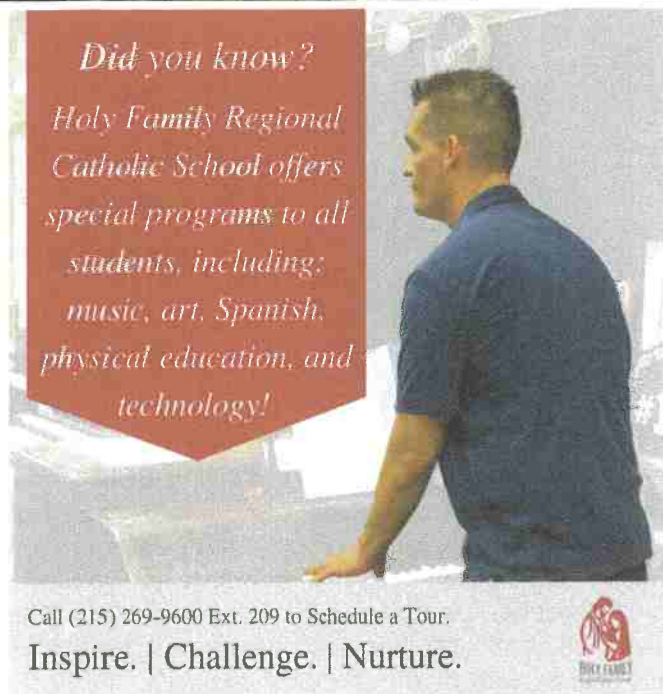
This Sunday, November 27th, there will be a **Hospitality Gathering following our 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses**. Parishioners are cordially invited to gather in Monsignor Woods Hall for some light refreshments.




Please remember to pray for all men and women serving in the Armed Forces. May the sacrifices they are making bring peace. May God bring them all home safely and soon.



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All are welcome to join us on **Saturday, December 3, from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon**, as we welcome **Santa to our pancake breakfast in Monsignor Woods Hall!**

Breakfast (which will be served until 11:00 AM) includes pancakes, sausage, bagels, donuts, coffee, tea, juice. There will be lots of fun crafts for the kids and entertainment by the Men of Harmony. Young and old are invited to visit with Santa and take a photo (bring your own camera). Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available in the rectory or online at www.saintfrancescabrini.net.

TICKETS: \$10 for Adults; \$5 for Children

MARY

A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother



Register on our St. Frances Cabrini website at saintfrancescabrini.net or call the Rectory Office at 215-946-4040.

THIS WEEK ON
FORMED

Week of November 27, 2022



Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage
This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.



Advent through the Centuries
Dr. Bronwen McShea, an Associate Professor at the Augustine Institute, shares an exciting and thorough presentation on the celebration of Advent throughout the centuries.



Making Advent Great for Kids
Advent is a time where we seek to grow in intimacy and relationship with the Lord. But this does not have to only be for adults! Join Dr. Tim Gray and Paul McCusker as they discuss different ways you can make Advent great for your kids.

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in this week's Parish Bulletin**



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2023 Mass Book

The 2023 Mass Book is full. The 2024 Mass Book is not yet opened. If you would like a memorial or Mass for a loved one, please consider:

- ✓ Sanctuary Lamp Memorials
- ✓ Bread and Wine Memorials
- ✓ Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Enrollments
- ✓ Pontifical Mission Society Masses



Please call the rectory if you have any questions:
215-946-404



SAINT FRANCES CABRINI PARISH COMMUNITY



POT OF GOLD WEEKLY LOTTERY PROGRAM

November 16, 2022
1-3-6-7-30



JACKPOT PRIZE WINNER (NONE)

CONSOLATION PRIZE WINNERS 6@ \$167

WINNER
Steve and Danielle
John St. John
Sam
Charlotte Snyder
Janice Labre
PC

SELLER
Enzo Piskorski
N. Kinniry
Wendy Bannon
Rob Moore
J. Rivells
Naylor

NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT PRIZE \$52,000

The numbers and winners for the **November 20th Pot of Gold** will be printed in the **December 4th issue** of the Parish Bulletin because of the Thanksgiving holidays.

Thank you for participating in the Pot of Gold Program. For more information, contact the Rectory at 215-946-4040. We are not responsible for typographical errors.

WE ARE A TITHING COMMUNITY

Since this issue of the bulletin had to go to print on November 18th, the **collection totals for the week of November 20th will be printed in the November 27th issue.**



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

ATTENTION ALL 8th GRADERS...

REMINDER - DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 3, 2022

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**ADVENT TAIZÉ
PRAYER SERVICE**
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 7:00 PM

An **Advent Taizé Prayer Service** will be offered by the Saint Frances Cabrini Catholic Community on **Sunday, December 18th at 7:00 PM** in our Church. All are welcome.

Taizé Prayer is a candlelight service which will include music, scripture, and time for personal reflection.

It is particularly fitting to offer this special prayer experience during Advent. December can be an extremely stressful month for many people. For some, there are so many things to do and not enough time to do it all. For others it can mean an increased struggle with loneliness, depression, or addictions. And others are confronted with financial concerns heightened by all the extra expenses of the holidays. Please take some time to focus on the true meaning of Advent and Christmas. Bring your cares and concerns to God. Enter into an oasis of Scripture, song, and silence; where, in the words of Psalm 131, you can "still your soul" and hear God's message of hope and love whispered into the silence of your heart.

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7:00 Pm

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For more information -

Call Renee' Cereby at: 267-357-5008,

or email her at: ReneeCereby1012@gmail.com



**MONDAY EVENINGS, 8PM
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