

St. Frances Cabrini Parish

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THIRD 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

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MONDAY - SATURDAY: 8:00 AM - 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

MASS Intentions

December 11, 2022

The **9:00 AM Mass** will be celebrated for the deceased members of Saint Frances Cabrini Parish.

Week of December 11, 2022

MONDAY Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:30 AM Jerry Griffin, Sr. – Spinosa Family

TUESDAY St. Lucy

9:30 AM Honey and Tom Connor
- their granddaughter, Kerri

WEDNESDAY St. John of the Cross

9:30 AM Thomas J. McCormac, Jr.
- Msgr. McCormac

THURSDAY Advent Weekday

6:30 AM Joseph M. Panzarella – his son, Joe

FRIDAY Advent Weekday

9:30 AM Margaret Carduff – Msgr. McCormac

SATURDAY Advent Weekday

9:30 AM Sr. Helen McCormac
- Deacon Mace and Carol Mazzoni

December 18, 2022

The **9:00 AM Mass** will be celebrated for the deceased members of Saint Frances Cabrini Parish.

SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Lamps are being provided this week in memory of *Esperanza Gooding*
by Jackie Small, and for
the *Souls in Purgatory*.

BREAD AND WINE MEMORIALS

The Bread and Wine is being provided this week in memory of *John McClure, Sr.*
by his son, John.

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:

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:

*Steve Barna, James Ferrero, Sr.,
Treba Fink, David Gillman, Daniel Kozak,
Ethel Iannuzzi, and Lydia Magni*

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: Season of Expectations and Waiting

~ by Jean Madden, Director of Religious Education

Advent is a season of expectations and waiting. The focus of the Wednesday evening, **Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother**, has been on the various ways Mary was filled with surprise, wonder and joyful expectation, as well as how our Blessed Mother spent her time waiting for Jesus to be born. Those in attendance have been challenged to reflect on how we each have responded to God's call, particularly when God's plan for us is different than our previous expectations. Do we place our trust in God and wait with eager, joyful expectation for His plan to unfold? How do we spend our time as we wait for God to answer our prayers and make His plan known to us? Do we reach out to others who are in need, or do we focus on ourselves and grow impatient that God is moving too slowly? There is still time to join us for the Wednesday evening reflections. We have one more session this **Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 PM in the Monsignor Woods Hall. All are welcome!**

This past Sunday, December 4th, during the 11:00 AM Mass, we celebrated the **Presentation of the Candidates for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation**. These young parishioners and their parents and guardians, like Mary, are filled with joyful expectation. When Monsignor McCormac introduced the candidates and asked them if they were willing to prepare for these Sacraments through participation at Mass each week, prayer, study, faithful completion of assignments, and willingness to learn more about Christ, His Church, and the mysteries of our faith, there were smiles all throughout the church, and with a little encouragement, a strong response, "I am." Monsignor McCormac then turned his attention to the parents and guardians, asking if they are willing to renew their commitment to dedicate themselves to working with their children as they grow in knowledge and faith. Again, there was a solid response, "We will." The Parish Community was then asked to pray for the candidates and their parents and guardians. We pray that this time of expectation and preparation will not only culminate in the joyful celebration of the Sacraments, but will also lead to a lifelong, meaningful relationship with Jesus for both the candidates and their parents and guardians. As we pray

for these families, we might also take some time to remember our own excitement as we prepared for these Sacraments and ask the Holy Spirit to help us approach our next confession and our next celebration of the Mass with that same feeling of awe and wonder, with that same feeling of happy expectation.

Joyful anticipation and hopeful waiting are the themes of our **Advent Taize Prayer Service**. All are invited to join us on **Sunday, December 18th, at 7:00 PM**. As we approach the final days of Advent, please take some time away from the busy-ness of the secular Christmas season and experience the peace of Taize Prayer. The candlelit service, consisting of contemplative music, Sacred Scripture, and periods of silence, provides a wonderful opportunity for personal reflection and inner peace. Bring your cares and concerns to God in the dark and silent church and wait to hear God's message of hope and love whispered into the silence of your heart.

May this Advent season of joyful expectations lead us all to the Christmas Gospel of hope and love.

Thank you and
the Lord's Blessings



On behalf of the Parish Community, the Pastoral Staff and myself, it is with heartfelt gratitude that I thank Mary Ann Alton for her ministry as our Parish Secretary for the past year and a half. After many years of sharing her talents on a full-time basis in various education, music and administrative positions in the Church, Mary Ann recently shared her intention to retire in June and look for part-time work. With her first passion being music, she has been making herself available on the weekends as a substitute organist for a number of parishes. It was during this time that she recently became aware of an opening for a part-time Director of Music at St. Jerome Parish in Northeast Philadelphia. After discussing her intentions with me and Karen David, our Parish Business Manager, Mary Ann has accepted the position and will begin at St. Jerome's after the first of the year. With much gratitude to Mary Ann, she has graciously agreed to assist us on a part-time basis until we fill the secretarial position.

Although saddened by her leaving, we certainly support Mary Ann's decision, and we wish her well in all her future endeavors. Mary Ann has served very well in all the various aspects of her position here and it has been a pleasure to work with her. She will be missed by the rectory staff and the parishioners with whom she has interacted during her time working at the rectory.

Scripture Readings:

Third Sunday of Advent



First Reading ~ Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

TV coverage of events in the Middle East has familiarized us with the empty expanse of arid desert described in today's reading. Therefore, we can appreciate the unbelievable transformation which God promises Israel. The prophets say that the desert will become a lush garden, as God's chosen people return singing and dancing from their 70-year exile in Babylon.

Second Reading ~ James 5:7-10

The letter of James was written approximately 50 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. It was addressed to a group of Christians who were disappointed that Jesus had not yet returned in glory. Using an agricultural image, the author encourages them to keep their hope alive as they face the day-to-day trials of life.

Gospel ~ Matthew 11:2-11

The answer to John's question, "Are you the one who is to come?" is "Yes." Jesus is the longed-for messiah, but he is a quite different kind of messiah from what John and his contemporaries expected.



BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The **Bereavement Group** will meet this Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center.



Living Nativity

St. Ephrem Parish, 5400 Hulmeville Road, Bensalem, will host a **Living Nativity** on **Tuesday, December 20th at 7:00 PM** in St. Ephrem Church. A cast of over thirty parishioners will offer a dramatic presentation of the birth of Our Lord with song and Scripture. All are welcome to the presentation as we begin to celebrate with great joy the birth of our Lord Jesus!



Mark your calendars:

Catholic Schools Week 2023

January 29-February 4, 2023

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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 no later than **TODAY, December 11th at noon**, or **brought to the Rectory by 1:00 PM this afternoon**. On behalf of all those who will be benefitting from your goodness, we thank you!



CHURCH DECORATING

As we anticipate the celebration of the birth of Christ, we will begin decorating our church for the Christmas season on **Sunday, December 18th at 12:30 PM**. All parishioners are welcome to share their time and talent as we bring the joy of Christmas to St. Frances Cabrini Parish. With much work to be done, much help is needed, and your participation would be greatly appreciated.



Week of December 11, 2022



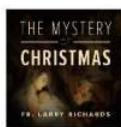
I Am Who I Am Lectio: God Episode 1

Who is God and what does he mean when he says "I Am Who I Am"? Join Dr. Elizabeth Klein in her latest Lectio series as she begins to unpack the mystery of who God is.



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Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Ávila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



The Mystery of Christmas

by Fr. Larry Richards

In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift: his Son.

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Saint Frances Cabrini Parish is looking for a candidate to fill an open Secretary/Receptionist position in the Parish rectory. This position provides clerical and administrative support for the Pastor and Pastoral Staff. Requirements include familiarity with office organization techniques, excellent written and verbal communication skills, proficiency in MS Office with a strong aptitude for learning new software programs and transferring knowledge of one program to another, as well as time management capability.

Interested candidates can send their resume and contact information to bkdavid2@verizon.net.

Monday Evenings, 8PM Virtual World Mission Rosary

Join hundreds of people throughout the Archdiocese who have regularly been praying the ROSARY LIVE! United in this most powerful prayer, we ask for the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to hear our intentions and renew our Catholic faith as we pray in unity for our brothers and sisters in mission lands world-wide. On Mission Mondays, we pray the World Mission Rosary, created by Venerable Fulton Sheen, in which we offer each decade for one of five Mission areas, including the US.

Use this Zoom link to join each Monday: <https://zoom.us/s/494480541>
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Sunday Collection – December 4, 2022	\$12,289
Parish Giving Electronic Fund	\$ 2,704
TOTAL	\$14,993
Prior Year's Collection	\$14,349

GIFTS FROM GWYN SCHOLARSHIP

For the seventh year in a row, The *Gifts from Gwyn Foundation* has proudly given annual tuition scholarships to Holy Family Regional and Conwell-Egan Catholic High School students for CEC tuition, in honor of Gwyneth Rivells. The topic is friendship or random acts of kindness and submissions are presented in the form of a: song, video, artwork, or poem. Applications are downloadable from the CEC website or directly at www.Conwell-egan.org/scholarships and are to be submitted to the admissions office by **December 16, 2022**. The Rivells family and foundation members will select winners.

For more information on the foundation, please visit the website at www.giftsfromgwyn.org

Good luck to all that apply!



CEC Christmas Concert

Friday, December 16 | 6:30 p.m.

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The 'O' Antiphons of the final days of Advent

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King, and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!

~ from *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

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