

St. Frances Cabrini Parish

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325 S. Oxford Valley Road, Fairless Hills, PA

Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Rev. Msgr. Michael P. McCormac
Pastor

Deacon Mace M. Mazzoni

Rev. Msgr. Michael K. Magee
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Miss Jean E. Madden
Director of Religious Education
Director of Music

Mr. Henry J. Wajda, Jr.
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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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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



With the Christmas Season having ended, and as we now move along in the New Year, we take this special opportunity to reflect upon and appreciate all that we experienced and all that we received. First and foremost, we praise and thank God for the gift of His Son, Jesus. In light of all the challenges which we faced in 2022, especially the lingering impact of variants of COVID and the downturn in the economy and the very high inflation rate, there is a constant need to reaffirm our belief in the presence and the power of God in our lives and in our world. So often, we can feel so powerless in view of world tensions, but as individuals and as a Parish Community of faith, we can seize every opportunity to bring harmony and peace into our own life situations, beginning in our own families. It is true that loving family relationships are the best protection against the challenges of the world.

In our Parish, due to the continuing concern about COVID and the extremely cold temperatures, only 900 people gathered for Christmas Mass in celebration of the birth of Jesus. In 2019, over 1,600 celebrated Mass on Christmas. Although much smaller gatherings this year as compared to the pre-COVID years, I was especially proud of our beautiful Eucharistic celebrations on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. I take this opportunity to thank all those who served the worshipping community through their various liturgical ministries. Specifically, I wish to acknowledge and thank my brother priest, Monsignor Michael Magee, for celebrating three of our Christmas Masses. I also wish to acknowledge Deacon Mace Mazzoni for his ministry during our liturgies. I thank Theresa Leonetti O'Connor, our Director of Parish Services, who assists me. I thank our liturgical ministers, specifically, our Greeters, Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. I also thank Jean Madden, our Director of Music and also our Choir Director and organist/pianist, for overseeing and planning all our music for Christmas. I thank Hank Wajda, our principal organist, for enhancing our liturgies. I especially wish to commend and thank Stephanie Dembik, Regina Foglia, Marybeth Haberstick, JoAnne Osborn, Julianna Rifkin and Victor Sorace for their singing of *Oh Holy Night* and thank them too for leading

our congregations in sung prayer at our Christmas Masses. I also especially thank our Adult Choir for enhancing our 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass as well as our Midnight Christmas Mass. I also thank Zoey Rovenolt, who represented the children of our Parish Community when she carried the statue of the Baby Jesus to the crib during the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass.

Grateful to God for the many talented people who serve our worshipping community, I am indeed grateful to all those who enhanced our church with the arrangement of decorations including the trees, garland, flowers and Christmas Nativity scene. I take this opportunity to invite our parishioners to be part of the Church Environment Committee as they continue their work of beautifying our church. We also thank our parishioners, Rick Tralies for all he did in preparing the church for Christmas. We thank our parishioner, Sam Price, for assisting in setting up the nativity platform. Sam is an extremely talented man who continues to give of his time and talent here at St. Frances Cabrini. As a Parish Community, we are indeed blessed to have Sam and other such parishioners who generously give of their time, talent and treasure.

I thank John McClure, Tom Stefanik, Joe Tufo and Brendan Tufo for our Christmas liturgical celebrations and their assistance throughout the year. Continuing in the spirit of gratitude, I thank our parishioners for their donations toward the Christmas flowers and other adornments. Their families and loved ones were being especially remembered throughout the Christmas Season. I am pleased to note, that after deducting the expenses related to our Christmas preparations, the excess funds from the Christmas Flower collection will be used for the less fortunate among us, as well as assisting in other charitable and justice-related concerns throughout the year.

On behalf of all the families who received gifts through our Christmas Giving Tree Program, I thank our parishioners whose generosity made their Christmas much brighter and much happier. I also wish to thank Theresa Leonetti O'Connor, who coordinated this outreach program, and John McClure, Marybeth Haberstick and the Garneau Family for their assistance in this yearly program. I also thank our parishioners who made anonymous donations directly to me for the benefit of others. I can tell you that there were many tears of joy because the recipients of these gifts knew that someone cared for them and their children. Our Parish Community provided gifts to 28 families just before Christmas.

With regard to the Christmas collection, it is with deep gratitude that I thank our parishioners for their generosity to the Church at Christmas time. I am very pleased to say that our Christmas collection was \$27,863. I am most grateful to you for making such a financial sacrifice.

I thank all those who assisted in taking down our Christmas trees and other adornments on Sunday afternoon.

Finally, I offer my own personal word of thanks to all those who were so very thoughtful in sending candy, cookies and other gifts to me, the rectory staff, and our Parish Religious Education faculty. For all this, and for all you have done to make this, our seventh Christmas here at our new St. Frances Cabrini Parish, a wonderful experience of Church, I thank you. May God continue to bless you abundantly as we move along in the New Year!

Go Forth

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As Archbishop, my most important responsibility is to accompany and lead all of the souls entrusted to the care of the Church in Philadelphia to follow Jesus more closely and to learn how to bring Him to others. Supporting one another on that shared journey is the essence of what it means to be a missionary disciple. It is my greatest hope that our local Church will become a community of missionary disciples with each of us on fire with love for Christ and equipped to help others find Him.

*To make this vision a reality, I am inviting you to participate in a new initiative called Go Forth. The plan is simple. Each week starting on Ash Wednesday, I will send you a text message containing one practical thing you can do that week to grow in your friendship with Jesus or sharpen your skills for missionary discipleship. All you have to do is subscribe to Go Forth by **texting goforth to the number 84576**.*

Together we can create a culture of missionary disciples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. I look forward to being on this journey with you. Thank you and may God bless you.



*Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D. D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia*

Scripture Readings: The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Isaiah recalls Israel's history when the northern tribes were conquered by the Assyrians and placed in exile. Their situation is described as "darkness" and their living conditions as being "in the land of gloom." Their eventual freedom is attributed to the intervention of God who came to them as a light. The result of this freedom was "great rejoicing" and "abundant joy." The prophet compares their jubilation to the joy that happens when the spoils of the harvest are shared, and when those in slavery are given their freedom.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

On more than one occasion, Paul takes the Church in Corinth to task for the divisions that arise among them. Today's passage is one example. Although Paul considers them brothers and sisters in the Lord, he still takes responsibility for their spiritual welfare and for the harmony that should be among them. He dismisses their bickering over whom they should follow by reminding them that it is Christ Jesus who has saved them. The Gospel he preaches is that of Christ; and that is what they are to follow.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Today's passage is Matthew's account of the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. One of Matthew's themes is the connection between Jesus' mission and that foretold by the prophets. He does this by quoting the Isaiah passage that was the first reading. Jesus is presented as the light for the nations. Now that John the Baptist has been arrested, Jesus takes up His ministry and calls the first four apostles. The immediate response of the four fishermen has become an example for every disciple who intends to follow the Lord. The last lines of the Gospel announce the nature and scope of Jesus' mission.



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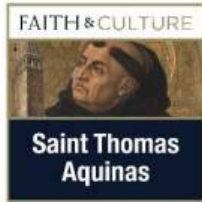
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Saint Frances Cabrini Parish

Annual Winter Luau Dinner and Dance

Saturday, February 4
7 pm – 11 pm
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Music and Dancing
\$30 per person
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Open Secretary/Receptionist Position ~ St. Frances Cabrini Parish

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

Mark your calendars:
Catholic Schools Week 2023
 January 29-February 4, 2023
 Kicking off with our annual
 Open House on January 29 from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM!

WE ARE A TITHING COMMUNITY

Sunday Collection – January 15, 2023	\$ 9,724
Parish Giving Electronic Fund	\$ 5,117
TOTAL	\$14,841
Prior Year's Collection	\$15,224



**15th Annual Man Up Philly
Men's Spirituality Conference -
Saturday, March 4, 2023**

The Road to Emmaus—

Finding Christ in the Breaking of the Bread

The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the **15th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference on March 4th at Cardinal O'Hara HS**. Speakers include **Timothy Cardinal Dolan**, acclaimed speaker, author, and Archbishop of New York City, **Jim Wahlberg**, writer and producer of **Mother Teresa - No Greater Love**, **Deacon James Mahoney**, instructor at St Charles Seminary. **Mark Houck**, pro-life champion, will offer our reconciliation talk. And back by popular demand, **Mark Forrest**, internationally recognized Irish tenor, who will lead our **Eucharistic Adoration**. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available, and the Conference will conclude with **Mass** celebrated by our archbishop **Most Reverend Archbishop Nelson Perez**. For more information and to register go to the website: www.manupphilly.com

**Bishop Conwell/Bishop Egan Class of 1973
50 Year Reunion
Saturday, June 3, 2023 4-9 p.m.**

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Post reunion gathering: June 4 at Core Creek Park
Join us for a weekend of reminiscing, reuniting, and celebrating faith and friendships! Invitations will be mailed in February. RSVP by April.

For more information, please join our Facebook groups-
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SAINT FRANCES CABRINI PARISH COMMUNITY



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WEEKLY LOTTERY PROGRAM

January 15, 2023

1 - 5 - 6 - 13 - 26

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(NONE)

CONSOLATION PRIZE WINNERS

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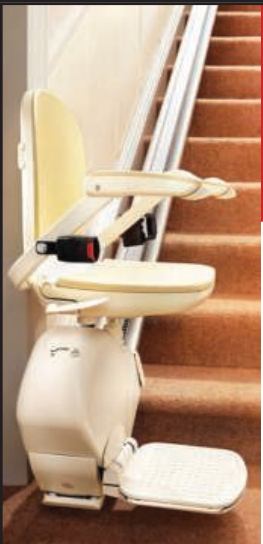
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