

St. Frances Cabrini Parish

"Come and See" 325 S. Oxford Valley Road, Fairless Hills, PA
First Sunday
of Lent

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Office of Religious Education

Phone Number: 215-946-1115

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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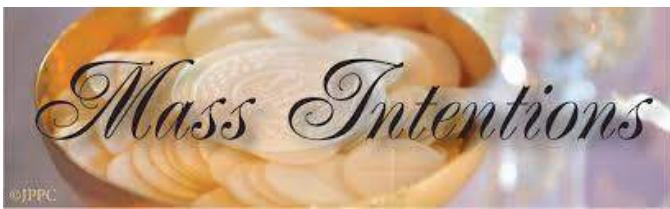
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SAINT FRANCES CABRINI PARISH PURPOSE STATEMENT

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



February 26, 2023

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

Week of February 26, 2023

MONDAY Lenten Weekday

9:30 AM Funeral Mass for John Leski

TUESDAY Lenten Weekday

9:30 AM Danica Mulholland – Holy Family Regional Catholic School

WEDNESDAY Lenten Weekday

9:30 AM Marshall Brooks – MaryJean & Rudy Penaranda

THURSDAY Lenten Weekday

9:30 AM Danica Mulholland – Msgr. McCormac

FRIDAY Lenten Weekday

9:30 AM Nancy Feldman – Cecelia Shinn

SATURDAY Lenten Weekday

9:30 AM Susan Marie Cordero – a Friend



March 4, 2023

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 in memory of *Linda Kreutzer* by Chick Kreutzer & Family and for a special intention.

BREAD AND WINE MEMORIALS

The Bread and Wine is being provided this week for 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:

Edward Baranowski	Megan McCormick
Harriet Beatrice	Maria Percaccia
Marie Breen	Dennis Pierce
Peter Cellucci	Marie Ranniello
Josephine Dominick	Mimi Sabol
Marc Gravante	Justin Saunders
George Kasperitis	Robert Scordia
Joseph Killian	Janice Sutchko
Hailey Knorr	Samantha Tomasick
Janet Law	Jean Wilt
Judy McCormick	

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:

*Marjorie Dougherty
Officer Christopher Fitzgerald
Grace Ford
Robert Little
Los Angeles Auxiliary Bishop David O'Connell
George Tidman*

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



Confirmation Retreat and Taize Prayer Service

By Jean E. Madden

I am grateful for this opportunity to share with you highlights from the Confirmation Class Retreat that was held on Saturday afternoon, February 18, and to invite you to our Taize Prayer Service that's taking place this Sunday, February 26.

John Paul Kasperowicz of Big Heart Harvest was our Retreat Leader. His enthusiastic presentation, personal stories and inspirational music created the perfect environment for our Confirmation Class to reflect on the importance of the Catholic faith in their own individual lives. John Paul is originally from New Jersey, attended high school in Morrisville and served as Director of Youth Ministry for Saint Michael the Archangel and Saint Ignatius parishes, as well as a few other parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Eventually, he stepped away from Youth Ministry to devote his time to Big Heart Harvest Farming Ministry.

Big Heart Harvest is a non-profit organization whose mission is threefold:

1. Growing farm fresh produce to feed the hungry by distributing what they produce to soup kitchens and rescue missions, as well as personal delivery to families in need.
2. Educating people about the benefits and an individual's ability to produce their own food in order to provide for their own family's needs as well as their ability to help others in need through their labors.
3. Empowering people of all walks of life by teaching them to provide for themselves and others they may know who are in need.

In addition to his Big Heart Harvest Farming Ministry, the Lord continued to call John Paul to ministry with young people. He is a highly sought after Retreat Leader and we were truly blessed that he could be here for our Confirmation Retreat. The goal of his retreats is to help young people understand how very much they are loved and valued by God, and that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Jesus wants to work in and through their lives the same way He worked in and through the Apostles after Pentecost. At the end of an

afternoon of multimedia presentations, personal witness, music, small group activities, prayer, and yes, even some fun, John Paul challenged the class to reflect on the exchange that will take place between Archbishop Adams and themselves when the Archbishop will say their Confirmation name followed by the words, "be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit" and they will respond "Amen." John Paul specifically asked them to think about that "Amen." Will they say it with the intended meaning of the word, "Let it be so" or will it be just another word, devoid of meaning? On Saturday, I prayed for this special group of young people and asked God to give them the courage to respond whole-heartedly to the Archbishop so that Confirmation for them is the beginning of an ever deepening understanding of God's love for them and their call to actively live their faith.

In addition to sharing about our Parish's Confirmation Retreat Day, I also want to share with you some thoughts on our Taize Prayer Service, which will take place this Sunday evening, February 26, at 7:00 PM. Taize Prayer around the Cross is comprised of meditative chants, silence, and readings. I invite you to come experience the peace and serenity that flow from the chants, Sacred Scripture, prayers and meditation based on the ecumenical prayer experience of the community of brothers in Taize, France.

I know how hectic life can be, how busy we all are, and that is exactly why I want to encourage you to step away from all the stress and busyness of life and to spend an hour in prayerful reflection around the cross of Christ. Just as the Confirmation Class took the time to reflect on the importance of the Catholic faith in their lives, let the candle-lit setting of Taize Prayer and the simple, repetitive music and periods of silence provide the perfect setting for you to reflect on the vitality of your faith.

As we pray for a strengthening of our own faith, may we also remember to lift each other up to God. I especially ask that you keep all our young parishioners who are actively preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in your prayers. Please pray for them and their families. In the words of Psalm 51 let us pray, "A clean heart create for me, O God; renew within me a steadfast spirit." Amen

Scripture Readings: The First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: **Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7**



This passage from Genesis has three parts: the creation of man, the placing of the man and woman in the garden, and the temptation and sin of the woman and the man. The focus of the account is on the last activity. Like all temptations, the one presented by the snake is subtle. The “reward” for disobedience is supposedly greater than the opposite, namely being obedient to God. And, like all temptations, when one gives in, not only is the consequence unexpected, but it brings about a realization that the wrong choice has been made.

Second Reading: **Romans 5:12, 17-19**

In Saint Paul’s letter to the Romans, he draws a comparison between Adam and Christ. Adam is regarded as the one responsible for how sin entered the world; Christ is the One who has brought redemption from sin through the grace of God given to Him. Although we are inheritors of the consequence of Adam’s disobedience, we are made righteous by the obedience of Christ to the will of the Father.

Gospel: **Matthew 4:1-11**

Matthew places the story of Jesus’ temptations in the desert right after the baptism of Jesus. The significance of this arrangement is that the tempter mocks the identity of Jesus with the words, “If you are the Son of God . . .” The voice from the clouds at His baptism had said, “This is my Son, the Beloved.” All temptations attack our sense of who we are, or who we think we are. The response of Jesus to each of the temptations was an affirmation of who He was and a rejection of the identity the tempter offered.

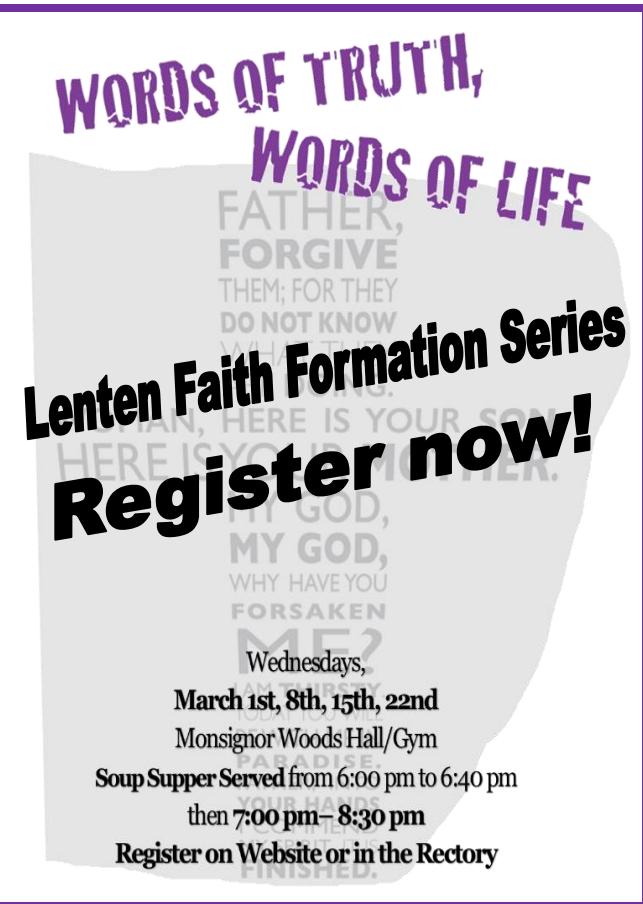
The 2024 Mass Book
is now open.
Please stop by the rectory
office to request Mass
intentions.

New Parish Secretary Welcome Sister MaryRose

We are pleased to announce that we have filled the position of Parish Secretary. On **Monday, February 27**, we will welcome **Sister MaryRose Mroz, S.C.C.** to our Parish Staff. Sister MaryRose has many years of experience in parish ministry, having served as Pastoral Associate in several parishes in the Dioceses of Newark and Metuchen in New Jersey where she assisted with many of the rectory office responsibilities.

Sister MaryRose received her Bachelor of Arts degree, as well as a Master of Arts in Theology, from the College of St. Elizabeth in Morristown, NJ. Having worked most recently in administrative support at VITALITY Catholic Healthcare Services in the Diocese of Camden, her desire was to return to parish work where her ministry would be among the parishioners.

We are very excited to welcome Sister MaryRose to our Parish family! Please be sure to give her a warm SFC welcome when you see her.



WORDS OF TRUTH,
WORDS OF LIFE

FATHER,
FORGIVE
THEM; FOR THEY
DO NOT KNOW
WHAT THEY DO

Lenten Faith Formation Series

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Wednesdays,
March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd
Monsignor Woods Hall/Gym
Soup Supper Served from 6:00 pm to 6:40 pm
then 7:00 pm– 8:30 pm
Register on Website or in the Rectory

THIS WEEK IN LENT:

**TAIZE PRAYER AROUND
THE CROSS:**

**Sunday, February 26th 7:00 PM
in Church**

BIBLE STUDY:

**Wednesday, March 1 10:15 AM
Parish Center**

LENTEN FAITH FORMATION
Wednesday, March 1 7:00 PM
Monsignor Woods Hall

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:
Friday, March 5 7:00 PM
in Church

RAFFLE BASKETS NEEDED

Your donation would be greatly appreciated!



We are in need of raffle baskets for our Cash Bingo fundraiser on March 25th.

Please consider donating a raffle basket to help us make this fundraiser a success!
All contributions are greatly appreciated.

Baskets can be dropped off at the St. Frances Cabrini Rectory Office.
Questions? Call Karen David at 215-946-4040.

**St. Frances Cabrini Parish
will be hosting a**



Saturday, March 25
Tickets are on sale at the rectory
or at www.SaintFrancesCabrini.net

SAINT FRANCES CABRINI PARISH COMMUNITY



POT OF GOLD

WEEKLY LOTTERY PROGRAM

February 20, 2023

3 – 5 – 12 – 20 – 32

JACKPOT PRIZE WINNER

(NONE)

CONSOLATION PRIZE WINNERS

4 @ \$250

WINNER
Camden Torres
Morgan Linke
Gina Marshall
Art Ely

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Martina Findlay
Connie Starrett
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NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT PRIZE

\$16,000

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

Sunday Collection – February 19, 2023	\$8,586
Parish Giving EFT	\$3,919
TOTAL	\$12,505
Prior Year's Collection	\$13,742



RECONCILIATION WEEKEND COME BE RESTORED TO PEACE

MARCH 10 & 11

Confessions available across the greater Philly area.

VISIT: PHILLYEUCCHARISTICREVIVAL.ORG/RECONCILIATION

Bucks County	Fri, Mar 10	Sat, Mar 11
Our Lady of Grace, Penndel	1-4 PM; 6-8 PM	9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Southampton	3:00-8:00 PM	8:30-11:30 AM
St. Jude, Chalfont	3:00-8:00 PM	9:30-11:30 AM

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY

Upcoming Spring/Summer Programs for Young Men

Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary has announced the following upcoming programs through which young men from around the Archdiocese have the opportunity to participate in faith-based activities that help them grow closer to Christ.

**Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp (B.B.V.C.)
Saturday, April 22, 2023**

**Quo Vadis Days
June 26-29, 2023**

**Philadelphia Catholic Scholars Program (PCSP)
July 5-14, 2023**

**Going Deeper
July 16-20, 2023**

More information on these programs will follow in the upcoming weeks. For detailed information, visit HeedtheCall.org or call Jillian Minnich at 610-667-5778.

Nazareth Academy

Honor Roll – Second Quarter 2022

Congratulations to our parishioners who achieved academic honors:

DISTINGUISHED HONORS

Isabella Chang ‘24
Olivia Lucano ‘23

COMMENDED HONORS

Keira O’Brien ‘24

Conwell-Egan Catholic High School Performing Arts Presents:

Disney- High School Musical On Stage!

March 10 & 11, 2023 at 7 p.m.
March 12, 2023 at 3 p.m.

Grace Danaher Performing Arts Center
611 Wistar Road
Fairless Hills, PA 19030

Tickets: \$12 (Reserved Seating)

Purchase tickets: <https://our.show/cechsm>

DESIGNER BAG BINGO

GIFTS FROM GWYN

Saturday, March 19, 2023

Saint Frances Cabrini Hall
Doors open at 6:00 PM
Bingo starts at 7:00 PM

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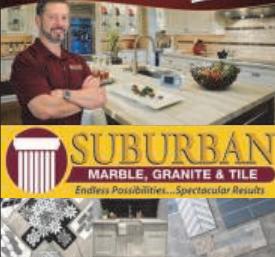


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