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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



Sunday October 1, 2023

The 7:00 AM Mass will be celebrated for the deceased members of Saint Frances Cabrini Parish

Week of October 1, 2023

- MONDAY** **Guardian Angels**
9:30 AM Tom Holden—Scott & Maureen Griffith
- TUESDAY** **Weekday**
9:30 AM Marie Bacchi—Stout Families
- WEDNESDAY** **St. Francis of Assisi**
9:30 AM Joseph F. Mulligan—Msgr. McCormac
- THURSDAY** **Weekday**
9:30 AM Bernard J. Flynn, Jr.—Roberta Centofanti
- FRIDAY** **Weekday**
9:30 AM Thomas J. McCormac Jr.—Msgr. McCormac
- SATURDAY** **Our Lady of the Rosary**
9:30 AM Vito & Phyllis Ferranti—Josephine LoDuca

Sunday October 8, 2023

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

Dominick Moratti, Sr.—Susan Moratti & Family and for

Joseph Patrick Clapham—Toni DiPierro

BREAD AND WINE MEMORIALS

The Bread and Wine is being provided this week for

Bill Hottenstein—Toni DiPierro



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 | Janet Law |
| Harriet Beatrice | Barbara Milorey |
| Marie Breen | Maria Percaccia |
| Betty Brooks | Dennis Pierce |
| Mike Caine | Marie Ranniello |
| Peter Cellucci | Mimi Sabol |
| Josephine Dominick | Justin Saunders |
| Lorena Goodreau | Stephen Skaleski |
| Marc Gravante | Janice Sutcho |
| George Kasperitis | Samantha Tomasick |
| Joseph Killian | Mark Whittaker, Jr. |
| Hailey Knorr | Jean Wilt |

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.



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

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

Joseph Clapham • Dolores Kruscavage

Sanctuary Lamp Memorials and Bread and Wine Memorials are available in 2023. In addition, Seminary Masses and other enrollments are available to you. Stop in or call (215-946-4040) the Rectory Office.

Partnership: St. Frances Cabrini Parish and the Legacy of Life Foundation

By Angie McManimon from Legacy of Life Foundation

Greetings to everyone in the name of the Lord! I am Angie McManimon and I am the Development Manager at the Legacy of Life Foundation. We have women's centers in Bucks County and Philadelphia and very recently, we opened our doors in Warminster to provide a third center for women!

I wish to thank Monsignor McCormac for asking me to provide this column in your Parish Bulletin, and also for inviting me to speak at all the Masses this weekend. Also, on behalf of the Legacy of Life Foundation and with much gratitude, I also wish to acknowledge your Parish Community's Walking with Moms in Need's decision to partner with us to bring aid to women who are facing a pregnancy crisis. Thirdly, and very importantly, I wish to express our gratitude to Monsignor McCormac and his decision to direct this year's Baby Bottle fundraiser to our Legacy of Life Foundation. We are so grateful for this financial support as we help women in crisis to receive the support they need to choose LIFE for their babies. The Baby Bottles are available at the doors of the church this weekend and they will be available throughout the month of October. The Baby Bottles can be returned at any time from now until the last weekend of October. Thank you very much!

This partnership between St. Frances Cabrini Parish and the Legacy of Life Foundation will allow more women, who feel alone and scared, to know that they have a safe place to turn and that we will guide them through any obstacles that they feel are present. This community of support will grow outside of Legacy of Life Foundation, expanding through each and every one of you! Not only does this partnership raise funds, but it's a way to advocate to others who we are and to women who need our free services.

Now, I ask you to imagine for a moment; a time when someone shared a pregnancy announcement with you! "We are having a baby!" And how excited you were to hear the news of a new baby coming! Unfortunately, the reality for most of the women, who walk through our doors that excitement about their pregnancy, does not exist. With that said, for these women, it doesn't seem right to receive that news; they feel like what they just heard is the worst news of their life!

In our Centers, we see the raw emotions and the reality of unplanned pregnancies every day. We witness women overwhelmed by fear, anxiety, anger and even sadness when she feels alone and doesn't know how she can possibly bring a baby into the world without support.

We recently had a young woman named Sarah come into one of our Centers. Sarah was alone, stressed, disappointed and fearful that she was pregnant. Sarah's pregnancy was unplanned and she didn't think she could have another child while already raising her 2 year old

son on her own. Her mother had passed away earlier this year and she was no longer with the father of the baby. Sarah was struggling financially and felt like the only choice she had was to end her pregnancy. During the appointment, our staff was able to listen to her and hold space for her grief.

Sarah is strong and independent and doesn't like to ask for help. As the counselor listened, she was able to assure Sarah that she didn't have to ask for our help, that it was freely given to her, and if she needed our support-that's what we were here for. During her ultrasound at the Center, Sarah was moved by the sight of her little baby girl's fingers and toes! Sarah was able to find hope by the support, encouragement and friendship that she found within our Center. Sarah turned to our counselor and stated, with wonder and excitement "Wow, look at my little peanut! I am having this baby!"

In addition to offering our initial assistance, we don't just guide women on the path to choose life; we also have a loving parenting program where a woman receives help for at least the first three years of the baby's life and beyond!

Over 3,500 lives have been saved and changed since we got started 13 years ago! Close to 200 women have chosen to keep their babies thus far this year, and we are expecting over 100 women in the next two months to need our free services.

Your Parish Community's partnership with us and your immediate assistance of financial support through the Baby Bottle collection will allow us to give support to the women who will walk through our doors, women like Sarah! Your continuing support will allow us to help even more women through this new partnership, especially as we open our new Center in Warminster.

So once again, please take a bottle from one of your fellow parishioners as you leave church this weekend, and bring it back during the month of October and at least by the last weekend of October.

To quote Sarah after she gave birth to her baby girl, she told our counselor "God led me to the right place that day when I met you. Thank you for helping me make a better choice. I can't imagine my life without my daughter."

Again, thank you for helping us to help moms and children believe that all things are possible!

Legacy of Life
FOUNDATION





Turn away from sin and follow Christ. In today's Gospel parable, there is a model son, who gives honor to his father by verbally assenting to his father's wishes. But his words are hollow, and his virtue is a mirage. How does our own reality measure up to our Christian ideals? Loving our neighbor sounds like a lovely sentiment until they cut us off on the highway. May Christ, who calls us always to conversion, help us root out any hollowness and hypocrisy in our own lives that we may truly confess that Jesus is Lord .

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32

Today's readings are tied together by the theme of conversion. Ezekiel assures that those who turn away from sin shall not die. The Letter to the Philippians encourages unity in turning away from selfishness to emulate Christ. And Jesus' parable favors the son who shamefully indicated defiance, but changed his mind and was obedient.



MARTHA'S CUPBOARD

Collection this September was remarkable, thanks to the many generous donations from St. Frances Cabrini parishioners.

The total donated so far is: 174 Manna Bags with most of the suggested items on the needs list packed inside.

In addition, there were several huge boxes of paper products and canned goods. The many monetary donations received will enable the Cupboard to purchase the perishable items, such as eggs and cheese, that are given out weekly.

Filled bags continue to be brought to the vestibule of the church, so the total returned bag number will increase.

Thank you and Abundant Blessings,
Martha's Cupboard Ministry



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A JOURNEY OF FAITH INTO OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

If you or someone you know has either not been baptized or has been baptized in another Christian tradition and would like more information about becoming Catholic, please contact:

Theresa Leonetti O'Connor
Director of Parish Services at 215-946-4040
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on the Eucharist**
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Wednesdays	7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
October 4, 18	February 7, 21
Saturdays	10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
October 7, 21	February 10, 24
Sundays	6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
October 8, 22	February 4, 25

40 Hours
Save the Dates
November 12, 13, 14

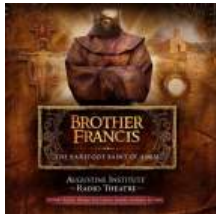
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THIS WEEK ON
FORMED

Week of
October 1, 2023



The Feast of St. Thérèse
In celebration of the feast of St. Thérèse, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger discuss the life and writings of this great saint and Doctor of the Church.



Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi
In this 10-part audio drama, listeners can dive into the life of St. Francis of Assisi as he goes from being a son of wealth and privilege to a man who gave up everything for the sake of Christ.

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Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

Annual Baby Bottle Collection



This year, we are conducting our annual Baby Bottle collection on behalf of Legacy of Life Foundation and assist in saving lives and transforming families! Every year, more than 1,000 women walk through their doors seeking an abortion. They are scared, confused, and have no support. Because of caring supporters like yourself, over 300 babies got a chance at life

last year!

Legacy of Life Foundation Mission

- To save lives and transform families by providing
- ♥ Free pregnancy tests, counseling, and ultrasound exams
 - ♥ Free life skills classes for three years!
 - ♥ Free basic baby essentials for three years!
 - ♥ Free ongoing counseling and support

Legacy of Life needs our generous support! This year's baby bottle drive will begin the weekend September 30th - October 1st with the baby bottles collected on the weekend of October 28th-29th.



We are asking that you take a bottle home and fill it with coins, cash, or checks, then bring it back when you come to church. Checks should be made payable to St. Frances Cabrini and with a note in memo section of the check: Baby Bottle Drive.

**SAINT FRANCES CABRINI PARISH COMMUNITY
POT OF GOLD
WEEKLY LOTTERY PROGRAM**

September 25, 2023



3—9—13—30—34

**JACKPOT PRIZE WINNER
(none)**

CONSOLATION PRIZE WINNERS

4 @ \$250

WINNER

Barbara Trelour
Greg McCormick
Mike Pone
P. Hildebrand

SELLER

Mary Tarr
Greg McCormick
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NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT PRIZE

\$22,000

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—September 24, 2023	\$9,193
Parish Giving EFT	\$3,366
Total	\$12,559
Prior Year's Collection	\$13,269

As always, we thank you for your generosity and support of our St. Frances Cabrini Parish Community.

Why not use Electronic Funds Transfer as a method of giving? Go to SaintFrancesCabrini.net, click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration steps. If you have any questions, please contact our business manager, Karen David, at 215-946-4040.



**Public Square Rosary
Crusade 2023**

12:00 PM, October 14

Across from St. Frances Cabrini
at Oxford Valley Park

*As human efforts fail to solve
America's key problems, we
turn to God in public prayer,
asking His urgent help through
His mother and ours.*



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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 7, at 12:00 Noon

In honor of the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, we will have the Blessing of the Animals on the front lawn of the Church. All are welcome to attend.



A Blessing of Animals witnesses to God's and the Church's love, care, and concern for creation. Through recognizing our connection with God's creatures, the Church's witness of stewardship of creation is strengthened.



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Attention 8th Graders Catholic High School Scholarship Programs



The Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office of Catholic Education is offering a **COLLABORATIVE SCHOLARSHIP TESTING PROCESS**, so families can discover how their child can earn academic scholarships to attend one of the 15 Archdiocesan High Schools at no cost for the family. Students currently enrolled in an Archdiocesan elementary or Independence Mission School will be take part in their school. Also open to 8th grade students attending Public, Charter, Independent, Private, Online, or Home School. To Register or learn more about the Collaborative Scholarship Testing Process see aop Catholicschools.org.

Upcoming Admissions Events

CEC 8th Grade Scholarship Exam Conwell-Egan.org

October 7, October 28: 8:30am - 12:00pm

CEC Open House

October 12, October 26 5:30 - 8:00pm

Archbishop Ryan Open House ArchBishopRyan.com

October 18, 6:00pm-8:00pm



Applications open on October 6, 2023 for the Danaher Lynch Family Foundation Class of 2028! Together DLFF and Conwell Egan Catholic are working to make a Catholic Education affordable!



APPLY for a \$2,000 scholarship (per year for all 4 years) at dlff.org/dlff-cec-scholarship or go to conwell-egan.org/scholarships to learn more about scholarship opportunities. Deadline to apply is **DECEMBER 1, 2023**

The Gifts from Gwyn Foundation, offers 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 Conwell-egan.org/scholarships and are to be submitted to the admissions office by December 15, 2023. Winners will be selected by the Rivells family and foundation members. For more information on the foundation, visit the website at www.giftsfromgwyn.org

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